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Chapter 761: Invalid Evidence

Ah...

An unexpected quiver ran its way along Zhao Yu's spine as he suddenly lost balance. His body tilted, and he fell.

As he fell, he instinctively grabbed the edge of the desk. However, the desk was turned upside down and Zhao Yu ended up hitting the ground.

Bang!

"Leader, are you alright?" Zeng Ke rushed over to help him.

"Oh... Oh..." Zhao Yu laid on the cold floor, dazed.

Last night, after he had worked for too long, he had fallen asleep on his desk. In his sleep, he had dreamed of Team leader Qu Ping!

In this dream, Qu Ping was still in her clean uniform, while she stood in front of Zhao Yu and said something to him. She appeared to be telling him something earnestly. Zhao Yu couldn't remember what she had said, but he remembered her appearance very clearly.

However, Zhao Yu was stubborn, so he did not listen to her at all. Instead, he had deliberately put his hands over his ears, which made Qu Ping angry.

When the dream came to its end, Zhao Yu saw a golden light emanating from Qu Ping, then she disappeared. Zhao Yu was about to scream, but when he opened his mouth, he could not utter a sound at all. In was at that moment, in a state of shock, he had awoken suddenly.

Zeng Ke lifted Zhao Yu from the ground, pulled him to a chair, and said, "You were too tired yesterday. Let me pour you a glass of water."

"Oh..." Zhao Yu wiped the sweat from his forehead, while a deep feeling of nostalgia sprang up in his heart.

After such a long time, he had almost forgotten what Qu Ping looked like, but he did not expect that, in his dream, the group leader's face would still possess the same sense of righteousness and magnificence.

He calmed down and carefully tried to recall that particular scene from his dream. However, he still couldn't remember what Qu Ping had said to him within it.

"Team Leader Qu..." Zhao Yu muttered her name, wondering why he had dreamed of her at such a time.

Last night, Zhao Yu had read almost all of the information of the case, from the beginning to the very end. He had even watched all of the clips that were shot by the film crew.

Such a complicated case had a lot of files for him to check. After he spent a long time focusing on the case, his eyes couldn't even see clearly anymore. Moreover, even after such an effort, he had failed to get any inspiration.

"Come on, have a drink!" Zeng Ke brought a cup of water over to him and said, "Leader, you have to rest. You can't let yourself become too anxious!"

After Zhao Yu took a few sips, he suddenly asked Zeng Ke, "Zeng Ke, what do you think of this case?"

Zeng Ke laughed bitterly, then said, "Basically, what you think is exactly what I think. However, I can sum it up for you. Would you like to hear it?"

"Yes!" Zhao Yu confirmed.

"I think that the key to this case lies in Guo Yihang! If the murderer is Guo Yihang, then the case is already clear, and as long as Guo Yihang is caught, the truth can be revealed!" Zeng Ke said. "But if the murderer is not Guo Yihang, it must be that the murderer wants to frame Guo Yihang!"

Zeng Ke then quickly added, "I know that we guessed that before, but leader, I think that if it is the second thought, then our case is really a difficult one!"

"Why?" Zhao Yu asked.

"We have the evidence and a witness. Basically, no matter where Guo Yihang is, he will be the first suspect in this case! So, as long as Guo Yihang does not show up, the case cannot be solved! Let's think about it. If the murderer has killed Guo Yihang and hidden his body, then... As long as the body can't be found, the real murderer will go unpunished!"

"Oh... That does make sense!" Zhao Yu nodded and said. "So, the murderer is very smart, and he knows the police's means of investigation, as well as the judicial process."

Suddenly, Zhao Yu recalled the speculation of the forensic pathologist Gao Facai, which was that the murderer had killed before or had at least had professional training. This made Zhao Yu wonder...

Was the murder case on Yongjin Island committed by a professional killer? Or... Not one, but a gang of them, like in the Hasty Murder Case?

But... A murderer always had a motive. Who could be offended by such an ordinary film crew?

Zeng Ke pointed to the red circles on the white board, then asked, "Do you think that all of these clues are important pieces of information?"

As Zeng Ke took a closer look, he read out a few of the items from the board, "Guo Yihang has myocarditis... Kang Leming said that their speedboat was running out of oil and could only barely make it back to land.. And what's this? A map?"

"That's the windbreak where Kang Leming was stabbed!" Zhao Yu said. "Out of all of the victims, Kang Leming ran the farthest. The murderer could have killed him anywhere, but he ran so far.... I want to know why..."

“Oh... What about this one?” Zeng Ke then pointed to the white board and asked, “What does a little girl selling fish mean to the case?”

“Well... I haven’t figured that out yet...” Zhao Yu explained, “Maybe... I think... She sells fish near the place where the murderer abandoned the speedboat. So, I went there and asked her some questions.”

“Well... But... Captain Dou’s people have already checked that angle. The fishing boats that went to sea that morning and the merchants on the shore have all been investigated already,” Zeng Ke said.

He then added, “I think it would be hard to find the speedboat driver, as Quliang has a large area of surveillance blindspots along the seashore. Also, it was late at night...”

Before they finished their conversation, Bureau Chief Wang Chenggang arrived outside the office. They heard his arrival and went out to Wang Chenggang, who was delivering breakfast again.

“Leader Zhao,” Wang said with a big smile. “Soybean milk and fried dough sticks... And some of our local seafood. Come and have a taste.”

Just as Bureau Chief Wang Chenggang entered the command vessel with the breakfast warmer, another group of policemen were lifting things up from the deck, which was packed with many large cardboard boxes.

Unexpectedly, when they passed by each other, a policeman failed to hold his box and many items crashed out of the box that he had been holding. Everything that fell out of the box was packed in transparent evidence bags and flew all over the floor.

“Oh, sorry!” the policeman said, while he and several other policemen quickly bowed their heads to collect the items.

“Be careful!” Wang Chenggang kindly warned them, while he carried the warmer to Zhao Yu’s office.

Zhao Yu looked at the things that had fallen to the ground, then asked curiously, “What are these?”

“Oh...” The policeman who was picking up the items on the ground quickly got up and saluted him, then answered, “Leader Zhao, all of these things are invalid pieces of evidence that we found near the crime scenes. Captain Dou asked us to carry them back to the Quliang Police Station.”

“Invalid evidence?” Zhao Yu bowed his head and looked at the items carefully.

Then, he understood. All of the evidence bags were filled with garbage-like items, such as bottle caps, cigarette packages, food bags and so on. These things obviously were not important pieces of evidence, so they had been classified as invalid evidence.

However, although they were invalid, these things still had to be sent back to the police station and checked by the Forensics Department. The Forensics Department would examine each of them carefully to see if there was any blood or fingerprints on them.

“Huh...” Zhao Yu exhaled as he squatted down to pick up one of the bags.

“Please don’t. It’s too dirty. How can we let you do that?” The policemen next to him urgently dissuaded him from doing this, but Zhao Yu had already lifted up the bag.

The bag was filled with cigarette butts. Some of them were very dirty. As he was looking at the cigarette butts in the bag, Zhao Yu seemed to have just thought of something.

At this time, the policemen had already picked up the other evidence bags, all except for the one in Zhao Yu's hands. When they saw Zhao Yu's eyes concentrating on the bag, they dared not disturb him, so they simply had to stand there and wait patiently.

"Leader..." Zeng Ke waited for a while, then went up and asked in a low voice, "What's wrong? What did you find?"

Zhao Yu shook his head and said, "Nothing..."

After that, Zhao Yu threw the cigarette butts into the evidence box, then turned to head back to the office. However, along the way, he obviously had something on his mind.

At this time, Wang Chenggang put the breakfast warmer in the office and said, "Leader Zhao, have some breakfast. I have to go back to handle some matters regarding the dispute at the wharf yesterday! Only Captain Dou was there, and I'm afraid he can't cope with it all alone!"

After that, Bureau Chief Wang rushed off the vessel with his people.

"Come on, it's soybean milk and fried dough sticks! They're my favorites!" When Zeng Ke got back to the office, he could not wait to open the warmer and enjoy his breakfast.

Suddenly, Zhao Yu reached out and grabbed him, then said in a doubtful tone, "Zeng Ke, if I told you that the crime of this case was committed by some internal people... What would you think?"

"Internal people? What internal people?" Zeng Ke was confused.

Zhao Yu patted Zeng Ke heavily on the shoulder and said, "You check that Captain Dou out for me right away!"

Chapter 762: Horrible Inference

"No way! Leader, you really frightened me. I got goosebumps!" Zeng Ke said with embarrassment. "How could this be possible? You suspect Captain Dou? Why?"

"No more useless talk!" Zhao Yu said with a stern look.

"Shh... Shh..." Zeng Ke suddenly hissed, then pointed around in shock. What he was trying to reveal was that, if there was something wrong with Captain Dou, he may have put a bug in the office!

"Don't panic!" Before the incident, Zhao Yu had already launched a nine-day Invisible Detector there. Thus, if there were any eavesdropping devices, he would have already detected it.

"Well, let me check... But..." Zeng Ke sat in front of the laptop. "Your inference is still pretty far-fetched. You actually think that the murderer is the man who is investigating the case? How is that possible? Captain Dou has no motive to kill anyone at all..."

Zhao Yu finally told the whole truth, "I just think that Captain Dou is really weird, but I didn't say that he must be the murderer! Maybe he possibly knows something that he didn't tell us..."

Zeng Ke tapped on the laptop, while he asked doubtfully, "Captain Dou is strange? Why didn't I see that before?"

"Well... I saw a lot of cigarette butts in that bag of invalid evidence just now," Zhao Yu said thoughtfully. "Many of them are the Red Plum brand. That's what Captain Dou smokes! Don't forget... Those cigarette butts were found near the crime scenes!"

"But, that doesn't mean anything necessarily. You see, Captain Dou is a heavy smoker! His cigarette butts must be all over the island. Isn't that normal? What's more, many people smoke Red Plum cigarettes, so those are not necessarily his butts," Zeng Ke refuted.

"Zeng Ke, the Police On-site Investigation Code explicitly requires that smoking should not be allowed at crime scenes!" Zhao Yu said. "Captain Dou is the captain of the criminal police, so how could he carelessly throw cigarette butts at the scenes?"

"Leader, aren't you overthinking this too much?" Zeng Ke thought that Zhao Yu's mental status was not stable at the moment.

"Then... Why are there both new ones and old ones? There are many kinds of cigarettes on the market, but in that bag, almost all of them are Red Plums!" Zhao Yu interrupted Zeng Ke rudely. "I suspect that Captain Dou might often come to Yongjin Island. Maybe he was there at the time of the crime!"

"Don't say that! You are a professional. You should know that this is just a verbal inference!" Zeng Ke was clearly panicked, then hurried to say, "Since you have doubts, you should keep the pack of cigarette butts, then you can verify your thoughts once you have them checked out."

"Shi*t! Are you stupid?" Zhao Yu stared at him in disbelief. "You want Captain Dou to know that I suspect him? Let me tell you... If Captain Dou really participated in the murder, then all of us are in danger now, don't you get that?"

"I... My God..." Zeng Ke was stunned, while his eyes were glued to the computer screen.

He had found Captain Dou's profile. "Captain Dou, formerly named Dou Haisheng, from Dou Jiazhuang, Shengli County, Yunyan City, now lives at No.123 North Courtyard Street, Quliang City. According to this, his parents are both dead, and he was married once and had a daughter, who was raised by his ex-wife, Feng Xinran," Zeng Ke read aloud.

"Slow down. Read it more slowly..." Zhao Yu said as he came over to the laptop nervously.

"Personal resume... Wow... It turns out that he was a soldier..." Zeng Ke pointed to the screen. "He used to be a scout and was even a company commander! And... He has won so many honor medals..."

Zeng Ke then looked up at Zhao Yu and said, "Looking at his current slovenly appearance, you would never know that he ever served as a soldier!"

A scout? Suddenly, Zhao Yu recalled Captain Dou's fight with the bald man yesterday. Captain Dou had quickly subdued that man, and Zhao Yu could tell from his moves that Captain Dou was an extraordinary fighter.

“But... It’s normal for a policeman to have been a soldier. You can’t doubt him because of that,” Zeng Ke said.

Zhao Yu said, “We have been here for three days and still haven’t gotten a clear clue. Don’t you think it’s because this case is eerily clueless? That’s why I doubt Captain Dou...”

“Um... This... But...” Zeng Ke tried to think about what Zhao Yu had just said.

His eyebrows twisted, and he finally came up with a crucial reason to refute Zhao Yu’s doubts. “Leader, you have to think about the motive for the killings. If Captain Dou was the killer, why did he kill these people?”

“Look...” Zhao Yu pointed to the computer screen and said, “Captain Dou is 34 years old. The year he was born was the very same year when the lighthouse murder happened!”

“Ah!” Hearing Zhao Yu’s words, Zeng Ke almost fell out of his chair. He grabbed his hair in shock and trembled as he said, “This is not fun! There’s no such thing in ‘Holmes!’ Ouch, my heart is pounding.”

“If Captain Dou is the child of the lighthouse couple, then he has a clear motive! After all, this film is an insult to his parents, especially his mother!” Zhao Yu said.

Zhao Yu explained excitedly, “So, he wanted to take the opportunity to kill Cai Jinda, but in the process, there was an accident, so he had to kill the other people! Captain Dou was a scout before and is now the experienced captain of the criminal police, so he not only knows how to kill people, but also knows how to mislead the police!”

He then added, “Moreover, he knew clearly that he would be in charge of the criminal police after the case happened, so everything was under his control! Using different ways to kill, choosing different places, and then leaving a witness, all of which he intentionally arranged, was done in order to confuse us about the case, so that we would transfer our suspicions to Guo Yihang!”

Zhao Yu shook his head, “As we have said before, as long as Guo Yihang can’t be found, the case will most likely end up unsolved and go in the yellow notebook!”

“Um... But... But... I still think...” Zeng Ke stammered.

Zhao Yu went on, without giving Zeng Ke a chance to finish, “Remember when we visited the scenes that first day, and I asked what the crew was shooting at the lighthouse? At that time, it was Captain Dou who interrupted us.”

Zhao Yu continued with his inference, “So... Why did he interrupt us? Didn’t he want us to shift our attentions away from the film’s plot? And then, when Captain Dou told us about the past lighthouse incident, he spoke fluently in the first half of the story, but in the latter half, when it came to the people’s suspicions that Liu Caiyun was the real murderer, he said that it was only hearsay. You didn’t see his face at that time, but I did... And... He didn’t look right at all!”

“But... Wait a minute, leader!” Zeng Ke interrupted him, then pointed to the laptop and said, “It’s says very clearly here that Captain Dou is from Doujiazhuang. His parents are both dead. Thus, his father is not a lighthouse keeper, and his mother is not Liu Caiyun.”

“So...” Zhao Yu also pointed his finger at the screen. “That’s what we’re really looking for next... The real truth!”

Chapter 763: Was Wu Xiumin in Danger?

“How could it be possible...” Zeng Ke kept tapping on the keyboard, while he was murmuring, trying to find more information about Captain Dou.

He found that Captain Dou was a workaholic, even though he looked sloppy. There were few crimes in Quliang, most of which were conflicts among the fishermen, such as the fight that Zhao Yu had taken part in yesterday.

The fishermen in this area were hot-tempered. If they didn’t agree with each other, they fought to solve their issues.

Captain Dou was an expert in dealing with such disputes. As such, he had a high status among the local fishermen. Generally, as long as he came to deal with the disputes himself, he could solve them successfully.

However, it was precisely because of Captain Dou’s strong abilities that Zhao Yu was suspicious of him. After all, it’s impossible for any ordinary people to commit such a crime on an isolated island.

“If... If it’s really Captain Dou...” Zeng Ke muttered, “And such a small cigarette butt could lead you to the murderer... Leader, I feel like you are going to be famous. You are Sherlock Holmes in the flesh!”

While he was listening to Zeng Ke’s compliments, Zhao Yu was still pondering the case. In fact, the cigarette butt was only a trigger, as even before the cigarette butts had drawn his attention, Zhao Yu had been somewhat suspicious of Captain Dou.

After all, besides the evidence of the cigarette butts, he also contributed his doubts to the hexagrams. This was because the three consecutive days of the Gen Li hexagrams had made Zhao Yu think about new friends, which obviously referred to Captain Dou!

However, although he could be regarded as a new friend, they still hadn’t built a deep friendship with each other yet. So, he had to wonder... Since the system still gave me a Gen Li hexagram... What does that imply?

“Leader, if Captain Dou is really the child of the lighthouse keeper,” Zeng Ke said, while he looked for information online, “Would it be possible that Captain Dou was adopted by the couple? But, if he was adopted, how could he possibly know who his parents were when he was young? I still feel that killing to avenge his parents is not a good enough reason, unless Captain Dou is truly mentally ill.”

After that, Zeng Ke deliberately look at Zhao Yu, who was looking at the laptop screen, his face stiff and his eyes blank.

“Um... What’s wrong, leader?” Zeng Ke asked.

Zhao Yu frowned, then said, “It’s far-fetched, but it’s not impossible... If Captain Dou put on a baseball cap and changed into Guo Yihang’s clothes, their appearances and figures would basically be the same.

He has been the captain of the criminal police for so many years, he could manage to stab a person several times, but not end one's life! It was so dark that when Kang Leming was stabbed, he may have become panicked, so it would have been easy for him to mistaken him as being Guo Yihang!"

"Oh..." Zeng Ke looked at Zhao Yu in a daze.

"But... But there is one more thing that I can't explain yet!" Zhao Yu said.

"What?" Zeng Ke asked immediately.

"Everything else could be explained, but... If the murderer was Captain Dou, how could he not know about Qiao Ruxue?" Zhao Yu frowned and asked.

"Oh... That's true... There's no way to explain the clues that were left on the dead bodies! Um..." Zeng Ke then asked, "Did he catch Cai Jinda and force Cai Jinda to say that?"

"Um... How could Captain Dou ask such irrelevant questions?" Zhao Yu frowned. "If Captain Dou was taking revenge on Cai Jinda, he would have never known about Qiao Ruxue. After all, as to details like the Cefuroxime, even Qiao Ruxue herself did not know about them. This doesn't make sense anyway..."

He was lost in thought as he continued surmising, "Is it... Is the murderer not Captain Dou? Or... Who else could leave those clues? Um... Anyway..."

Zhao Yu grit his teeth and said, "We still should check Captain Dou's background carefully! At present, all of our guesses are based on the fact that he is the child of the couple. If he is not, then that means that we are wasting time thinking of something totally wrong!"

Zeng Ke pouted his lips and thought... It seems that you are the only one who believes in such a possibility!

At this moment, Zhao Yu's mobile phone rang. It was Wu Xiumin.

"Leader, I got up very early and went to the wharf market that you mentioned. The information about the little girl's family has all been collected and I'm now sending it to you." Wu Xiumin said. "I've read it once. There should be no problems, but you can check it again!"

At the moment, Zeng Ke's laptop received a notification of the received information.

"So..." Wu Xiumin asked again, "Do you still need me to find the immediate relatives of the lighthouse couple?"

"Good job! Yes, as that's highly crucial!" Zhao Yu answered.

"Okay!" Wu Xiumin said, then hung up the phone.

"If Xiumin can find the immediate relatives of the lighthouse couple..." Zeng Ke nodded. "We can compare their DNA with Captain Dou's! Almighty DNA can clear this whole thing up!"

"Yes," Zhao Yu nodded and said, "But, somebody needs to go to Doujiazhuang, and it has to be one of our own people! Um... I have to give Ran Tao a call to see where he is currently."

As he was speaking, Zhao Yu took out his cell phone and called Ran Tao. Meanwhile, Zeng Ke read the information that he had just been sent by Wu Xiumin carefully.

When he saw the information about the little girl, Zeng Ke could not help but frown, while he murmured, "Wow... You told me clearly that she was a witness, so how did she suddenly become the subject of the investigation? A little girl who sells fish? What's the point of investigating her?"

Ten minutes later, Zhao Yu finally finished his call, then turned to Zeng Ke and asked, "Where's Wu Xiumin's information? Let me have a look at it."

"Wow, leader, why did your call last so long?" Zeng Ke showed his laptop to Zhao Yu and asked with a smirk, "Is Ran Tao still there with Qiao Ruxue? If I were you, I'd have scolded him for an hour at least!"

"Dam*! Let me see that!" Zhao Yu pushed Zeng Ke aside, then carefully read the little girl's information.

Zhao Yu still believed that there should be a reason that the side adventure had taken place at the little girl's fish stall. And, the day before yesterday's side adventure pointed to the lighthouse, which obviously reminded him that the case was related to the film, which was titled "Lighthouse!" So, there might be some clues connected to the little girl.

However, after carefully reading her information, Zhao Yu did not see anything important. But, what he didn't expect to find was that the little girl's father was an ordinary fisherman, but her mother was a thief! Moreover, her mother was in prison for burglary!

Suddenly, Zhao Yu could not help but think of Cui Lizhu. Cui Lizhu was still under interrogation at the Bai Ling Police Station, and her application for a parole had not yet been approved.

However, Division Chief Jiao had promised Zhao Yu that it would not be long before Cui Lizhu became a qualified temporary member of his Special Investigation Group. If Cui Lizhu had been here to help with her skills, maybe Zhao Yu would feel more confident with this case.

"Well, let me check!" When Zeng Ke saw Zhao Yu staring at the word "thief," he put his hand on the keyboard, clicked, then found some information on the little girl's mother. The record said that the little girl's mother had been sentenced to seven years in prison for burglary.

"Wow..." Zhao Yu said. "It's just burglary. Why was she punished so heavily?"

"No... You see... It's written here!" Zeng Ke pointed out. "Her mother poisoned a rich businessman with a drug. So, seven years was given because she inflicted severe injuries upon the man."

"Drug? What drug?" Zhao Yu turned his head and asked.

"Wait a minute..." Zeng Ke slowly squeezed into his seat and pushed Zhao Yu aside. Then, he retrieved the official police files.

After they read through the files, they were both stunned. It was clearly stated that the criminal had used a mixture of dimethylthiadine and benzodiazepine as a narcotic, which, if used excessively, might even lead to the death of the victim!

"The ingredients of this narcotic..." Zeng Ke could not speak smoothly, "They are the same as those in the drug that was used for the island killings!"

“Zeng Ke, find out who caught her!” Zhao Yu shouted excitedly.

With Zhao Yu’s reminder, Zeng Ke clicked a button and a person’s name appeared on the screen. It was Captain Dou’s name!

“Leader!” Zeng Ke burst out in a cold sweat and quickly said to Zhao Yu, “Since this information was found by Wu Xiumin... Is she in danger now?”

Chapter 764: Exposed

“I’m going to locate Captain Dou’s mobile phone!” Zeng Ke said. “Leader, you need to call Xiumin... Right now!”

Zhao Yu nodded and reached for his mobile phone.

If it hadn’t been for Zeng Ke, he would never have thought of this. Yesterday, when he was chatting with the little girl, Captain Dou had looked at him carefully for a long time.

If the little girl’s mother was caught by Captain Dou, he would probably know the little girl. Therefore, Captain Dou must have noticed something. Now that Wu Xiumin was investigating Captain Dou, she might be in danger.

Just now, Zhao Yu heard back from Bureau Chief Wang that Captain Dou had gone to deal with matters related to yesterday’s wharf fight. Hence, he could be at the Quliang Police Station right now!

At the thought that Wu Xiumin might be in danger, Zhao Yu pressed Wu Xiumin’s telephone number in a panic. However, his call couldn’t get through, so Zhao Yu hung up.

No! Suddenly, Zhao Yu thought about something and slammed down his phone on the desk.

“Hey, leader, this is urgent! What are you waiting for?” Zeng Ke asked. After seeing that Zhao Yu did not make a call, he immediately got even more anxious.

“No...” Zhao Yu’s eyes were fixed at one point, and he seemed to be thinking about something very deeply. After a few seconds, he gently shook his head and said, “Don’t worry... Xiumin is okay!”

“How can you say that?” Zeng Ke asked. “That kind of narcotic is not something that ordinary people know how to mix. Captain Dou must have learned it from the little girl’s mother! Obviously, Captain Dou is a major suspect!”

“Um... Zeng Ke...” Zhao Yu said. “Don’t you realize that It would be better if Captain Dou really had laid his hands on Xiumin?”

Zhao Yu sighed softly, “But, he wouldn’t be so silly! Think about it carefully. Even if Captain Dou is the child of the lighthouse couple, and even if his saliva and fingerprints are on the cigarette butts, what can we do about it?”

Zeng Ke was speechless, while he pondered this for a long time before he finally realized what Zhao Yu was saying. “You mean... Even if it is really is him, he won’t confess!”

“Exactly!” Zhao Yu nodded. “Captain Dou is the captain of the criminal police. So, he knows all of the procedures very well. If he doesn’t confess, we can’t do anything to him!”

Zeng Ke scratched his head and said, “So... We must find Guo Yihang! But... It seems that Guo Yihang’s chances of surviving are slight...”

Zhao Yu nodded in agreement. “If Captain Dou threw his body and the murder weapon into the sea, we would never find them at all! That’s his smartest move yet!”

Zeng Ke frowned and said, “Captain Dou is fearless. He’s not afraid of us finding out about his history at all!”

Zeng Ke thought for a moment, then asked, “Can we try some more conventional methods, such as proving his presence at the murder scenes?”

“I think that would be useless!” Zhao Yu shook his head. “I’m afraid he’s already thought about that before! Holy fuc*. This dirty smoker deceived all of us!”

“Well, I’m afraid that this is the strangest case I’ve ever seen in my whole life!” As Zeng Ke spoke, he successfully located Captain Dou, who was indeed in the Quliang Police Station. It seemed that, as Bureau Chief Wang had said, he was still dealing with some matter related to the wharf fight.

“Leader, in this case... Is there anything we can do to him?” Zeng Ke grit his teeth. “We should at least search his house. What if we could find something important there, like the drug he used?”

“No! We must not rush things or startle him until we have some hard evidence. Otherwise...” Zhao Yu squinted as he said, “We really won’t have a chance!”

Zeng Ke immediately realized something from Zhao Yu’s tone, so he asked eagerly, “Leader, are you able to deal with him?”

“You must be kidding! Otherwise... How could I be your team leader?” Zhao Yu looked at the screen and said coldly, “When it comes to playing tricks, I’m second to none! Come on, Zeng Ke. Next, we will stay busy. If the murderer was really him, I must force him to reveal himself!”

Since their goal was now set, Zhao Yu and Zeng Ke began to make their plan. In the meantime, Zhao Yu called several people in succession, including Wu Xiumin, Ran Tao, and Gao Facai. These were the people who Zhao Yu trusted the most, so he knew that he could tell them everything.

All of the three people, after hearing Zhao Yu’s words, were stunned. None of them could imagine that Captain Dou, the criminal police captain, had suddenly become a major suspect in the murders on the isolated island! However, Zhao Yu’s strong analysis made them take it seriously.

Ran Tao assured Zhao Yu that he would rush to Doujiazhuang to investigate Captain Dou. Meanwhile, Wu Xiumin was still responsible for searching for the immediate relatives of the couple in order to conduct a DNA comparison.

As for Gao Facai, he volunteered to find a way to get the narcotic formula that was used by the little girl’s mother to see if it was the same as the drug that was used in the murder on the island. As for Zeng Ke, he would proceed to investigate the background of Captain Dou to see if there were any new clues to be found.

In solving cases, Zhao Yu was an experienced expert. His experience told him that once the investigation had a definite target, it would not be so difficult to find out the truth!

As Zhao Yu expected, when they turned their attentions to Captain Dou, they quickly found more clues. The earliest news came from Gao Facai. Through forensic tests, he was able to confirm that the formulas of the two drugs were identical. What's more unbelievable was that not only were the formulas the same, but so were the proportions of the ingredients!

Gao Facai said that the narcotic formula had been circulated in hospitals, but because of its low stability, it was quickly eliminated. He then explained that, if someone was still using it now, it must be manually prepared. In this case of manual preparation, the two drugs must be produced in the same batch.

In addition, Gao Facai had previously examined the drug residues in the victims' bodies from the island case, finding that the narcotic that was used by the murderer in the current island case was expired. Therefore, they had a reason to suspect Captain Dou.

Probably, when Captain Dou had arrested the little girl's mother, he had taken the narcotic that she had made. Then, he must have used the narcotic to poison the crew on Yongjin Island!

However, the narcotic alone was obviously not enough evidence to convict. They could only prove that the narcotic came from an arrested thief, but they could not yet prove that Captain Dou had been the one who poisoned the victims. Therefore, in order to force Captain Dou to reveal himself, they still lacked sufficient evidence.

Chapter 765: Who Knew the Inside Story?

"Master!" Ran Tao spoke excitedly over the phone, "I am already in Doujiazhuang. Captain Dou does not have many living relatives. I only found a few of his old neighbors. They told me that Captain Dou and his mother left home when he was very young and never returned to Doujiazhuang!"

"Oh? He left home? With his mother? Aren't his parents both dead?" Zhao Yu asked curiously.

Ran Tao answered, "That's what the neighbors said. Captain Dou's mother was his father's second wife. At that time, there was a man named Dou Youlin in the village. He had just lost his wife, and so he married Captain Dou's mother. According to the villagers, Captain Dou was brought into the family by his mother, so he was not Dou Youlin's biological son. Soon after that, Captain Dou changed his surname and was called Dou Haisheng, not Captain Dou."

He then added, "It was said that Dou Youlin was poor and lazy, but little else is known about their family situation. All of the villagers I talked to knew was that, soon after Captain Dou left home with his mother, Dou Youlin died from an illness, and when he died, no one even showed up..."

Zhao Yu thought for a moment, then asked, "What's Captain Dou's mother's name?"

"I don't know. The neighbors only said that she was beautiful, but they didn't know what her surname was!" Ran Tao said. "Team leader, I checked, and according to the timing, it seems that Captain Dou's dead mother was not the natural mother, but that, instead, it was Dou Youlin's first wife! So, his natural mother, who took him away from home, may still be alive!"

“Oh?” Zeng Ke hastily interrupted them. “Since it was a second marriage, perhaps Dou Youlin hadn’t registered Captain Dou’s mother at all, but only Captain Dou alone!”

“Dou Haisheng... Captain Dou...” Zhao Yu repeated the two names, then said, “These two names... Maybe there is some hidden meaning here. Captain Dou’s mother might have taken him away from home for a reason!”

“So, we have to focus our investigation on Captain Dou’s natural mother,” Zeng Ke said. “When taking into account the time, it is really possible that Liu Caiyun is Captain Dou’s natural mother!”

“Well, I’ll ask more villagers and get back to you about this soon!” Ran Tao said, then hung up the phone in a hurry.

“So...” Zeng Ke said, “Captain Dou’s natural mother is unregistered. That’s why I couldn’t find her in the system. In fact, there is a great possibility that Liu Caiyun is alive!”

“Hum!” Zhao Yu hummed softly, then said, “Zeng Ke, to know the situation of Captain Dou’s birth mother is really simple!”

Zeng Ke was surprised to hear this. “You know how to get that information?”

“Ha ha ha ha...” Zhao Yu laughed, then opened the door and went out.

Through the window, Zeng Ke could see him walking to the deck and chatting with a young policeman who was standing guard. A few minutes later, after sharing a pleasant conversation with him, Zhao Yu returned to the office with a smile.

However, as soon as the door was closed, his smile immediately disappeared from his face as he said seriously, “Zeng Ke, the young policeman is 25 years old, is unmarried, and is named Liu Yingjun. He lives in Wenmiaoshang, Quliang. He loves abalone and kelp, and he has three buckets and six dustpans.”

“Leader... What are you saying? I can’t understand you...” Zeng Ke said with an embarrassed smile.

“Ha ha...” Zhao Yu laughed wickedly, then explained, “I just wanted to show you that by simply talking to people, you can discover a lot of things!”

“Leader, please, we don’t have much time to waste,” Zeng Ke said seriously.

“Okay, okay!” Zhao Yu said in a positive tone, “He told me that Captain Dou has a mother, but no father. He also said that the old lady has a bad temper. Regarding the case of Captain Dou’s divorce, she did not play a good role within it! However, Captain Dou is a well-known filial son who has lived with his old mother till now!”

“My God! Is it that simple?” Zeng Ke asked. “So, his mother is... Liu Caiyun?”

“That’s highly possible!” Zhao Yu nodded.

“Then... Let’s ask Xiumin to investigate that!” Zeng Ke suggested.

“No!” Zhao Yu shook his head. “Now that we have found the old lady, we must not rush into anything! Let Ran Tao go. It’s safer!”

“Then... Shall we proceed as planned?” Zeng Ke sat in front of his laptop and asked, “What if Captain Dou doesn’t come back?”

“Then, I’ll ask him to come back. I’m the leader. He’ll listen to me!” Zhao Yu said with confidence.

As soon as Zhao Yu’s voice fell, Zeng Ke pointed to the tracking symbol on the laptop screen and said nervously, “It’s moving! Captain Dou has left the Quliang Police Station and gone to the dock! He may be coming to bring us lunch. He is early. Are we ready?”

Zhao Yu smacked his lips and said, “I can deal with this. But... If we want to carry on with our plan, we still lack the most critical piece of evidence!”

As Zhao Yu looked at the white board, Zeng Ke understood him immediately. Zeng Ke then said “Yes, we haven’t clearly figured out how Captain Dou knew about Qiao Ruxue’s affairs. How could he possibly have known so many secrets about the crew?”

“Yes, this is the most critical part of the case!” Zhao Yu frowned and said. “If we can’t make a clear connection, we can’t confront Captain Dou!”

“I have checked all of the information about Captain Dou. He had no interactions with the crew members or the film company at all, so it would have been impossible for him to know so many things!” Zeng Ke said.

“Hmm...” As he was looking at the white board, Zhao Yu was lost in his thoughts. He then said, “Because we think that he couldn’t possibly have known these secrets, we must firmly believe that the murderer is an internal member of the film company! But... If it’s really Captain Dou... Then the only possible reason for him to do this would be...”

Zeng Ke looked at Zhao Yu and seemed to be waiting for his conclusion. When he stared at Zhao Yu in silence for quite a while, he realized that Zhao Yu had no answer himself!

After thinking for a long time, Zhao Yu spoke to Zeng Ke, “Last time, you said that Captain Dou might have forced Cai Jinda to speak up.”

Zeng Ke nodded. “But, obviously that is not right...”

“Shh!” Zhao Yu hissed at him, then asked, “What if Cai Jinda took the initiative to tell him? Um... No...”

Zhao Yu then turned around and looked at the names of the 10 crew members on the board, as if he was trying very hard to figure something out. He then said, “Cai Jinda had the most drug residuals in his body. He was completely unconscious and couldn’t speak!”

Zhao Yu pointed to Cai Jinda’s name with a pen, then said, “Moreover, this was the first time that Cai Jinda had worked with this crew. Hence, he was not very familiar with them. So, he might not know everyone’s secrets! The only one who could possibly know everyone’s secrets was...”

Chapter 766: Crazy Reasoning

“Qian Jin!” Zeng Ke answered without hesitation, “Director Qian Jin was very familiar with everyone, so he naturally knew their secrets! He knew that Kang Leming pimped, Xie Hao harassed actresses, Zhang Chenggong liked to take indecent pictures in secret, and Cai Jinda modified the scripts at will. Leader, do you think that he told Captain Dou all of these secrets?”

“Maybe... But... It still doesn’t make sense!” Zhao Yu shook his head. “If he told him these things, why would Captain Dou hang him?”

Who knows, when Zhao Yu heard this, he suddenly stared at Zeng Ke and said, “Zeng Ke, you just reminded me of something! If we want to know the answer, maybe the key is not from whom the murderer got the information, but how he got it!”

Zeng Ke didn’t follow him, so he just stared at him blankly.

“Do you think it’s possible that one of the crew members wrote about Qiao Ruxue’s experience on the notes in his phone or in a diary?” Zhao Yu took a guess. “Then, perhaps this was information obtained by Captain Dou, so he planned the killings! In this way, he could both kill Cai Jinda and frame Guo Yihang!”

“Holy shi*t...” Zeng Ke opened his mouth wide. “That’s crazy! But... How could Captain Dou easily obtain that information?”

Zhao Yu shook his head and pondered this question for quite a long while. “Perhaps there are many coincidences in this case. Maybe someone lost his phone or diary, or maybe the information was found by Captain Dou when he killed the person!”

“Wow! Do you mean that when Captain Dou killed the person, the person may have been viewing his cell phone notes or his diary at that moment? So, Captain Dou discovered this information, then made his plan? Only... How could it be possible for him to plan to kill so many people in one single night? Moreover, Captain Dou was coming for Cai Jinda, but Cai Jinda died first. Doesn’t that mean that he must have gotten the information from Cai Jinda?”

“Not really!” Zhao Yu shook his head, then said, “Cai Jinda may not have been the first one!”

“Why do you say that?” Zeng Ke couldn’t follow his logic.

“We are not sure that Captain Dou is the child of the lighthouse couple or that he did this to take revenge on Cai Jinda,” Zhao Yu opened his hands and said.

“My God...” Zeng Ke was very confused.

“Well, let’s still assume that Captain Dou is the child of the couple and came to kill Cai Jinda, but...” Zhao Yu circled a name on the white board, then said, “We still can’t forget about the burnt Xu You!”

“Xu You?” Zeng Ke scratched his head.

“Xu You’s body had the least amount of drug residuals in it, and the murderer did not leave a clue about Qiao Ruxue on him. So, we initially suspected that Xu You might have suddenly woken up and seen the murderer, which made us assume that the murderer had then burned him with a signal gun! So, Xu You was probably the first person killed!”

“You mean...” Zeng Ke nodded, as he now understood Zhao Yu’s meaning.

Zhao Yu pointed to Xu You's name on the board, then said, "Let's say that the real story goes like this: Although Xu You looks honest, he secretly recorded the bad things that all of those people had done! So, after he was killed by Captain Dou, Captain Dou got the information, then changed his plan on the spot and decided to kill more people in order to confuse the police and turn their attention to Guo Yihang."

"Wow, Captain Dou is really a criminal genius! This is amazing!" Zeng Ke exclaimed.

"It's no wonder that when I first came to the scene I felt that it was so weird!" Zhao Yu recalled. "At that time, the case seemed to be carefully planned, but hastily executed."

"Um... Well..." Zeng Ke pondered this, then said, "Xu You was an old guy in the crew. He was also very friendly with the others. So, maybe he really did know many of their secrets! It's just that..." Once again, he scratched his head, then said, "Xu You was burned by a signal bomb. So, his cell phone was burnt, including his notes and diary that would have been in it. Besides, if Captain Dou didn't want to kill him originally, how could he have possibly been in the mood to check his dead body after he had killed him?"

"Um... That's a good point..." Thinking of this, Zhao Yu closed his eyes and was lost in his thoughts again.

"Leader, Captain Dou has been aboard the speedboat for awhile now." Zeng Ke said as he looked at his watch. "At this speed, he can get here within 40 minutes! So, our plan is..."

Zhao Yu waved his hand, then said, "If we can't get this clear before he gets here, we can't act rashly! We must destroy him completely, but only when we are ready!"

"Then... What about Zhang Yong?" Zeng Ke asked. "That fellow can't wait to go home! I'm afraid that he..."

"Don't worry, as nobody will dare to let him go without my approval!" Zhao Yu looked at the white board, then said, "Now, we have to think about Qiao Ruxue. Who were we just talking about?"

"Oh... Xu You!" Zeng Ke pointed Xu You's name on the board.

"Well, you work on getting Xu You's communication records and see who he called just before he died..." Zhao Yu urged. "Besides, I remember that some policemen had been to Xu You's house to search it. Tell them to check his folders to see if he had any backup files."

"Okay, I'll do that right now!" Zeng Ke quickly sat down in front of his laptop, but before his hand had touched the keyboard, Zhao Yu stopped him.

"Wait!" Zhao Yu seemed to have thought of something and muttered, "We seem to have missed one person..."

As Zeng Ke raised his head, his face look puzzled.

"If anyone in the crew cared about Qiao Ruxue, I'm afraid that he would possibly be the only one..." Zhao Yu's thoughts were flying now.

"Guo Yihang?" Zeng Ke guessed.

“Guo Yihang was missing. Of all these people, we have never seen his personal things! And... We don't know if he took drugs or not...” Zhao Yu frowned tightly and grit his teeth.

He then asked, “Was Guo Yihang Captain Dou's accomplice? No... How could Captain Dou kill his accomplice? But... Guo Yihang must be dead! Was Guo Yihang the first deceased victim? Was he the one who had written about Qiao Ruxue?”

As he was looking at Zhao Yu's nervous face, Zeng Ke once again felt deeply uneasy.

“Li Qian said that Guo Yihang was recommended by the director Qian Jin. If he had no background in film, why did Qian Jin recommend him?” Zhao Yu wondered aloud, while continuing with his crazy reasoning. “Guo Yihang must have bought his way into the role with money! But... It's unreasonable to buy such a boring role that didn't need much acting at all...”

“Leader, calm down...” Zeng Ke quickly interrupted him, then asked, “Do you mean that... Guo Yihang was actually investigating Qiao Ruxue's affairs in the crew? Do you think that he wanted to expose everything and avenge Qiao Ruxue?”

“No!” Zhao Yu firmly refuted his guess. “Qiao Ruxue said that Guo Yihang was a selfish man. So, he did this not for Qiao Ruxue's sake, but only for himself!”

“But, how could it benefit him?” Zeng Ke looked at Zhao Yu, who did not reply, but just looked at the screen.

“Oh... I see. I'll search about that, too!” Zeng Ke quickly tapped the keyboard and soon found Guo Yihang's call, Wechat, and QQ records.

Once there was a target, then twice of the workload could be accomplished with half the effort. As a result, it was less than ten minutes before they found a load of exciting information from Guo Yihang's message records.

“Oh... I see! I can't believe we found it!” Zeng Ke first looked at Zhao Yu in surprise, then looked at the signal that was tracking Captain Dou's phone.

He then said, “Leader, we still have about 20 minutes, then Captain Dou will be here!”

“Okay. Everything is going as planned!” Zhao Yu said to Zeng Ke. “You first need to inform Ran Tao that, after he leaves Doujiazhuang, he must join Wu Xiumin and go to Captain Dou's home to check out his mother's situation!”

“Okay. But, what if his mother refuses to admit that she is Liu Caiyun? We don't have DNA...” Zeng Ke didn't seem confident about this plan.

“Humph! There's no need for his mother to admit it! I'm afraid you don't understand how good your leader is!” Zhao Yu said confidently.

Chapter 767: Plan Started

“He’s coming!” Zeng Ke stood up from his seat and said nervously, “Leader, you should see his speedboat! Is the plan about to start now?”

“Look at yourself!” Zhao Yu scolded him, “Captain Dou is good at observing details. Don’t let him notice anything funny about you! Besides, it’s too early to confront him. We must wait for Gao Facai, Ran Tao, and Wu Xiumin to get everything in place on their ends! Remember, no matter where we go, we are the leaders, and the leaders cannot be nervous!”

“Oh... Okay!” Zeng Ke nodded, but still seemed slightly worried as he said, “I am afraid that Captain Dou is so smart that he won’t be fooled by us.”

“You don’t have to worry about that!” Zhao Yu said. “If he doesn’t fall into our trap, only two things can explain this. First... We must have shown our flaws and allowed our plan to be seen through. Second... The murder on the island may have nothing to do with him. Hence, Zeng Ke, we won’t lose anything if we fail!”

“Yes, we are all counting on you, leader!” Zeng Ke nodded, while he complimented him.

With a cold smile, Zhao Yu turned his eyes to the sea and said fiercely, “Judging from my experience, since there is so much evidence that is all pointing to Captain Dou, he is certainly not innocent in this matter!”

As soon as Zhao Yu’s voice fell, Captain Dou’s speed boat arrived at the command vessel. Captain Dou and several policemen carried the lunch warmer and came onto the deck.

At the sight of Captain Dou’s untidy dress, Zeng Ke could not help but shiver. He could hardly believe that this untidy person could be a murderer!

Zhao Yu, however, showed no emotions on his face. When he saw Captain Dou arriving, he immediately went out to greet him.

Zhao Yu smiled at him and asked, “Captain Dou, how was the matter regarding the fight going?”

“It’s almost done!” Captain Dou responded in a hurry. “Bureau Chief Wang stayed at the bureau to deal with it.”

Zhao Yu pretended to be concerned about him as he said, “Well, since we are friends, let me help you solve the matter quickly. Actually, the simplest way to deal with this kind of fight is to break the people’s arms and legs to make sure they can’t fight any more!”

Hearing Zhao Yu’s joking words, Captain Dou and the other policemen all got awkward looks on their faces. No one had expected that the Special Investigation Group leader from the Criminal Division could speak like a hooligan!

“As I just said, the matter is almost handled already!” Captain Dou hurriedly waved his hand. “Anyway, we could never bother you with such a trifling issue!”

Captain Dou’s forehead was sweating profusely. After a few seconds, he pointed to the warmer and said, “Well... You have been working hard these days, so today, Bureau Chief Wang specially ordered Quliang casserole stew fish for you. Please try it while it’s hot. It’s very good!”

“Oh, good! Thank you. Let’s eat together.” Zhao Yu smiled.

“No, thank you. We’ve already had our lunch!” Captain Dou said. “The other policemen on the island also have much work to do. You enjoy though, please...”

After that, Zhao Yu and Captain Dou spoke a few more trivial words, then Zhao Yu and Zeng Ke ate the lunch. The casserole stew fish was so appetizing that Zhao Yu and Zeng Ke ate a lot of it!

After the meal, while the policemen were cleaning up the dishes, Zhao Yu pulled Captain Dou aside and asked him seriously, “Captain Dou, can you accompany me to the crime scenes once more this afternoon? I thought of something yesterday...”

Captain Dou looked at him and asked, “What did you think of?”

Zhao Yu narrowed his eyes. He looked at Captain Dou and had a strange feeling about the man in front of him.

“Well, I was thinking about footprints...” after he said this, Zhao Yu talked a lot about the island’s geology, such as how some places had soft soil, so there was a greater chance on one’s leaving footprints and so on. In short, he insisted that Captain Dou accompany him to the crime scenes again to investigate this specific matter.

As Zhao Yu was an absolute authority in this case, Captain Dou did not dare to refuse him, and he immediately asked some of his people to come over, then went to the island with Zhao Yu. As soon as they left, Zeng Ke quickly turned on his laptop and began to work on his own specific tasks as planned.

Once they arrived on the island, Zhao Yu led Captain Dou and others around it. In the blink of an eye, more than two hours had passed. During this time, in order not to arouse Captain Dou’s suspicions, he had put forward a lot of strange and insignificant inferences and questions, which triggered their continued discussion.

It wasn’t until 3:30 p.m. that Zhao Yu’s mobile phone rang. This was all planned beforehand. Once Zeng Ke had confirmed some new information, he would inform Zhao Yu by a short message. As Zhao Yu was the leader, nobody dared to peek at his mobile phone.

Hearing the notification, Zhao Yu quickly checked the message. When he looked at it, his eyes suddenly brightened and he immediately sent an OK meme back to Zeng Ke. This was the signal that meant that their plan had officially started!

To complete his performance, Zhao Yu led Captain Dou and the others around the crime scenes for another hour before heading back in the direction of the command vessel. Unexpectedly, just as they came to the crew’s tents, Zhao Yu’s mobile phone rang again.

Zhao Yu answered the phone carelessly, but suddenly trembled violently and shouted excitedly, “Zeng Ke, what did you say? Really?”

Captain Dou frowned curiously when he heard Zhao Yu speak so loudly.

“Okay!” Zhao Yu said excitedly.

After hanging up the phone, Zhao Yu turned to speak to Captain Dou and the others, "Zeng Ke said that he just found a mysterious figure in a clip from Xie Hao's phone! He then compared that image with the crew members, and he discovered that this figure is not a member of the crew!"

"Oh!" Captain Dou responded in surprise. "This means that, on the night of the murder, there were others on the island!"

Zhao Yu pretended not to see Captain Dou's nervousness and shock, while he said excitedly, "Although the figure is somewhat blurry, its image could be fixed with the right software. Thus, we will soon know the mysterious man's identity! I now know that others were involved in this case!"

"Um... Yes!" Captain Dou agreed verbally, but his eyes could hardly hide his nervousness.

"Captain Dou, let's hurry back to the command vessel and have a look at this new information!" Zhao Yu pointed in the direction of the vessel as he said to Captain Dou, "However, the footprints are also important, so maybe we can find the footprints of this mysterious man according to the location markers that are shown in the clip?"

"Yes, I'll send someone there and have them be on standby!" Captain Dou said.

"Okay, let's go!" After that, Zhao Yu hurried back to the command vessel. Captain Dou ordered a few people to stay on the island, then quickly followed Zhao Yu.

Chapter 768: Was It Really You?

Special Investigation Group office, Yongjin Island command vessel.

"Yes, that's it!" Zeng Ke pointed to the screen as he explained, "I used the latest image restoration technology to increase the image rate of the original mobile video. Although it's not a 100% restoration, at least this allows us to see the figure's basic outline!"

"Well, how long will it take?" Zhao Yu asked anxiously, while he closely watched Captain Dou's reaction to this news. At this moment, Captain Dou's expression was extremely complex, and Zhao Yu couldn't tell whether he was excited or nervous.

"Ten minutes at most!" Zeng Ke answered. "I have entered the image information of all of the people from Champion Pictures. Once the restoration is complete, I can compare their information with the mysterious figure's, one by one!"

"And... The people related to the old lighthouse case should not be ignored either. The relatives of the lighthouse couple, Cai Xiangbin's relatives, Qiao Ruxue and her husband... Anyone related with the case can't be missed!" As Zhao Yu spoke, he saw Captain Dou's eyes twitch slightly.

In order to get a bigger reaction out of him, Zhao Yu smacked his lips, pointed to the blurry figure on the screen, then muttered, "I'm guessing that this is a female with long hair."

When he heard the words "long hair," Captain Dou trembled and his face became dark and gloomy. This was because Xie Hao had seen a figure with long hair when he was in the woods!

“Ah, hero, please accompany me in pursuit of my dream...” At such an intense moment, Zhao Yu’s mobile phone suddenly rang. Zhao Yu had deliberately set the volume to its maximum, so when it rang, everyone was shocked.

“Hello...” Zhao Yu hurried out of the room, but spoke extra loudly into the phone, “Oh... Officer Chen, what’s up? You need talk to Zeng Ke? Zeng Ke is with me. Um... I know... Okay...”

Zhao Yu waved to Zeng Ke as he shouted, “Zeng Ke, hurry up! Officer Chen is looking for you. It’s urgent!”

“Oh...” Zeng Ke looked at the screen, then touched the card reader with Xie Hao’s mobile memory card before quickly running out.

This left Captain Dou all alone in the room. Captain Dou looked at the card reader and the connecting wires, his eyes flashing with a cold light. At this time, Zhao Yu handed Zeng Ke his mobile phone and walked back.

Before he had taken two steps, from outside the command vessel, a cry was heard, which was quickly followed by the sound of something falling into the water!

“Huh?” Upon hearing the sound, Zhao Yu rushed to the side of the vessel. As he looked down, he shouted, “Holy fuc*!”

He then quickly waved to Zeng Ke and yelled, “Zeng Ke! Quick... Zhang Yong ran!” The sound of the speedboat running engine could be clearly heard from the sea.

“Oh!” Hearing his call, Zeng Ke rushed down the boarding plank of the command vessel.

Zhao Yu waved his hands and shouted to Captain Dou, “Quick! Captain Dou! Zhang Yong ran away!”

After that, Zhao Yu ran off the boat with Zeng Ke, while Captain Dou came out of the office and approached the side of the boat. Zhang Yong had taken a speed boat and had run away via the sea!

A policeman who was in charge of guarding the dock had been pushed into the water and was struggling to call for help at the moment. At this time, there were two or three remaining policemen on the deck, and when they saw this unexpected scene, they seemed a little confused and were stuck in a daze.

Seeing this, Captain Dou quickly shouted at them, “What are you doing? Go after him!”

“Okay...” Several policemen hurried off of the command vessel, following closely after Zhao Yu and Zeng Ke.

By this time, Zhao Yu had already jumped onto another speedboat and had started the engine. Zeng Ke bent down and reached out to rescue the policeman who had been pushed into the water.

Captain Dou was so nervous that he took out his cell phone and wanted to call the police station. But, at that moment, he looked at the empty deck and suddenly had an idea.

He turned around and looked around the Special Investigation Group office, then slowly stepped back. He knew the command vessel very well, so he knew that there was a camera on the deck that was facing him.

So, he quickly put his cell phone above his ear and rushed into the cab of the command vessel. This would make it appear to the camera that he was looking for help in the cab, when in fact, he went straight through the cab and into the narrow corridor on the other side of the vessel!

The corridor was connected to the balcony of the Special Investigation Group office, with only one railing between them. Captain Dou knew that there was no camera here, so he went over the railing directly, opened the sliding door, and entered the Special Investigation Group's office.

After entering the office, he rushed to Zeng Ke's desk and reached out to unplug the memory card that was inserted in the card reader. However, when his finger touched the memory card, he suddenly stopped! The next second, he looked around sharply, as if he had suddenly understood something.

"Dam*!" he shouted in horror, then quickly scanned the whole room. Then, he immediately retreated, trying to return to the deck.

At this very moment, a cabinet behind the office suddenly shook. Then, the cabinet door creaked open, and from inside, a woman jumped out! Moreover, the woman had a camera in her left hand!

"Oh my!" Captain Dou shivered with fear, while his right hand instinctively reached for the pistol that was at his waist.

However, something even more surprising happened at that moment. The woman raised her right hand, revealing a black pistol!

Captain Dou was even more confused when he saw that the pistol was pointing at him. Now, he recognized that the woman was none other than the survivor... Li Qian!

Li Qian trembled with horror, while her chest shook violently. Her eyes were filled with irrepressible tears.

"It's you!" Li Qian shouted excitedly. "You are a policeman! Why did you kill so many people?"

Captain Dou's face turned red and he could not say a word. He was in a state of true shock.

His right hand was still on his holster at his waist, but when he saw the deck through the window, where Zhao Yu and Zeng Ke had quickly returned, he finally understood that this was all a trap! Therefore, he dropped his hands and finally gave up on the idea of drawing his pistol.

"Yes!" Zhao Yu exclaimed excitedly, while laughing loudly. "Ha ha!"

Although Zeng Ke was also very excited, he was much more careful than Zhao Yu. He took out his pistol and rushed into the office first, not yet celebrating.

Several other policemen were frightened to see what was happening. As they were all on duty, but had no guns with them, they had to take out their batons, which they pointed at Li Qian as they shouted, "You... Stop now!"

"No... You have the wrong person!" Zhao Yu laughed as he corrected everyone. "You should be giving those orders to your captain! Ha ha ha..."

These people were even more surprised to turn and see that Zeng Ke had pointed his gun at Captain Dou! They all stared at Captain Dou, feeling quite foolish and confused.

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“Ha ha ha!” Zhao Yu laughed, then asked proudly, “Captain Dou, what else can you say now?”

“Leader Zhao, I don’t understand. What do you mean?” Captain Dou asked calmly. “Don’t you see that Li Qian is pointing a gun at me? She’s the suspect! Also, Zhang Yong fled with a speedboat. Obviously, the two of them are the real murderers!”

“Bah!” Li Qian burst into tears, while lashing out in anger. “Are you still lying? You’re the murderer!”

At this time, several of the policemen were really confused, so they quickly asked Zhao Yu, “What is going on here? Which side are we on?”

Zhao Yu sneered, then said to Captain Dou, “Captain Dou, put down your gun!”

“Hey, don’t you understand what is happening here?” Zeng Ke pointed his gun at Captain Dou, while he explained to the policemen, “Captain Dou is the real murderer!”

What? The policemen almost fell to the ground in shock.

Zhao Yu pointed to Captain Dou’s pistol, then said, “I didn’t expect that you would reveal yourself so easily!”

“Let me go! The speedboat was driven back by myself, and your leader made me do it! Only in this way could I go home!” At this time, there was a noise on the deck. Zhang Yong, who had just fled away with the speedboat, had been caught by two policemen, one of whom was the one who had fallen into the water before.

“Let go of him! He’s right! I am the one who arranged all of this was!” Zhao Yu snapped his fingers at the two policemen.

“Did you hear that?” Zhang Yong asked, while still struggling. “Otherwise, how could I be so silly as to attempt to drive away in a police speedboat?”

“Ah! What is going on now?” When the three men came to the door of the office and saw the strange scene inside, they all stopped in their tracks.

“Your pistol! You know the rules!” one of them exclaimed.

Captain Dou shook his head helplessly, then unlocked the holster, pinched the gun out with two of his fingers, then threw it at Zhao Yu’s feet.

“Captain Dou... You... How...” The policemen still couldn’t believe what was happening right in front of them.

“Leader Zhao!” Captain Dou said helplessly, “I really don’t understand. Why are you doing this? I don’t know any of those dead people. How could I be the murderer? This is ridiculous!”

Zhao Yu did not reply as he picked up Captain Dou's pistol.

"I don't get it!" Captain Dou shook his head coldly. "Is it because you guys can't solve the case, so you are trying to put the blame on me?"

"Ah!" As the policemen on the scene were all Captain Dou's colleagues, when they heard him say this, they all looked at Zhao Yu in surprise. One of them even picked up his mobile phone and called Bureau Chief Wang Chenggang.

"Still lying? Do you think that's useful?" Zeng Ke saw that Captain Dou was unarmed, so he put down his own gun and asked, "If you have no secrets, then why didn't you follow us to chase the suspect, but instead stayed here in the office?"

"Officer, I am not a suspect! I am not!" Zhang Yong defended himself yet again.

"I know that! I was just using you as an example!" Zhao Yu clarified, clearly a bit annoyed.

Li Qian, who was still pointing her gun at Captain Dou, then said excitedly, "I saw with my own eyes that he was about to destroy Xie Hao's memory card! I recorded it all! He didn't come in through the main entrance, but came around the balcony to avoid being seen by the camera! He is clearly the murderer!"

"Ha ha..." Captain Dou stretched out his hands and sneered. "Come on, you can't prove any of that! Isn't the memory card still right here? Just let me tell you what really happened!"

Captain Dou dropped his smile and said, "I just saw Zhang Yong running away, then I went to call the police station!"

Captain Dou had restored his composure by now, so he spoke very calmly, "But, since there was nobody in the cab, I went to the railing! However, just as I was about to make the call, I saw a figure in the office. I was afraid that someone was going to steal the memory card, so I jumped over the railing and ran in from the balcony."

He then added, "You saw me moving the memory card just now because I was worried that it had been touched by someone else. I was just going to check it! But, unexpectedly, I met with this crazy woman!"

Captain Dou pointed at Li Qian, then asked her, "What about you? You have a camera and a pistol! What are you doing here with those things? Are you the one who really wants to destroy the memory card? If it hadn't been for my arrival, I'm afraid that you would have already destroyed the memory card!"

"You!" Li Qian trembled with anger and shouted hysterically, "You're lying!"

"Leader Zhao!" Captain Dou, who was now facing Zhao Yu, said, "I understand your situation, but as the case is also within my area of duty, I also want to solve it quickly! But... It is really hurting me that you would accuse me in such a way! You can't just do as you please because you're a leader!"

"Wow! I like you!" Hearing Captain Dou's words, Zhao Yu couldn't help but applaud his gutsy speech. "Captain Dou... That is really smart. I respect your guts!"

"Um... Leader Zhao..." An elderly policeman quickly came over to Zhao Yu and tried to defend Captain Dou, "Isn't this just a misunderstanding? Captain Dou is the chief criminal policeman in charge of this investigation. How could he possibly be the murderer?"

The other nodded in agreement.

“Are you stupid? It is for that exact reason that he can get away with it!” Zeng Ke urgently explained.

“But... There’s always a motive for any killing... As for Captain Dou... What would his motive have been?” The elderly policeman still didn’t believe it could be true.

Zhao Yu nodded to Li Qian, then motioned her to put down her gun. He then smiled and said to the others, “Well, since Captain Dou refuses to confess, let me, your team leader, personally reveal the answer to you! Ladies and gentlemen, the time to witness miracles is coming!”

After saying this, Zhao Yu pulled out his phone and showed them two photos from it. “Come here, everybody look at this!” Zhao Yu held up his mobile phone to the policemen as he asked, “Do you remember the Yongjin Island lighthouse murder from a few decades ago? The person in this first photo is Liu Caiyun, the wife that was involved in that case!”

After he said Liu Caiyun’s name, Zhao Yu thought that everyone would be shocked, but unexpectedly, everyone was still just staring at each other, and there was no special reaction on any of their faces. Captain Dou, who had restored his composure, had also prepared himself, so when Liu Caiyun’s name was spoken, he also did not show any emotions on his face.

“But... I seem to know the person in the second photo!” Finally, the elderly policeman shouted out after he took another look at the images from the mobile phone. He then asked, “This woman is Captain Dou’s mother?”

Only then did the policemen turn their eyes to Captain Dou. Zhao Yu snapped his fingers and said loudly, “We have had professionals compare them... Guess what? Captain Dou’s mother is indeed Liu Caiyun!”

“Wow!” At last, the policemen all gave out the same exclamation in unison, which was the shocking reaction that had Zhao Yu expected!

The young policeman who had fallen into the water then rushed to Zhao Yu and asked, “Leader Zhao, who is Liu Caiyun?”

Hearing this, Zhao Yu almost threw his mobile phone at the young man.

Chapter 770: Battle

It turned out that, due to the importance of the current lighthouse case, in the process of investigating, the policemen were only assigned different tasks, but could not fully know all of the investigation’s information. Moreover, although the local people knew about the lighthouse murder case from decades ago, they were not familiar with the name Liu Caiyun.

Therefore, when Zhao Yu claimed that Captain Dou’s mother was Liu Caiyun, some of the policemen were at a loss for who he was talking about. After Zeng Ke understood this, he introduced the old lighthouse case to several of the policemen present. When they learned that Liu Caiyun was the wife of the lighthouse keeper, their faces all filled with surprise.

An elderly policeman, who recalled the old lighthouse case clearly, after listening to Zeng Ke's explanation, looked at Captain Dou and asked in shock, "Captain Dou, is this true? Your mother is... Liu Caiyun!? And you are..."

Zhao Yu did not wait for Captain Dou to answer, but turned to him and said, "Captain Dou, you should have known that, sooner or later I would find out the truth!"

He then added, "Even though your mother is not registered and your records say that both of your parents are dead, we will look into this again!" Zhao Yu was determined to prove that his accusation was not nonsense.

But, just as he had said before, he needed to wait for Wu Xiumin and Ran Tao to have everything in place before he made his big move.

As Liu Caiyun's photos were still kept in the police archives, when Wu Xiumin and Ran Tao saw Captain Dou's mother, they did not need any DNA after all. They only needed to compare the photographs to confirm her identity!

Moreover, Wu Xiumin was a psychology expert. After she and Ran Tao entered Captain Dou's home and had a nice conversation with Captain Dou's mother, she was convinced that the old lady was the same one who had disappeared for decades... Liu Caiyun!

This news was undoubtedly the most important piece of evidence, as only by confirming that Captain Dou's mother was Liu Caiyun could all of their previous assumptions and guesses be proven correct! When her identity was confirmed, it provided a clear motive for Captain Dou to have committed the killings!

"Captain Dou, won't you admit it now?" Zhao Yu sneered. "You are the child of the lighthouse couple! Cai Xiangbin killed your father and raped your mother. Then, when Cai Jinda, who was Cai Xiangbin's nephew, wrote a script to slander your parents, you couldn't stand that, so you took revenge and killed these people!"

After Zhao Yu finished explaining his accusation, the office was completely quiet. Everyone's eyes were all directed at Captain Dou, who was standing in the center of the office.

"Ah... Ha ha ha... Ha ha ha ha..." Unexpectedly, after a few seconds of total silence, Captain Dou burst out laughing, which gave everyone present goose bumps.

"Leader Zhao, I admit that I didn't report this information, so that is my fault!" Captain Dou said, his evil eyes shining. "But, you don't have to set up me like this, do you? Even if my mother is Liu Caiyun, and even if Cai Jinda slandered her, that doesn't necessarily mean that I killed anyone! After all, that's six lives! I couldn't afford to commit such a heinous crime!"

Zeng Ke said, "In fact, your target was only Cai Jinda, but when you killed him, something unexpected happened! So, you had to kill more people."

"What?" The elderly policeman couldn't follow this stream of logic.

"Sir, please..." At this time, the policeman who had fallen into the sea before came in with his mobile phone and spoke to Zhao Yu in a hurry, "It's Bureau Chief Wang. He needs to speak to you."

“I’m not available at this moment! Don’t you see that the murderer is about to confess?” Zhao Yu waved his hand, then said in a fierce tone, “Well, you can just turn on the speaker and let Bureau Chief Wang and his colleagues listen altogether!”

“Leader Zhao! Stop kidding!” Captain Dou was eager to stop him, so he shouted angrily, “Please use your brain and think about this carefully! I am the captain of the criminal police, and although I have no great achievements, I still understand the basic principles of protocol! Even if I wanted to avenge my mother, I could do that in many ways. For example, I could take legal measures!”

“Take legal measures?” Zhao Yu shook his head. “If your mother was not afraid of being exposed by the media, why would she have hidden for so many years?”

Captain Dou replied with an innocent look, “Why don’t you believe me? Even if I didn’t want to be exposed or I didn’t want to take legal measures, I would still have other ways to deal with this! Everyone in Quliang knows that, the moment I would have given an order, the whole film crew would have had to leave!”

Captain Dou then clutched his fist and said, “Hence, I didn’t kill anyone! There was no need! I could just have been rid of them by sending them away!”

Captain Dou then said remorsefully, “I’m sorry I kept this from you, but it was not easy for my mother to conceal her identity for so many years, and I really didn’t want to involve her in the case and sprinkle salt on her old wounds! It’s my fault that the truth was concealed. But, that’s all there is to it, so please don’t play with me, okay?”

Captain Dou’s words had their desired effect immediately, as the policemen who had been starting to suspect him were clearly persuaded by them. At that moment, they all looked at Zhao Yu with imploring eyes, trying to plead with him on Captain Dou’s behalf.

“Brilliant!” Zhao Yu applauded Captain Dou again, then nodded and said, “Captain Dou, you’re really good at this! You’re practically a genius! Being a captain of the criminal police is really putting you in a small position, which is unworthy of your talents!”

Zhao Yu hurriedly raised his arms and said to Zeng Ke, “Zeng Ke, show them!”

Zeng Ke immediately projected the information about the little fish girl’s mother on the big screen.

“Look!” Zhao Yu pointed to the screen and said, “This woman is a burglar who was arrested last year. She caused a rich merchant family to all faint by using an artificial drug. She then went into the house to steal and was finally caught by our great Captain Dou!”

He then added, “We have verified the formula of that drug, and guess what?” Zhao Yu then opened another picture. “The formula is the same as that which was found in the victims of the murder on the island!”

Only then did the police understand Zhao Yu’s meaning, and they were once again tongue-tied.

Captain Dou waved his hands and said, “I remember that thief! She couldn’t have committed that crime by herself. She must have had at least one other partner. So, if we find her partner, we can find out the truth!”

Zhao Yu pointed to Captain Dou. "The man who stole the female thief's drug, then used it to poison the crew... Is you!"

"That's nonsense! How could I use the burglar's drug?" Captain Dou shook his head, completely denying this claim.

"You know what you did!" Zhao Yu said. "Gao Facai has confirmed that the drug that the crew members took and the drug of the female burglar are from the same batch. He also found that the drug had already expired. If it had been the burglar's partner, why would he have used expired drugs? Moreover, the female burglar used to be a pharmacist in the county hospital, so she wouldn't need any partners at all!"

"Well... Even if she did not have any partners, it still couldn't be me! That's just ridiculous..." Captain Dou's was not finished with his denial, but Zhao Yu interrupted him.

Zhao Yu then said solemnly, "No worries, as we don't expect you to easily confess your guilt. We have just begun! Now, let's talk about the cigarette butts. We found a lot of Red Plum cigarette butts near the crime scenes. That's the brand that you often smoke!"

"There are many smokers here, all of whom use that brand!" Captain Dou said.

"Note that the cigarette butts will be tested, so we can certainly confirm whether you left them." Zhao Yu's eyes suddenly became wide. "And... We can also confirm whether they were left after or before the crime was committed!"