
Subject: Fugou Keiji: Balance: Unlimited - Anything Can Be Bought

Posted by [Dave Baranyi](#) on Fri, 10 Apr 2020 18:35:20 GMT

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Dave Baranyi

Subject: Re: Fugou Keiji: Balance: Unlimited - Anything Can Be Bought

Posted by [David Johnston](#) on Sun, 19 Apr 2020 03:57:25 GMT

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On 2020-04-10 12:35 p.m., anthony.baranyi@bell.net wrote:

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That idea sounds really influenced by American cop shows.
