

Genius 103

Chapter 103: A Blade of Heaven, A Blade of Hell (Part 1)_1

This Bizarre Stone Archway really did have quite a few jade raw materials, and all were already priced. From the front of the door to the backyard, they were all neatly piled up. You could buy any piece you liked at the marked price, take it away yourself, or have it cut open to see the stone. All of these services were free of charge.

"What's up? You really want to try your luck at this?"

Unlike his brothers who were buzzing around like headless flies looking here and there, Qin Fang just casually strolled among the piles of raw materials, glancing at nearly every piece before moving on to the next one.

Xiao Nan also noticed that Qin Fang didn't seem to be completely clueless and couldn't help but come over to ask.

"Let's give it a try, maybe I'll get lucky!"

Qin Fang smiled, and indeed, as he said, his approach to stone gambling was to rely on luck, just that his luck was different from others.

"Forget it, I can't be bothered to persuade you. Gambling on stones is like buying lottery tickets, nine out of ten times you lose..." Xiao Nan laughed and didn't say much else, simply picking out a couple of pieces he thought had potential.

"Gambling on stones actually has much higher chances of winning than buying lottery tickets..."

Qin Fang did want to say this, but he could only think it to himself, as it was simply too hard to explain.

Everyone was busy with their own thing. Apart from Fang Dacheng, the other guys were all contemplating picking a piece of raw material to take a gamble on, as the stone gambling process of "one cut makes you poor, one cut makes you rich" was indeed very thrilling.

Meanwhile, Qin Fang was refreshing his Proficiency and getting closer to Intermediate level with his Scouting Skill, thanks to the thousands of jade raw materials in this Bizarre Stone Archway.

After wandering around for a while, Qin Fang himself couldn't even remember how many pieces he had seen. Roughly estimating, about twenty to thirty percent of the raw materials could potentially contain jade, but of course, there were a lot of duds, almost the same as getting nothing.

Xi Xiaojun picked out one, Gao Ming didn't find one at the right price, Xiao Nan had previous stone gambling experience and thus didn't bother participating, while Shen Yang seemed to have chosen a piece after talking with the employees of Bizarre Stone Archway.

They were all students with limited money. They didn't dare to hope for the large pieces of raw material and could only aim for the relatively cheap and shabbier small pieces, picking up scraps left by others.

Seeing that his brothers had all settled their picks, Qin Fang didn't drag it out any longer. After all, it was a choice among those that could potentially contain jade. Qin Fang simply chose two pieces at random,

and whether their value would go up or down would depend on whether his luck was good enough. He thus settled on two pieces, each priced around a thousand yuan.

"Are you done choosing?"

After Qin Fang had made his choice, Xiao Nan came over to take a look. He didn't think much of the look of these two pieces, "The quality isn't very good; want to switch them out?"

"It's just for fun. The good-looking ones are too expensive..." Qin Fang laughed, the appearance of these two pieces wasn't great, but jade could be found inside, and the most critical reason was that the price was low.

"Guys, let's have a contest this time, see who can bet on a winner? The loser buys two chicken legs in the Fourth Canteen..."

Since Shen Yang lost terribly at playing landlord last time and had to hug a lamp post every evening, he had been harboring a grudge. Now he seemed to have found an opportunity and started to call out, looking confident as if he was sure to win his bet.

"Hmm, The Third, your piece looks a lot better. It's quite likely it will yield jade..."

Xiao Nan didn't understand much about stone gambling either. After looking at the piece Shen Yang had picked, he seemed quite confident as he spoke, and the nearby Shen Yang was quite smug, "Of course, let me tell you a secret. This piece was actually reserved by someone else who went to grab that piece of jade over there, allowing me to pick it up cheap..."

Seeing Shen Yang acting like he'd picked up a great bargain, Qin Fang couldn't help but smile and glanced at the piece Shen Yang had chosen. Unfortunately, it belonged to the "will not yield jade" group; it was a definite loss.

"The Third, how much is your piece?"

Thinking it over, since the appearance wasn't bad, it surely wouldn't be cheap. As a friend, Qin Fang couldn't just watch Shen Yang throw his money away and casually asked.

"This number!"

Shen Yang didn't hesitate and showed a finger.

"Ten thousand?"

Qin Fang's face turned sour. The two pieces with not-so-great appearance in his hands were sold for several hundred each, and Shen Yang's choice obviously couldn't be as cheap as a thousand. Since Shen Yang could afford it, it had to be ten thousand.

"The Third, we brothers are just playing around, surely we don't need to go so big, right? With gambling on stones, you lose nine out of ten times. Going too big can easily lead to losing all your capital!"

Shen Yang came from a well-off family, and although he wasn't as rich as a second-generation rich kid like Xiao Nan, he was definitely the second wealthiest in the dorm, so he could afford the ten thousand. It was just that Qin Fang didn't want him to throw the money away, so he couldn't help but advise.

"This..."

Hearing what Qin Fang had to say, Shen Yang also hesitated.

"Don't worry about it, don't listen to Fourth Brother! How about this, The Third, if you're not afraid of me taking advantage of you, we'll treat this raw material as if we bought it together as partners. We'll split any gains or losses fifty-fifty, how about that?"

But Xiao Nan seemed to have a good opinion of this raw material as well, adding another line to persuade him.

"Fine! Half and half..."

Shen Yang thought it over and didn't feel like Xiao Nan was taking advantage of him. If there was a windfall, sharing it half and half wasn't bad either, so he immediately agreed.

Apart from shaking his head helplessly, Qin Fang really had nothing else to say. However, this arrangement might be for the best since Xiao Nan was involved, which meant Shen Yang might suffer a little less loss.

"Stone cutting time, someone's cutting stones again!"

After the brothers had chosen their stones and paid, of course, they were going to cut the stones on the spot. Quite a few onlookers crowded around, ready to witness whether the newly cut raw materials would rise in value or crash. Naturally, some jadeite businessmen also gathered around, ready to purchase on the spot if the gamble paid off.

"You guys go first, I'm not in a rush..."

Qin Fang wasn't eager and let his brothers go first to cut their stones while he watched from the sidelines.

"I'll go first then..."

The piece that Xi Xiaojun had selected was around the same price range as Qin Fang's, but like Shen Yang's, it was doomed to fail.

"The quality looks mediocre!"

"The python pattern is okay, but the chance of it being green is not high..."

When the raw material was brought up, the surrounding onlookers began to discuss, while Qin Fang and the others were quite close to the action.

The stone-cutting machine started up, and since the raw material wasn't very large, all it needed was a single cut down the middle to clearly show whether the value had increased or crashed.

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The stone-cutting machine whirred, slowly slicing through the middle. Even though the action was not very reckless, and seemed quite careful, it didn't take long before the raw material was cut into two pieces.

"Is there any green?"

"Did any show up?"

Many people were waiting for the result, and those who couldn't see clearly from the back asked the people in front.

"It's bust!"

"The bet's lost!"

"I told you, the chance of it turning green is very low, just as expected..."

"A few rookies are likely gambling on stones for the first time; it's normal for them to lose!"

The raw material had been cut into two pieces, and even without rinsing it with water, you could clearly see. It was still just a stone, without a trace of green—clearly a bust. Xi Xiaojun's more than a thousand was gone with a single cut.

"Don't be discouraged... It's normal to lose a gamble!"

Qin Fang, Xiao Nan, Shen Yang, and others all comforted Xi Xiaojun, while at the same time, they all grew nervous themselves, as it was now time to cut the materials they had purchased.