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Chapter 107: Huge Increase_1

Hiss~~~

Someone let out a low gasp, further escalating the already tense atmosphere by another notch.

Upon hearing such a sound, the people behind became even more anxious, with some faintly feeling that the situation might have changed.

"How is it going?"

"Did the price go up or did it collapse?"

"Those at the front, who saw it, speak up quickly!"

Those who couldn't see the scene were clamoring, seemingly even more anxious than Qin Fang, the owner of the raw stone.

"It went up, it went up! A big surge, it really surged big time..."

When the mystery was unveiled, someone immediately called out.

The others were slightly stunned, then let out a long sigh of relief, because the tension had been too high just a moment ago. Although they knew the piece of raw stone wasn't theirs, they couldn't help but heave a sigh; their hearts had been in their throats.

"This young man is really bold!"

"Thinking about it, it's the master who has the skill. If he hadn't reminded him, the young man would have probably sold the stone directly..."

"Yeah, before it would have sold for just over three hundred thousand. Now with this cut, the price has at least doubled, it should be six or seven hundred thousand at least..."

"Six or seven hundred thousand? No way, this cut added three or four hundred thousand?"

"Of course, it's only more, not less..."

Such discussions were everywhere; some were from connoisseurs, some from novices. But with the left and right chatter, even those who knew nothing about the trade understood one thing: that with this cut, Qin Fang had earned himself a hefty sum.

After everything had settled, both Qin Fang and Master Jieshi breathed a sigh of relief, finally letting their hearts descend from their throats.

The gamble paid off, once again it paid off.

When that hint of green appeared, Qin Fang felt as if all his strength had been drained, even lacking the strength to hold onto the grinding wheel.

As for Master Jieshi, he was naturally very happy.

His job was to do exactly this, and with this reminder and the successful bet, it was incredibly important for his personal reputation. After today, he believed more people would come to the shop to gamble on stones and seek his assistance, which naturally meant a higher income for him.

So it could be said that he and Qin Fang both got what they needed and reaped both fame and profit.

"Not bad, the quality is transparent like egg white, and this patch of green connects with the other side. Given this, the stone isn't too small; it should yield two pairs of bracelets and the leftover should be enough to carve some small decorations. Definitely a big surge, at least tripling in value. If they offer low prices, just ignore them!"

Master Jieshi examined the stone, then said to Qin Fang with a smile, his own reputation having benefited, naturally he didn't forget to reciprocate by sharing some insider information with Qin Fang.

"Tripling..."

Hearing this, Qin Fang's spirit slightly picked up.

The earlier offer was already over three hundred thousand, and tripling that meant it was over a million now... For a kid from a poor family who had recently struggled to pay a few thousand yuan for tuition, suddenly having a million yuan was overwhelming for anyone. Qin Fang staggered slightly and had to lean against the stone-cutting machine to regain his composure.

"Haha, Fourth Brother has really made a splash this time..."

At this point, the dormitory brothers had all returned, each one with an excited look, and of course, some envy. Especially Shen Yang and Xi Xiaojun, who seemed somewhat sour.

Xi Xiaojun, who had spent the same amount of money as Qin Fang, saw Qin Fang unveil two pieces of jade, with the latter seeing an even bigger surge in value. It was impossible for him not to feel envious.

As for Shen Yang, there was even less need to mention it. Although Xiao Nan shared half the cost, in the end, it was still five times the investment of Qin Fang's piece, and it all went down the drain.

Although Xiao Nan offered to pay by himself, Shen Yang was still involved and insisted on paying a part of it, which still amounted to more than what Qin Fang had invested, yet the result was still a tragedy.

"Are you okay? Do you need to rest a bit?"

Xiao Nan was rather calm, having seen too many similar situations, so he didn't care too much. He gently patted Qin Fang's shoulder, then noticed that his back was already soaked with cold sweat. This showed just how tense Qin Fang had been, not any less than anyone else present, even though he had appeared very calm on the surface.

"Huff huff, I need to rest for a bit..."

Qin Fang was really out of strength at this moment, the grinder in his hand also dropped to the ground, and he could only lean on the jade cutting machine, which prevented him from sitting down on the ground directly.

The pressure was simply too great, and the sudden windfall really overwhelmed him.

"Take a break, take a break, there's still the auction later!"

The brothers understood Qin Fang's feelings quite well; if they were in his shoes, they probably wouldn't fare any better than Qin Fang, so they supported him and took him aside to sit down and rest.

By that time, the jade merchants needed to step forward to carefully appraise the now fully revealed piece of jade raw material.

"Hmm, the quality of the jade is good, indeed it is 'egg white'..."

As professionals, these jade merchants were able to confirm the Master Jieshi's conclusion with such a close inspection; the quality of the jade was beyond question.

As for how much jade could be extracted from this piece of raw material, they were roughly able to estimate it.

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While the jade merchants were appraising the piece, besides Shen Yang, the others surrounded Qin Fang.

"Fourth Brother, what do you say about this piece? Are you planning to sell it directly, or...?"

Xiao Nan deeply understood Qin Fang's emotions at the moment. He had heard Master Jieshi's remarks from the side, and the value of this piece was at least over a million. He also knew a bit about Qin Fang's situation. Suddenly receiving a million from the sky, indeed, it was a bit too much to take in at once.

"Sell it! There's no use for me to keep this piece, besides... it's not safe!"

Qin Fang took a deep breath to calm himself and glanced casually at the crowd of onlookers. Many eyes were staring at him, filled with envy or jealousy, and perhaps there were some who harbored crooked thoughts.

He was just a poor student who couldn't compare with a rich second generation like Xiao Nan. Carrying a million with him, he would probably not even dare to sleep too soundly, fearing someone might take advantage of him while he slept and rob him.

"The young brother is right, this piece should be sold off quickly, getting the money into one's own pocket sooner..."

While the two were talking, a fatty quietly approached and started to join in the conversation, "Young brother, we are old acquaintances, sell me this piece, and I will give you a fair price. How about this number?"

Thankfully, this person was an acquaintance, the same jade merchant who had previously bought Qin Fang's other piece for thirty thousand. He secretly came over to Qin Fang's side, picked up the thread of the conversation, and began negotiating with Qin Fang, gesturing with two fingers, indicating an "eight."

"Eight hundred thousand?"

Seeing such an offer, if it had been earlier, Qin Fang might indeed have agreed, but now... not even a million would get Qin Fang to open his mouth.

Qin Fang just smiled faintly, did not speak, and even slightly closed his eyes, resembling an old monk deep in meditation, quite having the air of someone calmly biding his time.

"Boss Chen, you want to buy this piece for eight hundred thousand... Tsk tsk! That price is really too low!"

There was no need for Qin Fang to speak up as naturally someone else would criticize this would-be friend, and not just one person. The few jade merchants who had finished appraising the stone had now come over, all reproaching Boss Chen for being too unscrupulous.

"Young brother, sell this piece to me, I'll offer one million!"

Just after criticizing Boss Chen, this jade merchant immediately made a bid, raising the price by two hundred thousand, which was a hefty slap in the face for Boss Chen.

Boss Chen, the fatty, immediately turned shades of red and green, with eyes that seemed about to shoot out fire, clearly very annoyed with the one who had humiliated him.

"Boss Li, stop fucking causing trouble!"

Chen Pangzi was not someone to back down just like that, immediately getting ready to engage in a physical altercation.

"Who's causing trouble? Fair trade, honesty to all ages, I'm a legitimate businessman and I never engage in scamming people, unlike some heartless people..."

Though smaller in frame, Boss Li took a step back when he saw the well-girthed Boss Chen ready to become aggressive. Yet, his words remained sharp as ever.

However, he didn't continue to name names, instead opted for veiled criticism, and of course, everyone knew whom he was referring to.

These two seemed to be business rivals, and their feud was not superficial. Their words were highly charged, and if it wasn't for the considerations regarding their status and the dozens of onlookers, the two might have rolled up their sleeves and come to blows right there.

The other jade merchants, however, watched the fight from the sidelines, remaining silent without taking sides, just coldly observing with the hope that these two would go all out against each other and end up in the hospital with serious injuries, which would mean two fewer competitors to drive up prices.

"Stop, stop, stop...Everyone quiet down, if you keep arguing, I won't sell this piece to either of you!"

Seeing the two becoming more intractable, Qin Fang couldn't sit idly by any longer. He immediately roared at the two men, even resorting to a bit of unconventional means.

"Hmph~~"

"Hmph!!"

This tactic proved quite effective; after all, no one wants to argue with money. They were quarreling only to buy the piece from Qin Fang's hands, but if Qin Fang cut them out from the deal, such bickering would bring no good, on the contrary, only endless trouble..