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Chapter 177 - Quality of Raw Material 6_1

Li Feng, who was somewhere convalescing, was unknowingly shot in the back by Qin Fang. Ning Yumo had been concerned about the men in black, but due to Qin Fang's misleading information, unfortunately, fixed her attention on Li Feng.

However, this was not Qin Fang's main concern at the moment. At least the threat from Li Feng had been temporarily removed, and with Ning Yumo watching over the men in black, they wouldn't get to him anytime soon.

What Qin Fang really wanted now was to get some money quickly; he didn't want Chen Jiangnan to have a stranglehold on him.

"Sigh, it seems that gambling on stones is the only way..."

After some thought, Qin Fang seemed to really have no other choice. Gambling on stones was the quickest way to make money, even though he was very reluctant to do so.

"I wonder what level of detail the Intermediate Detection Skill will provide when scouting those raw stone materials?"

Of course, the current Qin Fang was completely different from the first time he gambled on stones. His biggest reliance, the Scouting Skill, had been upgraded a notch to Intermediate Detection, which provided much more detailed results.

This time, Qin Fang didn't bring anyone else along. Too many hands spoil the broth, and he didn't want to attract more trouble, so he just borrowed Xiao Nan's car and went to the downtown area alone.

"You're here, sir! Please come in!"

Truth be told, even though Qin Fang had only been to Bizarre Stone Archway twice, the shop assistant recognized him. After all, it was rare for Bizarre Stone Archway to see jades worth over a million yuan emerge each month. These few occurrences were not hard for the assistants to remember.

"You're busy. I'll pick the materials myself..."

Qin Fang casually handed a banknote with Mao Zedong's portrait to the assistant. Although it made him wince a little, the chance of making the money back was promising, so there was no need to rush.

As before, Bizarre Stone Archway always had thousands of raw jade materials in stock. Nearly every month, a significant number was sold, but they were quickly replenished.

There were quite a few people in the yard selecting materials, just like before. Many were speaking confidently as if they had a point. Discreetly, Qin Fang cast his Scouting Skill.

"A raw jade material without any value to speak of..."

Clearly, this piece of material had nothing inside. Anyone who bought it would surely fail. Qin Fang simply left right away.

However, Qin Fang was somewhat frustrated to find that the Intermediate Detection Skill hadn't brought him any surprises, and its assessment was almost the same as the previous "raw stone without any jade".

"No, it seems I need to find a raw material that can yield jade to investigate properly..."

Qin Fang did not lose heart because of this. He quickly identified the root of the problem and started selecting from the piles of raw materials.

"A raw jade material without any value to speak of..."

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"A raw jade material of slight value. It contains jade. Size 4. Quality 2..."

After scouting many materials, the majority were of no value, until he finally found one that satisfied him.

"The scouting results really have improved a lot..."

This result was much clearer than before. He wasn't too sure what the "of slight value" prefix meant just yet, but additional information about size and quality had been provided, complete with numerical values for reference.

Although one couldn't say the scouting results were extremely clear, they were definitely a significant improvement from before.

"Keep going..."

Qin Fang didn't pause but saved the number of the piece of raw material on his phone, along with its size and quality, planning to compare it with others he might select later. This would allow for a more intuitive result.

"A raw jade material without any value to speak of..."

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"A raw jade material without any value to speak of..."

"A raw jade material of slight value. It contains jade. Size 3. Quality 3..."

"A raw jade material without any value to speak of..."

"A raw jade material without any value to speak of..."

"A valuable raw jade material. It contains jade. Size 2. Quality 6..."

As he continued scouring, unjadeable raw materials still dominated his findings, but he quickly selected several pieces containing jade, particularly one with a quality of 6, which caught his attention despite seeming to lack in size.

"I wonder what kind of jade water could come from a quality 6 material?"

Upon seeing the piece of material, Qin Fang stopped in his tracks, silently calculating in his mind.

"Young man, you like this piece of material too?"

Someone spoke up just as Qin Fang paused.

"It seems to be pretty good..."

He looked at the other party, a man who appeared to be in his 60s. Remarkably spirited and with bright, penetrating eyes, he seemed much healthier than the average elderly person.

"Since even you said so, this old man won't stand on ceremony..." The elder immediately smiled, waved to a clerk at the Bizarre Stone Archway not far away, and bought the piece of material directly.

"Hiss~~~ Two hundred thousand!"

Qin Fang had been so focused on assessing the quality of the material that he hadn't noticed the price. The whole piece was roughly the size of a grinding wheel, indeed priced at two hundred thousand, clearly indicating that even Bizarre Stone Archway valued its appeal highly.

"Are you planning to have the stone cut right here, sir?"

While Qin Fang was taken aback, the transaction had been completed on the other side. The elder now owned the material. Although Qin Fang felt it was a bit of a pity, he couldn't afford the price for the material and didn't feel regretful about it.

"Of course, this old skeleton doesn't have the energy for such physical work anymore!"

The elder laughed, appearing very friendly toward Qin Fang, "Shall we watch together?"

"Let's go take a look; I'd like to see if my judgment is accurate..." Qin Fang nodded, a typical reaction amongst stone gamblers.

"Time to cut the stone, time to cut the stone!"

It wasn't a weekend and there weren't many people gambling on stones at Bizarre Stone Archway, but the clerk's call still gathered quite a few onlookers.

"Young man, is this piece also yours?"

Master Jieshi, who was the same person that had cut the stone for Qin Fang last time, recognized him immediately with a chuckle.

"I was quite impressed with this piece, but alas, this gentleman here beat me to it. I just came to see, and to test my own eye for quality."

Qin Fang smiled and shook his head, not expecting his casual visit would cause such a misunderstanding.

"Do you guys know each other?"

The elder looked at Qin Fang and Master Jieshi in surprise.

"Half a month ago, this young man cut open two pieces of jadeite, one of which sold for a high price of 1.4 million. I was the one who assisted him!"

Master Jieshi did not mind bragging a little on Qin Fang's behalf. It was that piece of material that had made his reputation soar, especially since his judgment on that second cut was so incredibly precise, leaving many in awe.

"Master, you flatter me too much. That was just a bit of luck on my part!"

Qin Fang said modestly. The Master Jieshi had indeed been a great help in selling that second piece for such a high price. Though it was mutually beneficial, being praised like that made Qin Fang a bit embarrassed.

"Now I'm really excited. A young man's judgment can't be poor..."

Hearing what Master Jieshi said, the elder seemed very delighted and quickly arranged for his staff to start cutting the stone.

The grinding wheel started up, and Master Jieshi was a very skilled veteran with ample experience and precise judgment. There was no need for Qin Fang or the elder to interject; they just had to quietly await the outcome.

"Young man, may I ask your surname?"

It seemed the elder was not in a hurry to see what kind of jade could be cut out of the stone, instead he took a keen interest in Qin Fang and asked.

"My surname is Qin, Qin Fang, and, sir, you are..."

Qin Fang replied politely, naturally also asking the elder for his name in return.

"I am Cai, Cai Pingyuan."

The elder also introduced himself, paying particular attention to Qin Fang's reaction as he stated his own name.

"Master Cai, a pleasure to meet you!"

Qin Fang clearly hadn't heard this name before and simply greeted him politely, showing no sign of recognition on his face.

"Pleased to meet you too, Xiao Qin."

Cai Pingyuan responded with a gentle nod of acknowledgment.

"It's risen, it's risen..."

At that moment, the material was cut to the right spot and someone suddenly called out, drawing the attention of Qin Fang and Cai Pingyuan.

"Ice type! It looks like it's ice type!"

Not just that, but some keen-eyed people who were closer started exclaiming as well.

"Ice type?"

Upon hearing this, Qin Fang's expression changed slightly. Since his last stone gambling experience, he had done some research online about jadeite and knew a bit about this type as well.

Ice type is considered high-quality in jadeite, just a notch below Imperial Green and Glass types. If it's very pure, it could be worth three to five million. Even a slightly inferior piece would be far more valuable than the Bean type material he had sold last time.

As soon as it was announced that ice type was found, the crowd began to buzz with conversation, voices getting louder.

"Stop the noise, it's an ice waxy type material..."

Master Jieshi, a bit annoyed by the idle chatter of the crowd, washed the cut surface with distilled water, examined it carefully, and confirmed that it was not ice type but ice waxy type, slightly reducing its value.