

Genius 180

Chapter 180: Another Million-Dollar Jade_1

Just as Zhu Pangzi had said, his warehouse was indeed relatively secure.

The warehouse was mainly used for storing some expensive construction materials, such as cables, valves, and various electrical components. According to him, the items in the warehouse were worth millions. If they were to be stolen, his company wouldn't be crippled, but it would definitely make him feel as if he were coughing up blood.

However, not only was there a dedicated person guarding the entrance of the warehouse, but the monitoring measures were also very much in place.

The four security guards at the door were all ex-military men hired by Zhu Pangzi, and their characters were without question. Moreover, Zhu Pangzi, who was known for being stingy, actually offered them a very decent salary. After all, he highly valued this warehouse, and it was one of the select few places he was willing to invest in.

As for Qin Fang, he wouldn't mind such things. Although he didn't possess a lot of items, the value of his items might not be that much less expensive than those in Zhu Pangzi's warehouse.

"Is Young Master Qin satisfied?"

After Qin Fang did a brief inspection, Zhu Pangzi had someone specially clean out a small room that could be used exclusively for storing Qin Fang's jade raw materials, then he cautiously asked.

"It's passable!"

Qin Fang didn't give a full compliment, but it was fair to say he was satisfied. After all, those pieces of material would only be stored here for a few days. Once the specialized vault in his cabin was ready, there would be no need for all this trouble.

"That'll do, that'll do... Get some people over here to help move the stuff inside!"

With that comment, Zhu Pangzi was quite satisfied and immediately directed people to carry those pieces of raw material inside.

"Wait, leave this piece for me... Get me a grinder."

When people were moving the raw material piece rated as a 5 in quality and 4 in size, Qin Fang especially called out.

"Fangfang, are you going to cut the stone here?"

As soon as Tang Feifei heard Qin Fang's remark, her interest was immediately piqued.

Not just her, Xiao Muxue, Zhu Pangzi, and Mouse Qiang were all revved up. As for the workers who were helping, they were naturally cleared out; if word were to get out, there was no guarantee that no one would get any crooked ideas.

"Yeah, let's give it a try. I have high hopes for this piece!"

Qin Fang nodded. After much thought, he still decided to cut this piece of raw material, as it really could yield a jade worth millions. If it were lost by accident, he would truly be devastated.

Even if Zhu Pangzi was willing to compensate, could Qin Fang claim that there was a million-dollar jade within this stone? With stone gambling, as long as the stone isn't cut open, no one can guarantee that there's definitely jade inside.

Zhu Pangzi was in construction, so grinders were plentiful for him. Qin Fang could even find all sorts of tools in the tool room, basically making stone cutting here not a problem at all.

"Everyone, step back a bit, be careful of getting splashed..."

Qin Fang wasn't worried about getting splashed; such a minor injury was negligible for him. But it was different for the others, particularly the two beauties who were wearing skirts. If their exposed skin got splashed, they could accidentally get a scar, which wouldn't be pretty.

Fortunately, although the two beauties really wanted to know if this piece of raw material contained jade, they stayed far away for their beauty's sake and only watched once they were sure they were safe.

As for Mouse Qiang and Zhu Pangzi, they didn't care at all. Men naturally wouldn't mind this sort of thing, and they even thought about stepping in to help if Qin Fang ran out of strength.

However, obviously, Qin Fang didn't need their help. With Strength +10 and Stamina +10, compared to when he used to cycle to Baiyu Lake and had to continuously eat baozi to replenish his strength, he was now much better off.

Whirr whirr whirr whirr~~~

The grinder emitted a piercing noise, and the two beauties, who were standing far away, covered their ears, obviously not fond of the sound. However, they silently watched as Qin Fang slowly wore away the stone skin of the raw material.

Scrubbing a stone is an exciting task, and only Qin Fang was willing to take his time with it. Others might have cut straight through the middle rather than slowly scrubbing as he did.

However, Qin Fang was strong and patient. Moreover, he kept using his Scouting Skill to detect any trace of jade, stopping the cutting immediately upon discovery, then patiently scrubbing away bit by bit.

Crack~~

With that sound, Qin Fang scraped off a piece of the stone skin, revealing a cut surface of the raw material. Several pairs of eyes immediately darted over, as if trying to spot traces of jade on that dust-covered cross-section.

"Is there any? Is there any?"

Zhu Pangzi was corpulent and couldn't clearly see if anything had emerged, so he immediately asked Mouse Qiang beside him.

"Don't worry, Young Master Qin hasn't spoken yet!"

Mouse Qiang didn't understand stone gambling either; when he saw Qin Fang suddenly stop, he widened his eyes to look, but the cross-section still looked the same as before. Other than the stone's patterns being clearer, there seemed to be nothing unusual.

Whirr whirr whirr whirr~~~

Sure enough, just as Mouse Qiang finished speaking, Qin Fang started the grinder again to continue scrubbing the stone. Mouse Qiang instantly felt that his judgment was quite wise, and couldn't help feeling a bit smug.

"Brother Mouse, you really are incredible..."

Unable to hold back his admiration, Zhu Fatty gave Mouse Qiang a thumbs up, which made Mouse Qiang somewhat smug and pleased with himself. Fortunately, with Qin Fang present, he didn't let things get too out of hand.

"No more nonsense, keep watching..."

Seeing a glance from Qin Fang, Mouse Qiang immediately slapped Zhu Fatty and scolded him quietly; then they continued their inspection.

Having already cut away a section of the stone's skin, a quarter of the material had been removed. Qin Fang didn't dare to be careless anymore and could only continue to rub it slowly.

But as the grinding wheel kept moving forward, and more of the stone's skin fell off, they still hadn't seen any sign of jade, making Mouse Qiang and Zhu Fatty unable to resist thinking that perhaps this piece was a lost cause.

However, seeing Qin Fang still earnestly rubbing the stone, they dared not voice their thoughts; to do so would undoubtedly offend Qin Fang, which was not what they wished for.

Crack~~

With another sound like that, Qin Fang suddenly turned off the grinder in his hand and pulled back from the stone surface, simultaneously exhaling softly.

When Mouse Qiang and Zhu Fatty heard Qin Fang's sigh, they immediately perked up, widened their eyes, and leaned in to look at the cut face.

"It's there, it's really there, there's green..."

Mouse Qiang truly saw it clearly this time: that streak of green was exceptionally vivid against the surrounding stone surface. He immediately started shouting excitedly.

"It's really there!"

Zhu Fatty also took a glance and, naturally, noticed the green streak as well. First, he was surprised, and then he, too, began to shout, the process just too thrilling.

One moment there was nothing, even leading to some disappointment, but in the next moment, that streak of green suddenly appeared, so clear, it was very surprising.

"It's there?"

Tang Feifei and Xiao Muxue heard these words and were also slightly stunned. Although they had both hoped to see jade emerge, when it actually did, they couldn't help but freeze for a while before rushing over, vying to see how the jade had appeared.

"It's really turned out green... It's beautiful!"

Upon seeing that streak of green, the two women couldn't help but exclaim in admiration, their eyes reflecting the green color. However, it was obvious that the piece of jade did not belong to them.

"Ice glutinous variety?"

Compared to the few rookies experiencing jade cutting for the first time, and seeing green at that, Qin Fang was much calmer. He rinsed the cut face with water and examined the type of the material, and he was momentarily stunned.

The material was between transparent and opaque, having a sticky-rice-like feel to it—clearly of the ice glutinous variety. In terms of purity, it was slightly inferior to Cai Pingyuan's piece, but it was indeed ice glutinous, far better than the bean variety Qin Fang had uncovered last time.

"Fangfang, how is this jade? Is it good? How does it compare to the last piece?"

Seeing Qin Fang's strange expression, Tang Feifei asked cautiously.

"The quality is better than last time's. If the whole piece is as big as the last one, its value could be between one and a half to two million, or even higher..."

Thump~~

Mouse Qiang fell on his butt on the ground, or more precisely, it was Zhu Fatty who fell to the ground, dragging Mouse Qiang down with him.

"Qin... Young Master Qin, just this small piece... it's worth 2 million?"

Zhu Fatty asked tremulously, obviously not quite believing it.

"The whole piece hasn't been fully revealed yet, so it's not easy to say for now. But just for this window alone, it would be worth at least thirty thousand if put on the market... If the entire piece comes out with the same quality, selling for two million is definitely within the realm of possibility!"

Qin Fang spoke the truth; judging by the size of Cai Pingyuan's piece, his material which was four times larger should be about the same size as the last one. Since this material was of a better type, the price would naturally be higher.

The last piece was sold for the high price of one million four hundred thousand, which was partly due to Lin Yuan's bid exceeding others' psychological limit. But this material was obviously even better, and selling for two million was indeed very likely.

Of course, even if it didn't reach that level, it wouldn't be far off...

"Tsk tsk, the money comes so quickly..."

Hearing Qin Fang put it that way, Zhu Fatty's shifty little eyes immediately lit up, as if he saw a mountain of gold.