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Chapter 274 - Jade and Stone Trading Market_1

Perhaps because my spirit has not fully recovered, I made a lot of mess yesterday, and the manuscript seems quite chaotic. Nine Fingers hereby apologizes profoundly! I am currently adjusting, and I will recover soon. I will find time to revise the manuscripts of these past few days.

I hope all my book friends will continue to support me! Many thanks to you all!!

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Three days' time actually isn't all that long, and they passed by quickly.

Qin Fang's days were quite leisurely and comfortable, mainly spent playing around the area of Shenzhou. In the meanwhile, Xiao Nan called Qin Fang, as he recently had some family matters and couldn't get away, expressing his apologies to Qin Fang.

Qin Fang didn't mind this at all. After all, having a beauty for companionship was already enough for him. Having Xiao Nan along would just be adding a third wheel!

Miao Yue, who had already gotten used to the role of a lover, left early. Qiao Zhenfei had connected her through friends to the role of the second female lead in a big-budget movie, so she went to the film set ahead of time.

The lithium battery industry seminar was only a few days away. Chen Jiangnan was still in Japan, but he had already made initial contacts with several lithium battery manufacturers with very positive responses, and currently, six of the world's top ten lithium battery manufacturers had expressed intentions to partner.

Of course, the decision of to whom to sell this set of research findings ultimately rested with Qin Fang. Even Chen Jiangnan didn't have much say in it.

But before that, Qin Fang still had some free time, like accompanying Qiao Zhenfei to Guangfeng.

Guangfeng is the capital of Southern Guangdong Province, the center of politics, economy, and culture, and also one of Dragon Country's top ten cities of luxury. It was historically the largest trading port, a world-famous port city, and one of the starting points of the Maritime Silk Road.

In the rapidly developing economy of today, Guangfeng remains a leading prosperous metropolis in the nation. Even Jiangnan Province, with an economic level not inferior to that of Southern Guangdong Province, has its capital Ninghai lagging behind Guangfeng in terms of prosperity.

Qin Fang followed Qiao Zhenfei to Guangfeng for its jade trading market, touted as the largest in Guangfeng and also the biggest in the South China region.

Zhang Yuliang didn't join them, as he had no interest in jade stone gambling. With Southern Yue's developed economy and being the son of the local leader, he had many quick ways to make money and wasn't interested in such completely luck-based gambling activities.

In his own words, "Rather than gamble blindly on this, I might as well go and place a big bet in Macau!"

Of course, one couldn't say his perspective was wrong.

Ordinary people without any understanding of jade stone gambling who rashly enter the industry often lose everything—which is quite normal. But for those in the know, it's not necessarily impossible to make money.

At least Qin Fang and Qiao Zhenfei didn't think of themselves as people purely relying on luck.

Qiao Zhenfei counted on his eyesight and judgment, and Qin Fang relied on his Intermediate Appraisal Skill.

"Brother Fei, how much capital are you planning to invest this time?"

Although Qiao Zhenfei joked about going all-in with his fortune that night, nobody took it seriously.

Qiao Zhenfei had strong self-discipline, especially in terms of gambling control, which even surprised Qin Fang.

He wasn't afraid to lose or win; he had good sense of measure. Once he reached a certain point, regardless of the amount won or lost, he wouldn't continue.

The same applied to jade stone gambling. Although Qiao Zhenfei had some tricks, in the end, it still hinged on a gamble, and Qin Fang didn't think Qiao Zhenfei would take such a desperate risk.

"It should not exceed one billion..."

Qiao Zhenfei didn't hide anything, directly stating a figure.

Qin Fang nodded slightly. Qiao Zhenfei's net worth was definitely very substantial, and jade stone gambling was an extremely costly pursuit. With too little investment capital, making money would be very challenging, and one would likely face significant losses.

One billion capital sounded quite astonishing, but in terms of jade raw materials, it might not amount to much.

However, hearing this number, Xiao Muxue still could not help but be surprised, and she truly had considerable admiration for Qiao Zhenfei.

"What about you, Qin Fang?"

Qiao Zhenfei casually put the question to Qin Fang.

"I can't compare to Brother Fei's deep pockets. I'll just do my best. If I really go all out, I might invest ten million," Qin Fang said with a smile.

Compared to Ninghai, Guangfeng's jade trading market was many times larger, usually handling tens to hundreds of tons of jade every day.

And these few days just coincided with the jade trading fair, drawing a lot of sellers and even more raw materials, attracting jade businessmen from all over the country. This was also why Qiao Zhenfei came over.

As a local, Zhang Yuliang had good relations with Qiao Zhenfei, which is why he had specifically flown to Shenzhou to meet him. However, he hadn't expected to run into Qin Fang and thus casually extended the invitation.

The ten million from Qin Fang represented his entire fortune, and it was also all the capital he could muster. At least until he sold the technology of his lithium batteries, that was all Qin Fang had.

"Ten million?"

Xiao Muxue was truly astonished.

She was Qin Fang's woman, and they had known each other for a while now. On the night of their first encounter, she even stayed with Qin Fang in that cheap rental room.

Back then, Qin Fang only had a small street food stall that made a mere hundred or two each day. It was only with her help that they were able to start up Fang Feixue together.

Within just two months, Qin Fang's wealth had grown from needing to pool funds to open a shop to now being worth tens of millions. She had witnessed it all, yet she was unaware that Qin Fang had already become so wealthy.

Of course, she had never been interested in Qin Fang's money, so all she felt was happiness and joy.

"Did you make it all from gambling on stones?"

Xiao Muxue still asked curiously.

She knew Qin Fang had a lot of jade rough, and she had seen with her own eyes Qin Fang making two million from a single piece of jade. So, in her calculations, ten million was merely the result of five pieces of jade.

"Not entirely..."

Qin Fang said with a smile. In fact, most of his money had come from gambling wins.

He had won five or six million betting on car races, then he directly swindled Ye Xiang out of over five million, and with his original two million and some, Qin's net worth broke through ten million.

Xiao Muxue didn't understand this, but Qiao Zhenfei knew a little bit. He had participated in that gambling event himself and had witnessed the whole process of Qin Fang's dramatic turnaround.

"An investment of ten million... seems a bit small!"

Qiao Zhenfei commented casually from the side. Though he was into gambling on stones, aside from enjoying the thrill, he was also in it to make money. Why would he engage in something that would result in pure losses?

An investment of one hundred million, buying a large batch of rough, probably meant he would only pick a few for cutting, while the rest would be hoarded and await appreciation.

"That's all I have. If I lose it, I might as well jump off a building..."

Qin Fang wasn't concerned about it. What Qiao Zhenfei said was true, an investment of ten million could truly result in a total loss.

Of course, that applied to the average person, not to Qin Fang.

With the same investment of ten million, others might lose everything, but Qin definitely could increase his profits by at least three times or even more...

How many times he could multiply his investment would depend on the situation of the jade trade market.

"Jump off a building? Cut the crap. If you do lose money, brother, I'll take you to Macau to play, and you'll quickly earn it back..." Qiao Zhenfei said jokingly, though he knew Qin Fang was being facetious.

"Let's not. I'm not one for thrills; I can't handle too much stimulation!"

Qin Fang politely declined. Clearly, Qiao Zhenfei also suspected that Qin Fang had manipulated the game during that gambling event, and even that Qin Fang might be versed in some serious cheating techniques.

However, after reviewing the footage of the gambling event several times, not a single flaw could be spotted. Qin Fang's hands had barely touched the bottom card, making the possibility of cheating extremely slim.

But the facts proved that Qin Fang had cheated Ye Xiang, despite the complete lack of evidence. When combining the two incidents, it was obvious that Qin Fang was an expert gambler. To simply attribute his win to luck was ridiculous.

The participant is often confused, the onlooker sees clearly.

Many people noticed at the time, and many were suspicious, but somehow Qin Fang always managed to seem untrustworthy from head to toe, which was quite frustrating for him.

The jade trading market in Guangfeng was bustling with noise and excitement. As Qin Fang and his companions drove closer, they could clearly hear the shrill and piercing sound of firecrackers.

"Looks like someone hit the jackpot again?"

Qiao Zhenfei said somewhat dejectedly. Although gambling on stones was often a losing game, he had frequently bet on surges and had only experienced small increases, never a big boom.

Setting off firecrackers like this was merely a promotional tactic by the merchants.

Considering that firecrackers didn't cost much, they allowed the gamblers to gain some face. This, in turn, attracted more people to participate in gemstone gambling, and that's how the merchants made their money.

"Big surge... I wonder what kind of jadeite rough was found!"

Qin Fang said cheerfully.

Now, his confidence had grown significantly. On hand, he possessed a quality 9 piece of Imperial Green and a likely glass-type piece of quality 8. These two pieces alone made him very happy, and he was contemplating whether he should cut and sell them right there and then.

"According to the rules, only a piece with at least "ice glutinous" quality is eligible for such excitement..."

Qiao Zhenfei, having been to the market many times, knew much more than Qin.

The three got out of the car and made their way into the market together. Perhaps due to the trade fair, they found it filled with all sizes of jade rough, with a lot of people milling about. Most of them gathered around the stone-cutting sites; whenever a good piece of rough was cut, someone immediately made an offer to auction, creating a lively atmosphere.

Hearing those offered prices ranging from tens to hundreds of millions, Qin Fang inwardly remarked at how wealthy these jewelers seemed, tossing bills around as if they were nothing more than pieces of scrap paper...