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Chapter 281: Keeping a Low Profile_1

Xiao Muxue was also dumbfounded, even though she herself trusted Qin Fang's judgment the most.

"Phew~~ Finally, I haven't made a fool of myself!"

Watching as the stone's skin slowly peeled away, Qin Fang finally took a long sigh of relief.

"You weren't sure either..."

Xiao Muxue was briefly stunned by his comment, and then muttered in surprise.

"I don't have X-ray vision to see inside the stone; I could only rely on my own judgment, and luck played a big part..."

Qin Fang responded with a chuckle, half-truthful and half-joking. Xiao Muxue thought it made sense, but in reality, Qin Fang wasn't very certain himself. He could make a judgment about a good portion of it, but it was impossible to see every detail inside the stone. If there were any flaws, the value would be significantly reduced.

Thankfully, the final result satisfied Qin Fang: the jade was crystal clear with almost no flaws and of very high quality. If given to a capable jeweler, it could certainly be transformed into exceptionally exquisite jade jewelry with a hefty price tag.

"One million five hundred thousand!"

Seeing such a piece of jade fully revealed, the gemstone businessmen didn't hesitate at all, and someone immediately started bidding, directly locking onto a very high price.

"One million five hundred fifty thousand!"

However, that price was quickly exceeded.

"One million six hundred thousand!"

"One million six hundred fifty thousand..."

The bidding war escalated just like that, with each trying to outbid the other. Qin Fang had estimated the jade to be worth around two million, but not everyone was willing to spend money as lavishly as Lin Yuan, so these gemstone businessmen were quite cautious, and their bids were naturally conservative.

When the price reached one million eight hundred thousand, it basically plateaued, and everyone started to watch and wait. It seemed like their bottom line was one million eight hundred thousand, and they were unwilling to go any higher.

"One million eight hundred thousand, once..."

"One million eight hundred thousand, twice..."

"One million eight hundred thousand, thir—"

It looked like the gemstone businessmen had stopped bidding, seemingly agreeing to settle at this price.

"One million eight hundred fifty thousand!"

However, just when it seemed like this round of bidding was concluding, someone from the crowd unexpectedly called out a new bid. Although it wasn't a large increase, it had an effect akin to throwing a stone and generating ripples, making everyone turn their gazes towards him.

Without a doubt, the person who made the bid was none other than Shen Liang, Qin Fang's subordinate.

"One million eight hundred eighty thousand!"

Apparently feeling the aggressive momentum from Shen Liang, this brief alliance at the auction immediately came to an end, and people began to call out new bids.

"One million nine hundred thousand..."

"One million nine hundred twenty thousand..."

"One million nine hundred fifty thousand..."

"Two million!"

Perhaps because more people were participating, or maybe many were quite optimistic about this piece, the price quickly broke through two million and finally stopped at two million and fifty thousand, which was the final bid for this piece of jade with quite good water quality.

"There's one more, what should we do? Continue to unravel?"

Qin Fang settled the account with the seller and his wallet grew significantly lighter, leaving him feeling very pleased. However, Xiao Muxue pulled Qin Fang aside and asked a very practical question.

"This..."

Qin Fang truly hesitated for a moment. The crowd, which had already been significant, hadn't dispersed after Qin Fang revealed two pieces of high-quality jade. Instead, it was growing.

"You keep an eye on this one here. If it turns out green, just keep unraveling it, then let them bid on it. Just sell it to the highest bidder..."

After pondering a moment, Qin Fang figured two pieces were conspicuous enough. If he were to unravel another dazzling piece, he would definitely attract unwanted attention. He signaled to Xiao Muxue to take charge of the situation.

"What about you?"

Xiao Muxue was slightly taken aback and asked curiously.

"I'll go check out the other pieces... Don't worry, I'll have Shen Liang stay and help you watch over things. There won't be any issues!"

Qin Fang gently patted the back of Xiao Muxue's hand to reassure her.

"Well... okay! Go take care of your business!"

Xiao Muxue hesitated only for a moment before nodding her agreement.

"Young Master Qin, the information I got is that the man with the last name Yang seems to want revenge..." It was just after Qin Fang left the crowd and had called Shen Liang over to have him stay and protect Xiao Muxue, that Shen Liang gave him this advance notice.

"He's just a small-time troublemaker, nothing to worry about..."

Qin Fang smiled. To him, that Yang Hong was nothing but a straw bag with only a few tricks up his sleeve. Qin Fang really didn't take him seriously.

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Qin Fang was no longer concerned about what kind of jade the third piece of raw material would turn out to be. With the foundation laid by the first two pieces of jade, the price of the third piece of raw material should not be too far off based on the precedent set by the first two.

At that moment, Qin Fang had already slipped away again. On the one hand, he didn't want to run into anyone he had a grudge with. After all, words like 'getting beaten up' and 'sent to the hospital' during the New Year seemed a bit unlucky. But in reality, all of this was just Qin Fang talking to himself. No one else could influence his judgment.

Jade raw material shops were still quite numerous around. Although Qin Fang no longer chose to select from Yang Hong's shop, he still had many options. By now, the entire trading market had become a sea of jade raw materials; the one thing that wasn't lacking was raw materials.

The rarest thing, however, was to carve out a significant piece of jade...

Despite the continuous sound of firecrackers, it was possible not to carve out a piece of glassy jade all day long, and if one was less fortunate, not even an icy jade would emerge.

However, Qin Fang was still very careful, and after wandering outside for a while and looking at a few hundred pieces of raw material, he actually slipped back into Yang Hong's shop. He could get an eighty percent discount here, and naturally, Qin Fang had no reason to look further afar.

Of course, that was also because after going out for a round, Qin Fang couldn't find a single piece of raw material that met his standards, which made him turn back. It seemed that the raw materials in Yang Hong's shop were more reliable.

Qin Fang still focused all his attention on these pieces of jade raw material. He had taken Xiao Muxue's little notebook and was helping record some key points while looking, as an important basis for screening.

No one else paid any attention to Qin Fang's movements. Standing here, everything felt so unfamiliar. The chances of bumping into someone known were very slim, and there was really no need to hide. Doing so would rather give off a sneaky and furtive impression.

With a brief rest during stone gambling, Qin Fang had recovered quite a bit of the physical and endurance he had depleted. He immediately started working, continuing to collect the kids who met the requirements for assistance.

Only, high-quality jade was just too rare, and perhaps among the tens of thousands of jade raw materials in the entire trading market, only one would chance upon such an opportunity.

Qin Fang watched alone for a long time, but not many names were recorded in the small notebook—just some simplistic numbers. These numbers appeared to be very chaotic. If anyone took a look, they might feel dizzy and really wouldn't be able to make anything else out.

"Hmm, this piece is not bad, quality 5..."

"This one is good too, also quality 5..."

Qin Fang began wandering around the yard piled with jade raw materials, using his identification skill rapidly. As his Proficiency increased, his physical and endurance were also being tested.

But seeing those good pieces of raw material that Qin Fang found brought a comforting joy.

However, Qin Fang didn't have the chance to keep looking because Xiao Muxue had already come over under Shen Liang's covert protection.

"Made your move?"

Seeing Xiao Muxue coming over with a bright smile on her face, Qin Fang cheerfully asked.

"Yes, just made my move... Guess how much I bought?"

Xiao Muxue nodded in response while she also couldn't help but ask playfully,

"Six hundred thousand for one batch!"

Qin Fang quoted a price casually. The third piece of material was slightly inferior to the second, but not by much, so he gave a relatively reliable price,

Of course, this was Qin Fang's conservative price. If even this price couldn't be met, Qin Fang would really start to doubt this young man's ability.

"Nope, guess again..."

But upon hearing his answer, Xiao Muxue just started to laugh and seemed very close and affectionate with Qin Fang, with a hint of coquettishness in their conversation.

"Two million two hundred thousand!"

However, while Xiao Muxue was caught off guard, Qin Fang suddenly threw out a number.

"Eh..."

Xiao Muxue was immediately stunned. She hadn't given Qin Fang any hints, and she knew Shen Liang was in the distance and didn't signal either. She had no idea how Qin Fang knew the answer.

"How did you guess that? Were you there just now?"

Xiao Muxue became genuinely curious. She grabbed Qin Fang's notebook and glanced at the messy numbers that made her head spin. Even as the initiator, she couldn't understand them.

Qin Fang shook his head. Although he had gone out and came back, he had been busy with stone gambling at that time and hadn't had the time to pay attention to the results, let alone the auction price.

"Just a guess!"

In the face of Xiao Muxue's charming and lovely face, as well as the curiosity emerging in her eyes, Qin Fang still provided a non-reason.

Everyone knew Qin Fang seemed to be hiding something, but no one pressured him for it. After all, besides Shen Liang who he could trust, everyone else here was quite a stranger to Qin Fang, even the distant Qiao Zhenfei was no exception.