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Chapter 134 Enemies Meet on a Narrow Road

Yang Hao's words made Liu Chuan a little embarrassed. He scratched his head and asked, "Is there anything a little cheaper? If I buy it for several million and there's nothing inside, wouldn't that be a huge loss?"

Yang Hao had figured out that Liu Chuan was a scoundrel, and he didn't have time to get angry with him. Pointing to the pile of rough stones that were all gambling, he said, "Brother Liu, if you want to play around, go pick a piece from the rough stones. The prices there range from five hundred to five hundred thousand."

Yang Hao glanced at the two Tibetan mastiffs lying at their feet and knew that these two men were quite wealthy. It wasn't impossible for them to spend tens of thousands of yuan to cut a few stones, which was why he deliberately befriended them.

"Five hundred dollars for a piece of broken rock? That's just hitting the jackpot, Wood, are you in or not?"

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Liu Chuan was a little undecided. Although five hundred yuan wasn't a lot, it was money he had worked hard for, not something that came out of thin air. So he wanted to ask Zhuang Rui for his opinion.

"Let's pick a few cheap ones and try our luck. Since we're here, let's bring some business to Brother Yang."

Zhuang Rui nodded. Even if there were top-quality jadeite among those semi-gambled rough stones, he couldn't afford to gamble on them. He only had a little over 100,000 yuan left, which wasn't enough to gamble on a single semi-gambled rough stone. However, these fully gambled rough stones were more interesting. If jadeite could be found in the stones worth 500 or 1,000 yuan, it would definitely be a sure thing.

As the two stood up while talking, a person walked towards them and came face to face with Zhuang Rui and Liu Chuan.

Liu Chuan recognized the man immediately; it was General Manager Xu, whom he had met at the Song Army Teahouse after the New Year. He couldn't help but exclaim, "Oh ho, it's Brother Xuwei! What a coincidence, what are you doing here?"

As Xu Wei turned to face them, he saw Zhuang Rui and his companion. He couldn't help but inwardly lament, "I've already hidden here, how could I still run into them?" He had come to Hall D partly because he was afraid Wang Kun would come back to haunt him, and partly because he wanted to see the jadeite rough stones at the exhibition.

"Oh, it's Mr. Zhuang and Mr. Liu. What a coincidence! I'm an exhibitor at this trade fair, so of course I had to come. What brings you two here?" Xu Wei encouraged Wang Kun to cause trouble for the group, feeling a little guilty himself.

"What a joke! Do you think you're the only jewelry company in the world? You can come, but we two brothers can't? Can't you see we're about to gamble on stones?"

Liu Chuan glared at Xu Wei and replied irritably, "I was in a good mood, but meeting this guy has ruined it all."

"Gambling on stones?" Xu Wei's eyes darted around. These two people were actually gambling on stones; they'd probably lose their pants. He immediately said, "Boss Liu, which rough stone have you taken a fancy to? Let me broaden my horizons."

"Are you ever going to stop? This place is so big, go see somewhere else."

Liu Chuan waved his hand impatiently. He was annoyed just looking at this guy. When he was teaching Wang Kun a lesson earlier, he saw a familiar figure in the crowd. He guessed it was this hypocrite. He had clearly seen him and Zhuang Rui, but he was pretending that he had only just noticed them.

"Hehe, we're in business, everyone who comes is a guest. Brother Liu, say less, harmony brings wealth."

Seeing that Zhuang Rui and Liu Chuan were at odds with the newcomer, Yang Hao quickly stood up to smooth things over. Liu Chuan snorted coldly and turned to walk with Zhuang Rui toward the area full of gambling stones.

Whether out of genuine ignorance or tact, Xu Wei followed behind Zhuang Rui and his companion, muttering, "These are all rough stones for full gambling. Why don't you two go check out the semi-gambled stones? The chances of finding jadeite in those are much higher. Full gambling stones are very risky."

Zhuang Rui was also getting a little annoyed. "We're not that close, why are you sticking around like this?" he thought. A thought crossed his mind. This guy was encouraging them to gamble on semi-gambled stones; he probably didn't have good intentions. But if he thought he'd fall for it, he was mistaken. Thinking this, Zhuang Rui said, "Since Mr. Xu said so, let's take a look at some semi-gambled rough stones. Mr. Xu, could you give us a brief introduction?"

Xu Wei was somewhat taken aback by Zhuang Rui's sudden change of attitude. He chuckled awkwardly and said, "I don't really know either. Let's discuss it together."

Yang Hao didn't bring many semi-rough stones this time. Apart from seven or eight smaller stones on the shelf, there were only two semi-rough stones weighing several hundred kilograms on the ground. Both of them had windows cut on one side. One of them had already turned green, so it was considered a successful gamble and the price would definitely be high. The other one was also in good condition. Judging from its python pattern and pine flower pattern, and the absence of cracks, the possibility of turning green was also very high if it was cut further.

Of the rough stones displayed on the shelf, the one Yang Hao had just taken out was the best. It had already revealed green from the edge, and the water content was good. If the inside was also like that, buying this stone for three million would basically be a sure thing.

Zhuang Rui walked to the shelf, reached out and took the semi-rough stone that Yang Hao had just picked up, took out a magnifying glass from his pocket, and squatted down to examine it. Xu Wei circled the rough stones on the shelf, but his performance was generally unimpressive. His eyes involuntarily turned to the rough stone in Zhuang Rui's hand, and he followed it over.

"Hey, hey, I'm talking to you, Mr. Xu. You're the big boss, you can't be ignorant of the rules, can you? The stones our buddies are looking at, you have to wait until we've finished looking at them, right?"

Liu Chuan's words almost made Zhuang Rui burst out laughing. This guy has a good memory; the boss just finished teaching him, and he immediately put it to use.

"You two continue, I'll just be watching from the sidelines and won't say a word. If you're interested in buying, I won't raise the price. Is that alright?" Xu Wei was quite patient and didn't get angry. He kept smiling, and Liu Chuan couldn't do anything about it.

Zhuang Rui looked at it for a while, frowned, stood up and said to Yang Hao, "Mr. Yang, can you make this stone cheaper? I just bought a car this afternoon and I don't have three million on me."

Yang Hao was stunned for a moment upon hearing this. He knew that Zhuang Rui was a novice, yet he dared to bet three million on a stone. However, after looking at Xu Wei next to him, he seemed to understand something. It turned out that these two were arguing.

"Boss Zhuang, it's not that I don't want to give you a discount, but this price was set by my elders. I can only sell it at this price; I can't make the decision myself. Besides, this rough stone is really good. Take a look with a flashlight; there's not a single white band inside. It might even turn out to be glassy jade. If it does, it could fetch more than three million, maybe even several times that."

As Yang Hao spoke, he handed Zhuang Rui a small flashlight, asking him to take a closer look, and he also changed his address from "Brother Zhuang" to "Boss".

In fact, Yang Hao himself was very optimistic about this semi-gambled rough stone. However, those who are in the jadeite rough stone business rarely cut the stone themselves. Since it had already turned out to be profitable, he would never cut it any further. This is a major taboo in the rough stone business.

Zhuang Rui did not take the flashlight that Yang Hao offered, but said somewhat dejectedly, "To be honest, Mr. Yang, I really don't have three million on hand right now. How about this, two million. If you're willing to sell, I'll take it; if not, then forget it."

Liu Chuan listened intently, blinking repeatedly. He couldn't figure out what Zhuang Rui was up to, but he knew that Zhuang Rui never spoke empty words. When he was planning to scheme against people since he was a child, he always had this serious demeanor.

"Yes, Mr. Yang, what do you think? This is a big deal. A broken stone can sell for 2 million, not bad..." Liu Chuan glanced at Xu Wei, who was staring intently at the rough stone, and had a general idea of what was going on. He started to encourage Zhuang Rui.

"Gentlemen, I only told you the bottom price because you weren't interested in buying earlier. To be honest, 3 million is the lowest price, and I can't lower it by a single penny. You two should look at other gambling materials instead."

Yang Hao was both amused and exasperated. This jadeite rough worth several million yuan was actually called a broken stone by Liu Chuan. However, what he said was true. If a knowledgeable person had asked about this rough stone, Yang Hao would have offered at least 3.5 million or 4 million yuan.

Upon hearing this, Zhuang Rui's face clearly showed disappointment. He stared at the stone for a while, shook his head, and pulled Liu Chuan, who was still haggling with Yang Hao, toward the area where all the stones were gambling stones.

"Hey you two, aren't you going to look at this rough jade anymore?"

Xu Wei's slightly smug voice came from behind, which angered Liu Chuan so much that he turned around to cause trouble, but Zhuang Rui grabbed him and dragged the cursing Liu Chuan to the area with all the gambling stones a dozen meters away.

"Tch, people from small towns are just like that. They're ignorant and stingy. They can't even come up with a few million for rough stones, yet they dare to gamble on jade." After the two walked away, Xu Wei showed a disdainful expression and said to Yang Hao beside him.

"Is this gentleman also interested in this rough jade?"

Yang Hao didn't care about their past grievances; he only cared whether you bought his raw materials.

"Okay, let me take a look first."

Xu Wei took the magnifying glass and flashlight handed to him by Yang Hao and began to examine it carefully. When he was standing next to him earlier, he had a very good opinion of this rough stone. If the green color that had been polished on the surface could be extended deeper, there might be top-quality jade inside. At the very least, he could make back his investment.

In April, there was a jade auction in Myanmar, and some major jewelers from home and abroad sent people to participate. Xu Wei was left in China by his company to participate in the Nanjing Jade Exhibition because of the mistakes he made some time ago. However, because of this, the experts in the company who were good at gambling on jade all went to Myanmar, and he now has several million yuan to purchase raw materials.

"Wood, are you trying to trick that guy into buying that stone? How do you know there won't be any jade in it?"

Liu Chuan nudged Zhuang Rui, who was examining the rough stones for gambling, and asked in a low voice.

"I don't know, I just have a bad feeling about that stone. It's like when I look at antiques, it's a sixth sense, you know?" Zhuang Rui couldn't explain it to Liu Chuan, so he simply attributed it to his feelings. Anyway, no one can really explain this kind of thing.