

Golden 135

Chapter 135 A Lucky Break (Part 1)

"Sir, is the price for this semi-rough jade stone really no lower than this?"

Xu Wei, holding a magnifying glass and a powerful flashlight, examined the object for over ten minutes before putting it down and asking Yang Hao, who was waiting nearby.

"Mr. Xu, right? I can tell you're an expert. You've already seen the quality of this semi-rough jadeite. I don't need to say more. 3 million RMB is the lowest price. If you put this in Puning or other jadeite rough markets, you definitely wouldn't be able to buy it."

Yang Hao had just heard Liu Chuan call Xu Wei's name, so he addressed him as "President Xu." He felt a little bitter. Before leaving home, his elders had instructed him to set the price of the stone at 4 million yuan, and if no one bought it, to sell it for 3 million yuan. He hadn't expected that he would set the price at 3 million yuan on the first day of the trade fair. He was sure he would be scolded when he got back.

Xu Wei mentally estimated that the jadeite revealed by the rubbed surface had a texture like egg white, was semi-transparent, and had no impurities. It should be egg white jadeite, and its color was bright and evenly distributed, undoubtedly from an old mine. As long as the green color could penetrate three centimeters, this deal would be a sure thing, with a very high probability of winning.

"Okay, I'll take this rough stone. Unlike some people who can't even come up with a few million, why are they even playing with rough stones? They might as well go home and knead mud."

Xu Wei deliberately raised his voice so that Zhuang Rui and the other man could hear him. At this moment, he was very pleased with himself. He had not only acquired a good piece of raw jade, but he could also ridicule his nemesis. It was a pity that the beauty was not there and could not see this good show.

"Damn it, this bastard deserves a beating. He's just as bad as that bastard from before. Wood, are you sure you're right? If there really is jade inside, we should have just bought it."

Upon hearing Xu Wei's words, Liu Chuan muttered angrily under his breath. He did have over three million yuan, but that was all for the later stages of the Tibetan Mastiff kennel's operations.

"Liu Chuan, don't even think about touching that money. Let me tell you, even if you're out of money for food, you can go begging on the street. You can't touch that money anymore."

Upon hearing this, Zhuang Rui straightened his face and said seriously to Liu Chuan. He knew that his brother was reckless and impulsive, and who knew when he might do something outrageous if someone provoked him.

"Hehe, I was just saying that. I won't touch a single penny of that money without your approval."

Liu Chuan is usually quite arrogant, but besides being afraid of his own father, he is also afraid of Zhuang Rui speaking with a stern face. Whenever this guy has this attitude, he must be serious, so Liu Chuan quickly tried to appease him by saying nice things.

"Alright, that mastiff kennel is our future treasure trove. We know that in our hearts. Let's pick a few stones and see what good stuff Mr. Xu can find."

Zhuang Rui glanced at Xu Wei, who was paying Yang Hao's bill in the distance, and said with a hint of schadenfreude, "I've already seen through that rough stone. The jade inside is only a thin layer at the edge, less than two centimeters thick. Although Zhuang Rui doesn't know the corresponding price of jade, he knows that such a tiny piece of jade is probably worth less than 300,000 yuan, let alone 3 million."

After Xu Wei and Yang Hao finished their transaction, Xu Wei didn't leave. He sat down and chatted with Yang Hao, wanting to see what kind of rough jade Zhuang Rui and Liu Chuan would choose. If they were cut open on the spot, he could ridicule the two of them again.

Zhuang Rui was feeling frustrated. After talking with Liu Chuan, he used his spiritual energy to examine the rough stones, which were all gambling stones. However, after examining more than ten pieces, he found that they were all filled with white crystals without a trace of green. Even the rough stone that weighed three or four hundred pounds, had some blemishes on the outside, and looked quite good, was empty inside.

"The saying 'nine out of ten gamblers lose' is absolutely true. I've looked at more than ten rough stones, and not a single one has turned into jade. If it were an expert looking at the external appearance of the rough stones, they might have bought one or two, and they would definitely have lost money.

As Zhuang Rui rummaged through the rough stones on the ground, he muttered to himself. He examined the rough stones very quickly, and in no time, he had finished looking at the more than twenty rough stones around him.

"Huh? Something seems to be there..."

Zhuang Rui stood up and was heading towards Liu Chuan when a piece of rough jade that he hadn't noticed before caught his eye. This piece of rough jade was oval-shaped, slightly smaller than a soccer ball. From the outside, it looked somewhat similar to the rough jade that he had cut into imperial green. The outside was dark, without any moss or pine flower patterns, and its appearance was not good. However, Zhuang Rui could see a hint of green inside.

Zhuang Rui quickly squatted down and examined the rough stone carefully. There was indeed jade inside, but it was only the size of a fist, and the green color wasn't very strong. The spiritual energy content was also low, and the transparency was only average. Zhuang Rui wasn't sure about the value of this jade, but he still picked up the rough stone. If Yang Hao could buy it for five hundred or a thousand yuan as he said, he definitely wouldn't lose money.

Zhuang Rui thought for a moment, then picked up a fist-sized piece of rough jade from the side before getting up and walking towards Liu Chuan. As he walked, he used his spiritual energy to distinguish the rough jade pieces under his feet, but unfortunately, none of them contained jade.

"You've picked out a piece of wood too? Damn, yours is so small, do you think it can even yield jade? Look at my piece, it's several times bigger than yours."

Liu Chuan had also made his selection and stood up, carrying a rough stone weighing about 30 to 50 kilograms. He looked a little strained, but when he saw the stone in Zhuang Rui's arms, he couldn't help but laugh and tease him.

"What good is being big?"

Zhuang Rui replied irritably, glancing at the rock in Liu Chuan's arms. What he saw shocked him so much that he almost dropped the rock.

The rough stone Liu Chuan chose, although not small in size, had a very poor appearance, and it had probably been polished. There were several obvious cracks on its surface. Experts know that if a rough stone has cracks, it's almost certainly scrap. Zhuang Rui didn't understand this; he only saw that the stone Liu Chuan held was full of vibrant green, much better than his own.

Three or four centimeters below the crack where the rough stone had been rubbed, green hues began to appear and gradually extended inwards. Although there were some white, misty crystals, in the center of the stone, there was an area about the size of the rough stone in his arms that was entirely green. Although it was slightly inferior to his own imperial green jadeite, Zhuang Rui had never seen such a large area of jadeite before, and he couldn't help but be a little distracted.

"Hey, you idiot, let me tell you, this piece of land is guaranteed to yield jade."

Seeing Zhuang Rui's absent-minded look, Liu Chuan couldn't help but say smugly.

"Damn it, this kid is even luckier than me. He got chosen from this group."

After hearing Liu Chuan's words, Zhuang Rui shifted his gaze from the rough stone to the other rough stones beside Liu Chuan, only to find that they contained nothing of value. He couldn't help but mutter to himself in disbelief.

"Boys, have you made your choice?"

Seeing Zhuang Rui and Liu Chuan each carrying a stone back to the table, Yang Hao stood up and helped Liu Chuan by placing the large stone he was carrying on the table. This made the rough stones that Xu Wei and Zhuang Rui had chosen less noticeable.

"How about it, Brother Yang? Isn't the one I chose pretty good? Look at its size, it's several times bigger than theirs, and there's definitely more jade inside."

Liu Chuan looked at the stone he had chosen with smug satisfaction, as if as long as he cut it open, jade would definitely come out.

Liu Chuan's words were quite impactful. Not only did Xu Wei burst into laughter, but Yang Hao, as well as Old Master Gu and Qin Xuanbing who had just arrived from elsewhere, couldn't help but smile. Zhuang Rui, however, cursed Liu Chuan inwardly for getting incredibly lucky.

"Oh, Old Gu, please have a seat."

Yang Hao was smiling when he saw Gu Lao and the others approaching. Although he was also momentarily dazzled by Qin Xuanbing's beauty, Yang Hao had good self-control and quickly reacted, offering his seat to Gu Lao. Even Xu Wei, who had been sitting quietly, carefully stood up as well.

"What's wrong, buddy? This stone isn't good enough? I'll buy it anyway, Brother Yang, name your price!"

Seeing the expressions on everyone's faces, Liu Chuan was furious. The stone he had carefully selected had been laughed at by them! Liu Chuan made up his mind that as long as it didn't exceed 50,000... no, 20,000 was still a bit expensive. Well... as long as it didn't exceed 5,000, he would buy it.

Upon hearing this, Yang Hao glanced at the rough stone. Strictly speaking, this rough stone should be considered a semi-gamble stone. The reason it was placed in the full-gamble stone category was because it had been cut once and its edges had been rubbed, but no green had appeared. Instead, cracks appeared, making it a complete waste. Seeing that Old Master Gu was sitting next to him, Yang Hao did not dare to make a random offer. After thinking for a moment, he said, "With Old Master Gu here, I cannot deceive you. This rough stone has been cut and its appearance is not good. Brother Liu, if you still want it, you can take it for three thousand yuan."

Liu Chuan didn't speak upon hearing this, but his eyes turned to Gu Lao. Gu Lao put on his reading glasses, slightly fiddled with the rough stone that Liu Chuan had brought to the table, and said while looking at it, "This young man is right. The chances of this rough stone yielding jade are not very high. If you want to try it out, consider the three thousand yuan as tuition."

"Liu Chuan, you're not allowed to buy it. Three thousand yuan is enough for me to buy a new outfit."

Lei Lei, standing to the side, objected. This was clearly waste material; why spend three thousand yuan on it? Wasn't that just stupid?

"Yeah, there are so many things you could do with three thousand yuan, why did you have to buy this piece of junk?" Xu Wei said gloatingly from the side.