

## Golden 139

### Chapter 139 One Strike to Heaven, One Strike to Hell (Part Two)

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"Young man, just let this security guard let us in. We're just looking around, we're not going to rob you, what are you afraid of?"

The speaker was a middle-aged man named Lao Huo. As soon as he said this, several jade merchants behind him nodded in agreement. These were all jade merchants whose businesses were not large. They were not qualified or had the funds to participate in the major jade auctions. They could only inspect rough jade at various jade exhibitions in China. When they saw that Liu Chuan had unearthed a top-quality jade, they immediately surrounded him like cats smelling fish.

"Let them in."

Zhuang Rui said to the very diligent security guards that he also wanted to see how much Liu Chuan's jade was worth. He reasoned that such a large and complete piece of jade would be quite valuable if it were carved into a work of art.

There weren't many people who truly had the financial strength and confidence to acquire this piece of jade. After the security guards let them through, only four people came in. The others, feeling that they lacked the financial resources, didn't come to join the fun.

"You rascal, put the jade on the table. Aren't you tired of carrying it like that?"

Seeing that Liu Chuan was still tightly clutching the jade in his arms, Zhuang Rui said in an annoyed tone.

"Of course I'm tired. Even if I'm tired, I'll still carry it. I'm carrying money."

Liu Chuan answered confidently, making everyone laugh. At this moment, Yang Hao was not at the table, but went into the raw material area and was negotiating prices with those who wanted to try their luck.

This phenomenon isn't limited to this trade fair; it occurs at all major jade auctions. If a jadeite merchant's rough stones yield jadeite, their stall immediately becomes much more valuable. Buyers not only want to share in the good fortune but also because the same batch of rough stones that yielded jadeite has a much higher chance of yielding more jadeite than those stalls that didn't.

Seeing Zhuang Rui let the jade merchants in, Lei Lei's expression changed slightly. She was about to go over when Qin Xuanbing grabbed her arm and shook her head slightly. This piece of jade was quite valuable, and what she had said earlier was all a joke. If Lei Lei really asked Liu Chuan for it, it would be fine if he gave it to her, but if he couldn't bear to part with it, it would definitely cast a shadow over their relationship.

"Wood, are we really going to show them?"

Liu Chuan felt like these people were staring at him like hungry wolves. Putting the jade on the table was definitely not as reassuring as holding it in his arms.

"Nonsense, if you don't show them how you're going to sell it, what are you going to do with this thing? Eat it?"

After hearing Zhuang Rui's words, Liu Chuan thought about it and agreed. He then carefully placed the jade in his arms on the table, allowing the others to examine it.

"You scoundrel, how did you choose this rough stone? Answer me honestly, don't give me that bullshit that you can feel jade inside."

Zhuang Rui was genuinely curious. This piece of rough jade was ugly and heavy. Anyone who knew about jade would stop looking at it once they saw the cracks. People who didn't know about jade generally wouldn't choose this huge piece that weighed several tens of kilograms. Why did Liu Chuan take a liking to it?

Upon hearing Zhuang Rui's question, not only Qin Xuanbing and Lei Lei's attention was drawn, but even the old man who was drinking tea, Xu Wei sitting to the side, and the jade merchants who were appraising jade all pricked up their ears, ready to hear how Liu Chuan would answer.

"Want to hear the truth?"

Liu Chuan got really worked up, which made Zhuang Rui so angry that he kicked him.

"Hehe, I spent ages looking through those stones, but couldn't find a single one I liked. Think about it, if a stone is small, the jade inside is probably small too. And those big ones weigh hundreds of pounds? I tried to lift one, but I couldn't. Finally, I picked this one; it's the perfect size, and not too tiring to hold. So I chose it.

Liu Chuan's words stunned the dozen or so people around him. They looked at each other in bewilderment, and then burst into laughter. However, the laughter contained jealousy, envy, and other connotations. There was only one sentence that everyone agreed on: "Fools are lucky."

"You little rascal, hehe, not bad, really not bad."

The old man stroked his beard with delight, and looking at Liu Chuan's smug expression, he really didn't know what to say.

"Old Gu, we've discussed it and decided to buy this piece of jade together. Do you think 18 million is a reasonable price?"

After looking at the jade for a while, the jade merchants whispered among themselves for a bit. Then, the middle-aged man named Old Huo stepped forward. Surprisingly, instead of going to Liu Chuan, the owner of the goods, he quoted a price to the old man, who was leisurely drinking tea to the side.

"You guys are planning to break this piece of jade into pieces to make cabochons and bracelets, right? Sigh, what a waste! Don't ask me about this, go ask that kid. It's his piece, so he can decide on the price as long as he feels it's right."

Gu Lao shook his head with some regret. It was indeed a pity that such an object was not carved into a decorative piece. However, these merchants did not do anything wrong from their own perspective. After all, the small items made from the broken-down object sold much better than the single large decorative piece, and their prices were not much different.

"Eighteen million!!!"

After hearing what those people said, Liu Chuan was already a bit dazed. In the past, Fatty Ma had offered a sky-high price of 40 million to buy Zhuang Rui's Tibetan Mastiff, but since the Tibetan Mastiff wasn't his own, Liu Chuan didn't feel it very strongly. Now, when he suddenly realized that he would also have nearly 20 million in assets, he finally understood how powerful that temptation was.

"Mr. Liu, Mr. Liu, please say something! Eighteen million is already a high price, and we don't actually make much profit."

Old Huo was standing in front of Liu Chuan, but Liu Chuan was behaving strangely. He looked at Old Huo without saying a word and remained noncommittal about Old Huo's offer. This made the jade merchants who were planning to jointly purchase this piece of jade feel uneasy, fearing that Liu Chuan would refuse them.

"Hmph, he's not refusing to sell, he's just so happy he's gone mad."

A sharp, penetrating female voice rang in Liu Chuan's ears, instantly waking him up. Seeing Lei Lei's frosty face not far away, Liu Chuan shuddered, immediately grabbed the jade from the table, and scurried over to Lei Lei, saying, "Leilei, I, Liu Chuan, am a man. My word is my bond. I said I'd give it to you, so here you are. Hug me."

As Liu Chuan spoke, he stuffed the jade into Lei Lei's arms. Lei Lei was caught off guard and hurriedly hugged the piece of jade, a look of emotion on her face. She did not expect that Liu Chuan would actually give her this piece of jade worth tens of millions.

"Damn it, this kid is getting more and more cunning." Only Zhuang Rui in the room guessed Liu Chuan's thoughts.

"You should carry it yourself. It's so heavy. Who will be responsible if it gets broken?"

Lei Lei returned the jade to Liu Chuan, but her face was beaming with a bright and happy smile.

"Liu Chuan, our company has purchased this jadeite for 20 million. I just contacted the head office, and they will take a flight from Hong Kong to Nanjing tonight. Could you stay another day so we can complete the transaction tomorrow?"

Just as the two, whom Zhuang Rui had labeled as adulterers, were exchanging flirtatious glances, Qin Xuanbing walked over with her phone and spoke to Liu Chuan.

Old Huo and the others nearby objected, saying, "Hey, young lady, we were the ones who chose this piece of jade first. Isn't it a bit inappropriate for you to do this?"

"This is clear material, not gambling on stones. Everyone has the right to compete. Don't think I'm ignorant just because I'm a girl. Grandpa Gu is sitting here. If you have any questions, you can ask him." Qin Xuan replied coldly. At this moment, she seemed to have returned to the way she was two months ago, making people afraid to approach her.

"I'll sell my stuff to whoever I want. You guys can go wander around. Leilei, I already said it was a gift for you. It's not appropriate to sell it now. Talking about money will hurt our feelings."

Liu Chuan first righteously refused several jade merchants, then his expression changed, and he said to Lei Lei with a grin.

"Liu Chuan, this piece of raw material is a significant deal even for our company. This isn't a dinner party or a favor; business is business. As for your relationship with Lei Lei, don't confuse it with this."

After hearing Qin Xuanbing's words, Liu Chuan also fell silent, looking troubled. Zhuang Rui, who was standing next to him, suppressed his laughter and turned his face away. This guy was just being hypocritical after getting the benefit. Zhuang Rui had noticed that when Qin Xuanbing was on the phone earlier, Liu Chuan, who was pretending to be in a daze, was actually eavesdropping on what Qin Xuanbing was saying. Liu Chuan had learned this trick of playing dumb since elementary school.

Seeing Liu Chuan's arrogant expression, Lao Huo and the other jade merchants were helpless. The goods belonged to someone else, and it was indeed their right to sell them to whomever they wanted. After all, they were all grown men, while the other party was a delicate young girl.

As the jade merchants were about to leave, looking somewhat disappointed, Liu Chuan suddenly called out, "Gentlemen, don't rush off! I'm not selling this piece of jade anymore. There's another gentleman here; his rough jade is much better than mine."

Liu Chuan had just caught a glimpse of Xu Wei and was annoyed. So he made a sarcastic remark to Xu Wei, the implication of which was clear: since both of them had found jade in their stones, why didn't Xu Wei bring out his three million yuan worth of jade to take a look?

Xu Wei was stunned for a moment upon hearing this. He hadn't expected Liu Chuan to turn the tables on him at this moment. However, after seeing Zhuang Rui and Liu Chuan extract jade from the rough stone, Xu Wei was also a little itchy. His half-gambled rough stone was performing so well, there was no reason why it couldn't be as good as Zhuang and Liu's.