

Middle Age 110

Chapter 110: Professional Guide

Qi Yun stared blankly at the light screen in front of him; unexpectedly, another piece of blue information appeared.

And it's a meteorite...

He immediately picked up his phone, opened the map, and looked for the location given in the information.

Shanshan County is more than three hundred kilometers away, and driving would take three to four hours. The area where the meteorite is located is on the edge of the desert, but it's also more than sixty kilometers from the county town.

This thing is a bit complicated to handle...

The next day.

Because he drank last night, Qi Yun woke up at more than ten o'clock.

He was the only one left in the room. Next Monday, the kindergarten would start its new term, so Zhao Qing had taken Nuannuan to register early in the morning.

He checked his phone and saw a message from Lin Yao, similarly informing him that Haoyuan's stock had hit the limit up shortly after the market opened.

Qi Yun didn't reply, instead sending a message to Shi Feng, telling him the contents of the information.

Having cooperated with him so many times, overall it was quite pleasant, and the other party had helped him out a lot, so since he knew this news, he definitely had to let him know.

Shi Feng quickly replied, "Brother, how do you know this? Is the information accurate?"

"The source is confidential, but it's definitely accurate. You just be more aware."

"Got it." Shi Feng didn't ask further, stopping there.

After putting down the phone, Qi Yun washed up simply and went to the dining table, where breakfast prepared by Zhao Qing was waiting.

As he ate breakfast, he planned his actions for the day in his mind.

After breakfast, he grabbed his car keys and left.

At the shop, Zhong Rui was cleaning as usual. Seeing Qi Yun's car pull up, he immediately came over, "Good morning, boss."

Qi Yun got out of the car and waved at him, "No need for the formalities. Do you have any plans in the next couple of days? If not, take a trip with me."

"Oh, and dress warmly."

"Got it, boss." Upon hearing this, Zhong Rui quickly put down the mop, ran upstairs to grab a down jacket, and swiftly locked the door.

After picking him up, Qi Yun turned the car around and headed to a nearby car rental service.

He had already placed an order at Shenzhou Car Rental for a Toyota Prado; with insurance and all, it cost 800 yuan a day.

To go into the desert, an off-road vehicle is necessary. His BMW 5 Series wouldn't work.

After switching cars, he went to a store that sold instruments and bought two metal detectors for finding meteorites, spending 1,800 yuan.

All preparations done, the two of them drove onto the highway.

Even though Zhong Rui was curious about why the boss was taking him, his strength is being reticent, never asking what he shouldn't.

By two o'clock in the afternoon, they finally arrived in Shanshan County. Starving, they found a local restaurant to fill their bellies.

Qi Yun ordered some stir-fried dishes and roasted meat, and the two devoured their meals.

"Aren't you curious why I brought you all the way out here?" Qi Yun asked while eating the roast meat, looking at Zhong Rui.

Hearing this, Zhong Rui paused, raised his head, and responded, "If I'm supposed to know, the boss will tell me."

Qi Yun nodded in satisfaction and smiled, "You, kid, quite sensible."

"Okay, I'll tell you. We're here to find a meteorite."

Zhong Rui's eyes lit up, "Find a meteorite?"

"Yes, after we eat, you go to the supermarket to buy some food and drinks. I'll wait here for the guide."

The location of the meteorite is said to be at the desert's edge, but that's relative. In reality, you need to go dozens of kilometers deep into the desert.

The road conditions in the desert are complex, and there's no signal, making it easy to get lost and disoriented.

So, Qi Yun was cautious and contacted a broker he met yesterday, Hong Weize, to help find a guide.

To his credit, the guy had extensive connections, quickly contacting a professional guide from Ku City and arranging for them to meet in Shanshan County Town.

After lunch, Zhong Rui left to buy supplies.

Qi Yun took the opportunity to call Zhao Qing, informing her that he might not be able to return today, so she shouldn't worry.

Not long after he hung up, a tall, sturdy Uighur man walked into the store.

There were only two tables of customers in the store. The other table was local ethnic minorities, so his gaze naturally fell on Qi Yun.

"Are you Boss Qi?" The Uighur man spoke fluent Mandarin.

Qi Yun stood up and nodded at him, "Are you Mamati?"

"Yes, Boss Qi, I'm Mamati." Mamati flashed a bright smile and came over.

The two shook hands, and Qi Yun picked up a disposable paper cup from the table, pouring him a cup of tea, "Have a seat."

Mamati sat down with a smile, sipped the tea, and asked, "Boss Qi, which area of the Kumuta Desert are we heading to?"

Qi Yun took his phone, opened the map, found the general location of the meteorite, and showed the phone screen to Mamati.

"Look, it's roughly here. I'll send the exact coordinates to your phone later."

Having discussed it over the phone earlier, the other party would drive their off-road vehicle equipped with GPS and a satellite phone, so Qi Yun didn't prepare another one; he just needed to provide the precise coordinates, and Mamati could lead him in.

Mamati stared at the phone screen for a while, furrowing his brows, "Boss Qi, I think I know this spot. Although it's at the edge of the desert, the terrain in that area is quite complex, with a lot of quicksand and dunes."

Hearing this, Qi Yun's heart tightened, "Is it dangerous to go in?"

Mamati shook his head and said slowly, "The area is not very dangerous, mainly be wary of sandstorms and the risk of getting stuck."

"However, it's not far away. Even if we get stuck, I can contact people in the county town for help, so no need to worry too much."

Qi Yun felt slightly relieved after hearing this, "That's good. With your experienced guidance, I feel much more at ease."

"By the way, other than the water and food you mentioned earlier, do we need to prepare anything else?"

Mamati thought for a moment and replied, "I have all the car repair tools; we'd better prepare some planks or sandbags. If the car gets stuck in the sand, these can be placed under the wheels to increase traction and help the car break free."

"There's nothing else we need to prepare. By the way, may I ask why Boss Qi is going there? I can estimate the return trip time."

Qi Yun chuckled and said, "To be honest, I heard from a friend that someone picked up a meteorite in that area before, so I want to try my luck."

After hearing this, Mamati nodded. Having been a guide for many bosses with all kinds of bizarre reasons, he wasn't too surprised.

"If that's the case, I suggest we leave tomorrow morning and return by afternoon, to avoid spending the night in the desert."

"No problem, I'll follow your lead." Qi Yun didn't object.