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Chapter 170: Chief Advisor

"Did you all sleep well last night?"

Zheng Feng asked with a smile.

"Mr. Zheng, should we set off now?"

Zhou Hanyun seemed reluctant to discuss this topic further and immediately asked.

"Sure! If you're ready, let's get going!"

Zheng Feng nodded and said quickly.

The group left the building, and instead of taking Yang Yan and the others directly to see the raw material processing, Zheng Feng first took them to have a simple breakfast.

Steamed buns with porridge, plus a dish of pickles, truly a perfect match that could rival soy milk and fried dough sticks.

After breakfast, it was already nearly ten in the morning.

Zheng Feng first took them to a semi-finished processing factory.

"This is the largest semi-finished processing factory in Cainan Province. Although it can't compare to the one in Jieyang, it's quite large here too."

After speaking, Zheng Feng pointed to some stones on the other side and continued:

"These are cut raw stones, with generally poor quality. It's basically confirmed that no good jade or emerald will be found from them."

After listening, Zhou Hanyun squatted down, picked up a raw stone, scrutinized it for a while, then turned and asked:

"How much would stones like this cost?"

"The price isn't fixed. If there's green seen after cutting, naturally the price will be higher. However, for jewelers like you, if you're taking them to process yourself, you'd generally buy these."

Zheng Feng pointed to another pile of raw materials of various sizes and said:

"These materials range in price from dozens to millions. Some have been windowed, while some only look good externally. It's all about having a discerning eye."

"Additionally, it depends on the size of the raw stones you want. Large ones can be made into decorations, for which the price would naturally be much higher."

"As for small jade raw materials, they generally can only be made into earrings, pendants, or ordinary ring faces. Buying them to process yourself will undoubtedly be cheaper, but you'd earn a hard-earned living."

Zhou Hanyun nodded, continued to look for a while longer, then stood up to watch the master processing emeralds.

Yang Yan remained silent, with a faint cold smile on his lips.

This Zheng Feng seemed excessively enthusiastic. Although these things were basic common knowledge, he clearly regarded both himself and Zhou Hanyun as novices.

This entire scenario seemed like fattening lambs for slaughter.

"Mr. Zheng, hold on. I need to have a word with Hanyun,"

Yang Yan abruptly said.

Zheng Feng nodded, lightly uttering two words:

"Go ahead!"

Yang Yan thanked him, then immediately pulled Zhou Hanyun aside and asked:

"Why is he so eager to tell us everything?"

Zhou Hanyun rolled her eyes at Yang Yan, as if saying:

You just realized it now?

Yang Yan looked puzzled, not understanding what Zhou Hanyun meant.

She chuckled softly, then explained:

"I hired him for a high price. Not long ago, I signed a contract with him. In the future, I'll employ him at a million-yuan annual salary, on the condition that he must reveal all the tricks of the trade to us."

"Similarly, I assure that I won't disclose them. Otherwise, who do you think can afford the hefty penalty for breach of contract?"

Realizing it suddenly, Yang Yan replied awkwardly:

"So that's how it is. Why didn't you say so earlier? No wonder he's so eager to tell us everything. I was worried there was some unspeakable conspiracy going on, but I was just overthinking it."

Zhou Hanyun almost laughed out loud upon hearing this.

She gave Yang Yan another hard glance and exclaimed:

"We need people like this if we want to enter this industry. I signed a five-year contract with him, and he'll be Zhou's Jewelry's chief consultant in the future."

Having said this, Zhou Hanyun paid no more attention to the somewhat dumbfounded Yang Yan and went back to listening to Zheng Feng's explanation.

When Zheng Feng saw Zhou Hanyun and Yang Yan return, he smiled and continued:

"In the jewelry business, of course, we hope all goods are grade A. But in recent years, with jade being hyped by international speculators and countless scoundrels entering the field, it has become more complicated. That's how all sorts of fake goods emerged."

"The so-called grade B goods are low-grade jade materials or semi-finished products processed to enhance transparency, humorously known in the industry as 'bathing jade.'"

"As for grade C, it's basically scraps processed artificially. Grade D is not even jade, not even raw materials, so it's not worth mentioning."

Yang Yan doesn't understand the current value of jade and emerald. To him, they are nothing more than yellowish materials.

However, he deeply understands jade and emerald's value in the Hidden World.

Good jade absorbs the Spiritual Qi of heaven and earth, needing long-term baptism to become a piece of jade.

Among these, across eras and through changes, special circumstances are bound to occur over the long years.

For instance, in the year Yang Yan entered the Hidden World, he had seen Fire Dragon Blood Jade.

Such an item, even when worn by ordinary people, could allow them to walk through flames.

Let alone the value it would hold in the hands of someone from the Hidden World.

"Miss Zhou, Mr. Yang, is there anything else you don't understand?"

Zheng Feng politely inquired.

"I need to know how much raw material you can supply us if we source from here."

Zhou Hanyun earnestly asked.

"Let's discuss this later! It's noon now; let's go get something to eat first,"

Zheng Feng said, winking at Zhou Hanyun.

Zhou Hanyun nodded gently:

"Alright, let's grab something to eat. My little darling is hungry too."

Secretly, Yang Yan sighed a silent sigh.

He felt like Zhou Hanyun and Zheng Feng were in some sort of a clandestine meeting.

"President Zhou, my suggestion is to avoid sourcing from here if possible. Firstly, most of the goods here are imported from Myanmar. Secondly, the quality here is indeed subpar. The good materials have long been taken by connected individuals, leaving only ordinary quality ones."

"I reviewed the proposal you showed me last night. Zhou's Jewelry intends to target the high-end market, so the quality here can't meet that demand. We must seek other avenues."

As soon as they left the processing factory, Zheng Feng seriously remarked to Zhou Hanyun.

"What's your suggestion?"

Zhou Hanyun immediately asked.

"My suggestion is to go directly to Myanmar and negotiate with them. The goods there are better, and also cheaper. However, the risk is also significant, so it depends on how President Zhou wants to approach it,"

Zheng Feng quickly shared his thoughts.

Yang Yan had to admit that Zheng Feng was indeed talented.

He has insight and expertise, providing Zhou Hanyun with the best advice while also pointing out risks.

Most importantly, this man is emotionally intelligent and doesn't presumptuously overstep his role as the boss.

It seems he just hadn't encountered the right talent scout before, otherwise, he wouldn't have ended up like this.

But as it is said, it's difficult to paint a tiger's bones, just as it is hard to know a person's heart.

At present, this guy, Zheng Feng, seems commendable; however, to truly understand his character, he'll need to be assessed over time.