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Chapter 173: If You Like It, Bid for It

"Let's sit in the third row! It's closer, easier to see what might be extraordinary about this auction."

Yang Yan, who had been silent all along, suddenly spoke up.

Upon hearing this, Zhou Hanyun nodded without thinking.

But then she paused, wondering when she had become so reliant on this guy, to the point of following his every word?

Zhou Hanyun didn't say much else, and had Zheng Feng pay an additional forty thousand US Dollars to secure seats in the third row.

There were a lot of people attending the auction today, and many were quite wealthy.

In just a short time, the first three rows were already filled with people.

Yang Yan and Zhou Hanyun, accompanied by Cai'Er, found their seats, and soon the seats around them were nearly all occupied.

Zheng Feng candidly admitted it was his first time attending such a large underground auction, especially sitting this close to the front, which made him a bit excited. He couldn't help but glance around from time to time.

"Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for attending today's auction. Due to some special reasons, we've chosen to hold it here. Although it might have taken up a lot of your time, I'm confident today's items will not disappoint any of you."

The host had barely finished speaking before someone shouted for him to cut the chit-chat and start the auction.

Once someone started, others joined in, causing a temporary chaos in the auction hall.

However, the host was clearly very experienced, calming the crowd with gestures, before continuing:

"Ladies and gentlemen, please be patient! Since you're all impatient, I won't waste any more time. On your right, you'll find the list of today's ordinary items. Please take a look."

"Next, we'll give you ten minutes to prepare your funds. The items that follow will surely interest everyone."

Once the host finished speaking, everyone hurriedly reached for the list and started flipping through it.

For a moment, the auction hall fell silent, with just the sound of pages turning and some heavy breathing.

Yang Yan picked up the list and saw various jade stones, all cut open, seemingly of high quality, with even large pieces of Imperial Green Jade among them.

Watching, Zhou Hanyun's eyes lit up instantly, her breathing slightly rapid.

Especially after her gaze fell upon that piece of Imperial Green, she was completely stunned.

A piece this large could be turned into a set of priceless jewelry.

Right now, Zhou's Jewelry needed a signature item to attract customers.

With this, once Zhou's Jewelry opens, a little strategic operation could make it an instant hit.

"So, you've set your eyes on something?"

Yang Yan turned to the daydreaming Zhou Hanyun and asked with a smile.

He had actually already noticed her staring intently at the Imperial Green Jade Raw Stone from the corner of his eye.

"This Imperial Green, I want to auction it and make it into a set of jewelry, using it for Zhou's opening to establish its name."

Zhou Hanyun cautiously said.

She deliberately lowered her voice, seemingly not wanting Zheng Feng to hear.

Coincidentally, Zheng Feng was also deeply engrossed in the items presented on the list, thus missing Yang Yang and Zhou Hanyun's conversation.

"If you like it, go ahead and bid for it, no need to worry about anything else."

Yang Yan said coolly.

Upon hearing this, Zhou Hanyun nodded gleefully.

With such a man by her side, what did she have to worry about?

As for Zheng Feng's previous reminders, she completely disregarded them.

"Alright, ladies and gentlemen, I trust you've all found something you desire. Of course, if there's nothing in this list that catches your eye, the items up for auction next will surely please everyone."

"Starting now, you have ten minutes to gather your funds. Don't let a lack of funds prevent you from getting something you fancy later; that would be a pity."

The host's voice rang out again as a ten-minute countdown suddenly appeared on the large screen.

Immediately, everyone around started making phone calls.

The battle had yet to begin, but observing everyone's eagerness, it was clear today's auction would be fiercely competitive.

"People here all have cards. Who needs to call to raise money?"

Yang Yan turned to ask Zheng Feng.

"Only cash is accepted here, and cash is accepted only in Huaxia Coins and US Dollars. Gold is acceptable too. Nothing else is accepted, or it could easily attract international police attention."

Zheng Feng immediately explained.

Upon hearing Zheng Feng's explanation, Zhou Hanyun frowned.

She wasn't familiar with the rules here, and also had no acquaintances around from whom to borrow substantial funds in such a short time.

It seemed she might miss out on her desired Imperial Green Jade Raw Stone.

"No worries, we'll discuss later. I'm curious how these people will bring the money in."

Yang Yan said with a smile.

"Alright, I trust everyone has gathered enough funds. Next, please give us your contact information, and someone will follow up with you. Let's not delay the proceedings any longer; let's begin today's gala!"

Once the host finished speaking, a beautiful auctioneer in a purple cheongsam, appearing about thirty years old, walked onto the stage.

As she stepped on stage, an elegant etiquette lady in a red cheongsam carefully carried a tray covered with red cloth and placed it on the table.

"Next, we will start the auction for today's first item."

The beautiful auctioneer wasted no time with introductions and directly lifted the red cloth.

"Wow!"

Immediately, a wave of astonishment erupted from the audience.

"This is a complete piece of Crystal Coral, though small, it's purely natural and unprocessed. Starting price is one hundred thousand US Dollars, with increments of no less than ten thousand US Dollars per bid."

The beautiful auctioneer explained concisely.

"The seat was worth buying; such Crystal Coral is indeed rare."

Yang Yan lightly commented.

His voice was lowered, clearly speaking to Zhou Hanyun.

"Mm!"

Zhou Hanyun nodded and began inspecting the item closely.

Soon, the price of this Crystal Coral was bid up to one million US Dollars, ten times the starting price.

Seeing the fervor of these people, Zheng Feng couldn't help but shake his head with a bitter smile.

There are indeed many rich people in this world.

Though the Crystal Coral was excellent, its value above five hundred thousand US Dollars seemed excessive.

But for some reason, these individuals seemed almost manic, as if spurred by competitive spirit.

"Well, let's congratulate our guest number 170 for securing the opening bid today at one million three hundred thousand US Dollars."

The beautiful auctioneer finished speaking and began to lead the applause.

The audience was also generous with their applause.

Suddenly, Zheng Feng seemed to understand something.

The bidding was intentionally high, perhaps orchestrated to set the tone.

More precisely, it was to stir the bidders in the room, setting up for astronomical prices for the upcoming items.

"Next, allow me to present everyone with a surprise.

The beautiful auctioneer completed her sentence, and the etiquette lady beside her brought another box forward.