

Big Shot 421

Chapter 421: Goading

“Oh my God, does he want to die?”

“I’ve seen many pretty boys who rely on their looks to make a living. He just wants to show off and be liked by a rich woman!”

“This silly kid probably doesn’t even know who Mr. Gao is!”

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Of course, Ah Rao knew who Mr. Gao was. Gao Quan was originally from MY. Later on, he relied on stone gambling to make a fortune. Thanks to his money, he had become a big shot that many people did not dare to provoke.

But so what?

He actually dared to attack his employer. He was simply courting death.

Gao Quan was shocked by Ah Rao’s arrogant attitude. Then, he sneered. This young man was still young and unreliable. At this point, he still did not know how to make use of the situation. He was simply playing with fire.

The host did not expect Ah Rao to say that. The smile on his face froze for a moment before he said respectfully, “After this match ends, you can fight as you please!”

Ah Rao slowly lowered his sleeves and buttoned them up. He said very politely, “Thank you!”

That rich voice made one’s heart flutter.

Many of the women present had to admit that although they knew that this kid was acting, he was really too handsome.

Gao Quan glanced at Ah Rao coldly and said, “Hmph, I’ll be waiting for you!”

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Wang Chuan shifted uneasily to Gao Quan’s side and reminded him carefully, “Boss, actually, he’s...”

Gao Quan was already very angry. He kicked Wang Chuan in the stomach, venting all his anger on him. He said coldly, “You’re fired!”

Gao Quan looked down at Wang Chuan. A dog was useless.

Wang Chuan finally felt better. He got up from the ground and looked at Gao Quan coldly. Without saying anything, he turned around and left.

Gao Hong was originally still very angry, but when she saw that such a handsome man was actually protecting that woman, she had a strange feeling.

If he didn't open his mouth, he would really be pleasing to the eye!

Unfortunately, he followed the wrong person.

He was actually protecting a wild model without any regrets!

Ha!

When this competition was over, she wanted to see him kneeling and begging for mercy. When that happened, she would save him.

She believed that this man would definitely give himself to her.

She loved to see him kneel at her feet and beg for mercy. At that time, the expression on his face would definitely be pleasant.

At that time, this man would definitely be especially obedient and protect her like a princess.

Thinking of this, Gao Hong felt that the wound on her leg was no longer uncomfortable.

"That handsome man is in trouble. He still wants to challenge Mr. Gao. He really doesn't know his limits!"

"Qiao Nian, you're just a wild model. Stay by Mr. Lu's side obediently. Otherwise, go back and rest. Don't cause trouble here!"

"Exactly, exactly!"

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Qiao Nian frowned and asked coldly, "Who said I wasn't here to gamble on stones?"

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, the surrounding people laughed out loud.

"You think you're worthy as a wild model?"

"Wow, the little wild model is quite bold!"

"She's actually Mr. Lu's competitor. That's a good move to attract his attention."

"She looks so confident!"

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Qiao Nian ignored them and walked to the stall near the door. She pointed at the ordinary stone in the innermost area and said, "Hello, I want this one!"

The cutting master was in his fifties. Seeing Qiao Nian like this, he thought that she had been forced by those people to gamble on stones. He kindly advised, "Little girl, those people are deliberately trying to provoke you. Don't be fooled."

"Thank you, Uncle. I still want this piece. How much is it?" Qiao Nian asked, her voice softening.

“Two hundred.”

When they heard the price, everyone laughed!

Chapter 422: Fool

“This woman is really crazy.”

“I think she’s just a fool?”

“She’s treating stone gambling as a joke now.”

“Is there something wrong with her eyes? What good stuff can that ordinary stone produce?”

“She’s simply daydreaming.”

“In my opinion, she only has 200 yuan. That’s why she bought that stone and pretended to be rich!”

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Qiao Nian completely ignored their doubts. She took out two hundred yuan from her wallet and handed it to the cutter.

After the cutter checked the money, he put it into his bag and placed the raw material that Qiao Nian had bought in front of the cutter.

When some people saw that Qiao Nian was about to open the stone, they immediately lost interest and dispersed.

This was because they did not want to waste their time on a little girl. Furthermore, they still had to choose their own raw stones.

Of course, there were some who had already chosen theirs. They hugged their stones, wanting to wait until the end to cut them open.

Of course, there were also some people standing beside Qiao Nian, waiting to see her make a fool of herself.

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The cutting master’s gaze landed on Qiao Nian’s face. He asked, “Do you want to cut it at the end, or now?”

“Now,” Qiao Nian said calmly.

The cutter glanced at Qiao Nian, and a trace of sympathy flashed across his heart. This cute little girl would probably be mocked to death by these upper-class people in the future.

The cutting master called his disciple, Zhang Yong, over and handed the stone to him. “Cut it well!”

Zhang Yong was already very familiar with cutting. He drew lines on the raw stone, thinking that he would find a suitable spot to cut it later.

Gao Hong had been standing by the side the entire time. She was waiting to see Qiao Nian make a fool of herself. She sneered, "As the saying goes, if you don't listen to your elders, you'll suffer. The cutting master has already advised you so, but you still chose this raw stone! That's right. You're so poor. Of course, you can't afford good raw stones!"

Qiao Nian's gaze landed on the raw stone in Gao Hong's hand. A green color had already seeped out. It looked like good material. According to the market, this stone should be worth more than a million yuan.

Qiao Nian snorted coldly and said, "You'd better mind your own business!"

Gao Hong hadn't expected Qiao Nian to still be so stubborn. She glared at Qiao Nian, wishing she could just kill her.

She was a proud daughter of the heavens. When had she ever suffered such humiliation?

This time, she would never let Qiao Nian leave this place alive.

At this moment, Zhang Yong was about to start cutting.

Qiao Nian frowned and hurriedly shouted, "No, you can't cut it like this!"

Zhang Yong stopped what he was doing and frowned slightly. He explained patiently, "Normally, we cut this material like this."

Qiao Nian's eyes turned cold. She asked, "If all of this is top-grade jade, can you afford to compensate me?"

When Zhang Yong heard Qiao Nian's words, he couldn't help but laugh. He weighed the stone in his hand and said, "Miss, I've seen many such stones. There's no jade in here at all!"

When the surrounding people heard what Zhang Yong said, they all laughed.

"I knew it. She doesn't know anything about stone gambling at all!"

"He has already drawn the lines. She doesn't even know how to gamble on stones but she even wants to command the master to cut it!"

"If I didn't know better, I would have thought that there was imperial jade inside. If it's really imperial jade, I wouldn't hesitate to swallow this stone!"

"Did she read too many novels? She came out to embarrass herself!"

"That's most likely the case. She really thinks she's an expert in stone gambling!"

"A novel is a novel after all. She's just fooling people. She's the only one who takes it seriously."

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Qiao Nian ignored the voices of those people. She frowned, and all eyes were on this raw stone.

Chapter 423: Cutting

Qiao Nian's expression darkened. She asked, "Is it because this stone is cheap that you can cut it casually? Are you really a qualified cutter?"

A trace of impatience flashed across Zhang Yong's face as he said angrily, "It's impossible for such a cheap stone to have good jade. A layman like you shouldn't talk nonsense if you don't understand!"

Qiao Nian walked up to Zhang Yong and said coldly, "Then I'll cut it myself!"

When the others heard Qiao Nian's words, they were all stunned.

Even Lu Zhu and Qiao Yu, who had rushed over from afar, were a little surprised.

They hadn't expected Qiao Nian to know how to cut raw stones.

Ah Rao's gaze landed on Qiao Nian's face, and the corners of his lips curled up slightly. He hadn't expected the employer Brother Ah Zhou had arranged for him to be so interesting.

"Look at her. She's pretending again. She thinks she's a master!"

"Sigh, she's too good at showing off. Seeing how confident she is, I think there might be imperial green jade in here!"

"Apart from bragging, she's nothing!"

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Seeing Qiao Nian like this, Zhang Yong said angrily, "You know how to use my cutting machine?"

At this moment, the cutting master called out coldly, "Ah Yong!"

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Zhang Yong reluctantly retreated to the side.

The old master could tell that this young lady might really be capable. She might really be an expert in stone gambling. Not to mention anything else, her bodyguard did not look like an ordinary person.

Zhang Yong stood at the side and did not say anything. One had to know that even Mr. Chen had to give his master some face. He did not expect to be insulted here!

Zhang Yong said coldly, "Since you know how to cut, do it!"

Qiao Nian's gaze landed on the old master's face. She smiled gently and said politely, "Thank you!"

"Miss, you're too polite. Call me if you need anything!"

Qiao Nian nodded and calmly put on her gloves.

More and more people gathered around, looking at Qiao Nian as if they were watching a show. They were waiting for Qiao Nian to make a fool of herself in front of everyone. When she did, they would then humiliate and mock her.

Qiao Nian calmly turned on the light. As she didn't see any icy colors, she brushed the dust off the surface of the stone.

When the old master saw Qiao Nian's technique, his eyes lit up slightly. He hadn't expected Qiao Nian to use such a high-level method to cut a stone. It had to be known that usually, people who used this method would cut raw materials that were worth millions.

Zhang Yong really hadn't expected Qiao Nian to know such a cutting method, and he was also learning it.

When the others saw Qiao Nian's expression, they only felt that she was putting on an act.

Just as everyone felt that Qiao Nian was especially good at bragging and was about to leave, they saw that Qiao Nian had cut the stone.

Everyone was stunned.

God, she actually knew how to cut.

Not only that, but the others could also see the icy color on the surface of the material.

Although only a little of it was exposed, it was enough to shock everyone.

This lousy stone that cost two hundred yuan actually had ice jade?

When Gao Hong saw this, she sneered and mocked, "It's normal for there to be icy colors in this stone. I reckon it can be worth dozens of yuan!"

When Gao Hong said that, the others calmed down.

"The raw stones that were sent over today must have been brought over from the Emerald Mountains. It's only natural that they could be cut to reveal ice jade."

"That's right. Besides, there's only so little ice jade. What's so strange about it!"

"Maybe it's just a coincidence that the entire stone has this small amount of ice jade!"

"Great minds think alike. That's what I thought!"

"Let's wait and see how she acts!"

Chapter 424: Don't Underestimate Her

Qiao Nian took a closer look at the ice jade, then picked up the brush and continued to brush the shell near it.

After Qiao Nian's careful polishing, more and more of the shell fell off, and the area where the ice jade was planted gradually expanded.

Qiao Nian placed the ice jade in the water and gently rubbed the part with the ice jade. The cold sensation spread throughout her body.

That's right. That's what it felt like.

Her gamble had paid off.

The corners of Qiao Nian's lips curled up slightly. The championship was hers!

The old cutting master, who was standing at the side, had just taken a look at the ice jade when his expression changed slightly.

He had been in this business for decades. Just by looking at the water, he knew that there was jade in this stone.

Zhang Yong, who was standing at the side, also found it unbelievable.

He had never expected that that lousy stone could actually produce jadeite.

As they watched the commotion, everyone stood in confusion.

Through the big screen, they could clearly see that the stone in Qiao Nian's hand was made of jade.

Even Gao Hong, who was standing at the side, turned pale with fright.

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How, how was this possible?

That was absolutely impossible!

How could a lousy stone that cost two hundred yuan possibly produce jade?

Lu Zhu stood there calmly, his gaze on Qiao Nian's face. Seeing how serious she was, for some reason, the image of his mother suddenly appeared in his mind.

His mother looked the same when she was embroidering seriously.

Their figures gradually overlapped, and they actually looked 70 to 80% alike.

For a moment, Lu Zhu was a little dazed.

When Qiao Nian was almost done removing the shell of the stone, she prepared to open the stone with the rock shaving machine.

Qiao Nian looked carefully at the stone in her hand. She was going to start gambling now.

First, she had to determine the direction of the jade and the texture of the stone. Only then could she open it.

This time, no one dared to say anything because they seemed to have been slapped a few times just now.

At this moment, someone admitted, "From the technique that Qiao Nian used in the cutting, she's indeed an expert in stone gambling!"

"That's right. This stone has already exceeded our imagination. From the ice jade that emerged, the jade should not be bad. Now, we just want to see if she can take out the complete jade inside. I think she should have the ability!"

When Gao Hong heard others praise Qiao Nian, a trace of disdain flashed across her eyes. She said angrily, "Even if she can take out the jade, so what? How can this stone be good jade?"

Some people who were afraid of the Gao family's power quickly echoed.

"That's right. Miss Gao is right. Even if the ice jade in here is alright, this jade is only the size of a fist. Logically speaking, a jade like this probably costs only a thousand yuan!"

"That's true. It's a joke that this piece of jade can enter the top 20!"

"I think Miss Qiao can be a cutter here. Her technique is quite good!"

When Gao Hong heard the others say this, she laughed smugly.

Qiao Nian didn't take their words to heart at all. She carefully cut off the thin slices from the surface of the stone.

Qiao Nian picked up the stone. When her gaze landed on the cracked jadeite, she heaved a sigh of relief.

From the looks of it, she had probably not cut into the best jade inside. She had only cut a corner.

Moreover, she could also see the patterns inside clearly through the corners. The next time it was cut, it would be able to protect the jade inside better.

The surrounding people sighed and were so nervous that their palms were sweating. For some reason, they felt that this was even more intense than their own stone gambling.

No one noticed a man in a black suit standing at the railing on the second floor. It was none other than Mr. Chen

Chapter 425: Breathtaking

Mr. Chen raised his fingers and elegantly adjusted his glasses. He stared intently at Qiao Nian, his eyes dark and bottomless.

From the moment Qiao Nian started cutting the jadeite, he had already noticed her.

Qiao Nian's technique was very meticulous and bold. Mr. Chen was sure that Qiao Nian was already raising the stakes.

Mr. Chen's eyes narrowed slightly. He was sure that as long as there was jade in the raw stone that Qiao Nian had cut, this piece of jade would definitely increase in value. This was because she had already used the method to cut out the most perfect and complete jade with the least loss.

A bodyguard walked up to Mr. Chen and nodded slightly. "Mr. Chen, Jiang Chi's subordinates are also here!"

The coldness in Mr. Chen's eyes increased. He said indifferently, "I understand!"

"Then do they need to take precautions?"

Chen Xiansheng heaved a sigh of relief. A complicated look flashed across his eyes as he said, "Just keep an eye on Lu Zhu!"

"Understood!"

After the bodyguard left, Mr. Chen's gaze remained on Qiao Nian.

As for Qiao Nian herself, her mind was filled with thoughts of cutting raw materials, so she did not notice the gaze that was fixed on her from upstairs.

Qiao Nian's gaze gradually hardened. She had found it!

Qiao Nian followed the direction of the crack and cut it down without hesitation.

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The old master and Zhang Yong were the closest, especially Zhang Yong, who was immediately covered in sweat.

Jesus!

How was that possible?

What was that?

Zhang Yong was so frightened that he swayed.

The old master who was cutting couldn't help but exclaim, "Oh my god, it's actually glass imperial jade!"

When Zhang Yong heard his master say this, he fell to the ground in shock.

What had he just done?

He almost cut this glass imperial jade into pieces.

At the thought of this, Zhang Yong was so frightened that his back was covered in cold sweat.

At this moment, everyone was shocked!

Gao Hong was dumbfounded. When she regained her senses, her heart was in her throat.

No.

Impossible!

How could this lousy stone have glass imperial jade?

Everyone approached to take a closer look at the results.

Qiao Nian had already taken out the jadeite.

This piece of jade was about the size of her fist. Its color was very unique, and under the sunlight, it was a very beautiful emerald green.

Oh my god, this was simply the perfect imperial green of the glass species!

The reporters at the side hurriedly took out their cameras and took photos of the jadeite in Qiao Nian's hands.

This piece of jade appeared to be a different color under the flashes of the camera. It looked sun-green, but also seemed to be lake-blue.

Even if there were a few cracks on the left and right sides of this piece of jade, these scraps could still be used as decorations.

It was really a glass-type imperial green.

"Oh my god, there's really two hundred yuan worth of imperial jade!"

"No, no, it's actually a 200-dollar raw stone with imperial jade inside!"

The valuation experts at the scene came over and began calculating.

"Last year, the chairman of a company, Mr. Su, also opened a glass-type imperial jade. That piece of jade is only a quarter the size of this piece of jade. At that time, the estimated price was about 400 million yuan. Until now, it has already reached nearly 500 million yuan. Then, if you remove the corners of this imperial jade, it will be at least 1.2 billion to 2 billion yuan!"

As the expert finished speaking, his entire body trembled uncontrollably. He almost fainted!

"At that time, Mr. Su spent 200 million yuan on stone gambling for the glass imperial jade. However, Miss Qiao Nian only spent 200 yuan!"

In comparison, Mr. Su was really a fool.

Even so, everyone was still envious of Mr. Su.

But it was imperial jade!

It was the imperial jade of the glass species!

Such things were priceless.

Qiao Nian was too lucky. She had only spent 200 yuan.

Two hundred yuan!

This was too worth it!

She was so lucky!

Chapter 426: Eat Rocks!

Everyone looked at Qiao Nian enviously. They also wanted to be the lucky ones.

However, when they thought of themselves, they all fell silent.

One of them had lost all his money playing stone gambling previously, so he had sold his family's ancestral residence to fight for a chance of survival.

However, when he saw that Qiao Nian had bet two hundred yuan and received glass imperial jade, he knew that his last hope was gone. He almost fainted!

He trembled as he held onto the chair beside him, barely managing to stand.

Why?

Was God so unfair to him?

He had lost hundreds of millions of yuan in stone gambling. Why didn't the heavens give him a chance to get an imperial jade?

Gao Hong looked at the jadeite in Qiao Nian's hand in shock. She felt as if she had been slapped, and her face burned with pain.

Previously, she had been suspicious of Qiao Nian. She felt that it was impossible for her to get anything good from a raw stone that cost 200 yuan.

However, she had never expected that Qiao Nian would really open it. If that piece of jade was exchanged for money, it would be equivalent to her entire family's assets.

Why hadn't she seen the value of this stone?

She had also noticed that Qiao Nian had been staring at the stone. However, she didn't believe that there was any good jade in it, so she didn't bother to snatch it from her.

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Due to this, she had lost more than a billion yuan!

The others looked at the jade in Qiao Nian's hand with envy. This was because this piece of jade had been placed in the first display case. They had seen it as soon as they had entered, but they hadn't taken it seriously at all.

The uncut stone that they looked down on the most actually had an imperial jade. This was simply rubbing their faces against the ground!

At this moment, Zhang Yong could no longer describe his feelings. His body was trembling. He had almost cut open the imperial green jade.

If he had really cut it just now, even if it was an imperial green jade, it would have been gone!

Ah Rao glanced at the people around him, and his lips curled into a cold smile. He snapped his fingers lightly!

Everyone was shocked by this sound and turned their attention to Ah Rao.

Ah Rao said casually, "Who said that if this raw stone produced imperial jade, he would eat all the gravel!"

As soon as he said this, the onlookers' hearts rose to their throats.

Oh no, this was payback!

The person who had just said this took a few steps back silently. They wanted to leave quietly.

Ah Rao glanced over with a sharp gaze, his gaze was locked on that person's face. He said coldly, "Didn't you want to eat gravel?"

Although it was a question, it didn't sound like one.

The man's face was pale with fear, and his legs were trembling.

Qiao Nian's lips curled up slightly. She really liked Ah Rao's personality. He was someone who didn't want to be wronged at all.

She handed the imperial green jade to the old cutting master and said, "Please help me wrap it up!"

The cutting teacher held the imperial jade with trembling hands. He carefully wrapped it in a gift box and handed it to Qiao Nian.

"Thank you!"

Holding the gift box, Qiao Nian casually picked up a piece of gravel and threw it to Ah Rao. "Ah Rao!"

As if they were of the same mind, Ah Rao raised his hand and caught the gravel. His gaze landed on that person's face.

That person was so frightened that he swallowed his saliva and broke out in a cold sweat. He regretted talking big just now!

This man actually really wanted him to eat rocks!

Ah Rao walked towards the man. Seeing that he was still not coming over, a cold glint flashed across his eyes. He said angrily, "Didn't you say that you wanted to eat gravel? Come over quickly!"

In the past, Sun Zhi definitely wouldn't even have looked at Ah Rao. But now, it was different. Qiao Nian's imperial jade had instantly skyrocketed in value, and it was no longer something he could compare to.

Chapter 427: Generous

Money was the most important thing in this place. It would be easy for them to kill him with money!

Sun Zhi said fearfully, "Ah... Ah, humans can't eat rocks. If humans eat rocks, they'll die!"

Ah Rao weighed the gravel in his hand and smiled. "Alright, everything can be discussed."

When Sun Zhi heard this, he heaved a sigh of relief.

Ah Rao said lazily, "It's fine if you don't want to eat it. Then if he had to apologize to Miss Qiao now, and you he would have to call her Grandaunt ten times."

Sun Zhi...

She was trying to trample all over his face.

If he really did as Gu Rao said, those people would definitely mock him when they saw him in the future. He would have no status in the future.

Seeing that Sun Zhi looked like he had nothing to live for, Ah Rao casually said, "You're not willing to apologize, nor are you willing to call me grandaunt. That's fine. Just eat this stone!"

"I—"

Sun Zhi stood together in a daze, unable to say a word.

The people at the side looked at Sun Zhi sympathetically. They did not feel good either. They knew that this young man had humiliated them by killing Sun Zhi.

Actually, not only had Sun Zhi lost face, but they had also lost face.

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Sun Zhiting clenched his fists. He turned to look at the host for help, hoping that the host could stop Ah Rao.

Ah, the host left silently.

There was an unwritten rule in the world of stone gambling. If the more luxurious and expensive the jadeite was, the more such a person could not be provoked. Even Mr. Chen, who was standing here today, would not step forward to be the peacemaker.

Sun Zhi's heart instantly turned cold. In all his years of life, this was the first time he had been so embarrassed. His gaze landed on Qiao Nian's face, and he called out reluctantly, "Great Aunt!"

When Ah Rao heard Sun Zhi's words, he retracted his gaze in satisfaction.

At the side, cold sweat broke out on Sun Zhi's forehead. He clenched his fists and shouted again and again.

Those who hadn't mocked Qiao Nian covered their mouths and giggled.

Gao Hong was very close to Qiao Nian. Every time Sun Zhi called her grandaunt, it was as if she was calling Qiao Nian. Her face alternated between green and white.

After Sun Zhi called out five times, Qiao Nian said, "Alright, that's it!"

Sun Zhi was slightly stunned. He hadn't expected Qiao Nian to let him off just like that.

The other onlookers were also stunned.

How could someone as generous as Qiao Nian, who didn't add insult to injury, be a wild model who had relied on her body to climb up the ranks?

Sun Zhi was still feeling dizzy from anger just now, but now he was convinced. He sighed slightly and said, "Miss Qiao, I was rude just now. I was really blind to have said such words. I'm really sorry!"

Qiao Nian looked at Sun Zhi's sincere gaze and nodded slightly. This matter was over.

She was unfamiliar with this place and did not want to make enemies.

The host had a sweet smile on his face as he walked over and said, "Now, let's congratulate Miss Qiao on obtaining the glass imperial jade!"

With a faint smile on her face, Qiao Nian said politely, "Thank you."

Everyone's gaze landed on Lu Zhu, who was standing not far away.

They had originally thought that Qiao Nian was just a small model by Lu Zhu's side, and that she had come here to broaden her horizons.

However, they had never expected that Qiao Nian would become Lu Zhu's strongest opponent.

The host said sweetly, "Everyone, if you've already chosen the raw stones, please cut them. I reckon the first round's champion will be revealed soon!"

Hearing the host say this, everyone couldn't help but feel nervous.

The critical moment had arrived.

When everyone brought the raw materials they had already picked to the cutting master, they watched solemnly as the raw materials they had chosen were cut open bit by bit.

Chapter 428: Is This Considered Ostentatious?

Everyone's hearts were heavy, as if they had just entered this industry. Their palms could not help but be filled with sweat.

Of course, there were also some people who were especially depressed, because in their opinion, there was a 90% chance that Qiao Nian would get first place.

Qiao Nian had already obtained a glass-type imperial jade. If they wanted to defeat her, they would have to obtain an even larger imperial jade.

Imperial jade was rare to begin with. Getting a bigger imperial jade was even harder than winning the lottery.

Many people had long given up on getting first place and only hoped to enter the top 20.

At this moment, the cutting masters also became busy, but no one was willing to look for Zhang Yong to cut their stones.

Zhang Yong stood rooted to the ground dejectedly. He looked down at his hands. It seemed that there was no place for him in this industry anymore.

Qiao Nian's earlier action had cut off all his other routes.

Zhang Yong clenched his fists tightly. Many people felt that he was very talented in cutting raw materials. If not for Qiao Nian, he might have become a grandmaster in cutting raw materials.

Qiao Nian had ruined everything for him.

A trace of killing intent flashed across Zhang Yong's eyes.

Qiao Nian's gaze was fixed on Lu Zhu. She was so curious about what kind of jadeite Lu Zhu could find that she didn't notice Zhang Yong's gaze at all.

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At this moment, Qiao Yu walked towards Qiao Nian.

Ah Rao immediately stood beside Qiao Nian and looked at Qiao Yu warily.

Qiao Yu completely ignored Ah Rao's gaze. He walked up to Qiao Nian and asked calmly, "When did you learn how to gamble on stones?"

Qiao Nian had nothing to say to Qiao Yu. She said perfunctorily, "I was just lucky!"

Qiao Yu's eyes darkened slightly. He looked at Qiao Nian suspiciously and said, "If you're lucky, you'll get imperial jade?"

Anyway, he didn't believe it.

"What do you want?" Qiao Nian asked impatiently.

"Nian'er, you're attracting too much attention today!" Qiao Yu looked at Qiao Nian, his eyes so gentle that water could drip from them.

Nian'er?

When Qiao Nian heard this, she was slightly stunned.

If she remembered correctly, the last time Qiao Yu had called her that was on her seventh birthday.

At that time, she treated Qiao Yu as her own brother.

However, ever since that incident, they had nothing to do with each other anymore.

Ah Rao could sense the turbulent atmosphere between the two of them. If he wasn't wrong, they should be acquaintances.

With that thought, he wasn't as wary as before.

His mission was to protect Qiao Nian, not to make her cut off all social interactions.

Qiao Nian looked up at Qiao Yu and asked coldly, "You make it sound so nice, but it's just to fight for the benefits you deserve. Is that considered ostentatious?"

If she had chosen to keep a low profile like before, she probably wouldn't have survived until now.

"Now you've got an imperial jade in your possession. A lot of people have their eyes on you, and you—"

Qiao Yu had wanted to say that Qiao Nian was beautiful, but then he realized that it wasn't appropriate to say such things under such circumstances.

He pursed his lips slightly and said, "You're dressed very dazzlingly today. As the saying goes, a strong dragon can't suppress a local snake. It's better for you to go back early and not stay here!"

Qiao Nian rejected Qiao Yu's suggestion without hesitation. "Thank you for your kindness, but I still have something to do here. If I don't get the champion prize this time, I won't go back!"

Qiao Yu was slightly stunned and asked in surprise, "Why do you want that?"

"Do you live by the sea? Why do you care so much?" Qiao Nian asked.

"Nian'er, listen to me, you..." As Qiao Yu spoke, he took a step forward. Before he could finish speaking, his vision was blocked by Ah Rao.

Chapter 429: Another Imperial Jade

Ah Rao stood between Qiao Yu and Qiao Nian, protecting her behind him.

A trace of displeasure flashed across Qiao Yu's eyes, and he said coldly, "Get out of the way!"

Ah Rao did not shrink back from Qiao Yu's gaze at all. He said disapprovingly, "I'm Miss Qiao's bodyguard. Now, her safety is up to me. I'll only obey her!"

As Ah Rao spoke, he casually picked up the stone in his hand and said lazily, "It's Miss Qiao's freedom to wear whatever she likes. You have no right to interfere. Even if there's danger, I'll help her eliminate all threats!"

With that, Ah Rao turned to look at Qiao Nian, the corners of his lips curling up slightly. "It's natural for girls to like being beautiful. Besides, she should show her most perfect side!"

Qiao Nian's breathing tightened.

Oh my god.

This bodyguard was too good at flirting. Every word he said hit the nail on the head.

Qiao Nian's mood, which had darkened because of Qiao Yu, instantly brightened. She nodded and said, "You're right!"

Qiao Yu looked at the faint smile on Qiao Nian's lips and frowned again.

At this moment, the air around them froze.

The old master looked up at Qiao Yu and said, "Congratulations, Mr. Qiao. You've obtained a blood jadeite!"

Only then did the tense atmosphere ease.

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Qiao Yu put away the serious expression on his face and walked towards the old master.

Qiao Nian tilted her head to look and saw a palm-sized blood jade in the old master's hand. Its surface was smooth, and there was no trace of impurities inside. It was as red as blood.

Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows slightly.

Although this piece of blood jade was not as valuable as the imperial jade in her hand, it was definitely not less than 200 million.

Qiao Nian's gaze landed on the price of the raw stone. Thirty million.

It seemed that Qiao Yu had earned a lot this time.

Indeed, people who lived in the upper-class society more or less knew a little about stone gambling.

The host quickly congratulated him.

At this moment, the other cutters shouted, "Oh my god, another imperial green!"

When everyone heard this voice, they were all stunned.

Oh my god, there were actually two imperial jade stones this time.

Everyone hurriedly ran over. The color and size of the imperial jade was only slightly inferior to the one Qiao Nian had opened. It was considered top-grade.

Qiao Nian took a look. The price of the raw material was 20 million.

Everyone felt like they could barely breathe.

Oh my god, 20 million for imperial jade.

In the past, the price of imperial jade raw materials was at least 50 million.

It was already rare for Qiao Nian to get imperial jade for 200 yuan. Of course, 20 million yuan was also very little.

However, everyone said that Qiao Nian had relied on luck just now. Then, was that person just now also so lucky?

What was going on today?

There were actually so many experts in the world of stone gambling.

Everyone was very curious as to who had obtained the second imperial jade.

They saw a young girl pick up the imperial jade with a smile. She turned to look at the media and bowed slightly, looking elegant and gentle.

Qiao Nian's beautiful fox eyes narrowed slightly. It was Song Yue.

Hadn't she been chased away by Lu Zhu?

Unexpectedly, Song Yue was quite capable. She was actually standing here as a participant.

At this moment, Song Yue was no longer as flustered and ferocious as before. Instead, she exuded confidence and elegance.

Qiao Nian had never thought that Song Yue would really be able to get an imperial jade. It seemed that she had underestimated her.

Song Yue was really dazzling in her field of expertise.

Song Yue's eyes curved into crescents when she smiled. She looked at Qiao Nian and Lu Zhu, as if silently challenging them.

Song Yue clenched the imperial jade in her hand tightly. She wanted to regain all the face she had lost previously.

Moreover, Jiang Chi had said that he would help her.

This time, Lu Zhu and Qiao Nian were definitely going to lose!

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The moment Song Yue thought of Qiao Nian kneeling in front of her and begging for mercy, the corners of her mouth couldn't help but curl up.

Now that two pieces of imperial jade and a piece of blood jade had been opened, the atmosphere in the entire hall became serious. The other participants became more and more nervous.

Qiao Nian was very concerned about Lu Zhu now, her gaze fixed on him.

However, Lu Zhu looked very calm, as if he did not feel any pressure.

Seeing that Qiao Nian was very worried about Lu Zhu, Ah Rao said softly, "You don't have to worry about him!"

Qiao Nian looked at Ah Rao in confusion. "Are you close to him?"

Ah Rao only smiled and did not say anything.

They were from the same mother, so how could they not be familiar with each other?

Just as Qiao Nian was feeling puzzled, the master who was cutting the raw material for Lu Zhu exclaimed, "Oh my god, it's actually a glass-type blood jade! This is too rare..."

Glass-type blood jadeite.

Everyone quickly looked over and saw the cutter holding an emerald that looked like it was dripping with blood. They couldn't take their eyes off it.

This piece of jade was even more beautiful than the one Qiao Yu had just opened.

The most amazing thing was that this piece of blood jade was about the size of half a basketball.

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Everyone looked at the blood jade with envy!

"Heavens, this blood jade is really beautiful. And it's so big!"

"I think it was opened at 50 million!"

"From the looks of it, he's raised his stakes!"

"Speaking of which, it's strange. There are so many imperial jades and blood jades today!"

"Stop talking. If I can get such good glass-types, I'm willing to spend 50 million, even 100 million!"

The final conclusion given by the valuation expert was that this blood jade was worth about a billion!

Everyone gasped!

This was crazy.

Everyone's eyes turned red with envy. They watched as one person after another gambled to become billionaires.

Song Yue couldn't help but clench her fists tightly, feeling an inexplicable sense of danger.

It seemed that this competition would be very intense.

She had originally thought that she only needed to rely on Jiang Chi's suggestion to win in the end, but now it seemed that she still couldn't get first place.

At this moment, the host was very excited. She had hosted many stone gambling activities in the past, but this was the first time she had encountered so many good materials.

This time, the competition was really intense and exciting.

This was only the first round. Qiao Nian, Qiao Yu, Lu Zhu, and Song Yue had each obtained rare and precious jadeite.

Qiao Nian pursed her lips slightly. It seemed that it would be really difficult for her to obtain the Moon Goddess necklace.

Qiao Nian tilted her head to look at Ah Rao and asked in a low voice, "How long have you known him?"

"Not much. Just over twenty years!"

Qiao Nian was speechless.

More than twenty years. That's not much?

Qiao Nian sized up Ah Rao. He looked to be in his twenties. In that case, Ah Rao and Lu Zhu must have been childhood friends.

Indeed, people in high society were in the same circles.

"How long have you known Fu Hang?" Qiao Nian asked curiously.

"Only about twenty years!"

Qiao Nian fell silent. It seemed that Fu Hang hadn't hired a bodyguard at all. It just so happened that he had a brother in this industry.

When she first saw Ah Rao, she felt that his temperament was completely different from ordinary bodyguards.

He did not have that cold murderous aura, nor did he look stiff. Instead, he looked more like a rich playboy.

While Qiao Nian was thinking, the raw stones had all been cut open.

Some were happy, while others were sad.

After all, not many people were lucky enough to get good jade.

In the world of stone gambling, it was already considered good if the stone's valuation did not decrease.

So many players had spent tens of millions of yuan, but in the end, they had only obtained tens of thousands of emeralds. They couldn't even find a place to cry.

Everyone waited anxiously. An hour later, the valuation expert reported all the jadeite rankings.

This time, there were a total of 96 participants.

The first place was Qiao Nian's glass imperial jade, which was worth 1.27 billion yuan.

The second place was Lu Zhu. Although he did not get an imperial green jade, it was a large glass-type blood jade. In the end, it was valued at 930 million.

Song Yue stood at the side with a cold expression as she looked at the rankings. Her face instantly darkened, and her hands clenched involuntarily.