

The National Goddess Reborn

Chapter 13: Chapter 13: The Value of the Energy Stone

Jiang Jincheng turned around and looked at the bright sky with a faint smile. "If you neglect your duty, your salary will be deducted."

When the two security guards heard what he said, their hearts immediately jumped to their throats!

They were really conscientious on duty and did not even take a nap!

Jiang Jincheng followed Fu Xiuyuan. "You came all the way here for that stone. Now that it's been taken away, do you really not care?"

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that this stone was half his life. But was Fu Xiuyuan really willing to give up this stone now?

"Why should I care about something that's already useless?" Fu Xiuyuan narrowed his eyes, his rose-colored thin lips curling up slightly. "To No.1 Middle School."

Jiang Jincheng looked at the man's back and suddenly smirked, a hint of playfulness flashing past his phoenix eyes.

This was strange. To think that the man who was so highly regarded in the capital was actually willing to stay in Jiang City for so long.

"Ninth Master, wait for me..."

Seeing the man walk further and further away, Jiang Jincheng hurriedly chased after him.

When the two security guards heard this, their faces turned pale. They could see the fear in each other's eyes.

Ninth Master...

In the entire Jiang City, the only person who could be called 9th master was that high and mighty man in the Imperial Capital!

But why was the man here?

Not long after they left, on a banyan tree not far away, one could vaguely make out an aloof young lady with her arms crossed, leaning against a tree trunk.

It was Nian Yue.

Nian Yue narrowed her eyes as she looked at the Energy Stone in her hand. Ninth Master...

Energy Stones could only be found in the post-apocalyptic era. However, from their conversation just now, that man seemed to know something.

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It was already five in the morning when Nian Yue returned home.

The villa was quiet. However, when she went upstairs, she saw Nian Yu at the corner of the stairs.

Nian Yu was wearing a black sleeping robe and was holding a glass of water in his hand.

It looked like he had gotten up to have a drink.

Nian Yue nodded at him and went upstairs.

However, Nian Yu suddenly said from behind her, "The next time you come back so late, let Ah Yu accompany you."

The remaining memories of this body told her that Ah Yu was Nian Yue's personal bodyguard. She had only seen her once in the long time that she had been in the Nian Family.

Nian Yu's voice was cold, but she could still hear the concern in his words.

At the thought of this, Nian Yue's lips twitched. "Thank you."

Then she went upstairs.

Her room on the third floor was still in a mess. After Nian Yue came out of the shower, she sat in front of the computer and leaned against the back of the chair. Her slender fingers tapped on the table every now and then, and a cold glint flashed across her deep-set eyes.

Thinking of the man she saw today, Nian Yue turned on her computer and sent a long string of codes in.

Code was something that every post-apocalyptic human must know. It was just that she did not know if the code of the post-apocalyptic world was relevant in this world.

The computer screen had already turned black. Nian Yue's slender and fair fingers were tapping on the keyboard so fast that only a silhouette could be seen.

The code on the computer screen was still changing rapidly. Nian Yue searched for twenty minutes but still could not find what she wanted.

Nothing...

The system she hacked into did not have any information on that man.

But at that time, she clearly heard someone call him Ninth Master...

So, who was that man?

Nian Yue frowned slightly. In the end, she took out her phone and called Wang Zhizhi. "Help me check on someone..."

Wang Zhizhi was still sleeping when she was woken up by a call. She was about to throw a tantrum when she heard Nian Yue's voice. Her voice was filled with disbelief. "Nian Yue?"

"Yes." Nian Yue nodded slightly. "Find out for me and I'll help you clear the game."

Her conditions were not attractive to others.

But Wang Zhizhi was different.

No one in Jiang City could clear the game she played today.

As for her, she had been stuck at this stage for almost a week.

"Alright, deal!" Wang Zhizhi agreed readily. "Send me the item and I'll check it for you."

She was backed by the status and identity of the Wang family. It was not difficult for her to investigate someone.

"It's a deal."

Nian Yue smiled and hung up.

Wang Zhizhi had a simple personality, but her logical thinking was extremely strong. She had developed this game herself, so she probably hadn't expected it to be difficult for her.

Nian Yue's condition was akin to giving her timely help.

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The next morning, when she got up and went downstairs, she saw that the dining room was empty. Only the servants were still cleaning the living room.

"Second Mistress." Seeing Nian Yue come down, the servant said respectfully, "Your food is still in the kitchen, let me bring it over."

This servant was called Mother Liu and was an old servant of the Nian Family.

When the Host first came to the Nian Family, she was very shy. Other than sticking close to Nian Yan, she mostly talked to Mother Liu.

"Thank you, Mother Liu." Nian Yue smiled, her voice sincere.

"You're welcome. Child, why did you come back so late last night..." Aunt Liu served the food to her, her voice full of concern.

Nian Chaoyu and Wang Meiling didn't know that Nian Yue only came back at five in the morning yesterday.

Otherwise, things would have been difficult for Nian Yue.

"I went out to settle something." Nian Yue lowered her head and ate her food, not continuing to explain.

Mother Liu knew that she was aloof and did not continue asking.

Nian Yue ate very quickly and finished her breakfast in three minutes. She picked up her bag and prepared to leave.

"Mother Liu, I'll go out first."

"Be careful on the road. I'll get the chauffeur to send you there," Aunt Liu instructed worriedly.

"No need, I'll take the bus." Nian Yue waved her hand and left with her backpack.

Aunt Liu looked at her and smiled in relief.

She had thought that with Nian Yue's personality, she would need more time to adapt to the Nian Family.

However, it seemed like Nian Yue had managed well.

Nian Yue did not go to school today. She wanted to go out for a while and conveniently took out the Energy Stone in her hand.

The Energy Stone had lost its energy and was now just an ordinary stone.

However, after one night, this stone had taken on the appearance of a piece of flawless white jade. It was sparkling and translucent. In this era, it would be worth an astronomical price.

Nian Yue went to the largest antique market in Jiang City. She needed to sell this stone as soon as possible.

Because she desperately needed money.

Ever since she came to the Nian Family, Nian Chaoyu would give her a few thousand dollars of living allowance every month. This was indeed quite a lot for a high school student.

But she wanted more than that.

Before long, Nian Yan and Wang Meiling would continue to create trouble for her. It was a matter of time before she had to move out as soon as possible and start her own career.

Gan Kun Hall was one of the best antique stores in Jiang City.

When Nian Yue entered, a salesperson came up to her with a smile. "Hello, how can I help you?"

Although the girl in front of him was wearing a simple white shirt and black pants, her gaze was cold and her face was like jade.

Nian Yue was used to being a commander in the post-apocalyptic world. She had a natural aura that made people feel submissive.

Chapter 14: Estimated Price of 10 Million Dollars

The stone in Nian Yue's hand was sparkling and translucent. It was white and flawless. One look and one could tell that it was a high-quality piece!

All the service staff in Gan Kun Hall had undergone professional and systematic training, so they had only just gotten to know the Energy Stone in Nian Yue's hand.

However, the stone in her hand looked too good. The waiter had only seen a rough picture of it on television and was not sure about what Nian Yue was holding.

“Is there a problem?” Nian Yue’s brows were tightly furrowed and there was an indescribable coldness in her eyes.

“No.” The waiter immediately shook his head, his face extremely respectful. “Please wait a moment, I’ll report this to the manager.”

The waiter rushed to the second floor. Nian Yue sat down and took a sip of water.

She casually sized up the layout of Gan Kun Hall. The hall was ancient and fragrant. Even though the treasures placed outside weren’t unique, they were still scarce.

This was also an important reason why she had come to the Gan Kun Hall.

The value of Energy Stones was too high. If Jiang City’s Gan Kun Hall could not estimate the price, then it would be out of question for other antique stores to do so.

Nian Yue made a rough estimate of the value of the antiques in Gan Kun Hall.

At that moment, a man in his thirties walked out of the room. He was dressed in a black suit and looked meticulous.

This person was the person in charge of Gan Kun Hall, Zhang Zhi. At the same time, he was also the general manager in charge of Jiang City.

“Hello, I’m the person-in-charge of the Gan Kun Hall. Zhang Zhi, how should I address you?” Zhang Zhi walked over and introduced himself first.

Although Nian Yue looked like she was only 17 or 18 years old, her aura was not something that ordinary people possessed.

She might be the daughter of some rich family, so he naturally did not dare to offend her.

“Nian Yue.”

“Miss Nian, I heard from the waiter that you have a piece of jade in your hand that you would like to sell,” Zhang Zhi asked with a smile.

“Yes.” Nian Yue nodded, but her sharp eyes swept across the surroundings.

She had a cold personality and did not like crowded places.

Especially when there were many irrelevant people around.

At the thought of this, Nian Yue frowned slightly. "Manager Zhang, I prefer not to talk here."

Only then did Zhang Zhi come to his senses. He had heard from the waiter that someone had brought top-grade jade to the shop. Seeing that it was a young lady, he reckoned that she would be more concerned about her safety.

He probably never would have thought that Nian Yue wanted to talk elsewhere because she hated crowds.

"Miss Nian, please."

Zhang Zhi hurriedly made an inviting gesture and went up to the office on the second floor with Nian Yue.

Manager Zhang opened the door and brought Nian Yue into the room. "Miss Nian, is it convenient for you now?"

"Of course." Nian Yue nodded slightly and took out the Energy Stone that was the size of an egg.

When Manager Zhang saw the stone in Nian Yue's hand, his eyes widened in disbelief. "Did you really bring this back?"

"Why? Is there a problem?" Nian Yue raised her eyebrows.

This stone was similar to the ones outside. At most, it was of a better quality. Without its energy, it was just an ordinary jade stone.

"No, that's not what I meant." Manager Zhang shook his head hurriedly. He stared at the Energy Stone in Nian Yue's hands and said in a trembling voice, "I wonder if Miss Nian can let me take a closer look at this stone so that I can give you an estimate."

It had been a long time since he had seen such a beautiful stone.

His instincts told him that if he missed this stone, he would regret it for the rest of his life!

Nian Yue passed the stone in her hand to him. Manager Zhang took the stone with trembling hands. The moment he took the stone, he could not believe that he would encounter such a good piece of jade!

"Where's the flashlight..."

Manager Zhang had thought over how he would negotiate with the young lady before coming down. He had only expected her stone to be slightly better than others.

However, when he held the stone in his hand and saw through the flashlight that the stone was clean without any impurities, he realized that the stone was far more valuable than he had imagined!

“Manager Zhang, do you want to make a bid?” Nian Yue reminded him.

This was just a useless Energy Stone. If it wasn't for the fact that it could be sold for money, it would only be a lousy stone to her.

But obviously, Manager Zhang did not think so.

The young lady in front of him was able to take out such high-quality jade with such an astronomical price, while staying composed. Manager Zhang did not dare to underestimate her.

“Miss Nian, it's like this...”

Manager Zhang wiped the sweat off his forehead and tried his best to look calm. “I can't make the decision on this stone of yours. I need to get someone from the head store to appraise it and then bid for it...”

“How long will it take?” Nian Yue raised her eyebrows.

“It'll take at least three days...” Manager Zhang was afraid that she would be unwilling to leave the jade here because of the time issue, so he hurriedly explained to her, “I can't confirm the value of the jade in your hand for the time being. I don't have any appraisal equipment here, so I can't estimate the price for it at the moment. Why don't you put the jade here first and I'll call you three days later for you to come over?”

“You don't have to worry about accidents happening if you leave the jade here. The Gan Kun Hall will sign a contract with you and give you a preliminary estimate of five million dollars. What do you think?” Manager Zhang's voice became softer and softer as he spoke.

The girl had a cold expression on her face. She didn't even bat an eyelid when she heard him say five million.

At first, when he saw that Nian Yue was a teenage girl, he felt relieved.

Now that he saw how calm Nian Yue was from start to finish, he felt more uncertain.

“10 million.” Nian Yue opened her thin lips and spat out a few words.

Although she did not study much about jade, she had a photographic memory.

When she was resting in the hall just now, there was a collector's item that was made of the same material as the jade stone in her hand. The price tag was 20 million.

She wanted this piece of jade to be valued at ten million dollars, which was already the minimum price.

"But..." Manager Zhang looked a little troubled. He didn't expect her to ask for so much.

"If Manager Zhang has any doubts, I will take my leave first." Nian Yue stood up and pretended to leave.

She had never been a patient person. The only reason she had waited until now was because of Gan Kun Hall's reputation. She couldn't be bothered to go anywhere else.

"Wait a minute..." Manager Zhang chased after her hurriedly. "I'm sorry, Miss Nian. This amount of money is too big for me to decide..."

Manager Zhang looked like he was in a difficult position, but he didn't want to give up. In the end, he gritted his teeth and said, "I'll pay the remaining five million myself. The minimum price is ten million dollars..."

Chapter 15: God-level Boss

The quality of the stone in Nian Yue's hand was very good. He had never seen it in all his years of working!

If he missed this opportunity, who knew how long he would have to wait for the next one!

Seeing Nian Yue nod her head, Manager Zhang hurriedly nodded his head. He repeatedly assured Nian Yue that he would get the people from the headquarters to appraise it as soon as possible.

The Gan Kun Hall only had a branch in Jiang City, and the headquarters were in the Imperial Capital. Normally, people from the headquarters would only be sent here during the mid-year assessment. However, he was confident that they would definitely send someone over this time due to the quality of the stone.

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When Nian Yue went to class the next day, the class was still in a mess. Nian Yue found her seat and sat down. She casually took out two books and flipped through a few pages.

Yesterday, she was so focused on catching up on sleep that she forgot to read the books of this era.

When Wang Zhizhi saw her, she pushed her glasses up the bridge of her nose and said in a low voice, "Nianyue, I've checked on the person you gave yesterday. I can't find anything..."

She had specially sought help from the Wang family's company yesterday. The Wang family built their business on the internet and had countless hacker resources.

However, she could not find any information about the person Nian Yue had given her.

"It's fine." Nian Yue narrowed her eyes. She had already hacked into the country's security system, but could not find any information about that man.

The only reason she had sought Wang Zhizhi out was to verify the matter.

The bell rang and the physics teacher came to class. Wang Zhizhi stuck out her tongue and turned around.

Nian Yue took out a physics book and casually flipped through a few pages.

She was quite familiar with these things. There were professors in the post-apocalyptic world, but they taught the simplest physics principles. Unexpectedly, these were used for the college entrance examination in this era.

The physics teacher was an old professor invited from the Imperial University. He never used his lesson plans or books and delivered his lessons ad lib.

After listening for five minutes, Nian Yue was a little tired.

Wang Zhizhi was playing games with her head lowered. She was still playing the same game as yesterday, but it had been upgraded.

The screen was filled with all sorts of colors, but there were even more codes. It was hard to imagine that a game could be set up to be so challenging. Wang Zhizhi went through the class on her phone without moving. She did not pass the test in her hand.

When class ended, Wang Zhizhi was having a headache. She saw someone behind her reach out her hand. "Give it to me."

Nian Yue's voice was cold and cavalier.

Wang Zhizhi subconsciously handed the phone over. The aloof girl leaned on the table slowly, holding the phone with one hand, seemingly deep in thought with a frown.

“Nianyue, this game is quite difficult. Until now, only one person has managed to pass it...” Wang Zhizhi was concerned that Nian Yue would not be able to pass the stage, so she consoled her.

Nian Yue did not say anything. She just lowered her head and looked at the screen. Then, her fingers started scrolling across the screen.

Wang Zhizhi’s teammates in the game were utterly shocked by her actions.

“D*mn! The player has changed! Why didn’t I know that she has such a high IQ!”

“Boss, please guide me!”

“Worship the big boss, who has settled this in three minutes!”

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Her teammates thought that the game would end after the stage was cleared, but they did not expect her to reach the last stage without any obstacles! From the beginning to the end, it took less than five minutes!

She had cleared the game that only one person in the whole nation had cleared! Her teammates were so shocked that they could not close their mouths. What kind of luck did they have to have such an immortal-level big shot leading them!

Instantly, Wang Zhizhi’s private messages exploded.

“Please guide me! How did you do it?”

“You’re pretty but wild!”

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One private message after another popped up on the screen, all asking for her contact details.

Nian Yue scrolled through the messages with one hand and did not even bother to look at them. Then, she passed the phone to Wang Zhizhi.

Wang Zhizhi was so shocked by Nian Yue’s series of actions that she could not close her mouth. After a long while, she asked with difficulty, “You’ve... played this before?”

There was only one person in the country who had cleared this game. His score was still on the rankings. Even Wang Zhizhi, who had played for more than half a year, had only managed to play to the average level. It would take her at least a month to clear that level but Nian Yue actually did it within a few minutes?

“No, it’s my first time.” Nian Yue smirked.

This was indeed her first time playing this game. It was just that this game relied on logical thinking and mathematical calculations, and she just happened to be good in these two areas.

Just as Wang Zhizhi was about to ask a question, the bell rang.

Nian Yue stood up and packed her bag casually. With one hand in her pocket, she was about to leave.

“Nian Yue, school hasn’t ended yet. Where are you going?” Wang Zhizhi shouted from behind her.

“Somewhere. Apply for leave for me.” Nian Yue did not even turn around before she waved her hand and left. She had received a message from Manager Zhang asking her to go over. The appraisal that was supposed to take three days had been completed.

When Nian Yue arrived at the entrance of Gan Kun Hall, Manager Zhang had been waiting there for a long time. When he saw Nian Yue, he hurriedly went up to her and said, “Miss Nian, I’m sorry to inform you at the last minute.”

Nian Yue looked young. Although she did not wear her school uniform the last time she came, Manager Zhang had guessed that she was still in school.

Today was Monday. It was indeed not good to call someone over during class.

“Let’s go.” Nian Yue said and followed Manager Zhang into Gan Kun Hall.

There were not many people at the Gan Kun Hall today. When Nian Yue went up with Manager Zhang, only the salesperson who received her the previous time gave her a second look.

Manager Zhang kept leading the way until they reached the manager’s office. Nian Yue saw that there was already an old man waiting there.

The old man looked like he was in his sixties or seventies. His hair was white and he wore a pair of gold-framed spectacles. When he saw Nian Yue coming over, he walked up excitedly and asked, “Miss Nian, did you bring back the jade from last time?”

“Yes.”

“Where did you get that thing, Miss Nian? Do you have more?” the elder asked again, his eyes filled with anticipation.

“Since this piece of jade is rare, there must only be one.” Nian Yue’s lips twitched.

Disappointment flashed across the old man’s face. “That’s true. It’s already extremely rare to have a stone with such good quality...”

Manager Zhang was finally able to interject and introduce the two of them, “Miss Nian, this is our founder, Mr. Yang.”

Mr. Yang, whose real name was Yang Kun, was the founder of the Gan Kun Hall. At the same time, he was also an elder in the jade industry and the president of the Jade Antiques Association.

It was almost impossible for an ordinary person to meet him. She didn’t expect to meet him at Jiang City’s Gan Kun Hall today.

“Mr. Yang.” Nian Yue smiled as she greeted Yang Kun.