

# The Understated Dragon Lord

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“Country boy, did you hear what Henry said? He said that only a fool would spend twenty million on your Blood Jade. Now I really want to see what magic you can perform to sell it at that price to Henry,” Andrew boasted triumphantly, eager to

witness Daniel make a faux pas.

“Who knows, maybe Henry really is a fool?!” Daniel quipped, flushing Henry’s face with anger.

Infuriated, Henry glared at Daniel, bellowing, “Are you insulting me, you country bumpkin?”

“I’m not insulting you! You’re the one who said you’re a fool, what does that have to do with me?”

“I meant that if I spent twenty million on that Blood Jade in your hands, I’d be the fool. Do you think I’m foolish enough to spend twenty million on a worthless Jade?”

“Oh, Henry, you’ll definitely buy it. You will spend twenty million on this Blood Jade,” Daniel declared confidently. Hearing this, Andrew sensed an opportunity and quickly

hatched a new plan.

“Since Daniel is so sure, how about we make another bet?”

“Again?” Daniel looked at Andrew, who clearly intended to cause trouble, and asked, “What kind of bet do you want to make this time, Andrew?”

“You boasted that you could sell the Blood Jade to Henry for twenty million. If you succeed, you win. If you don’t, you lose.”

“And the stakes?”

“If you win, I’ll give you twenty million. If you lose, you pay me twenty million,” Andrew proposed, determined to win back everything he had lost to the country boy in their previous Jade Gambling encounter.

As Daniel seemed to hesitate, Andrew taunted him with a chuckle, “What’s the matter, country boy? Are you scared? Don’t you dare take the bet?”

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“Scared? That word doesn’t exist in my dictionary. It’s just twenty million; it’s not like I can’t afford it. I accept your challenge!”

Daniel’s acceptance shocked Brittany into action.

“Country boy, what are you doing? This is an obviously losing bet; how can you dare to accept Andrew’s terms? Do you have twenty million? You aren’t even worth that much if you sold yourself!”

“This is my decision, what’s it to you?” Daniel rolled his eyes. “I’m not asking you for the money.”

“Yeah, right, as if you have twenty million.”

“Jessica does! What’s the difference? I already owe her fifteen million; I don’t mind owing her another twenty million. Whether it’s twenty million or thirty–five million, it’s just a number–what’s the difference?”

Daniel’s nonchalance made Brittany stamp her feet in annoyance. She turned

sharply to Jessica and reported, “Jessica, listen to what this country boy is saying! He says he needs to borrow more money from you – twenty million! And it’s definitely without return. He even said that it’s just a number! This country boy doesn’t appreciate the money you’ve earned!”

Brittany expected Jessica to be furious and give Daniel a piece of her mind. Instead, Jessica responded with a gentle, serene smile.

“Daniel, if you borrow more money from me, I’m going to charge you interest. Twenty million with ten million interest. So if you win Andrew’s twenty million, you’ll have to give me half.”

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Jessica's words stunned Brittany, who looked at her incredulously and asked, " Jessica, do you really believe this country boy can win? How could he possibly win? Henry was brought here by Andrew; he would never spend twenty million on the

Blood Jade. He himself said it's not worth that much!"

"Daniel is my assistant. If I don't believe in him, who should I believe?" replied Jessica.

Brittany rolled her eyes in frustration at Jessica's response, though she didn't dare lash out since she was talking to her boss. Instead, she softly suggested, "Jessica, this bet the country boy made with Andrew, he's sure to lose! A hundred percent! And if he loses, how will he repay you those twenty million? No, you also want interest, so that's thirty million. Plus the fifteen million he already owes you, that's forty-five million in total. Even if you sold him, he wouldn't fetch that much, right?"

"He won't lose."

"And what if he does? If he loses and can't repay you, what will you do?"

"If he loses, then he'll work for The Matthews Organization for the rest of his life!"

"Dear Jessica, that's forty-five million! He'll never earn that much in his lifetime, you know that!"

"If that's the case, I'll have him work for me in the next life too!"

Rendered speechless, Brittany could only turn to Daniel. "Country boy, you boasted about selling that Blood Jade to Henry for twenty million, right? The stage is yours, start your show."

All eyes were fixed on Daniel, waiting to see the country boy's embarrassment.

Henry, for his part, regarded Daniel with amusement, curious to see how he would persuade him to part with twenty million for the Blood Jade. Regardless of what Daniel might say, Henry was sure he'd refuse.

Then, Daniel took half of the Blood Jade and struck one piece against the other as if they were flintstones.

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Thump! Thump!

After two strikes, sparks emerged from the Blood Jade, then both pieces burst into flame. Tiny but vivid crimson flames flickered from the Jade pieces.

Strangely enough, the pieces were still in Daniel's hands. His hands seemed to be engulfed by the blazing crimson flames, but there was no sign of any burns.

Everyone was stunned. What was Daniel doing?

Brittany was the first to react, with a cold chuckle. "Heh!"

Assuming an air of having seen through the ruse, she mocked Daniel. "Country boy, are you performing a magic trick? Did you put something on the Blood Jade, so that when you knock them together, they ignite? You don't seriously think such a crude magic trick could convince Henry to buy your Blood Jade for twenty million, do you?"

Henry already said this Blood Jade is worth at most five million. Now, I'd guess it's been destroyed by the fire. Forget five million; I don't think this Jade is even worth

ive hundred bucks now.

So, stop wasting everyone's time, pay the twenty million to Andrew, and admit

lefeat!"

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### Chapter 148 Tossed About in the Wind

Brittany subconsciously believed that Jessica would inevitably marry Andrew—it was just a matter of time. Thus, in her mind, if Daniel lost the twenty million to Andrew, **it** would eventually end up back with Jessica anyway, and so it wasn't really a loss. Plus, if Daniel lost, he would become the laughingstock of everyone. Not only would he dishonor himself, but he would also disgrace Jessica and The Matthews Organization.

As soon as he lost, Brittany planned to exaggerate the situation to Jessica, escalate it, and thereby drive this country boy away from Jessica's side

once and for all.

After watching for a while, without any new discoveries except that the fire was pretty, Andrew scoffed along with Brittany.

"Heh!"

Then he jeered at Daniel in a disdainful voice. "Country boy, were you part of some village acrobatics troupe before? That little magic trick isn't bad! But that sort of thing is only good for deceiving unworldly villagers, not New Yorkers. And you're trying to dupe Henry! Florida's top appraiser, Henry!

Henry has seen the world; he won't spend twenty million on your Blood Jade just because you made it burn!"

Turning to Henry, Andrew urged, "Henry, expose this country boy's little trick!"

Henry hadn't paid attention to what Andrew was saying; instead, he was repeatedly shaking his head in amazement, muttering, "Impossible! This absolutely can't be!"

Daniel extended his hand, still holding the burning Blood Jade, towards Henry. "Just looking with your eyes won't reveal much, Henry. If you want to truly understand the real quality of this Blood Jade, you'll need to feel it with your hands."

"Yes! Yes! To really grasp the condition of this Blood Jade, I do need to touch it."

Anxious, Henry stretched out his hand to take the Blood Jade that Daniel was offering.

"It's real! This is truly Ice and Fire Blood Jade! I'll buy it for twenty million! I'll pay you right now!"

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Henry didn't want to delay a moment longer such a kind of Blood Jade was

priceless! Even if he spent twenty million to acquire it, it would still be a profitable investment.

Everyone was shocked, staring at Henry in disbelief. Henry, however, didn't care about their stares and quickly paid the twenty million to acquire the ice and Fire Blood Jade. Once he had it in his possession, he treasured it like an excited child,

“Continue with your game, Andrew, I must leave now, I need to properly examine this Ice and Fire Blood Jade!” exclaimed Henry, clutching the Jade tightly as he ran off. It was a treasure of inestimable value, and he needed to stash it away quickly before anyone could steal it.

Henry ran off?

Andrew’s disbelief was palpable. The Henry he’d paid a million dollars to bring to the Jade Gambling just ran off like that?

Andrew was dumbfounded!

As he watched Henry’s retreating figure, he stood there, frozen.

Daniel flaunted his phone screen in front of Andrew, showing a transaction receipt for the twenty million, transferred by Henry,

“Andrew, Henry has bought my Blood Jade for twenty million. You’ve lost, and you owe me twenty million now. Isn’t it time to make good on your bet?”

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## Chapter 149

Chapter **149** Jade Realm

Annoyed, Andrew clenched his teeth and, like a petulant woman, let out a huff and stamped his foot.

“Hmph!”

Seeing Andrew’s tantrum, Daniel couldn’t help but laugh. “What’s the matter, Andrew? Can’t handle losing?”

“Who says I can’t handle it! It’s just twenty million, right? I’ll transfer it to you now! But for the record, you must engage in a gambling match with me tonight if you take my twenty million. You have to accept any bet I challenge you with—no matter what. If either of us wants to back out, that person has to return all the winnings to the other!

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Andrew laid down his terms. He believed that even if he kept losing, as long as he won once, he could win back everything from Daniel. So he made such a demand.

As they were speaking, Christopher arrived, not alone, but accompanied by a distinguished-looking middle-aged man. This man was Isaac Martinez, the owner of DC's Jade Realm, and he was the top Jade Gambling expert in the USA, known as the king of Jade Gambling.

Jade Realm had grown from a little-known shop to DC's number one jade store in just a decade, thanks to Isaac's Jade Gambling prowess. Isaac wore gold-rimmed glasses and sported a Monkey Ring on his right thumb—a family heirloom handed down to him by his grandfather. The ring gave him the, unique ability to feel the presence of jade within a stone just by touch. However, such discernment was

challenging, and Isaac could only rely on his sense of touch.

Isaac inherited the Monkey Ring at eight and practiced for thirty full years before he could faintly sense jade within stone. At the age of thirty-nine, he went to DC alone and started Jade Realm. With the talents granted by the Monkey Ring, he gambled in Jade Gambling around the city, eventually earning the honor of Jade Gambling king and turning Jade Realm into DC's premier jade store.

“Andrew, are you engaging in Jade Gambling here?” Christopher inquired.

Andrew nodded and replied, “Of course, that's why I'm here tonight.”

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“That's perfect because I've brought a Jade Gambling expert. He's the Jade Gambling king of the USA, the owner of DC's Jade Realm—Isaac.”

Christopher introduced Isaac to Andrew. Although Andrew had never heard of him previously and didn't understand much about the jade industry, to secure a partnership with the Prospera Group and become The Evans' strategic ally in New York, he had done his homework. Andrew knew who Isaac was and what he could

1. do.

He pulled Christopher aside and whispered, “Mr. Christopher, did you bring Isaac here just for a Jade Gambling show?”

Instead of answering directly, Christopher countered, “Isn't your reason for coming here tonight just for Jade Gambling?”

“Of course not, I'm here to secure a partnership with the Prospera Group, to land Chris, the Florida magnate.”

“I invited Isaac here because I am aware of your plan, Andrew, and I want him to help you,” Christopher revealed.

“I don’t quite understand,” Andrew confessed.

“The Prospera Group primarily deals in jade. Although you’re smart and catch on quickly, to fully understand all types of jade and their characteristics would take even you a lot of time. I wouldn’t recommend you get into the business without understanding jade. After all, while the jade industry can bring huge profits, it also carries substantial risks.”

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## Chapter 150

Chapter 150 Andrew’s Warning

“So, you brought Isaac here? Do you expect him to work under me? To follow my commands?” Andrew inquired.

“Isaac is the king of Jade Gambling, and when it comes to appraising jade, if he claims he’s second, then no one in the USA dares to claim first.”

“Is Isaac really that impressive?” Andrew asked again. After learning his lesson from Henry, Andrew felt he needed to be cautious. If he was betrayed twice in one evening, he doubted he could endure the embarrassment.

“Of course! Don’t worry, Andrew. I’ve already talked to Isaac, and he will definitely execute your commands without question. While Isaac is knowledgeable about the jade industry and his Jade Realm is the top jade store in DC, his wealth pales in comparison to your family. Isaac wants to board The Evans’ ship, but he needs to rely on your strength, Andrew, and by extension, ArmCorp’s platform.”

Approaching Isaac, Andrew asked, “Isaac, do you wish to join us?”

“Yes, Andrew!”

“If you want to join us, you gotta put some real shit on the table because I have no use for worthless people. If you’re useless, I suggest you disappear from my sight.”

Andrew needed to issue a stern warning to Isaac. He intended for Isaac to work for him and wanted to ensure absolute obedience.



“I’m not useless, Andrew!”

“That’s not up to you,” Andrew said, pointing toward Daniel. “*You* claim to be the king of Jade Gambling? Then show me by competing against this country boy. I’ll give you ten million, and this country boy also has ten million. Whoever’s stone contains more valuable jade after spending the ten million will be recognized as worthy, and join us!”

Isaac glanced at Daniel and said, “Andrew, are you insulting me? I’ve not heard of this country boy, and I don’t recall his name on any of the special lists of major Jade Gambling venues. You want this nobody to compete with me in Jade Gambling; do you think so little of me?”

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“Do you know Henry?”

“Are you referring to Henry, Florida’s top appraiser?”

“Yes, him! He just played against this country boy and lost, then ran off. So, I believe this country boy is a worthy opponent for you!”

“Andrew, you’re not joking? Henry lost to this country boy?” Isaac first looked at Daniel incredulously, then turned back to Andrew. “However, I’ve only heard of Henry’s reputation and have never met him personally, so I’m unsure if he’s as strong as the rumors say. I don’t know how or why he lost, but if he was defeated by a country boy, I suspect his abilities don’t match his fame.”

“So you’re confident you can beat this country boy?”

“I only need half an eye to beat him.”

“Good! I hope you don’t disappoint me!”

After briefing Isaac, Andrew turned to Daniel. “Country boy, do you dare to play? Let’s forget our previous game and start afresh. You and him, starting with ten million each. After you spend it, whoever picks the most valuable stones wins.

As for the bet, let’s start small—let’s call it ten billion! Whoever loses must pay ten billion to the winner!”

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