

The Understated Dragon Lord

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Come home? Those last two words sent everyone in the room staring at Jessica with incredulous looks. Was New York's most glamorous CEO actually suggesting that this country fellow should come home with her? Wasn't he just her assistant?

Impossible. Absolutely impossible!

Andrew couldn't contain his disbelief and addressed Jessica directly. "Jessica, what did you just say? You want this country boy to come home with you?"

"Daniel is my personal assistant, so of course he'll come home with me. He lives at my place so he can be on call 24/7!" Jessica's response was meant for Isabella.

For some reason, when she saw Daniel flirting with Isabella, a wave of jealousy surged through her. A woman's intuition is often incredibly sharp.

Isabella sensed Jessica's hostility; she had no intention to compete, but as a woman, she didn't want to lose either. So, with a smile, she looked at Daniel and said, "Daniel, if you want to borrow a billion from me, in addition to paying me back 18 billion, you'll have to agree to one more condition."

"What condition?"

"You'll be my assistant, on call any time!"

Isabella threw the gauntlet with each word being a direct challenge to Jessica.

Jessica didn't retort; she understood Isabella's intentions and wanted to see how Daniel would react.

"Beautiful, I'm not against the idea of being your assistant, but there's a saying about first come, first served. Before you asked, I had already promised Jessica a year of my assistance. So, if you want me to work for you, it'd have to be at least a year later."

Daniel's answer seemed fair, but his implications weren't lost on the astute Jessica. She glared at Daniel, demanding, "What do you mean by that?"

"Anyway, Jessica, you didn't sign a long-term contract with me. What if you dump me after a year, and I'm out of a job? It's only right to line up my next job for the sake of

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my future! And I haven't deceived you, Jessica. If you're unhappy, you can fire me right now!"

"You..." Jessica was so frustrated she wanted to punch him. Daniel was becoming increasingly disobedient.

After taking several deep breaths to calm herself, Jessica gave her verdict. "Daniel, let me make it clear, your probation period has been extended. It's gone from one year to five. That means you can't become a full employee until five years have passed. Of course, if you disappoint me, I can end your probation anytime and fire

you!"

"WHY?"

"Because I'm the boss, and you are the employee. If you're not satisfied, you can resign right now! Submit your resignation, and I'll approve it immediately!"

Jessica had played her final card; she was testing Daniel. She wanted to know if he had any conscience left. If Daniel truly chose to leave, she would be heartbroken, but

she'd have no regrets.

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dewan hearing this, Jessica's anger turned to delight. "Okay!"

Se. Jessica, you're willing to lend me the billion now?"

"Don't lend! You can go borrow it yourself"

Jessica still refused. She had her principles; she would not allow Daniel to take part in such a high-stakes gamble with Andrew. It wasn't about the money; it was about the mentality. If she let Daniel proceed with this massive bet and he ended up

getting addicted to gambling, what if his next wager was for a hundred billion? The Matthews' fortune was just over a hundred billion—how could she support such reckless gambling?

Daniel turned to look at Isabella, speaking earnestly. "Beautiful, I cannot be your assistant because my dear Jessica would disagree. However, if you're willing to lend me the billion, I can repay you with 20 billion! All the billions I'll win from Andrew, I

can give to you."

"If you give all 20 billion to me, then you take a huge risk and end up not winning a penny—are you okay with that?"

"Money isn't important; I can always have as much as I want. The thing is, Andrew is messing with me, so I simply want him to lose money, maybe along with some dignity!

"Sure, as you wish. Since Jessica won't let go of you, I'm fine with it. But if one day she lets you go, come find me. I will wait for you to become my assistant—that kind of 24/7 personal assistant!"

Isabella wasn't joking; she was very serious. A person with medical skills surpassing Florida's top doctor and Jade Gambling capabilities exceeding Florida's number one

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appraiser, Henry, all while being so young—Daniel was bound to become something significant!

Such a person might not have to marry her, but Isabella felt he would decidedly be a huge help as her assistant. With this thought, Isabella suddenly had a new idea.

"Daniel, I'll lend you the billion. If you happen to lose the bet with Andrew, you definitely won't be able to repay this billion. If that happens, you must resign from Jessica immediately and become my assistant. Once you pay back the entire debt- not just the

billion, remember we agreed on paying back 20 billion—then you'll earn your freedom. Until then, you must stay by my side and be my assistant!"

Although Isabella was confident that Daniel wouldn't lose, what if he did? Would she be okay just losing ten billion? The Evans' main business was in jade, where they might make or lose a billion on a single deal. Such money was but a trifle to Isabella. If she could tie Daniel down with ten billion, she wouldn't even call it a loss.

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Daniel didn't respond immediately but instead turned to Jessica. "Jessica, can I agree to this beautiful lady's condition?"

"You decide for yourself! I'm not interested in managing you! But let me remind you, you're still my assistant. If you dare work part-time for someone else, I'll break your legs!" Jessica was angry, and her words served as a final warning to Daniel, also setting her boundaries.

That is, Daniel could borrow a billion from Isabella, but he can't lose. Jessica knew Daniel wasn't stupid; if he wasn't sure he could win, he wouldn't borrow such an amount.

Seeing Daniel always consulting Jessica for decisions piqued Isabella's jealousy, like her man was being wooed away by another woman.

"Jessica is not stopping you now, you have to decide. Now, make up your mind! Do you want to borrow this billion or not? If not, you'll have to concede defeat to Andrew.

"I, of course, want to borrow the billion! I won't lose! But if I help you win ten billion, beautiful, shouldn't you treat me to a meal?" Daniel half-jokingly suggested.

“Don’t you dare!” Jessica was quick to counter.

“Can’t I even ask another woman to treat me to a meal?” Daniel asked.

“No!”

“Why not?”

“Because you are my assistant. You’re working 24/7. If you dare go out to eat with another woman, that’s absenteeism!”

Isabella was amused by Jessica’s anxious behavior. “Daniel, it seems Jessica is very demanding of you. I wonder if Jessica would stop you from dining with a man?

Would that be considered absenteeism too?”

Jessica glared at Isabella coldly. “Daniel is my assistant. How I manage him is my

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business. What has it got to do with you?”

“If it’s just as an assistant, then no, it has nothing to do with me. But it sounds like Daniel is more than just an assistant to you, isn’t it? I’ve never seen a boss with so many demands on an assistant; it’s almost like he’s your husband!”

“He’s my employee, and he accepts my demands, so we don’t need your comments on our relationship!”

Seeing Jessica getting visibly upset, Isabella decided not to tease her any further. She turned to Andrew. “Andrew, are you sure you want to make this bet with Daniel?”

Caught off guard by her sudden question, Andrew hesitated before asking back. “Beautiful, are you really capable of coming up with a billion? And you’re willing to lend it to a penniless country boy?”

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“Whether I have the money, I believe the facts speak for themselves! If we are going through with this bet, Andrew, I think we should establish clear rules first. Before we start, both you and he will need to deposit a billion into a joint account provided by the host. In the end, whoever wins gets to take all twenty billion in that account!”

Isabella was an extremely intelligent woman. She anticipated that Andrew might renege on his word if he lost. Therefore, she came up with the idea of a joint account as a precaution.

Once the billions were in the joint account, even if Andrew wanted to back out, he wouldn't be able to.

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“What did you say? We have to transfer a billion into a joint account ahead of time?”

Andrew asked.

“Of course! Are you just full of hot air? When I suggested transferring the money into a joint account first, did you get scared?” Isabella taunted Andrew, smilingly

cornering him into a commitment.

“Scared? Who told you I'm scared? Me, Andrew, scared of betting against a country boy? You must be joking,” Andrew retorted, then continued, addressing Isabella, “Are you sure you can come up with a billion to lend to this country boy? You do know if he loses, there's no way he can repay you.”

“Don't worry, I believe in Daniel. Even if I don't believe him, I believe in Jessica!

Jessica will definitely help Daniel repay the money. After all, if Daniel can't repay what he owes me, then he will have to be my assistant. And I'm pretty confident

Jessica wouldn't let that happen.”

With that explanation, Andrew quickly understood. “Beautiful, you indeed have a good plan! If this country boy wins, you'll effortlessly earn ten billion. Of course, he has no chance of winning. If he loses, you'll go to Jessica for the ten billion? So even and if he loses, you're not at a loss. But consider this—ten billion isn't a small sum, this country boy, as I've said, is just that—a country boy. He's not that important to Jessica. If you think she'd help him repay a debt of ten billion, that's absolutely

impossible.”

“Stop wasting time, Andrew, do you want to play or not? Cut that crap! If you’re afraid to lose, I suggest you quickly concede defeat to Daniel!”

“What are you talking about? Okay, let’s start.”

Andrew agreed.

Isabella made a phone call, and soon, a woman in her thirties, dressed in a professional suit and looking quite alluring in her high heels, approached them. She was Scarlett Clark, the general manager of King’s and Isabella’s secretary.

Scarlett arrived at Isabella’s side, respectfully asked: “Madam, how may I assist you?”

“Andrew wants to bet against Daniel, and the stake is a billion. Please set up a joint account for both parties to deposit their money. Whoever wins takes the twenty

billion in the account!”

“Yes, Miss,” Scarlett acknowledged.

Before long, Scarlett had set up the joint account. Isabella was the first to transfer a billion into it. She then urged Andrew, “The ten billion I lent Daniel has been

transferred into the joint account. Now, it’s your turn.”

Andrew was stunned. This beauty had actually transferred a billion into the account? She actually had a billion to her name?

Who was this woman? How could she be so wealthy?

Andrew didn’t recognize Isabella; he had no idea she was the owner of King’s. Even more, he was unaware that the beauty before him was the sole heiress to Florida’s wealthiest, Chris!

A sum as large as a billion was too substantial, not even Andrew’s private account held such an amount. However, as the acting CEO of ArmCorp, he had control over the company’s accounts. ArmCorp had recently retrieved a transaction totaling thirty billion. Out of that, twenty–five billion were due to be paid to various suppliers the following Monday.

Yet, Andrew felt it wouldn’t be a problem to borrow some for a short while. After all, he wasn’t going to lose.

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Andrew figured it was only a matter of borrowing for one evening. As soon as he won against the country boy, the ten billion he borrowed would instantly double to twenty billion.

This could be the best deal he'd ever make—an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

Having made his decision, Andrew turned to Isaac and asked, "Can you win against this country boy?"

"Of course!"

"Good! If you win against him tonight, I'll give you a bonus of one billion! As for Great Stephens, who recommended you, I'll reward him with fifty million!"

Andrew was willing to be quite generous to win people over.

The prospect of earning a billion had Isaac practically floating with joy. "You can count on me, Andrew. I will not let you down; I'll surely win this bet against that country boy!"

"Excellent! I hope you won't disappoint me.

Andrew transferred ten billion from the company account into his personal account and then into the joint account that Scarlett had set up.

Once the full twenty billion was confirmed in the account, Isabella announced to both men, "The stakes are set. Please begin your performance. The rules are clear:

each of you only has ten million in available funds, and whoever ends up with the jade stones of higher value wins."

Daniel, looking at Isaac with a cheery demeanor, said, "Since you're the king of Jade Gambling, I trust you must have some special abilities. Therefore, you should start

first!”

Isaac was taken aback, Having the same amount of capital, whoever picked first would have the advantage because the other could only choose from what was left.

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When we gamblers had the same amount of ten million, naturally, whoever picked fet would have the advantage, increasing their odds of winning.

“You want me to pick first? Do you actually expect me to be courteous? Fine, I'll
choose first!

Isaac dove into the pile of stones, touching each with the hand graced by the Monkey Ring. After a while, he made his decision.

“This one!”

“And this one!”

“Plus this one!”

He picked out three stones in total, which came to a combined price of 9.98 million, leaving him with 20 thousand to spare. He believed these three stones represented the highest value one could acquire with ten million.

He was confident there was one stone of the highest quality in the pile, which contained jade worth at least ten billion. But the price tag on that stone was a staggering 8.8 billion!

isaac choosing three stones at once was something Jessica could hardly cope with. Feeling her man was being taken advantage of, she immediately stood up and raised
an objection.

“Isaac, since this is a gamble, each should choose one stone at a time. You've selected three all at once, virtually claiming all the valuable jade within the ten-million range. How can anyone else choose?”

“He’s the country boy who let me pick first, and he didn’t say I could only select one stone! I’ve chosen these three, and if that country boy wants to concede defeat, he can do so now. That way, he could at least save himself ten million!

After all, he doesn’t know a thing about Jade Gambling. Even if he doesn’t give up. I doubt he’ll be able to select anything of value.”

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she could do was pray for him.

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“Daniel, why did you pick the three cheapest ones? Your three stones together are worth just three million. Are you planning to spend the remaining seven million on other stones?”

“Why would I want other stones? I only need these three, worth a total of three million, to defeat Isaac.”

Daniel looked at Isaac and said with a chuckle, “Out of respect for your seniority, I’ll give you another chance. If these three stones are not more valuable than the ones I chose, you can pick another one, no matter the cost.”

During the stone selection, Isaac had glanced several times at the stone priced at 8.8 billion, and Daniel had noticed that stone. He knew very well there was nothing in that 8.8-billion-worth stone. If he could get Isaac to persuade Andrew to buy that stone, he wouldn’t mind at all!

Daniel was not naively kind. Since Andrew wanted to gamble with him, Daniel intended to teach Andrew a harsh lesson. He wanted to make it clear that Andrew

had messed with the wrong person.

Caught off guard by Daniel’s offer, Isaac was stunned for a moment. However, he quickly figured it out.

“Country boy, you realize you’ll lose to me, so you’re trying to set a trap? I’ll tell you this: I won’t fall for it!”

Andrew, failing to grasp the situation, curiously asked Isaac, “What’s this country boy up *to*?”

“This country boy is quite cunning! He suddenly made this offer, almost making me fall into his trap!” Isaac exclaimed.

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