

The Understated Dragon Lord

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Isabella furrowed her brows. All the stones here had gone through multiple layers of screening. Even if there were minor mistakes during the appraisal process, it was impossible for a stone priced at 380,000 to contain an Imperial Green Jade worth a billion. If such an oversight occurred, it would be a colossal

blunder.

Or could it be? Was this the reason Daniel agreed to borrow ten billion and repay twenty? Did he know about the Imperial Green worth a billion in the cheaply priced stone?

She had thought Daniel was simply in a bind, only to realize he had tricked her into avoiding a loss. Isabella hadn't actually gained any advantage from the situation.

When she saw how earnestly Daniel spoke, even Jessica started to have a sliver of doubt.

Looking seriously at Daniel, she asked, "Does your third stone really contain the best quality Imperial

Green Jade worth a billion?"

Nodding, Daniel assured her with a lighthearted chuckle, "Yeah."

"Nonsense!" Brittany immediately interjected with disdain. "That country boy is the biggest bullshitter. Jessica, don't listen to his lies! His stone was only priced at 380,000, how could it possibly have Imperial Green inside it, let alone the best quality? A billion worth of top-quality Imperial Green? Impossible!"

As they were talking, the staff member picked up the electric saw and started working on Daniel's stone.

The buzzing continued, and the stone split in two. A dazzling green light burst forth, nearly blinding everyone present!

Imperial Green? The finest quality?

Could it really be high–grade Imperial Green? And it was large!

Andrew couldn't believe his eyes; he rubbed them for reassurance. But even after a second look, the stone still glowed an undeniable green.

"This? This can't be Imperial Green! This color, it must be glass!" Andrew voiced his doubts.

Seeking verification, he asked the appraiser, "This is glass, right?"

After a thorough assessment, the appraiser confidently told Andrew, "This is indeed Imperial Green Jade of the finest quality! Its value could indeed reach a billion dollars!"

A billion?

This phrase, uttered by the appraiser, left everyone on–site speechless.

How could this country boy be so lucky? He actually selected Imperial Green? And not just any, but top- quality Imperial Green worth a billion! This seemed too unfair.

Could such a rustic fellow really have such incredible fortune? It just seemed unjust–unfair!

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Isabella looked at Daniel, smiling warmly, "Daniel, you truly didn't disappoint me."

Hearing Isabella's voice made Jessica a touch envious. "Beautiful lady, Daniel is my assistant. There's no need for you to be disappointed."

"Jessica, I know Daniel is your assistant. But being your assistant doesn't make him your man."

"What do you mean? Our company has a policy: during his time as my assistant, he's forbidden from dating! So, as long as Daniel is still my assistant, he can't engage in a relationship with anyone!"

Jessica was almost on the verge of claiming Daniel as her husband. However, her words essentially staked a claim to Daniel in front of everyone present.

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Seeing the potential for another clash between the two women, Daniel quickly stepped in to shift the focus. He looked at Andrew, all smiles, and said, “Andrew, as I mentioned before, I will allow Isaac to pick an additional stone without any price limit, and I won’t go back on my word.”

“What do you mean?”

“As long as Isaac can find a stone among the remaining ones that contains a jade valued at ten billion, he can still win against me.”

Isaac quickly stepped up, pointing at the stone priced at 8.8 billion, and said to Andrew seriously,

Andrew, that stone, I am certain, contains top-quality Imperial **Green**, even better than what this country boy has found. Its value is definitely over ten billion.”

Coming to his senses, Andrew was beyond furious. He pointed at Isaac’s nose and yelled, “You’re useless! You can’t even beat a country boy, how dare you call yourself the King of Jade Gambling?”

“Andrew, please calm down, I haven’t lost yet. Just trust me one more time, and I can win against him.”

“Trust you one more time? You mean for me to pull out another 8.8 billion for you?”

“Andrew, while that stone is priced at 8.8 billion, it does have the potential to yield the best quality

Imperial Green! And not just any Imperial Green, but one worth over ten billion.

Andrew, if you’re reluctant to put in the 8.8 billion, then the ten billion you’ve put into the joint account will

be lost to that country boy.

And if you invest that 8.8 billion, not only will you win jade worth ten billion, but you’ll also get to take the twenty billion in the joint account.”

Even though the math was simple, and Isaac explained it in detail, Andrew knew what he had to do, but

his anger was palpable.

Incensed at Isaac—the so-called King of Jade Gambling—how could he lose to a country folk? Isaac's

actions had driven Andrew into a corner.

After hesitating for a moment, Andrew glared at Isaac and demanded, "Are you certain that within the

stone priced at 8.8 billion, there's top-quality Imperial Green Jade worth over ten billion?"

"I am certain!"

"And there's no other choice?"

"That's it. That 8.8-billion-priced stone is our only chance, our only hope to turn things around."

"Our only chance? Heh!"

Andrew let out a cold sneer and said discontentedly, "A country boy spends just 380,000 on a stone and

retrieves a top-quality Imperial Green Jade worth a billion from it!

But you, claiming to be the King of Jade Gambling, have to spend 8.8 billion to pick a stone that contains

top-quality Imperial Green. And that stone **you** want is the highest **priced of all!**

Then why didn't I just choose the most expensive one from the start? What's the use **of having** you, **the** so-called King **of** Jade Gambling, if you're worthless?"

Faced with Andrew's tirade, Isaac couldn't provide an explanation; he just had to listen quietly. After the lashing, he hurried to defend himself, "Andrew, you saw the three stones I picked, all of them brought **you** a huge profit.

It's only because of his luck that this country fellow's last stone contained the finest Imperial Green. He got lucky!

I am very certain that inside the 8.8-billion-priced stone, there's top-quality Imperial Green worth a billion!"

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Andrew was still somewhat incredulous and reaffirmed, 'Are you sure that the stone contains the finest quality Imperial Green Jade worth ten billion?

"I am the King of Jade Gambling, and I never rely on luck—only my skill! I am absolutely certain that stone contains the finest quality Imperial Green Jade worth ten billion! Isaac stated confidently and resolutely.

"**And** if the stone doesn't contain Imperial Green Jade worth ten billion, what then?" Andrew wanted Isaac to actually put something on the line instead of just spouting words.

Isaac raised his right hand and promised, "The title of the King of Jade Gambling was won by this right hand. If the 8.8 billion-priced stone does not contain the finest quality Imperial Green Jade worth ten billion, I will chop off this hand!"

"Good!" Andrew agreed.

However, Isaac set a condition. "Andrew, since I am risking my right hand, it's not enough to just give me a billion after winning. If you win the ten billion from this country boy, I want a fair share—at least five billion."

Isaac was no saint; he was involved in Jade Gambling with Andrew for money. Having now risked his hand, he certainly wanted more. Greed often leads to death!

Andrew was stunned, looking disbelievingly at Isaac. "Are you bargaining with me?"

"I've risked my right hand in the wager, Andrew. I think I've made a considerable sacrifice, don't you agree?"

"Now that I know the best quality Imperial Green Jade worth ten billion is in that stone, whether you're

involved or not is irrelevant."

Of course, Andrew was not willing to spend an extra four billion!

“Andrew, indeed, the stone contains the best quality Imperial Green Jade, but the jade inside is irregularly shaped. If you cut it in the wrong direction, you might diminish the value of **that** ten billion Imperial Green Jade. It may even end up worth only five billion.

In that case, you won't be able to recoup your investment of 8.8 billion, nor will you win the betting money.

Last time I checked, that was ten billion dollars.

The reason why I dare say that the stone priced at 8.8 billion contains the finest quality Imperial Green Jade worth ten billion is because know how to **cut** it to preserve the maximum value of the Imperial

Green Jade!”

Isaac wasn't just speaking for Andrew to hear; he aimed his words at all present. If Andrew didn't trust him, Isaac didn't mind tempting other wealthy individuals to purchase the stone.

As for the money Andrew was going to lose to Daniel, that country boy—it was no concern of his. After all, the profits, from his previous stone selections were substantial, and his reputation as the King of Jade Gambling remained intact.

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Andrew felt threatened, even suspecting for a moment that Isaac had purposefully set up this deception.

“Isaac, are you threatening me?”

“Never would I dare! I dare not threaten Andrew. I am a businessman, and my sole aim is always just to do business with you, Andrew.

If you're willing to share a five billion profit with me, we can continue our business. If you reject my proposal, please forgive me for not being able to continue our trade.

After all, it was you who bet against the country boy, and it was your ten billion. If you lose, it will be you who loses everything, not me, the King of Jade Gambling!”

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“You...” Andrew ground his teeth in anger, feeling an overwhelming urge to rip Isaac into pieces. Finally suppressing his rage, he acquiesced. “Fine! I’ll give you five billion!”

“Andrew, times have changed. So, five billion doesn’t quite cut it anymore; my price is now eight billion. Also, even if the stone doesn’t contain jade worth ten billion, I won’t be chopping off my hand anymore!” Isaac changed the terms yet again, confident he had control over Andrew. With this kind of leverage, he saw no need to pay such a steep personal price. Isaac’s favorite thing was making money using other people’s capital.

Shocked, Andrew confronted him. “You... How can you have no integrity?”

“Andrew, I’m just here to do business; you’re not obliged to deal with me! If you reckon the deal unfavorable, I have no objections, and I can see if anyone else is willing to make this deal!” Since he firmly held the reins, Isaac wanted to press his advantage to the fullest.

“You...” It seemed Andrew was still dissatisfied with Isaac’s terms. “Fine then, since that’s the case, the terms have changed again. Now the price is ten billion! After all, it’s me who will win against that country boy, so it’s only right that his ten billion becomes rightfully mine!

As for Andrew, besides the several tens of millions of profits from those three stones, you also get to purchase Imperial Green jade worth more than ten billion with 8.8 billion. I see that as a really fair deal for you. So, Andrew, want to keep negotiating with me?”

Andrew clenched his fists tightly enough that veins bulged on his arms. Glaring at Isaac with fury in his eyes and teeth so clenched they might shatter, he conceded through gritted teeth, “Fine! I agree to your terms!”

“Andrew, you really are straightforward! Let’s get started, then!”

Andrew pulled another 8.8 billion from the company accounts to purchase the stone. He then turned to Isaac, demanding, “I’ve bought the stone; now tell the staff how to **cut** it.”

Isaac picked up a marker and drew a line down the center of the stone. He then instructed the staff, “Cut the stone along the line I’ve drawn. Split it into two.”

Isaac’s action infuriated Andrew, who questioned him, “Are you playing me?”

“Playing you? Of course not! When have I played you?”

“Even if you hadn’t drawn that line, the staff would still have **cut** the stone down the middle!”

“Andrew, your inexperience is showing. If I hadn’t drawn the line, the workers might have **cut** from the middle, or they might have **cut** from the side.

When they open these stones, where exactly they should cut depends on the buyer’s instructions. Otherwise, the staff will decide on their own.”

“You...”

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Andrew knew he’d been outmaneuvered and was so enraged he couldn’t find the words to speak. The staff turned to him and inquired, “Andrew, should we cut the stone along this line?”

After all, the stone was worth 8.8 billion. How exactly it should be opened was something they needed to confirm with the buyer. If they misjudged and damaged the stone while cutting it, the workers knew they could never compensate for such a loss.

Andrew waved his hand, “Cut! Just cut along the line!”

With confirmation from Andrew, the worker flicked the switch, and the electric saw buzzed into life once

more.

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The worker followed the line loss had marked and cut the & Allion–priced stone in half. A hint of green light emerged but at war but a hut The stone split as two contained jade with green color but

gates, giving it a mothy appearance

interspersed with white and gray

Everyone had hoped to witness the extraction of a second piece of Imperial Green, but no one expected

to see a low-quality mixed jade piece instead. It didn't take an expert to know that such mixed jade

wasn't worth much money.

Pointing at the opened stone, Daniel faced Andrew with a big grin and said, "Andrew, you lost! This 8.8

billion priced stone doesn't contain an Imperial Green Jade worth ten billion. I estimate, at most, these

pieces of jade are worth ten million altogether. So, you lost!"

Andrew was shell-shocked. Staring at Isaac with burning anger, he demanded, "What's going on? Where's the top-quality imperial Green Jade you promised?"

"This can't be!" Isaac couldn't believe it, even with the stark reality right before his eyes.

He had made a mistake again? There was no Imperial Green Jade in this 8.8 billion-priced stone?

Isabella was also astounded. Before the exhibition, several appraisers had assessed that there was a high

probability that this stone contained Imperial Green Jade, valued between eight and twelve billion. After

Andrew bought it, she somewhat worried for Daniel.

Reflecting on the events that had unfolded, Isabella was taken aback. Daniel must have known all along

that the 8.8 billion-priced stone contained nothing valuable. Was that why he enticed Andrew into his trap?

Had he helped her again, enabling her to make a fortune? After all, if the stone had remained unsold,

Isabella's father would have instructed it to be cut open—knowing they had bought it for five billion. If opened, they would have faced a five-billion loss.

Isabella realized just how close she had come to losing five billion.

Having lost over ten billion in a single night, Andrew was beside himself. He had used the company's funds—the money intended for suppliers—and now it was all gone. What was he going to do?

If his father found out about this, Andrew felt he might well be killed.

Glowering at Daniel, Andrew growled with gritted teeth, "Country boy, don't get smug! I will reclaim what you owe me tonight, with interest, and more!"

With that, Andrew huffily left.

"Andrew, are you not playing anymore?" Daniel called after him, but Andrew didn't respond.

"Let's go! Ho..." Daniel started to affectionately address Jessie but switched to a formal tone when Jessica glared at him fiercely. "Boss!"

"Wait a minute!" Isabella stopped Daniel and asked, "Aren't you taking the ten billion you won?"

"When I borrowed the money, I made it clear: that's your interest. So the ten billion is yours, beautiful. I'm

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a man of my word."

Isabella continued, smiling at Daniel, "That's ten billion. Are you sure you want to give that much money to me? Don't you need to consult Jessica's opinion?"

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