

The Understated Dragon Lord

Chapter 11

Chapter 11 Mr. Andrew Arrives

Jennifer's derogatory remarks with a B word stunned Jessica. Jennifer, who usually communicated with Brittany, had not had the chance to interact with Jessica before, so she did not recognize her. Feeling insulted, Jessica put down her burger and asked coldly, "Who are you?" "You, a cheap woman, dare to ask who I am? Fine then, let me tell you, I am Jennifer, the president of Zen Byte!" "The president of Zen Byte? You're calling me a cheap woman?"

"If you're eating with this loser, what else should I call you?" "Heh," Jessica scoffed, choosing not to engage further with Jennifer. The press conference was about to start, and she needed to prepare. Before leaving, she turned to Daniel, "Daniel, you'll decide the partner list for today." After she departed, Jennifer laughed mockingly. "Loser, you and that cheap woman suit each other! All big words, who does she think she is, saying you can decide TMO's partner list?" As Jennifer was speaking, her phone rang. The noise in the venue made her step outside to answer the call. Suddenly... The announcement on the large screen on the stage read: "Healthy Land Strategic Cooperation with ArmCorp." "Signing Ceremony and Press Conference." Reading these lines, everyone in the venue was perplexed. "ArmCorp? Shouldn't it be TMO?" Suddenly, the venue was bustling with dozens of workers quickly laying out red carpet, tidying up the space, swapping the regular bottled water on seats with imported premium water, and replacing ordinary flower baskets on the stage with high-quality fresh flowers. Then, a group of stunning women in slit gowns, exuding charm and charisma, walked into the hall. They lined up on either side of the entrance, creating a strikingly beautiful scene. In unison, they bowed and greeted with sweet voices, "Welcome, Mr. Andrew!"

Andrew arrived, dressed in a custom Armani suit and looking every inch the business elite. Jessica stepped in front of him and demanded, "What are you doing here?" "Disrupting? I'm not causing any trouble. I'm here on behalf of ArmCorp to sign a strategic cooperation agreement with Healthy Land and to hold a joint press conference." At his words, the room exploded with confusion and disbelief. "Wasn't TMO supposed to achieve strategic cooperation with Healthy Land? How did it switch to ArmCorp?" "We signed with TMO to indirectly connect with The Grants through their influence, right?" "Now that The Grants are not cooperating with The Matthews, does that mean our investments so far are down the drain?" ... The entire hall erupted in a cacophony of voices, and Jessica was left dumbfounded, unsure of what to do. That's when Daniel stepped forward. "Everyone, please stay calm. Healthy Land will indeed sign with TMO."

If the final contract is with ArmCorp instead of TMO, we are prepared to pay ten times the indemnity to all partners.” “Who are you? Can you make such promises on behalf of TMO? Even if you could, do you have the authority?” Seeing Daniel offer such an outrageous condition, Andrew couldn’t help but laugh. “He’s Jessica’s assistant; he has full authority to represent her. So, if Healthy Land doesn’t sign with TMO but with ArmCorp that I represent, I assure you, hold TMO to get ten times the breach of contract payment!” With such a high indemnity, TMO would not just go bankrupt; The Matthews would be utterly ruined. Anxiously pacing like ants on a hot pan, Jessica had no other options. She had been calling Healthy Land’s contact but got no response. What was going on? Andrew leaned in close to Jessica’s ear and threatened, “Jessica, I’ll give you one last chance. Agree to marry me now, and I’ll ensure Healthy Land continues to sign with TMO. Otherwise, TMO will only face bankruptcy, and your family will be ruined!”

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Chapter 12 Master Daniel

Andrew intentionally left a clue for Jessica to mistake his bluster as a ploy to trap her. He knew Jessica always conducted business cautiously, and a normal indemnity in the contract would at most put TMO in jeopardy, not destroy The Matthews. But if indemnity rose to tenfold, The Matthews would be doomed. Once The Matthews fell, Jessica would have no choice but to become a plaything in Andrew’s hands. Meanwhile, Jessica had managed to get through to the contact person on the phone, not realizing that Andrew had sneakily sent that contact a message to take her call. After hanging up, Jessica regained her confidence.

“Heh, Andrew, you think you can play these games with me? Childish much?” Jessica approached the podium, took the microphone, and assured the crowd, “Ladies and gentlemen, if today TMO fails to sign with Healthy Land, we will pay everyone tenfold the breach of contract penalty. Please be patient; the signing ceremony and press conference will proceed as planned!” No sooner had Jessica concluded than the women in qipao shouted in unison: “Welcome Anthony Stephens!” Anthony had arrived, accompanied by Healthy Land’s staff, including Brandon Grant, the liaison with Jessica. Jessica quickly went to meet them: “Brandon, where is Master Joshua?” “Master Joshua was called away unexpectedly and won’t attend today’s signing ceremony. All of Healthy Land’s affairs at Delvin Hub are managed by Master Joshua’s leading disciple,

Mr. Anthony.” Jessica eagerly extended her hand: “Mr. Anthony, it’s a pleasure to meet you!” Anthony bypassed her, heading straight to Andrew. “Mr. Andrew, with Healthy Land and ArmCorp’s strategic cooperation, we must work hand-in-hand to conquer Delvin Hub’s market!” The previously calm venue erupted into chaos. Jessica was stunned. “Brandon, didn’t you just say on the phone that today’s signing ceremony would have no issues?” “Of course, there are no issues! But I never said we’d sign with TMO.” Jessica, her eyes reddening with anger but restraining her tears, had no idea how to deal with the situation.

Daniel, seemingly carefree, suddenly received a text message. “Master, where are you? I have to rush back to Washington this afternoon because of a family emergency. I’d like to have lunch with you at noon.” “The International Conference Center.” “Master, please wait for me. I’ll be there in half an hour.” As Daniel was busy texting, an irate Brittany approached him: “What are you doing with your phone at this time?” “It’s 10:30. There’s still half an hour until the signing ceremony.” Brittany, frustrated, stammered for words: “If it weren’t for you, this nobody announcing the tenfold indemnity, Jessica wouldn’t be in this mess.” Andrew approached, hands in pockets, smirking triumphantly at Jessica. “Ten times the indemnity would bankrupt The Matthews even if they sold all their companies, wouldn’t it? If you want to save The Matthews now, there’s only one way: marry me!” Jessica disapproved of Andrew’s actions but knew he genuinely liked her, having pursued her persistently over the years. Now cornered and with no options left, Jessica could only agree to Andrew to save TMO and preserve The Matthews. A tear slipped down her cheek.

Was this her fate? Suddenly, someone shouted. “Master Joshua is here.” Anthony looked up, and indeed, Joshua had arrived. “Mr. Andrew, Master Joshua’s personal presence at the signing ceremony is a significant endorsement for your family. Your family’s fortune is about to change! Let’s go greet him!” Anthony led Andrew quickly towards Joshua, introducing: “Master, this is Mr. Andrew, president of ArmCorp.” “Master Joshua, a pleasure to meet you!” Andrew reached out his trembling hand, excited to shake hands with Joshua to solidify the bond between The Armstrongs and The Grants. But Joshua bypassed him, rushing towards Daniel like an excitable child. Andrew’s hand, shaking with anticipation, was left awkwardly suspended in mid-air. “Master Daniel!”

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Chapter 13 Who is Master Daniel?

Joshua sprinted through the crowd, calling out eagerly and losing his shoe in the process, not caring about his image in front of others.

Everyone in attendance was taken aback.

Master Daniel? Who was Master Daniel? How could he make Joshua

behave so uncharacteristically?

All the elites from Delvin Hub's business circle were present, and they all knew each other. A round of confused glances swept the room,

with no unfamiliar face to identify.

After looking around, Jessica turned to Brittany and asked, "You're in charge of checking in today's guests. Is there anyone named Master

Daniel?"

Brittany shook her head, recalling, "There isn't any guest named

Master Daniel on the list, not even any Daniel at all."

"Then who is Master Daniel?" Jessica was puzzled.

Daniel turned with a slight smile, openly admitting, "It's me."

"You? You're Master Daniel?" Jessica was incredulous.

Brittany scoffed, "How could that be you? A nobody making a spectacle of himself? How could you, a mere riffraff from the countryside, be acknowledged by a person of Master Joshua's

stature?"

Jessica was furious with Daniel for his purportedly outlandish claims about the indemnity and now claiming to be Master Daniel. "Have you

not caused enough trouble? Or do you find amusement in tormenting me further?"

Daniel didn't bother to explain as Joshua had already reached him and embraced him warmly. "Master Daniel, how I've missed you!"

Everyone, including Jessica and Brittany, was completely stunned by

the scene before them. This man, whom they thought of as a nobody from the countryside, turned out to be Master Daniel?

"Ever since we parted last evening, I've been tossing and turning, restless, with my mind filled with all that you've shared, my dear

Master Daniel!"

"Stop, stop, stop! If you keep going, people will get the wrong idea. I don't want my reputation compromised like you do."

"Misunderstood? Misunderstood what? We talked about those formulas until late last night. I understood everything you explained, but after you left, I got confused again. My flight back to Washington is at 2 p.m., and we still have a couple of hours. Let's find a place, have lunch, and discuss this. I need to clear all my doubts before I

head back."

Joshua tried to tug Daniel away, who stood rooted like a steadfast post, completely immovable.

"Master Daniel, let's go!"

"I can't leave."

"Why not?"

"My boss, Jessica, is angry; she hasn't given me time off, so I can't go."

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"Your boss, Jessica?"

Daniel pointed to Jessica, and upon seeing her, even Joshua, who had seen many beautiful women, was momentarily dazzled. Rumor had it that Jessica had once won a beauty pageant but gave up the

title for reasons unknown. She was the most beautiful woman he had

ever seen, bar none.

Smart as he was, Joshua immediately guessed she must be Daniel's wife. With a beaming smile, he courteously addressed Jessica, "Miss Jessica, may I borrow your Daniel for just two hours? I promise we won't be a minute over."

"Josh, stop causing trouble here. It might work with someone else, but it will surely fail with you."

"Why?"

"Because it's your Healthy Land that offended my boss, Jessica. She's been driven to tears by your broken promises!"

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Chapter 14 Master Daniel's Wife

"Healthy Land would never offend Jessica. Oh, that's right! Today was supposed to be the joyous day of signing the cooperation with TMO, and my no-show was indeed a broken promise. That was inexcusable of me; I apologize to Jessica."

To show sincerity, Joshua quickly stood up and bowed deeply to Jessica.

"Josh, are you pretending to be blind? Or are you too old to catch the point?"

“I’m not! Isn’t my absence the point?”

“You’re not? Then you must be illiterate. Can’t you read the big letters on the screen?”

Joshua turned and saw the writing, his face immediately flushed with embarrassment. He glared at Anthony and demanded, “What’s going on?”

“I—I don’t know! It was Brandon’s doing!”

Anthony’s unexpected deflection caught Brandon off guard. Was Anthony blaming him when it was Anthony who forcibly changed the agreement from TMO to ArmCorp? Now Brandon didn’t dare to object.

If he revealed the truth, it meant trouble for both Anthony and himself, plus he had also profited from the deal with Andrew. If he shouldered this, both Anthony and Andrew would owe him favors.

After all, he was just an employee; he could get paid working for

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ArmCorp if he couldn’t at Healthy Land, right? And if he handled this well, maybe he’d secure an even higher salary,

With this rationale, Brandon stood out.

“Master Joshua, our initial partner indeed was TMO, but The Matthews isn’t what it used to be. Their power has declined, which is why we ultimately chose ArmCorp. ArmCorp’s rapid growth in recent years surpasses TMO. Healthy Land partnering with ArmCorp is the

better choice.”

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“Enough! In your eyes, am I, Joshua, someone who only cares for benefits? Someone who will partner with whomever is more powerful?

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“Sir, that’s not what I meant.”

“You’re fired! Healthy Land can only partner with TMO—no, not just

Healthy Land and TMO, but The Grants will engage in a deep partnership directly with The Matthews. All of The Grants’ future investments in Delvin Hub will be handled by TMO!”

Joshua turned to Jessica again, his face full of flattery.

“Jessica, the people underneath have been disrespectful, I’m sorry they upset you. As an apology, I’ve decided to add an extra fifty billion to the pre-agreed collaboration. You’ll control all the funds.”

Happiness arrived so suddenly that Jessica couldn’t believe her ears.

She was rooted to the spot, stunned into silence. A returned

partnership and an added investment of fifty billion from The Grants were like pulling The Matthews straight from hell to heaven. It was

too fantastical, too unbelievable.

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“Jessica, if you’re still upset, I can’t borrow Master Daniel from you, can I? How about I add another fifty billion, making it a hundred billion in total?”

Jessica’s mouth dropped in shock before hastily clarifying.

“Master Joshua, you’ve misunderstood me. It’s not just a matter of having lunch with Daniel, you can even take him back to Washington if you wish. The strategic collaboration between Healthy Land and TMO will follow what was agreed upon earlier. If you wish to add to your investment, you can do so once TMO has proven results.”

Her response greatly impressed Joshua. Truly fitting for Master

Daniel’s wife, the woman his Master had chosen. She was

exceptional!

Upon returning to the venue after her call, Jennifer was petrified to learn that she had insulted Jessica. By offending Jessica, the path to cooperate with TMO for her company was now cut off.

In a desperate move, Jennifer stepped forward. “Master Joshua, you can’t collaborate with TMO!”

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Chapter 15 Jennifer’s Evidence

Master Daniel? He’s just a nobody! Jennifer was determined to get

Joshua to retract his statement. Healthy Land could only work with ArmCorp, and she would not allow an association with a pervert like

Daniel to make TMO reconsider their collaboration. That would make

Daniel the hero, and Jennifer refused to let that happen. In her eyes,

someone like Daniel belonged in the gutter.

Joshua glanced at Jennifer and asked, “Who are you?”

“Hello, Master Joshua. I’m Jennifer, the president of Zen Byte.”

“And what business is it of yours who I collaborate with?”

“If you work with TMO, it will tarnish your reputation!”

“Why?”

Jennifer took out her phone, connected it to the Bluetooth system, and projected the content onto the big screen. There it was—the photos of Daniel and the chat logs for everyone to see.

“Master Joshua, now you see? The man you speak of as Master Daniel is a pervert! And I am the woman victimized in these photos. If you collaborate with TMO, you’re collaborating with a pervert. Once word gets out, not only will Healthy Land’s standing suffer, but your personal reputation will be devastated as well.”

Andrew, who had been hopeless until now, saw a chance for counterattack through the trump card Jennifer played.

“Master Joshua, this Daniel is not just a nasty prowler; he’s also a swindler!”

“And you are?”

“I’m the president of ArmCorp, Andrew.”

“You claim Master Daniel is a swindler. Do you have proof?”

“The illness of Jessica’s father was sudden and severe. I called upon Delvin Hub’s best physician, Master Christopher, who was unable to save him. In the end, Joseph was allegedly saved by this nobody.

Daniel. At first, I thought his medical skills must have been substantial. But I later discovered that the large centipede he claimed

to have removed from Joseph’s stomach was planted there by him.

Daniel is the one who cursed Joseph with Tame Head. He’s not just a swindler but a sinister villain. Ma’am Jessica has been deceived by him, hence her trust and allowing him to be her assistant. How can anyone dare seek treatment at Healthy Land if such a person is capable of casting curses?”

This was his killing move. Andrew believed that Joshua would surely change his mind after hearing his exposé. No one would want to be associated with someone capable of unleashing such evil curses. By branding Daniel with such a nefarious identity, Joshua would undoubtedly distance himself from him. After all, The Grants are a distinguished family, and associating with someone known for Tame Head curses would be a ruinous blow to their reputation.

After making a few phone calls, Anthony got the details of what transpired at Healthy Land the previous day. This nobody had managed to save someone accidentally, right in front of Master Joshua. Anthony felt a crisis loom as Joshua had never shown such favor to any of his disciples before. He had to remove this nobody

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away from Master Joshua, or his position as Joshua's leading disciple was in jeopardy.

After gathering his thoughts, Anthony spoke firmly: "Master, you are the 48th descendant of our honored lineage. You are the esteemed

president of the Estella Medical Association and the respected head of The Grants family. Associating with a lowlife that uses Tame Head curses would be beneath you, it is unbecoming of your status, and would tarnish the reputation of The Grants family."

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"Are you teaching me what to do?" Joshua's question sent shivers down Anthony's spine, prompting him to quickly deflect, "No, I

wouldn't dare!"

Anthony fell silent, but he believed Joshua had taken his words to heart. Reputation was always of paramount importance to his master. He wouldn't let his good name be sullied for the sake of a

nobody.

Joshua's frown deepened, and his expression grew stern, which made Anthony gloat internally. His master was angered, and Daniel was doomed. Andrew also picked up on the cues and, while wanting to speak out, was dissuaded by Anthony's glare. Joshua was clever and needed no instruction from anyone else; any further input could only

make things worse.

However, Joshua was troubled by Jessica's potential reaction to the photos, as women were often sensitive about such matters. As a devoted disciple, it was his duty to aid his master.

Joshua pulled Daniel aside and quietly asked, "Master, did you really molest that woman on the high-speed train?"

"Am I that kind of person? It was a misunderstanding."

"I see, a misunderstanding! I knew it! With such a beautiful wife, how could you possibly molest another woman?"

Reassured by Daniel's answer, Joshua walked back to Jennifer. "Your claims that Master Daniel molested you on the train—based solely on

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these photos and supposed chat records—can't prove anything. You need to provide more evidence."

"Isn't it clear in these photos? And I'm the victim. The evidence

speaks for itself! Everyone here today is a Delvin Hub business elite; they aren't blind. If you, Master Joshua, protect him, it will become public knowledge. No one would believe you'd shelter such a pervert, given your status."

"If Master Daniel truly did what you've accused, I will immediately halt Healthy Land's collaboration with TMO! If he's innocent—and you're slandering him, then you'll owe him a public apology."

"If he's innocent, I'll kneel and apologize! But if he's guilty, he must kneel before me and slap himself, apologizing until I forgive him."

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Jennifer wanted to crush Daniel and make him the laughing stock of Delvin Hub, a pariah.

Joshua, taking his time, looked over at Daniel. "Master Daniel, what do you say?"

"I agree."

Joshua's conviction in Daniel's innocence was bolstered by his affirmative response, so he asked Jennifer, "Which flight was it, and which seat did you have?"

“It was flight G888, and I was in seat 2A.”

Joshua whipped out his phone and dialed a number. “Big Mac! I need

a favor—can you pull up a security recording for me...”

The name ‘Big Mac’ left Jennifer inwardly impressed. Joshua, the head of The Grants, one of the eight great families and the chief

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medical officer, had such clout. With just a phone call, he contacted the person who controlled the whole aviation system, endearingly referred to as ‘Big Mac’ by friends due to his reported love for the hamburger.

“Just wait until the surveillance video comes in, then get ready to slap yourself in front of me,” she taunted.

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Chapter 17 Our Shared Honor and Disgrace

Jennifer looked down on Daniel with the disdain of a queen, utterly confident. There was no doubt in her mind that he had deliberately thrown that ring under her seat on the plane to take advantage of her.

She knew all too well the crooked intentions of such men.

Jennifer’s confidence solidified Brittany’s belief that Daniel must indeed be a scoundrel. With Joshua’s unexpected appearance, TMO

had a chance to recover from its predicament. If TMO’s collaboration

with Healthy Land fell through because of Daniel, putting the

company at risk again, that was unforgivable. Brittany had to step in and stop it.

“Master Joshua, you can’t let the actions of this nobody disrupt

TMO’s partnership. He may be our new assistant, but he hasn’t been officially inducted yet. His behavior does not reflect on TMO!”

“Master Daniel isn’t associated with TMO?” Joshua looked to Jessica, asking, “Is this your opinion?”

“Daniel is my assistant, and I personally manage him. His actions not only represent me but also the entire TMO. If he truly did such a thing, I am prepared to apologize to Jennifer alongside him.”

Jessica’s bold declaration shocked everyone present. They stared, unable to believe what they had heard. Was she out of her mind?

Andrew, seeing through Jessica’s intentions, approached her and reminded her with a smirk, “Ma’am Jessica, I understand you’re taking a gamble here. But such a bet based on a lowlife is not worth it. Once the surveillance video arrives, the truth will be revealed. It’s a bet

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you’re certain to lose. It’s unwise to wager the future of TMO, even the entire Matthews family, on a lowlife.

“Daniel is definitely not a pervert!” Although Jessica’s statement was firm, internally, she was conflicted. She had only known Daniel for a

couple of days and barely understood him. Her resolute stand

stemmed from lack of choice. Joshua’s presence and TMO’s deal with Healthy Land became possible through Daniel’s relationship with Joshua. She had to trust him; she had to take the gamble.

Her stance pleased Joshua, and he was also convinced now that

Jessica must be Daniel’s woman. Only spouses could stand together

like this in such moments.

Jessica moved next to Daniel, looking serious, "You better not let me down."

"If you haven't let me down, naturally, I won't let you down either." Daniel was moved by her trust in him. At this rate, she should fall for him soon, right? Once she did, she'd truly marry him, and The Grass of Sealed Dragon, promised as a wedding gift, would be his. His life was

on a path to be saved.

"The surveillance video is here. To make things clear and vindicate Master Daniel, I'll project it on the big screen." Joshua had the staff prepare the video.

As Daniel stretched, the ring that hung around his neck as a pendant fell and rolled across the aisle, eventually stopping under Jennifer's seat. Noticing the scene was tilting in favor of Daniel, Joshua quickly paused the video.

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"Everyone has seen, the facts are now clear. The ring that accidentally fell from Master Daniel's neck was indeed an accident. The ring ending up under Jennifer's feet was also merely a coincidence."

"Master Joshua, is this what you call fairness? Even if the ring fell accidentally, the fact that it fell at my feet is still accidental. But when he picked up the ring, this nobody peeked under my skirt! Regardless of the intent, it doesn't change the fact that he sexually harassed me!"

Jennifer argued passionately, and Andrew supported her case.

"Master Joshua, you're a highly respected person. Now that we've brought out the surveillance video, why not let everyone see it in full? Without seeing it all, we can't judge properly! If this nobody is truly a decent man, even if he ended up at Jennifer's feet just to pick up that ring, he would never have looked up. If he did, it would

harm *your* reputation to call this pervert Master Daniel and accept such a lowly person as a friend.”

Andrew didn't believe Daniel could refrain from peeking up Jennifer's skirt. Any normal man in that situation would inevitably take a glance. Even he, Andrew, who had encountered countless beautiful women, would likely steal a peek in such circumstances. How could Daniel, a nobody from the countryside who rarely meets beautiful women, resist such a rare opportunity?

“Mr. Andrew, without clear facts, you use insults like ‘pervert’ to refer to Master Daniel. You yourself don't seem like a very decent man! If it turns out that Master Daniel is innocent and didn't peek, you'll have to

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kneel just like Jennifer and apologize to him!”

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“Why are you defending this nobody so much, Master Joshua? How about a wager?”

“What are the stakes?”

“After the truth comes out and if this nobody is indeed a pervert, Healthy Land must partner with ArmCorp and add a hundred billion to the investment! If he's not, then as you said, I will join Jennifer in kneeling in front of him and apologizing!”

“Accepted!” Joshua agreed, then tapped on his phone to continue playing the surveillance clip.

Daniel approached Jennifer, quickly crouched down, and despite her wearing a miniskirt, regarded her as non-existent; his focus solely on

the ring.

After Jennifer's scream and snapping photos with her phone, Daniel finally raised his head, but throughout the process, his gaze never

deviated from the ring.

Once the video finished, the truth was revealed. Jennifer couldn't

believe it—Daniel hadn't glanced up even once?

Jessica had to laugh. “Well, it turns out this guy really is quite the gentleman!” She sighed internally, her regard for Daniel rising significantly. In situations like that, men who could manage not to look were truly rare.

But it wasn't due to Daniel's nobility; rather, The Ring of Seven Dragons was simply too important to him, representing his very life force, which demanded all his attention at that moment.

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Unaware of Jessica's shifting feelings, Daniel also didn't realize that his unintentional conduct had inadvertently strengthened her positive perceptions, bringing him one step closer to acquiring The Grass of Sealed Dragon.

“Now that the video has finished and the truth is out, Mr. Andrew, Jennifer, the two of you had better kneel down and apologize to Master Daniel promptly!”

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Chapter 19 Kneel Down? He's Not Worthy

Kneel before a nobody? In the presence of so many people, to kneel to a nobody from the countryside? The mere thought of such a

shameful and ridiculous act was beyond Jennifer's acceptance, and naturally, Andrew was not willing either.

Observing their inaction, Joshua grew impatient. “Why haven't you

kneelt yet to apologize to Master Danjel?”

“Kneel? Why should we kneel? I’m a president; am I supposed to kneel to some nobody? Is he worth it?”

“You wronged Master Daniel, and you must honor your earlier promise by kneeling and apologizing.”

“He’s just a fool from the countryside. Even if I wronged him, that would be due to the good fortune of encountering me. Now that he has been proven innocent, if he knows what’s good for him, he should be the one kneeling down to thank me!”

Andrew also stepped forward. “Master Joshua, neither Jennifer nor I, members of Delvin Hub’s high society, can accept kneeling to a

nobody. We’ve already proven his innocence, which should be counted as a mercy. Further insistence on this matter is disrespectful to you, Master Joshua!”

To this, Andrew turned to Daniel and scolded, “Why are you still standing there? Kneel down at once to thank Master Joshua! His intervention is what cleared your name!”

Andrew was smarter than Jennifer. He knew it would not be realistic

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to make Daniel kneel to him, so he plotted to make Daniel kneel to Joshua instead. By positioning himself beside Joshua, if Daniel

kneeled to Joshua, it would be as good as kneeling to him—an expression of wisdom in Andrew’s view.

The shameless act by both Jennifer and Andrew shocked and angered Joshua. “You two are utterly disgraceful! I swear, if neither of you kneel before Master Daniel to apologize, I will issue an order to blacklist both your families! No enterprise that does business with The Grants shall have any dealings with your two families!”

Their faces white with fear, Jennifer and Andrew were stunned by

Joshua’s words. The Grants had never blacklisted anyone. Now, for a nobody, Joshua was threatening to blacklist their family businesses?

With The Grants’ wealth rivaled that of nations and their fingers in every pie, Delvin Hub’s major corporations all had business ties with The Grants. If blacklisted, bankruptcy was inevitable.

Andrew shot Daniel a venomous glare, longing to devour him alive. Then, after a brief thought, it dawned on him. Joshua’s actions were not because he valued this nobody but to demonstrate his power. Joshua had said from the start that he was merely a

notary public. Now that the truth was clear, if he and Jennifer did not kneel, it would mean disrespect to Joshua! With this realization, the humiliation of kneeling became somehow less disgraceful – not bowing to Daniel but to the power that Joshua wielded.

Once Joshua left, Andrew resolved to seek retribution from Daniel for any dignity lost today. Daniel was just a nobody; how could he dare make him kneel?

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Chapter 20 I Will Not Kneel

Andrew's knees buckled as he knelt down before Daniel, a shocking spectacle for everyone watching. The eldest son of The Armstrongs and president of ArmCorp kneeling before a loser? If word got out, it would detonate across Delvin Hub and make headline news.

"I'm sorry," Andrew said, apologizing in front of everyone. The president of ArmCorp was apologizing to a nobody? It was an event no one would believe without witnessing it firsthand.

Joshua then turned to Jennifer, demanding coldly, "You!"

Jennifer didn't want to kneel, but Andrew had already done so. Even the Armstrongs couldn't resist the threat of being blacklisted by The Grants. Torn between defiance and the dire threat, Jennifer had no

choice but to turn to Daniel.

"Do you really have the heart to make me kneel? Do you really want to humiliate me in public?" Despite having called off their engagement, she had once been his fiancée. By asking him this, Jennifer was

giving Daniel a chance to reconsider. Even though there was no way she would ever reconsider, she hoped to sway Daniel to spare her this

time.

Daniel remained unmoved by her cunning, responding with an icily indifferent tone, "Of course! Kneel."

As hatred consumed Jennifer, she felt insulted by having even tried to sway a nobody and receiving such a response. "I will not kneel!" she declared, stomping away in her high heels. Nothing could compel her to kneel to a nobody like Daniel—absolutely nothing.

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Watching Jennifer's retreating figure, Daniel allowed himself a small smirk. She was quite amusing, he thought.

Joshua was a shrewd old fox, but he sensed there might be a story between Daniel and that woman. After confirming with Daniel there was nothing significant, he casually mentioned, "Since she has nothing to do with you, should we blacklist Zen Byte and make her bankrupt overnight?"

"There's no need to bother with a woman," Daniel replied.

"Even though she targets you, you don't hold a grudge? Aren't you afraid that indulging her will just make her bolder?"

"Do you still want to discuss the medicinal formulas with me?"

"Of course, I do!"

With the signing concluded and the remaining tasks delegated to his subordinates, Anthony approached Andrew, who was looking utterly defeated and sick to his stomach.

"Mr. Andrew, you don't seem very happy," Anthony observed. "Anthony, are you here to mock me?"

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