

The Understated Dragon Lord

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“I know exactly what kind of person my assistant is. He absolutely would not have stolen this dress—it must be a misunderstanding! We need to investigate this thoroughly. I believe Daniel is innocent,” Jessica asserted with certainty because she knew Daniel had no motive to steal.

There was only one possibility for the dress appearing in the bag: he had been set up.

Harper let out a derisive sneer. “We have the evidence, what need is there for further investigation? From the moment I saw **him**, I thought this country guy was a creep. I bet he specializes in stealing these sorts of dresses. He’s not just a thief, he’s a pervert! We can’t handle this Internally; we must call the police and send him to jail!”

Samuel interjected, “Jessica, you said we needed evidence, and now that we have it, if you continue to protect him and demand an investigation, I might have to be discourteous. If you don’t wish to call the police, I understand, and I don’t think we need to. After all, you are a respectable person. Let’s leave this assistant in your hands: take him and deal with him as you see fit. I trust you, Jessica, to come up with a fair outcome. As for the medical expenses of the injured, I’ll cover them on your behalf.”

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Samuel didn't care about the beaten security. He cared about his reputation. His approach appeared magnanimous, enhancing his image.

However, this was bad news for Jessica. This incident was bound to get out and spread wide. Everyone in New York would soon hear about Jessica's assistant Daniel stealing a dress at Ancient Mall, attacking over a dozen security guards, and showing no remorse. Samuel, upon learning about the incident, took immediate action. He spared Jessica the trouble, forgave the assistant, and let her take him away to handle the situation. If Jessica mishandled it, the tarnished reputation would extend **beyond** her to the entire Matthews family!

This move by Samuel was a classic case of killing two birds with one stone—he could ensure the country assistant got his just desserts without directly offending the Matthews.

“Thank you for your kindness, Samuel, but we cannot leave this matter unsettled like this,” Jessica said, pointing at the surveillance cameras on the ceiling.

“There are cameras here that should have recorded everything that happened in the store. Samuel, could you please pull up the footage and see what really happened? If my assistant is a thief, I promise he'll be dealt with by law and sent to prison. If he was wrongfully accused, the person who accused him will need to apologize.”

“Alright! If Jessica is determined to clear this matter up, I will have someone pull up the surveillance footage,” Samuel conceded.

Soon enough, the footage was/retrieved. Samuel instructed his staff to project the security video onto a big screen to make sure everyone could see properly. The footage froze on Jennifer as she stealthily slipped the sundress into Daniel's bag.

The truth was laid bare for all to see, and the facts were clear.

Samuel turned to Jennifer, whom he recognized. After all, Zen Byte was not without its fame in New York.

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*Jennifer, I thought you were a decent person. What is the meaning of all this?" Samuel Inquired.

"It doesn't mean anything! I just have a little personal vendetta against this country boy. I just grabbed a dress and stuffed it into his bag when I heard your staff **call** him a thief," Jennifer retorted with a glare at

Daniel.

"You got lucky today, country boy, but next time won't be so easy. We're not done yet!" Jennifer declared,

then clacked away in her high heels.

Seeing Daniel make no move to stop her, Jessica asked sternly, "You're just letting her walk away?"

"What else?"

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"She framed you, and you won't even say a word?"

"I don't have time to waste on a petty woman!"

Exasperated, Jessica muttered, "You..."

She was upset. After all her efforts to defend him, Daniel was now too "lazy" to care. It didn't sit right with Jessica. Why was Jennifer targeting him repeatedly? Could there be something between them? Jealousy and suspicion swirled in Jessica's mind.

"That's enough! Let's go home!" Jessica stormed off angrily.

As Daniel began to follow, Sky called out to him, "Hold up, country boy! Even if you're not a thief, you've hurt so many of our club's members. This isn't over yet; Harrison's Martial Club demands revenge!"

your master Jacob “Revenge?” Daniel paused, grinning: “Sure, why not? But you should probably get your involved. I don’t want to waste my time dealing with the rest of you. Just send him to handle everything- it’ll save us both the trouble.”

Though meant in good spirit, Sky took Daniel’s suggestion as a challenge – and not just to him, but to the whole Harrisons Martial Club!

Even Samuel, who had initially tried to stay out of the fracas, could no longer restrain himself. Having a few disciples beaten was one thing; they often got into scuffles. But Daniel was brazenly challenging Jacob an insult to the entire Harrisons club.

Everyone knew that the Harrisons’ success today was built on Jacob’s back. Thanks to Jacob founding the Harrisons Martial Club, Samuel had a powerful force behind his business dealings. In New York, as long as Jacob was around, no one would dare to cross Samuel.

Now this country boy was challenging Jacob – meaning he was threatening to take down the Harrisons.

Samuel glared at Daniel with fury In his eyes and barked, “You want to challenge my big brother?”

“Your brother is Jacob?” Daniel asked, surprised.

“Yes!”

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“I don’t want to challenge him. I actually know him quite well. So I don’t want to beat up his disciples – it might ruin our relationship. My idea is to have him come over, take his no-good, yelling disciples back, and teach them a lesson himself.”

“You know my brother? I’ll call him right now and see if he knows you,” Samuel said, skeptical but intrigued. He pulled out his phone and dialed Jacob.

The phone was quickly answered. “Samuel, what’s up?”

“Big brother, your disciples got beaten up at Ancient Mall. Some had their arms twisted, others got their legs broken!”

“Who’s bold enough to mess with the Harrisons Martial Club’s disciples on your turf?”

“It was Jessica’s assistant.”

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"Jessica's assistant? Jacob was taken aback for a few seconds before urgently asking. "Is it Daniel?"

"Yes, Daniell

"Those punks, how dare they trouble Mr. Daniel? Get over there, slap each one of them for me, then have those little brats apologize to Mr. Daniel immediately!"

Samuel was stunned. "Big brother, that country boy is just Jessica's assistant. Why are you so afraid of him?"

"You don't get it at all! He's not some country boy; you better show some respect—he's Mr. Daniel! If you call him 'country boy' again, be prepared for me to kick your ass! Stabilize the situation; I'm on my way. And remember, do not offend Mr. Daniel at all costs!"

Soon, Jacob arrived. Sky was ranting at Daniel, blaming him for everything. "Master, this country boy hit me. He even said to call **you** over and fight you in front of everyone. He claimed he'd beat you up so bad you'd **mess** yourself! He also said he'd make sure Harrison's Martial Club could never again hold its head up high in New York!"

Upon hearing this, Jacob was livid. With a sharp 'smack," a slap landed on Sky's cheek, sending the

clueless disciple sprawling to the ground. After being slapped, Sky looked at Jacob, confused and ringing

in the ears. "Master, why are you hitting me?"

Without wasting words, Jacob delivered another slap to Sky's face. "Kneel down and apologize to Mr.

Daniel immediately!"

Sky was in utter shock. He couldn't bring himself to believe it **as** he looked at Jacob. "Master, you want me to kneel to that country boy? To apologize to him?"

Another slap struck Sky, the third one now. "I do not like repeating myself!"

Unable to defy his master's order, Sky knelt before Daniel, apologizing though clearly against his will. "Im sorry, Mr. Daniel! I promise I won't do it again. Please forgive me!"

After Sky apologized, Jacob shouted at the remaining disciples, "All of you, come here and kneel! Apologize to Mr. Daniel!"

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Even though Harrison's Martial Club's disciples were utterly confused and didn't understand why Jacob was ordering them to apologize to a "country boy", they dared not disobey him. So one by one, they lined up, knelt before Daniel, and apologized in unison. "We're sorry, Mr. Daniel! We promise not to do it again. Please forgive us!"

"That's enough, get up," Daniel waved the disciples to their feet, then cheerfully addressed Jacob. "The reason I asked you to come so far was to pick up your disciples. After all, if you hadn't come, they wouldn't have let me leave—they wanted to keep fighting. **Now** that you're here, I'm going to leave. As for your students, I suggest you give them some proper training.

We who practice martial arts shouldn't feel that **just** because we know how to fight, we should always use

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our fists to speak. When facing enemies or dealing with scum, we can use our fists. But when we're amongst our own people, we should use reason. If we can solve things with words, we should. Only if our words fail, then it's not too late to resort to fists!"

"Mr. Daniel is right. I'll make sure to give these young **ones** a good lesson when we get back. I promise. they'll learn from their mistakes and never repeat them!" Jacob assured earnestly.

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Chapter 124 What's Really Going On

At the Matthews family mansion, Jessica sat on the living room sofa, her legs elegantly crossed, wearing a body-hugging miniskirt. In front of her stood Daniel, tense as if he was a schoolboy who had gotten into

trouble

“Spill it! What exactly is going on between you and Jennifer?” Jessica demanded.

“Nothing. We’re just acquaintances.”

“Acquaintances? Then why does she always have it out for you?”

“She’s the one who has a problem with me, not the other way around. If you want to know why she’s targeting me, you should ask her!”

“Are you sassing me?”

“No, I’m just trying to reason with you!”

“Reason with me? It sounds more like backtalk to me! You **think** you’re so tough now, huh? You got the

nerve to sass me when I’m questioning you? Why can’t you just answer me honestly?”

Infuriated, Jessica slammed her cup down onto the coffee table with a loud “smack” startling Daniel.

“Hey! Be careful not to break the table!”

“Then tell me straight—what’s the deal with you and Jennifer? If you lie to me again or give me any sass, this cup is going to come down on you, not the table!”

With Jessica’s threat hanging over him, Daniel caved in with a sheepish chuckle. “Sweetheart, don’t get **mad**, okay? Truth is, Jennifer... she’s my ex-fiancée.”

At his confession, Jessica became instantly enraged. It was like catching her man cheating and him

admitting it outright.

Her eyes stormed with fury as she **tapped** Daniel's nose with the cup. "What did you just say? Jennifer is your ex-fiancée?"

"Calm down, love. Yes, she was, but the engagement's been called off. So now, she and I are nothing."

"Called off?" Jessica pondered before asking. "Did you ask her to call it off? Is she harassing **you** because

she felt humiliated?"

"It wasn't me who approached her. She came to find me back in the country. She took the initiative to

cancel the engagement."

*She called it off? And you agreed?"

"Of course, I agreed the minute she asked. I handed over the contract, and she **tore** it up right in **front** of

1. me.

"So if you agreed, why is she still gunning for you?"

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Jessica still sensed something was off and pressed, "When Jennifer showed up at your place **to** call **off** the contract, did you agree without hesitation?"

"Yeah!"

"Weren't you a bit sad to let her go?"

"Not at all."

Suddenly, Jessica shifted the conversation. "If I asked you to call off our engagement, would you agree to that just as quickly?"

"No! I wouldn't agree to that at all!"

"Why not?"

"Because you're prettier than she is!"

"You..."

Half-annoyed yet amused, Jessica couldn't help but chuckle as she gave Daniel a light tap with the cup,

chiding him.

"You dog!"

She then looked him straight in the eye and asked seriously. "Did you tell Jennifer that you're married

now?"

"I didn't!"

"You didn't?"

"Aren't you the one who told me not to tell anyone you're my dear?"

"You..."

Jessica was left with a feeling of having shot herself in the foot with that one.

"Stay away from Jennifer in the future. Now that you've called off your engagement with her, you have no business being tangled up with her anymore!"

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"Alright," Daniel responded, his tone somewhat noncommittal, which prompted Jessica to give him a light

tap with her cup.

“What’s with that attitude? Do you still have feelings for her? Are you thinking about rekindling your old flame?”

Caught off guard by her line of questioning, Daniel replied, “There was never any old flame to begin with.

That’s just impossible.”

“So, you want to have an old flame with her, huh? I’ll knock some sense into you!”

After lightly hitting Daniel a couple more times to punctuate her point, Jessica, still irritated, laid out her plans for the afternoon.

“We have a meeting at the company later. You’ll drive me there, and then you have to stay in the office.

You’re not allowed to go anywhere else!”

“You’re restricting my freedom?”

“Do you have a problem with that?”

“Didn’t we agree that I don’t need to stay at the company all the time?”

“No, we did not.”

Daniel remained silent at her firm response.

At eight in the evening, Daniel accompanied Jessica to **King’s**. Brittany had already arrived much earlier. Once inside the Unusual Stones Exhibition venue, Jessica began networking with other business leaders,

leaving Daniel to his own devices.

Hungry from skipping dinner, Daniel headed to the buffet area. He grabbed a plate and helped himself to at

large lobster and a crab, breaking into the lobster with gusto.

Brittany approached, her high heels clicking on the floor.

“I was wondering where that neatly dressed hobo came from. Turns out it’s you. Are those rented clothes?”

“It’s none of your business.”

“I’m just kindly reminding you that if you stain rented clothes, you have to pay full price when returning them. Also, you’re representing The Matthews Organization here; your behavior reflects on the company. You’re holding a lobster in one hand and a crab in the other, **eating** like you’ve never seen food before. Don’t you have any shame?”

“These things are here for eating, right? Besides, you’re not my wife. What does my reputation have to do with you? Even if it takes a hit, that’s my problem, not yours! **Don’t** disturb my appetite with your nagging.”

Brittany, fuming, stamped her foot in frustration.

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That’s when Jessica came over. Seeing an opportunity to make a point, Brittany quickly appealed to her.

“Jessica, look!”

She gestured towards Daniel, suggesting Jessica take a good look at how this “country boy” was tamishing The Matthews Organization’s image.

“I see him. Daniel looks great today, very handsome in that outfit!”

Jessica’s response took Brittany by surprise.

“Like that? Handsome? Look at what he’s wearing it’s a total mismatch. Only someone with poor taste would put together that kind of outfit. But I guess it makes sense, seeing as he’s a country bumpkin. His fashion sense is right in line with that kind of aesthetic!”

Brittany assumed the clothes on Daniel were something he had rented himself **and** didn’t hold back while

ridiculing his choice of attire.

Hearing Brittany’s critique, Daniel maintained his smile without uttering a word, but Jessica’s expression turned stormy as she icily interrupted.

“The outfit Daniel’s wearing? I picked it out for him.”

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Brittany was taken aback, unsure of how to handle this new information. Daniel's clothes were picked out by Jessica? Brittany had just been mocking the fashion sense as that of a country bumpkin?

Coming to her senses, Brittany quickly tried to backtrack. "I was thinking exactly that—how can that outfit be so beautifully matched? So classy, so stylish? It turns out to be Jessica's choice, of course! Jessica has the best taste, unparalleled.

It's just a waste on him, on this country boy. It can even be called a destruction of beauty; it's a disaster!"

"Brittany, if you bully Daniel again, I'll dock your bonus!"

"Jessica, why do you always side with him?"

"Do you have a problem with that?"

"I... I have no complaints."

Brittany fell silent. It seemed every time there was an issue between her and Daniel, Jessica would side

with him. This thought alone infuriated Brittany! She was determined to drive this 'slut assistant' out of The Matthews Organization and away from Jessica.

That's when Andrew made his entrance. He was clad in a crisp white Armani suit with gleaming hair and a million-dollar Rolex gold watch wrapped around his wrist—a glimpse was enough to identify him as a wealthy scion.

"Hi, Jessica!"

Andrew greeted her and extended his hand for a handshake. Jessica, however, did not respond, leaving

Andrew slightly embarrassed as he hesitated to retract his hand.

"Looks like you want to shake hands? Let me do it for you!"

Daniel grasped Andrew's hand in a friendly and enthusiastic shake. Rebuffed by Jessica, Andrew was already feeling irritable. Unexpectedly, Daniel, **the** so-called country boy, dared to shake his hand?

Andrew worked out regularly at the gym, lifting weights. He could hoist a 100-pound barbell with one

hand, so his arms were quite strong. Since Daniel had voluntarily reached out, Andrew decided to teach

him a lesson – to make Daniel understand that he shouldn't mess with Andrew.

As their hands met, Daniel behaved properly, but Andrew had more than a handshake in mind. He immediately increased his grip, attempting to crush Daniel's hand and cause him pain.

Feeling Andrew's strength, Daniel chuckled. "Whoa, Andrew, you sure are enthusiastic! I appreciate it, but

I can't let you outdo me!"

As Daniel applied a little of his own strength, a scream escaped Andrew.

"Ouch! Let go, damn it, you're hurting me! You country bumpkin, do you have any manners at all? You're supposed to shake hands with me!"

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Not one to prolong another's discomfort, Daniel quickly let go, explaining with an innocent smile.

"Sorry about that, Andrew! Growing up in the country, we may have many flaws, but we are known for **our** strength. Where I come from, the firmer your grip, the more polite you are when shaking hands."

"You country bumpkin, what an embarrassment! Do you think this place is meant for someone like you? A jerk like you should be thrown out by security!"

Andrew's tirade against Daniel provoked Jessica's displeasure. She stepped forward to defend him.

"Andrew, show some respect! Daniel is my assistant; disrespecting him is disrespecting me. You insulted

Daniel for no reason; you owe him an apology. If not, this isn't over!"

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Jessica's stance left Andrew in shock. In his mind, Daniel, that country boy, was nothing more than an assistant. How could Jessica take such offense to him being scorned?

After the initial surprise, Andrew **figured** it out. He reasoned that Jessica was likely trying to protect her own reputation. After all, the Matthews were the top family in New York, and Jessica was its heir apparent. Andrew's insults to her assistant might as well have been directed at her.

Nevertheless, Andrew was convinced Daniel wouldn't stick around Jessica forever. He was determined to make Daniel understand the meaning of pain the next time he found him on his own.

To appease Jessica, Andrew promptly apologized to Daniel. I'm sorry, Daniel. I shouldn't have called you a jerk in front of Jessica. I had no idea we still lived in an era where I should consider whether the person I'm insulting is someone else's property."

Andrew's words were hardly apologetic it was another dig at Daniel. But Daniel brushed it off with a chuckle, replying magnanimously, "It's fine. Nonetheless, I have some advice for you, Andrew. If you must insult me, do so when Jessica's not around. It's inconvenient for me to respond properly with her present."

"You mean, you would hit me?"

"Where I come from, we're not so bound by formalities. If someone disrespects us, we teach them

respect with our fists. When Jessica's around, I'm her assistant and I won't follow rural rules. But if she's not, then I stand for myself and nobody else.

So, Andrew, if you don't want to get hit, you'd best provoke me when Jessica is present. When she's **not** there, you'd do well to steer clear!"

Daniel's words served not as a warning but **as** a friendly reminder. Andrew turned to Jessica with a smile and said, "Jessica, you heard him. He's looking for trouble! If he ends up hurt or disabled when you're not with him, don't blame me. He'll have asked for it."

"Whatever happens when Daniel is not with me, during his off hours, is a personal matter and has nothing to do with me," Jessica declared.

Of course, Jessica had come to this conclusion after witnessing Daniel's capabilities at Ancient Mall. Considering that none of the proficient fighters from The Harrisons Martial Club could defeat Daniel, even

Jacob had to be courteous to him. Andrew thought he could beat Daniel? Jessica had no doubt Daniel

could incapacitate Andrew if provoked.

However, she still warned Daniel, "Even if it's after hours, you'd better not kill anyone. A fight is a fight just make Andrew apologize. Don't take his life."

"Don't worry, Jessica. Remember, I'm a doctor, not a butcher. I save lives; I don't end them. Even if Andrew wants to fight, or sends others to do so, at worst, I'll just give him a lesson. He won't lose his life. At the very most, he might spend a few months in bed, then a few more in a wheelchair."

Daniel's words were still a gentle reminder, cautioning Andrew that if he dared to bother Daniel when

Jessica wasn't around, the consequences would be as mentioned.

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"Since Daniel has made himself clear, I'll express my thoughts too. Our family's corporation has begun collaborating with some clubs from New York Martial United. When necessary, I might ask their members to spar with Daniel. Daniel, rest assured, I won't be taking your life. At the worst, you'd just have to spend the second half of your life in a wheelchair," Andrew mockingly retorted.

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New York Martial United? This made Daniel chuckle, though he chose **not** to continue the conversation. His focus was on his lobster, which was quickly cooling down it needed to be enjoyed while hot for the

best flavor.

Andrew paid no further attention to Daniel. An insignificant assistant wasn't worth his concern.

"Jessica, since you're here at the Prospera Group's Unusual Stones Exhibition, why not take a chance and play?" Andrew asked.

"Play what?"

This so-called exhibition is actually a Jade Gambling event."

"I'm not interested."

"You're here already, Jessica. You might as well play a few rounds. It would be a waste to come and not participate at all."

"I said I'm **not** interested."

Jessica reiterated her rejection, looking to disengage from Andrew. That's when Daniel stepped forward, his expression serious.

"Actually, I want to give it a try."

"Your assistant? With what wages, do you think you can afford it?" Jessica chided.

"I'm your assistant; you could lend me some. Lend me a million, and after I play, I can return ten million to

you!"

Daniel's bold claim caused Andrew to burst out laughing.

"That's a good one! A country boy thinking he can win ten million with just one million? If it was that easy, any fool could get rich overnight!"

“Jade Gambling is all about luck! I feel like I’m on a hot streak today. I don’t think I’ll lose.”

“If you’re so confident, country boy, I’ll lend you a million!” Andrew was looking to set Daniel up.

“I don’t need your money. If Daniel wants to play, I can give him the funds,” Jessica cut in, addressing Daniel with earnestness. “I’ll give you ten million. If you lose it all, we leave immediately.”

Brittany was dumbfounded and quickly intervened to stop Jessica, “Jessica, ten million isn’t a small amount! How can you let this country boy waste it? He doesn’t understand Jade Gambling. He’ll surely lose it all tonight!”

Jessica’s expression darkened. “Are you trying to tell me what to do?”

Brittany fell silent but cast a resentful glance at Daniel, coldly cautioning, “Didn’t you say **you** can turn one million **into** ten million? Jessica gave you ten million, so you better end tonight with a billion! If you can’t

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manage that, I would **resign** if I were you.”

“I’m not bluffing; I’m serious. Since Jessica trusts me with ten million, I have to bring back at least ten

times that amount!”

Daniel found Jade Gambling simple and risk-free. The task was to choose stone containing jade from a pile of ordinary ones. But with the dragon spirit inside him, he could sense the presence of valuable materials without even touching the stones – a mere proximity was enough to confirm their worth

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Daniel's answer pleased Brittany, **convincing** her that the country boy had taken the bait. She repeated her point to ensure her plan would succeed. "Remember, you said it yourself—if you can't multiply ten million by ten tonight, then you're out. Disappear from The Matthews Organization and from Jessica's sight

forever!"

"Okay!" Daniel agreed without hesitation.

Seeing Daniel's response sparked a plan in Andrew's mind. This country boy dared to make such a claim; Andrew was determined to humiliate him thoroughly that night.

"Daniel, are you sure you can turn ten million into a billion by tonight?"

"Positive!"

"Since Daniel is so confident, why don't we make a bet?"

"A bet?"

Daniel knew Andrew was setting a trap, but he didn't mind. He was curious to see what Andrew had in

mind. **So** with a smile, Daniel asked, "How would you like to bet, Andrew?"

"It's simple. If you really manage to win a billion with your ten million, then I lose. If you don't win a billion, then you, Daniel, lose. The loser has to get **down** on all fours and crawl around this venue, barking like a

dog the whole time."

Andrew was confident that Daniel would lose, so he proposed this humiliating wager. At tonight's Unusual Stones Exhibition attended by many of New York's elite—not all, but at least a significant portion -it would be extremely shameful to crawl like a dog while barking on the ground.

The Matthews, New York's foremost family, couldn't stomach such an insult. So if Daniel lost and crawled on the ground, Jessica would undoubtedly fire this embarrassingly defeated assistant.

Without Jessica's protection, Andrew would find it much easier to deal with Daniel..

Before Daniel could respond, Jessica cut him off. "You can't agree to it!"

She knew Andrew **was** up to no good and understood that Daniel couldn't possibly win a billion with ten million. If Daniel accepted this bet, he'd be destined to lose a hundred percent.

"Why can't I agree? This bet Andrew proposed sounds fun. Imagine, after I win a billion, Andrew will have to crawl around the venue like a dog and bark. Wouldn't that be interesting?"

Fearing Daniel might back out or Jessica might interfere, Andrew quickly raised his voice and called out. Everybody, gather around! Jessica's assistant, Daniel, wants to make a bet with me. I **ask** everyone here

to bear witness, so no one can back out later.

If Daniel turns Jessica's ten/million into a billion tonight, then I, Andrew, will have lost. If Daniel fails to win a billion, then he loses. The terms of the bet are simple: the loser has to crawl around this venue on all fours, barking like a dog. Furthermore, all the witnesses can record the loser's canine imitation. You can post it wherever you like!"

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After finishing his declaration, Andrew turned to Daniel with a smug look of challenge. "Now **everyone's** heard our wager. If you, Daniel, are too cowardly to accept this bet, let's pretend I never suggested it."

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“Who said I’m refusing? I’m sure I’ll win, so why wouldn’t I accept? However, Andrew, just make sure you don’t back out once you lose. After all, these people are all witnesses to our bet!”

Little trolleys laden with ordinary-looking stones were wheeled out and placed on the central stage, each labeled with a price tag. That’s when an elder gentleman in a suit and gold-rimmed glasses approached

“Andrew, I hope I’m not too late?”

“Henry, you’re right on time!” beamed Andrew, introducing the newcomer with full pride. “Does everyone

know this gentleman? He’s Florida’s most renowned appraiser, Henry Jade. He just needs one look to tell

whether these stones contain jade or not”

After introducing Henry, Andrew looked at Jessica and continued, “Jessica, giving this country boy ten million might just be the lowest-return investment you’ve ever made. I bet by the end of tonight, he won’t

have a penny left.

I paid a handsome fee to have Henry here to assist me. So, Jessica, if you wish, you’re welcome to join the gamble. With Henry here, I might not make a tenfold profit, but at least I can ensure you won’t make a loss tonight. With some luck, you could win around 20%.”

“No need!” Jessica declined coldly before adding, “I trust my Daniel! Since he says he can make a tenfold profit, I believe he can do it!”

Jessica’s words made Andrew somewhat uncomfortable—he wanted to prove to her he was right. So, he suggested to Henry, “Although you’re well-known in Florida, Henry, many here in New York might not be familiar with you.

The stones are ready, how about you show Jessica—and everyone else—just how skilled you are?”

“As you wish,” Henry agreed before approaching the stones, tapping them with his finger.

Curious, Andrew asked, “Henry, what are you doing by tapping those stones?”

“I’m listening to the sound.”

“Sound?”

“These stones are ordinary on the surface, but if there is jade inside, the sounds emanating from within will be distinct. However, ordinary people don’t know how to make the stones produce these sounds, nor can they discern the differences.

It took me decades to master this technique—using sound to determine the presence and value of jade inside a stone. I dare say, throughout the USA, you might not find even ten other people with this skill.

Being able to judge whether a stone contains jade, how much of it, and its worth solely by sound—I don’t mean to boast, but I’m confident I’m the only one in the whole USA who can do it!”

After boasting of his unique prowess, he pointed confidently to a stone before him. “You can pick this one, Andrew. While the jade quality inside might be ordinary, the quantity is substantial.

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I reckon if you purchase this stone and extract the jade within, you might not get a 100% profit, but a 20-30

% return is guaranteed.”

Andrew couldn’t tell the difference between the stones and the jade, but he understood **the** price tags,

The stone Henry pointed out wasn’t too costly, marked at 1.98 million. Producing his bank card, he

instructed the staff, “Let’s go with this one. Charge it to my card.”

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