

The Understated Dragon Lord

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Chapter 141 The Real Blood Jade

“Because you’re pretty! You’re attractive and capable, and you handle things swiftly and efficiently!” Daniel’s response made Brittany stomp her foot in frustration again.

“Jessica, look, he’s bullying me!”

“He’s just asking you to get a couple of bottles of water. How is that bullying? You’re being so dramatic! Just go get it!”

Feeling aggrieved yet without a choice, Brittany huffed and puffed her way to the buffet area and brought back two bottles of water.

“Here you go, country bumpkin. I want to see how you’re going to turn these worthless black charcoals into Blood Jade worth millions. If you can’t do it, you’ll

learn what cruelty really is!”

Instead of taking the water bottles from Brittany, Daniel instructed her, “Just twist off the caps and pour the water over my hands, that’ll do.”

Brittany’s eyes widened in disbelief. “You’re telling me to serve you, a country boy?”

“We’re colleagues, aren’t we? We should help each other out! Hurry up, don’t dilly-dally. If you’re not willing, then I guess I’ll have to ask Jessica to do it.”

“Jessica, Jessica! Is she your mom or something? You go running to her for every little thing. Are you even a man? All you do is complain to Jessica like a little whiny

cat!”

Despite her grievances, Brittany had no leverage over Daniel. So, reluctantly, she twisted off the bottle caps and did as Daniel had asked. As Daniel rubbed the two pieces of charcoal together under the flowing water, a dark ink-like dirty water quickly pooled on the ground. When the char washed away, the pieces turned a bright red, resembling two bloody hearts.

Nicholas was dumbfounded. “Is this really Blood Jade? And it’s the highest quality! The whole piece looks like it’s got fresh blood flowing through it.”

Nicholas delicately accepted the Blood Jade from Daniel, gently caressing the stones, feeling their quality with his fingertips. The texture of the Blood Jade was as smooth and silky as a young girl’s skin, extremely slick and moist.

Andrew was stunned. With an incredulous expression, he couldn’t believe his eyes. Refusing to accept the reality, he asked Henry, “Henry, is this really Blood Jade?”

Though Henry didn’t want to admit it, the truth was staring him in the face, and to deny it would be tantamount to lying especially since he was considered the top appraiser in Florida.

“Well, Andrew, it does look like Blood Jade, and its quality seems quite exceptional as well. However, whether this piece of Blood Jade is worth ten million, that depends. You see, Blood Jade is different from other jade. Once extracted from its raw form, its color will change. I know of a tycoon who paid fifty million for a top- quality Blood Jade but didn’t store it properly. In under a decade, all the blood red

color disappeared and turned into a plain white jade. Its value plummeted, and in the end, the tycoon, after all his efforts, sold it off for a mere million. Just like that, he lost forty–nine million!”

Henry conceded the authenticity of the Blood Jade but added this story with a clear intent to intimidate Nicholas,

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Chapter 142 It Would Be Foolish Not to Make Money

If Nicholas didn’t want to take on that kind of risk, after hearing Henry’s story, he might have been tempted to sell the Blood Jade to Henry for three million dollars

And of course, Henry would be more than happy with such an outcome. Forget three million—Henry would gladly pay even five million for that piece of Blood Jade. After

all, it would be foolish to not make money!

Henry's story held an ulterior motive, which of course Nicholas could discern, Flashing his signature smile, Nicholas asked, "What are you getting at with that story, Henry? I didn't quite catch your meaning."

"My words are clear and simple. Someone **as** smart as you, Nicholas, couldn't have misunderstood."

"I honestly didn't catch your drift. Could you be more direct, Henry?"

"This looks like a real Blood Jade, but Blood Jade is hard to preserve, unlike other stones. So, even if it's worth three million now, its value might halve in a month."

"What exactly are you suggesting, Henry?"

"I've always had a passion for jade. If you're willing, I'd like to buy that Blood Jade for three million dollars."

Henry had barely made his offer when Andrew's face turned sour. He had brought Henry here, and just moments ago Henry was mocking the so-called piece of useless plastic. Now Henry was eagerly proposing to buy it? His behavior was a blatant slap in the face to Andrew.

Andrew quickly jumped into the conversation with a reminder. "Henry, why don't you take a closer look? If that thing is a Blood Jade, its quality seems mediocre. Sure, it's bright, but how can we be sure the vibrant red isn't dye? Dyeing is the most common method of faking jade! Henry, you're Florida's top appraiser. You slipped once, which is understandable. But a second mistake could tarnish your reputation."

Henry understood what Andrew was driving at but couldn't help his fascination with the Blood Jade. If he could acquire it, all he needed to do was hire a master carver to work on it, and its value could multiply by tenfold. A piece already worth ten million.

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could reach a hundred million. To pass up on a deal like that, a once-in-a-lifetime chance to turn three million into a hundred million, he didn't have to think twice.

The fee Henry received for traveling from Florida, a mere one million, didn't compare to the potential deal before him. So, Henry didn't feel obligated to pass up a hundred million dollar deal over a one-million-dollar fee paid by Andrew.

"No need to worry, Andrew. This time I'm certain. This Blood Jade is indeed worth three million," Henry asserted confidently and then turned expectantly to Nicholas.

"What do you say, Nicholas?"

"This Blood Jade was a three-million-dollar purchase from Daniel, and you want to buy it for the same price from me. But that would mean I don't make any profit."

"How about this, I add fifty thousand to the price. I'll offer you three million and fifty thousand dollars for the Blood Jade. What do you think?"

"Basically, for doing almost nothing, I could immediately make fifty thousand dollars. Under normal circumstances, I would make this deal without hesitation. But Daniel said this Blood Jade is worth ten million."

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Chapter 143 Henry's **Bottom** Line

words made Menty frown Shaking his head and speaking earnestly, he

Sexx The color of this Blood Jade is indeed red, but **it** doesn't look **natural**. Ton

mon is too high a price for it. If you really want to sell, I can offer **you** a **maximum of**

Five mon was Henry's bottom line. If Nicholas refused, he wouldn't buy it.

Nicholas don't rush to answer. He wasn't certain of the Blood Jade's actual worth,

but selling a three-million-dollar jade for five million—a pure two million dollar profit—was very tempting.

Seeking guidance, he looked at Daniel with pleading eyes, wanting to know what he

“If Nicholas wants to sell the Blood Jade, I’m willing to pay ten million,” Daniel declared shocking everyone present.

Even Jessica looked at him in utter disbelief, and Brittany couldn’t contain her anger at Daniel’s audacity.

“Country boy, are you an idiot? Do you realize what you just did? You sold the Blood Jade for three million, and now you want to buy it back for ten? If you want to buy it back, why did you sell it in the first place? You retard! If you’re going to buy it, use your own money; don’t you dare ask Jessica for it!”

“That’s Jessica’s money, I’m not asking you for anything. What are you yelling about, are you out of your mind? Besides, I’m a normal man; I would never rely on a woman to make money. So, even if Jessica lends me the ten million, it’s a loan that I’ll repay. If she gives me ten million, I’ll repay her fifteen million, and I’ll do it today. A 50% daily return rate—have you ever seen such an investment opportunity?”

Turning to Jessica with a grin, Daniel asked, “Jessica, are you willing to lend me ten million? I promise to pay you back fifteen million before midnight. If I can’t manage it, you can fire me.”

“Fire you? Wishful thinking! I can lend you the money, but if you can’t pay it back, you won’t be fired. Instead, you’ll sign a contract to sell yourself to me, and you’ll work at

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Chapter 144 Jessica Is Too Biased

Daniel was using a classic sales tactic to force Henry's hand, pushing him into a **corner to** make a deal. But it was somewhat clumsy to someone like Henry, who had **faced** countless similar situations before and wouldn't be easily intimidated.

"I'll only offer five million, and if Daniel is willing to buy the Blood Jade for ten million, I have no objections!" Henry still hoped to secure the Blood Jade for five million, reminding Nicholas, "This offer only stands if you choose to deal with me from the beginning. If you refuse my offer and Daniel is just bluffing, not willing to spend ten

million, then my offer drops to three and a half million. Business is business, and if you refuse now but decide to sell later, I'll buy it – but my offer will be reduced."

Henry's tactic made Nicholas feel cornered since he knew Daniel was trying to help him and doubted Daniel would actually spend ten million. Accepting Henry's offer

would mean turning a quick two million dollar profit, which was already quite generous. Nicholas was tempted.

Just as Nicholas was about to accept Henry's offer, Daniel turned to Jessica and said, "Jessica, give Nicholas the money."

"Okay!" Jessica immediately transferred fifteen million dollars.

Everyone was astounded once more. They looked at Jessica in disbelief, then at Daniel with even greater astonishment. Jessica was known to be a decisive woman who didn't blindly accept just anyone's advice. What had this country boy assistant

done for her to trust him so implicitly?

To most people, ten million was a fortune they couldn't earn in a lifetime, yet Jessica seemed to hand it over without blinking an eye to this country boy. Brittany found it

hard to accept.

“Jessica, that’s ten million! How can you just give it to this country boy so easily? Aren’t you spoiling him too much? You’re not his mother.”

“I’m lending it to Daniel. I’m lending him ten million, and he has to return me fifteen million by midnight. A 50% daily return rate – give me a reason not to go through with it?”

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“Okay, Jessica, here’s why all he’s good at is talking big. He has no real skills, he’s just full of hot air. Him paying you back fifteen million by midnight is impossible!”

“Whether it’s possible or not, we don’t know yet. When the time comes, we’ll see the outcome. Brittany, if you can generate a 50% return for me in one day, I’d be happy to lend you ten million as well.”

Jessica’s response left Brittany at a loss for words. She didn’t believe she could make a promise like Daniel’s, to turn ten million into more than fifteen million in less than a day. If she could do that, she wouldn’t need to be working at The Matthews Organization.

“I don’t have that kind of ability, but I also don’t boast like he does. Just wait and see, Jessica; this country boy will blow through that ten million, and I don’t think he’ll make any profit.”

After that remark, Brittany turned to Daniel with a sneer. “Well, country boy, Jessica has given you the ten million. Now it’s your turn to show us what you can do. I want to see how you’re going to sell that Blood Jade to Henry for fifteen million!”

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Chapter 145 Twenty Million

“I made a mistake earlier, I definitely can’t sell this Blood Jade to Henry for fifteen million,” Daniel suddenly declared, causing another jolt of shock among the crowd.

Brittany sneered again, asking disdainfully, “So, you admit you were bluffing? You’re

acknowledging that you can't sell the Blood Jade for fifteen million?"

"I said I was wrong because I borrowed ten million from Jessica, and I need to repay her fifteen million. If I sell the Blood Jade for only fifteen million, I wouldn't have made any profit, right? To prevent that, I've decided to raise the price of the Blood Jade to twenty million. That way, I can make a meager profit of five million."

Daniel's words almost made Andrew spit out his drink in frustration. "Country boy, do you even hear yourself? Five million! A 'meager profit'? Have you been shoveling manure on the farm for so long that it's gone to your head? I'm a general manager, and my total net profit from all the operations I've worked on for half a year is less than three million."

Andrew was telling the truth. ArmCorp had always been under the management of his father, Rainbow Armstrong, who only recently handed over the role to Andrew to handle a few simple business operations. Andrew initially thought that with ArmCorp's strength, doing business would be easy, just wining and dining clients. However, after starting work, he realized business wasn't that simple. Business veterans made him no match for their double-faced tactics, making all sorts of

promises that changed overnight.

Despite closing several big deals in the past six months, most hadn't recouped their investments. The three million in profit was thanks to Rainbow Armstrong's

relationships. Without his dad stepping in to secure a solid deal, Andrew would've made no money at all.

Collaborating with Healthy Land was the closest Andrew got to a successful deal all on his own. But Daniel's appearance caused him to walk away empty-handed, which is why he loathed Daniel so much.

Andrew had been hustling for half a year, leveraging ArmCorp's resources, only to earn three million. And now, Daniel, the country boy, could potentially make a clean

five million profit in just one day by flipping the Blood Jade? If Daniel WYTRACRA, Andrew felt it would be a personal insult.

So, he simply wouldn't allow Daniel to succeed,

With this in mind, Andrew said sternly to Henry, "Henry, if you buy that Blood Jade from this country boy for twenty million, that would be much more serious. I would take it as an insult to me!"

"Don't worry, Andrew. Even if I lost my mind, I would never spend twenty million on that Blood Jade from this country boy! I admit, it's valuable, but its worth is at most five million. Twenty million? That's too much. Believe me, if someone spends that much on the Jade, by tomorrow, they'll be the laughingstock of all New York!" Andrew was quite pleased with Henry's response,

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