

# The Understated Dragon Lord

## Chapter 161

Chapter 161 The Cunning Country Boy

siri hari set to use, Jessica spontaneously acted, no longer caring about her reputation she grabbed Daniel's hand and commanded, 'Come with me! They are interesting, and you are not playing with them!'

She began to drag Daniel away, but he was as unmovable as a post, and she couldn't budge him, in a panic, Jessica stamped her foot and asked, "What are you doing? Why won't you leave?"

\* won't be a deserter! I'm going to bet with them! Don't worry, even if they cheat, they can't beat me! We must believe in justice; we must trust that the goddess of victory will favor the righteous!"

Daniel spouted gibberish that made Jessica want to slap him. After finishing, he pulled away from Jessica's grasp and strode into the pile of stones, casually picking out three.

"These ones!"

After Daniel made his decision, Isaac couldn't help but smirk. The country boy had picked three stones, all of which Isaac had previously examined and knew had nothing valuable inside.

Isabella's brow furrowed slightly. Which stones within the pile possibly contained high-quality jade, and which were essentially worthless, that information was largely determined during the mining stage, and as Jade Gambling props, they underwent various tests to ensure no surprises.

Thus, Isabella knew that the three stones Daniel had chosen were almost the worst picks possible, while the three chosen by Isaac were indeed the best. With ten million, she could not think of a more valuable combination than what Isaac had picked.

Even though the six stones hadn't been cut open, the outcome seemed determined. But Isabella was unfazed. For her, Daniel losing might even be a good thing. Spending ten billion to recruit such a capable assistant was worthwhile.

Jessica didn't understand Jade Gambling and couldn't fathom Daniel's actions. All

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she could do was pray for him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Chapter 162 The King of Jade Gambling

Andrew was still confused, so he continued to ask, “What kind of trap has this country boy set for you?”

Isaac put on an air of having seen right through Daniel’s plan and explained, “He was trying to entice me to say the same words!”

“What do you mean?”

“He just said I could pick an additional stone, but his real intent was to tempt me into stating he could also choose another stone.

That country boy’s picks are worthless—none of them contain any jade, so he’s sure to lose.

But if I hadn’t seen through his ruse, I might have, out of politeness, allowed him to choose an extra stone as well, meaning he could add one with no spending limit.

I have chosen the three stones with the most value for ten million.

If the country boy picked another without a limit, spending more, he could potentially grab a stone that would be worth more than mine!”

After Isaac's explanation, Andrew immediately grasped what was happening.

"Heh!" Andrew started with a cold laugh, then addressed Daniel, "I hadn't realized that you, a simple country boy, would be so sly. Such tricks you come up with; it appears *you* really are full of schemes!

But still, you are too naïve. Did you really think you could deceive the king of Jade Gambling? He saw right through your evil plan."

Daniel's failed scheme delighted Brittany, who naturally seized the chance to throw in a jab. "Country boy, I didn't realize you were this sort of person before. Don't you have any integrity? Such underhanded trickery -it's a good thing the King of Jade Gambling saw through your plans. If you had gambled with someone as pure as, say, me today, I bet you'd have sold me off to some gang."

Brittany was trying to convey to Jessica just how sneaky Daniel was and how innocent she herself was. She wanted Jessica to take heed and **not be fooled by the country** boy any longer.

Daniel, uninterested in **pointless** chatter, prompted, "Let's have the staff open **these** stones!"

"Fine!!" Isaac pointed to the stone he was most proud of and told the staff, "Open this one first and show the country boy something special!"

The staff member took up the saw and began to carve into the stone. A stone the size of a goose egg was split in half.

Green!

The center of the stone was filled with green. Although the green wasn't entirely pure, a jade of this size was worth at least five million.

And consider that the stone had been priced at just one million.

At one million for a jade worth five million, the return on investment was five-fold!

Everyone who saw it instantly started to praise him.

"The king of Jade Gambling truly lives up to his name! Invest a million and just like that, earn five million back—amazing!"

"That Henry, who claims to be Florida's number one appraiser? Now he seems like nothing but trash!"

“With the King of Jade Gambling on Andrew’s side, this round is sure to drain that country boy of everything!!”

“I thought it would be boring just to see the country boy crawling and barking like a dog. But now that he’s about to lose a billion in one go, I’m curious to see how he’ll take it all..

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### Chapter 163 Luck Runs Out

Amid the crowd’s chatter, the themes were clear: praise Andrew and trample Daniel. Every man in New York despised Daniel, wishing they could smash this country boy

to a pulp for receiving such favor from the city’s top beauty.

Then Andrew stepped forward, filled with pride like a victor among roosters after Isaac’s first pick washed away any prior indignity.

“Everyone! Let’s quiet down! Let’s see what this country boy’s stones are like first. What if they turn out to be worth more than five million?”

As soon as Andrew finished, the crowd burst into boisterous laughter. Once they had their laughs, they began to discuss among themselves.

“That country boy got lucky last time; I don’t believe his luck will hold!”

“If this country boy’s stone turns out to be worth more than five million, I’ll eat that rock myself.”

“Eating a rock is so uninteresting. How about you live-stream yourself doing a handstand while taking a dump?”

“Damn! Can you guys not discuss such disgusting things? There’s lobster and king crab over there for the taking. Can’t you say something less appetite-killing?”

After the clamor settled, Daniel brought forward the most expensive stone he had picked, priced at two million.

“Cut this one,” Daniel instructed the staff.

Andrew glanced at the stone's price tag, smugly guessing Daniel's intentions." Country boy, I know what game you're playing. You took out the most expensive stone in your hand to compare with the cheapest of Isaac's. If yours is worth more, fair enough, but if not, I think you can concede right now!"

"How can a country boy understand your thoughts, Andrew? He will only get it after he's lost all his money!" Brittany couldn't resist adding her comment.

Without delay, the staff member took the electric saw to the stone Daniel had

**chosen. After the buzzing stopped, the two-million-valued stone was split in two The inside revealed absolutely nothing—just a valueless stone.**

Andrew had **been** worried that Daniel's luck might be too good, but upon **seeing the cut** stone, he laughed.

"Country boy, it seems your luck has run out, huh? You spent two million on this

stone, and it's worthless! Let me see, I didn't even spot a piece of jade the size of a fingertip."

"It's gambling! I can't win every time, can I? Losing occasionally is perfectly normal! Don't worry; I still have two more stones. We're comparing total value. As long as the total worth of jade from my stones is higher than the King of Jade Gambling's, I win."

Daniel deliberately picked three stones, two of which he knew were just useless rock. But the third concealed the finest quality jade. Tactically, he wanted to save this best piece for last. So there was no rush; he was playing it cool.

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### Chapter 164 Who **Won**?

Soon after, the second stones for both parties were opened. The stone Isaac picked wasn't worth much, but it yielded more than double its investment. The jade, **bought** for four million, was assessed to be worth around ten million after appraisal. As for Daniel's second stone, once again, nothing was found.

With only one stone left for each, the conclusion seemed predictable, and Andrew

took pride like a victorious rooster.

“Country boy, both you and Isaac have opened two stones now. Isaac’s stones total a value of fifteen million. But what about yours? They’re worthless! Haha! Worthless! The stones you picked have nothing in them! Ha–ha–ha–ha!”

Seeing Daniel on the verge of losing made Brittany ecstatic. She leaped at the opportunity to scornfully jeer at him. “Country boy, you’ve lost. Just admit defeat to Andrew and stop struggling. How could you, a mere country bumpkin, ever hope to win against Andrew? Your earlier win was just a fluke, but now your luck has run out!

If you keep this up, your outcome won’t be as simple as just crawling on the ground and barking like a dog and losing a billion. Oh, right, after losing a billion, how will you repay it? You couldn’t even clear the debt if you sold yourself!”

What was unfolding was beyond Jessica’s expectation, who initially believed Daniel

could win. She became a little anxious, but soon she composed herself and approached Isabella. “Beautiful lady, Daniel is my assistant, and I will repay the billion he owes you. However, I can’t produce such an amount right now.

I can sign an IOU with you and ask for half a year’s time; I promise to repay the billion with interest at the bank loan rate.”

Jessica’s offer left everyone in shock. Andrew, who had been gloating a moment ago,

was instantly filled with jealousy towards Daniel. Jessica was willing to pay off Daniel’s debt?

A billion!

Why?

He was just a country boy; what had he done to earn such favor from Jessica?

Andrew couldn’t allow Jessica helping Daniel to **happen**—it was **something**

completely unacceptable to him. **So**, he quickly stepped in to remind Isabella. ” Beautiful lady, the country boy promised to repay you tonight, and **he** said he’d repay twenty billion for the ten billion!”

“Thank you, Andrew, but don’t worry so much! The night isn’t over yet; there’s plenty of time. Even your bet with Daniel is just halfway through—the game isn’t over. Who wins in the end is still uncertain!”

“Even now, you believe this country boy can win?”

“Yes!”

Isabella nodded gently, turned to Jessica with a smile, and confidently replied, “Daniel will win, for sure!”

Even though her tone was soft when she spoke, her confidence was evident.

Jessica knew Isabella was provoking her. Currently, Daniel was temporarily behind by a significant margin, which made her apprehensive. She had approached Isabella to help Daniel alleviate the impending crisis.

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### Chapter 165 One in Ten Thousand Chance

To everyone’s amazement, Isabella declared her belief in Daniel. In an attempt to appear less desperate, Jessica responded with a confident smile, “Daniel is my assistant. I know very well how capable he is! Naturally, I know that he will definitely win.”

“Then why did *you* come to negotiate with me if you knew Daniel would win, Jessica?”

“I just wanted to have a backup plan! Although there’s a 99.99% chance Daniel will win, there’s still that one in ten thousand chance he might not. Again, just in case!”

The sight of two incredibly beautiful women quarreling over a country-boy in front of shocked onlookers was too much for Andrew to bear any longer. He was Andrew, the President of ArmCorp, and even he had never been simultaneously fussed over by such stunning beauties.

Why should Daniel get all this attention?

Unable to watch the women’s jealous spat over a mere country bumpkin, Andrew interjected.



“Ladies, you still think this country boy has a chance? Alright, let me show you what reality is!”

Waving his hand, Andrew ordered the staff, “Open up their third stones!”

Naturally, Isaac’s last stone was cut first.

Buzzing from the saw did its work, splitting the stone in two, revealing green. Everyone could see the green hue—Isaac’s last stone was an Imperial Green Jade! Just by the jade’s color, it was worth at least twenty million.

Seeing this, Andrew burst into laughter. He pointed at the stone and turned to Jessica and Isabella, asking, “What do you ladies think? The jade from this stone is Imperial Green and has been estimated to be worth at least twenty million by the

appraisers.

Now, the total value of Isaac’s three stones has reached thirty–five million. But what

**about this country boy? He bought three worthless stones! I’m thinking, if I found a random stray dog on the street to pick stones, that dog’s choice would be better**

**than this** country boy’s, right? Ha–ha–ha–ha...”

Andrew reveled in mocking Daniel, but Daniel kept silent until Andrew finished laughing. Only then did he speak up.

“Andrew, you’re just too impatient. The king of Jade Gambling’s third stone has yielded impressive Imperial Green jade, but who says my third stone is worthless yet?”

Additionally, the price differences between jades can be vast. If my stone contains the best quality Imperial Green Jade, it could be worth a billion.”

Upon hearing this, Andrew threw his head back in hearty laughter.

After his laughter subsided, he looked at Daniel, mocking him like he was an idiot.

“What? That stone of yours, which is only priced at 380,000, contains Imperial Green Jade? A stone with the best quality worth a billion? Do you realize this Jade Gambling event is hosted by Florida’s wealthiest, Chris Evans?”

Before being put up for selection, every stone here has gone through several rounds of appraisal. Do you think The Evans would price a stone containing the finest grade Imperial Green Jade worth a billion, for just 380,000?

Country boy, do you think the people at The Evans are as foolish as you?"

"Whether the people at The Evans are foolish or not, how would I know? But in my stone, there is definitely an Imperial Green Jade worth a billion!"

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