

# The Understated Dragon Lord

## Chapter 81

### Chapter 81 Unusual Stones Exhibition

“In the past, the Unusual Stones Exhibition by Prospera Group only took place in Florida. This time, Chris **has** chosen New York to expand Prospera Group’s reach. Even with a strong presence in Florida, they need to collaborate with a **local** enterprise to venture into New York. The Matthews, being New York’s premier family, can surely **achieve** mutual success and greater heights if they collaborate with The Evans. Jessica, if you manage to secure cooperation with The Evans, don’t forget about me! After all, Daniel is my mentor, **and** in a way, I’m associated with TMO too!” Nicholas expressed.

“Chris’s business is in rare stones, which is indeed very profitable. His Unusual Stones Exhibition is

basically a gamble, isn’t it? The participants buy stones at the exhibition and then cut them open to see if there are gems inside. I can’t and won’t do that kind of business, so I’m not interested in attending this

Unusual Stones Exhibition.”

“Jessica, this new venture of Prospera Group into New York is like a huge cake that many are eyeing, especially The Armstrongs. As soon as they got wind of it, they immediately started making moves. If The Armstrongs manage to snatch the collaboration with Prospera Group, they might become the top family in New York, overtaking us. My conservative estimate is that this cooperation could yield a net profit of at least a hundred billion a year. There’s an old saying in the East: Jade is priceless. If we could get involved in Prospera Group’s jade business, that would be more profitable than any other business. Even if you don’t want to cooperate with Prospera Group, why not go take a look at the Unusual Stones Exhibition? Even though TMO

isn't currently operating in Florida, who's to say we won't establish a branch there or invest in the future? They've already sent you the invitation, so not attending might seem disrespectful to Chris. If you disregard Prospera Group, and TMO later wants to expand into Florida, Chris would likely reciprocate the sentiment."

"Fine, I'll attend!" Jessica accepted the invitation.

On the other side, Daniel was getting bored after playing games in the office for a while. He needed high-quality jade to store the medicines he formulated since the quality of the jade artifacts available on the market didn't meet his standards. He decided to visit the jade stone market to look **for a** quality piece to

craft a vessel for storing pills.

Just as Daniel stepped out of the office, Brittany approached him. "What are you still doing here?" she

asked.

"I'm on my way out," replied Daniel, seemingly igniting a spark of excitement in Brittany.

"You've been fired by Jessica?" she surmised with palpable glee.

"No, I was **just** bored staying in the office, and Jessica didn't have any tasks for me. Plus, I don't have to worry about attendance. So, I thought I'd go out for a stroll!"

You...

Frustrated, Brittany stomped her foot hard on the tiled floor—Thump! Due to the janitor's recent mopping, **the** tiles were a bit slippery, causing Brittany to lose footing and fall to the **floor**.

"Ah!" Brittany cried out in **pain**. She had twisted her ankle, the hurt bringing tears to her eyes.

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Daniel hurried to help her up, guiding her to the nearby break room and got her settled on a sofa. Then, he crouched down beside her.

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## Chapter 82

Chapter 82 Elysian Yu

Seeing Daniel grab her foot so unexpectedly, Brittany panicked.

“Jerk, what do you think you’re doing?”

“Despite your constant troublemaking, I’m a man and won’t hold it against you. After all, we’re colleagues. You’ve twisted your ankle, and it just so happens I’m a doctor, so I’ll help you out. Consider it a favor for Jessica’s sake, not yours, so no **need** for thanks.”

With a swift motion, Daniel adjusted her ankle.

“Crack!”

“Ah! You jerk, are you trying to kill me?”

Brittany let out a piercing scream. However, she soon realized that her ankle was no longer in pain. She moved her foot, and it felt as if it had never been injured.

\*All good.”

Daniel stood up and then left. Brittany, still reeling from the swift recovery, was ready to unleash her fury **on** him, but Daniel was already out of earshot.

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Daniel found himself at The Jade the only jade market in New York, abundant with a variety of stones. Nonetheless, the market was chaotic, and those not well-versed in jade could easily be swindled.

After strolling through the market without spotting anything worthwhile, he was about to leave when he noticed a crowd gathered around a particular spot, piqued by curiosity to see what was happening.

A portly middle-aged man lay on the ground, his skin as black as coal, his body convulsing uncontrollably. It was Chris, the chairman of Prospera Group and the richest man in Florida. Beside him stood a woman in a silk suit, frantic with worry. She was Chris’s only daughter, Isabella Evans, recognized as Florida’s most beautiful woman.

“Dad, what’s wrong? Dad, wake up! I’m scared!”

Despite Isabella’s calls, Chris remained unconscious. She quickly dialed 911, and just as she finished the emergency call, a mysterious old man with a white beard approached.

“Young lady, your father might not survive until the ambulance arrives. I might be the only one who can save him.”

“May I ask who you are?”

“River Yu.”

River Yu? The name rang a bell for Isabella.

After a moment of mental recalibration, she remembered. “You’re Florida’s number one doctor. The Elysian Yu?”

“That’s me.”

Relief washed over Isabella as if she had found a lifebuoy while drowning: “Elysian Yu, please save my

father!”

“No need to panic. My family has been in medicine for generations; I am the eighteenth. I learned the art of healing from a young age to cure and save lives. Encountering your father’s acute illness today, I certainly cannot stand idly by. Rest assured, I can save him.”

River then had some people lift Chris onto a nearby stone table and sat on a stone bench to check his *pulso*

Daniel immediately realized upon first sight of Chris that he had been cursed. As River checked the man’s pulse, his index finger lightly vibrated, tapping on Chris’s wrist – it was a technique to soothe the curse

within him.

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### Chapter 83 Tame Head Again

Daniel quickly realized that Chris's affliction was tied to River Yu. This River was no doctor but a practitioner of Tame Head curses, likely having cursed Chris before stepping in as his **savior**. Daniel's goal was uncertain, and he chose to watch the situation unfold.

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As he watched, Daniel caught sight of a familiar figure a stunning woman in a body-hugging dress and high heels approaching. Jennifer? His luck must have been terrible; how **could** he run into Jennifer here. too? Daniel averted his gaze, hoping not to be noticed. Yet, Jennifer walked straight up to him.

“Jerk, what are you doing here?”

“That's none of your business.”

“Are you following me? Trying to beg me to remarry you? I'll tell you now, there's nothing between us anymore, so stay away and stop following me,” Jennifer threatened, her fists clenched fiercely. “If you dare keep this up, watch out, I won't be gentle!”

“First off, I'm not interested in following you, and I'm certainly not interested in reconciling with you, bitch. Secondly, what do you think you could do to me?”

“You're calling me a bitch? You better disappear from my sight, or I'll smash your head with my

heel!”

If it weren't for Daniel, Zen Byte could have secured collaboration with TMO. Just one partnership could have turned around Zen Byte's plight. Although one door had closed, a window of opportunity opened with Prospera Group from Florida coming to invest in New York- a chance she couldn't miss. If she could sign a deal with Prospera Group, Zen Byte could soar regardless.

However, Prospera Group was in the jade business, and Jennifer had no understanding of it. This is why she'd been studying various types of jade at The Jade lately, getting to grips with the market and how the jade business worked.

Curiosity drew her to the gathered crowd, seeking to discover what was happening, only to spot Daniel- the country-bumpkin asshole—at first sight. Seeing him immediately sparked anger within her!

Finding that Daniel wasn't interacting or arguing with her, Jennifer became even angrier as she felt insulted! After all, she was the dream goddess of countless men- how could Daniel have the audacity to ignore her? To not even glance her way? Instead, he'd prefer to focus on an old man treating another greasy, disgusting middle-aged man.

Enraged, Jennifer stepped in front of Daniel, blocking his view.

\*What are you doing?"

"Apologize to me!"

"Why should I apologize?"

"You've made me angry. Our deal with TMO wouldn't have fallen through if it weren't for you. So, you owe

me an apology, and you better help me get the partnership with TMO back!"

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Jennifer had kept in touch with Brittany frequently and learned from her that Daniel was now working. alongside Jessica,

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Although Brittany was still Jessica's secretary, their relationship wasn't as close as before. If Jennifer wanted to retrieve the lost contract from TMO, only Daniel could assist her. Of course, Jennifer merely Intended to use Daniel, with no romantic interest.

However, if Daniel could help her secure a partnership with TMO, she might consider no longer disliking him and could even offer him a kickback.

After laying out her proposal, Jennifer crossed her arms and looked down at Daniel with arrogance, believing that even requesting Daniel's help was a reward for him. Because they were standing so close to each other, Daniel couldn't ignore her presence and ended up staring at her chest. She really did have

assets.

Jennifer sensed something amiss and asked fiercely, "You jerk, what are you looking at?"

"I'm looking at what you want me to see! After all, I can't defy your will."

"You... you pervert, if you keep this up, I'll record everything and show Jessica. After seeing it, she'll fire

you on the spot!"

"Why would she fire me? I'm just her assistant, not her husband."

Daniel wanted to avoid trouble. If Jennifer did report him to Jessica, it might indeed land him in a difficult situation. Women tend to take such matters very seriously.

Jennifer was speechless and came to a realization: Daniel was just Jessica's assistant; **she wouldn't** care about his personal life. Besides, Jennifer was planning to use him to regain the business she lost from TMO. If Jessica got wind of any entanglement between her and this "nobody," she might get the wrong

idea. If it hindered Jennifer from securing any contracts with TMO, it would be her loss.

"I don't have time to talk to you. Seeing you disgusts me."

"If I disgust you, then why come to me? Why insist on standing in front of me?"

"Though you're disgusting and just a country bumpkin, you're lucky! You became Jessica's assistant! So, I want to make a deal with you.

"What could we possibly have to cooperate on?"

"Help me secure a contract with TMO, and I'll reward you."

"A reward?" Daniel eyed her curiously. "What kind of reward?"

“If you keep staring, I’ll rip out your eyeballs! If you help me get the TMO contract, I’ll give you money—a

million dollars!”

“A million dollars—is that a lot?”

“You asshole, don’t think I don’t know who **you** are. Even though you’re Jessica’s assistant, your salary is just three thousand a month. A million dollars could pay your wages for thirty years! With that money, you could get a mortgage for a house in a big city like New York and become a true New Yorker. If you’re lucky, you might even find a girlfriend from New York.”

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### Chapter 85 You’ll Be Repelled

“A million? Do you really think I’m that cheap?”

“You jerk, how long have you been in New York? A million isn’t enough for you?” Jennifer mocked him.

But then Daniel clammed up again?

Jennifer stomped her foot in frustration. Thump!

“What, struck a nerve, did I? Did I insult your so-called ego? Or are you just dumbstruck by that number, not sure what to say next?”

“A million? Even if you offered me a hundred million, I wouldn’t help you, it’s never gonna happen! If you want to get that TMO contract, you’ll need to win Jessica over with sincerity and your skills. Otherwise, you can forget about it. That’s my final piece of advice to you!”

Jennifer was dumbfounded by Daniel’s words.

“You... you dare lecture me?”



“I’m just giving you a suggestion. Be honest and fair in your business, don’t try to bend the rules. Only then will Lady Luck smile on you, and you might get that TMO contract.”

“You don’t know squat! You think just because you became an assistant at TMO, Jessica’s pet project, you can stay smug forever? Well, let me tell you, with your ideas and your rotten attitude, you won’t last a month before you’re kicked out! Jessica’s only using you because you got lucky with the Healthy Land collaboration. Once the collaboration with Healthy Land kicks off and everything runs smoothly, you’ll become disposable. Then **what**? Do you really think you’ll still have Jessica’s favor? Once she starts to distance herself, brace yourself to be fired by TMO!

You hick, if you lose your job at TMO, guess which company would want to hire you? Your best bet right now is to find yourself a safety net, and that is getting me that TMO contract. That way, even if TMO lets you go one day, I might consider giving you a job. You might not have the education or skills, but hey, I might let you guard the warehouse or something. I could pay you four thousand a month, which if I’m not mistaken, is more than what you make as an assistant at TMO, right?”

“I don’t need a job from you, and don’t worry, I won’t be fired by TMO.”

“Ha! You’re such an idiot. You have no clue you’ve already crossed someone you shouldn’t have, only spared because they’re preoccupied for now. But the day Jessica stops valuing you, that’ll be the day you get the boot from TMO!

“That person you’re talking about, is it Brittany?”

“Check that big brain! Looks like you’re not entirely clueless. You actually know you’ve offended Brittany? So, do you realize Brittany’s status at TMO?”

“I have no idea.”

Daniel shook his head, grinning. “Isn’t she just a secretary?”

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With a cold chuckle, Jennifer scoffed, "A secretary? Brittany is no ordinary secretary; she's Jessica's

personal assistant, her most trusted confidante. **In** TMO, she's second only to Jessica herself, her right-

hand woman!

You've got under her skin, and you have no idea how much she detests you. She'll use every **trick** in the book to see you fired.

What are you anyway? Just a clueless country bumpkin!

Once this phase passes, Brittany will need no more than a flick of her wrist to kick a nobody like you out of TMO!"

"And what if **I'm** not fired?"

"One month, tops, and you're out!"

"And if I'm not, what then?"

"What are you getting **at**?"

"**If**, after a month, I haven't been fired, and without my permission, you can't have a boyfriend—let alone get married!"

"What in the world? You, **freak**, still obsessing over me?"

"You're mistaken; I have no intention of marrying you. This condition is only meant to make you reflect. If

you can't admit your faults, then you might end up alone forever, **in** loneliness."

"Please, with a snap of my fingers, I could have a line of guys wanting to take me **out** that'd stretch all the way to the Statue of Liberty. If anyone's going to end up alone, it'd be you, not me! I'm single now only because none of these men are worthy of me!"

"So, you're scared to take the bet?"

Instead of answering, Jennifer asked, "And if you're fired by TMO within **a** month, what's your penalty?"

“How would you want to punish me?”

“I’m not gonna bother with something silly like not letting you have a girlfriend; with your charm, you **wouldn’t** find one anyway. If you get fired from TMO within a month, you’ll have **to** come work for me. Whatever I say, goes.”

Jennifer’s hatred for Daniel was beyond his wildest imagination..

Yet, she hadn’t quite figured out how to exact her revenge. So, she came up with this condition.

If Daniel was fired by TMO within **a** month, he’d have to work for her, at **her** mercy!

When that time came, Jennifer **would** show Daniel the meaning of **cruelty**.

Seeing Daniel just smiling at her, Jennifer **scoffed** provocatively.

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“What’s up? **Weren’t you** acting all big and mighty? Scared to make the bet?”

“Of **course not!** I have nothing to lose if I win, and if I lose, I still land a job for free. Why would I **say no?**”

“A job? Oh, you have no idea what it costs to cross me!”

Meanwhile, River had finished checking Chris, taking nearly 20 minutes to complete the examination.

**Chris** was under his centipede curse, a condition usually under control within a minute. But this time, **it** took a full 20 minutes to soothe the creature.

River guessed that the bustle of the crowded place and the strong afternoon sunlight made the centipede more rebellious.

**In** the end, though, he managed to wrangle it back under control.

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### Chapter 87 Origin Elixir

River **didn't** know that the reason for the centipede's restlessness in Chris's stomach was because of Daniel. Within Daniel's body were seven seals of the dragon, the superior of all animals. The centipede sensed the aura of the dragon, hence its fear and loss of control.

Seeing River pause, an anxious Isabella asked, "Dr. Yu, how's my dad doing?"

River didn't answer directly but instead asked, "Does your dad have heart issues?"

"Yes! He's always had heart problems, but things got better after he had bypass surgery six months ago."

River let out a long sigh, causing Isabella to panic. "Dr. Yu, please tell me what's going on with my dad!"

"If your dad hadn't gone through that heart surgery, he could've lived another decade, easy. But that surgery has cut short his lifeline. Being optimistic, he can make it through the year."

Having said that, River shook his head and turned to leave.

"Dr. Yu! You must save my dad! I'll do anything if you can cure him!"

"Lady, I practice medicine to save lives, not for rewards."

River stopped and pulled a small vial from his pocket, tipping out a crystal-clear pill.

"Well, since we've met, perhaps it's fate. I'll gift one of my Origin Elixirs to your father. This magical remedy is exclusive to me on this whole planet. I crafted it from eighty-one rare herbs, following ancient rituals over forty-nine days. Tiny as it is, someone once offered me a billion dollars, and I didn't sell."

Daniel examined the pill and realized the so-called Origin Elixir wasn't medicine at all. It was a compact mass of Tame head insect eggs. Who knew what would grow inside him if he swallowed that? Was this

old man trying to kill Chris?

Daniel still chose not to intervene, deciding to keep observing. He suspected that the curse Joseph

suffered from was linked to this old man. Until he could be sure, he didn't want to alarm him.

Handing the Origin Elixir to Isabella, River stroked his white beard and said, "Give this to your father to swallow. As soon as he takes this Origin Elixir, he'll wake right up. But to mend his severed lifeline, one pill

isn't enough; he'll need a course of seven. That means taking one every seven days. Whether or not you'll

be able to find me for the **second** dose seven days later, well, let's leave that to fate."

With that, River turned and left. Isabella held the Origin Elixir, frozen in shock. She **didn't** notice that at

that instant, the pill shrank a little in her hand. Many of those condensed curse eggs had entered her body

through the tips of her fingers.

Isabella had been cursed too!

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Isabella didn't doubt River's words for a second. She quickly fed the Origin Elixir to Chris, and he revived

immediately after swallowing it. Isabella was overjoyed, asking with excitement, "Dad, are you okay now?"

"I'm fine, just fine! I feel great! What did you just give me? It's like I've been reborn! It feels like I've shed a huge burden, like my body's twenty years younger!"

"That was the Origin Elixir from Dr. Yu."

"Dr. Yu? Which Dr. Yu?"

"Florida's number one doctor, River Yu!"

"Where's Dr. Yu? I need to thank him properly!"

"He's already left. We're lucky to have met someone like him."

Isabella didn't tell Chris that he would need another Origin Elixir in seven days. Whether they could find

River again was unknown. But Isabella was determined to track down River and get the remaining six

Elixirs for Chris.

Daniel couldn't stay silent any longer and warned Isabella kindly, "It seems that pretty women don't

always think things through. Do you really believe he's trying to save your father?"

Isabella bristled with anger, "Are you calling me dumb?"

"I'm just warning you! That Dr. Yu might know medicine, but he's not a doctor; he's a curse master. Your dad collapsed because he was cursed, with a worm inside him! And that Elysian Yu likely placed the

curse. Moreover, that Origin Elixir you just gave your dad **is** not some miracle pill; it's cursed insect eggs. Meaning, now there are a bunch of worms inside your dad's stomach. And since you touched the Elixir, you've been cursed too."

"And just who are you? Where's your proof for all this nonsense?"

Daniel handed her a business card. He spoke with earnest conviction, "I'm the executive assistant at

TMO. My contact info is on the card. As for proof, you'll see for yourself tonight when your body reacts to

the curse. You'll suffer from vomiting and diarrhea, and no medicine will help except for assistance from

Dr. Yu.

As for your dad, he's had the curse longer, so he'll be in a worse state tonight and might not make it. Of course, if you agree to Dr. Yu's terms, he should spare your lives. But then, you'll be at his mercy.

If he wants you alive, you'll live.

If he wants you dead, you'll die/

If he wants you living in hell, that's where you'll be.

And me, I'm an actual doctor. I can help you with the curse Dr. Yu has cast on you."

"I won't believe a word of your bullshiting. I'll take your card, though. If I ever see Jessica from TMO, I'll

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make sure to tell her she has an assistant named Daniel, and that he's out of his mind. That he's lost it, spouting nonsense, daring to slander Dr. Yu, Florida's finest! An assistant like that needs to be put in a

mental hospital!"

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After scolding Daniel, Isabella left with Chris. Seeing Daniel get a dressing-down made Jennifer gleeful.

“Jerk, did you think everyone’s as gullible as Jessica? That beauty didn’t fall for your nonsense. If I heard correctly, she even wants to send you to a mental asylum! I **don’t** know who that woman is, but judging by her attire, she’s no ordinary person. So, if she complains to Jessica about what you did, even if Jessica doesn’t send you to an asylum, she’ll surely fire you on the spot! Then, you’ll fall right into my hands, to be controlled as I please.”

Jennifer was elated at the thought. If all this came true, she would torment Daniel endlessly, making him

regret ever crossing her.

Daniel, uninterested in responding, just walked away.

“Hey, stop right there! Are you trying to weasel out of our bet because you’re losing?” Jennifer shouted

after him, but Daniel didn’t look back and kept walking.

Jade Hill is one of New York’s most upscale villa communities. Isabella, in charge of Prospera Group’s

New York operations, bought a standalone villa there, the famous Number 1 of Jade Hill.

After a shower, wearing a silk nightgown, Isabella had just laid down in bed when a severe pain struck her

stomach, followed by intense nausea and the urge to vomit. She rushed to the bathroom.

Following an ordeal of vomiting and diarrhea, Isabella felt drained. She remembered what Daniel said during the day. Could it be that the jerk didn’t lie to her? Was River really as Daniel described? Did that old man really curse her?

Isabella, living in Florida, was aware that there were indeed many curse masters in the rainforests. Whether River was one, she couldn’t be sure. However, she fetched the business card and called Daniel.

Daniel, fresh out of the shower, was browsing TikTok, entertained by the beautiful girls dancing. They were only slightly better than average, but their dance moves were captivating. Even though Jessica was stunning and curvy, she’d never dance for him in a sexy little skirt.

His phone rang suddenly, flashing an unknown number. Curious, Daniel answered it.



“Who’s this?”

“It’s me,” came a weak female voice.

“Who are you?”

“Isabella.”

“Isabella? Who? I don’t know you!”

Daniel hung up, figuring it was a woman who’d dialed the wrong number. But as soon as he did, she called

again.

“Aren’t you a pest? It’s late, don’t you sleep?”

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“I’m the one from The Jade earlier today. You said River cursed me and my dad.”

“Ah, it’s you? Didn’t you say I’m crazy? Weren’t **you** going to have me committed?”

Daniel’s tone was skeptical, but **this** was the opening Isabella needed to confront the possibility that Daniel had been telling the truth all along.

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## Chapter 90

Chapter 90 Another **Fiancée**

Isabella, The Evans’ eldest daughter, is a goddess in the eyes of everyone in Florida. Every man bows before her presence; no one dares to speak to her the way Daniel did.

How could a mere assistant talk to her like that? It infuriated her, but she held back her temper.

“Can you come to my house? I’ll send you the address!”

Without waiting for Daniel’s agreement, Isabella hung up the phone and texted him the address. That was Isabella’s pride.

Isabella?

The name sounded familiar to Daniel. He quickly sorted through a pile of contracts.

Damn it!

He had a marriage contract with an Isabella. Could it be the same woman?

Daniel recalled the Isabella he had met during the day; she was indeed quite beautiful.

Holding the contract, he was conflicted.

Should he go to Isabella’s residence with the contract and call off the engagement?

However, Isabella was so attractive that he wanted to observe her some more. After all, Jessica hadn’t

given him a definitive response; Jessica might send him away any day.

Either way, Daniel felt that even if he and Jessica were not destined to marry, he had to get his hands on

The Grass of Sealed Dragon.

To be on the safe side, he decided to hide the contract he had with Isabella for now. He didn’t want

Isabella to know about their engagement agreement just yet.

After making his decision, Daniel tucked away the contract and set off with a plastic bag in hand.

Villa Number 1, Jade Hill.

After the call, Isabella had to rush to the restroom several times, nearly dehydrated.

She picked up her phone and dialed Daniel again, wanting to ask how long till he would arrive, but there

was no answer.

Half an hour passed.

Ding—dong! Ding—dong!

The doorbell rang.

When Isabella opened the door, she saw a guy dressed in shabby clothes, holding a plastic bag, his mouth greasy from eating pizza, **It** was, of course, Daniel.

Seeing him like that, Isabella frowned deeply.

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“You... you actually ate pizza? Do you know how long I’ve been waiting for you?”

“I need to eat to have energy for work! Besides, when I talked to you in the afternoon, you didn’t believe me and almost sent me to a mental hospital. If I don’t make you suffer a little, you won’t take me seriously next time. Women are inherently willful and need to face hardship to grow. I’m helping you

become a better wife and mother.”

“You...”

Isabella stomped her foot in anger, but her stomach pain flared again, driving her back into the restroom.

When she emerged, her legs were trembling, and she couldn’t walk properly.

Daniel found her pathetic state amusing, so he teased, “How are you feeling, Isabella?”

“You said I’m cursed, right? Remove this curse now!”

“Don’t rush, Isabella. Lifting a curse is easy. But you summoned me here in the middle of the night, asking for my help. I don’t recall us being friends or anything. What do you think?”

“What do you mean?”

“Seeing a doctor costs money. You need my help; you must offer something in return.”

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