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# The Mans Decree Chapter 401

Chapter 401 Stone Gambling

"What's that? Let's go have a look!"

Josephine got curious, and she pulled Jared over with her.

"That's stone gambling. They're like this every day. I really don't understand men, yelling all day at a pile of rocks."

Lizbeth said in a puzzled tone.

Jared wasn't curious at first, but when Lizbeth mentioned stone gambling, he immediately became interested, and he might even win himself some jade stones to make jewelry for Josephine.

"To these men, this pile of stones is just like the luxury cosmetics to you women."

Jared gently smiled and walked over.

"Da\*n! Imperial jade! It's an imperial jade!"

Before Jared and the others even got there, they heard a round of applause from the crowd.

"Hahaha! I'm rich! I'm rich!"

Immediately afterward, someone started to laugh wildly. It was apparent that this person was the one who bought the stone.

However, when Jared heard this voice, he furrowed his brows as the voice sounded very familiar.

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On the other hand, Lizbeth's expression turned dark. "Oliver. That bast\*rd came here to gamble on stones."

Then, Lizbeth rushed toward the crowd in anger.

Jared suddenly remembered that the voice he heard was the voice of Lizbeth's younger brother, Oliver.

As Jared and the others approached the crowd, Oliver laughed wildly and jumped around with a stone in his arms.

"Mr. Grange, I'm very sorry. This is not your stone. You cannot take it!"

Then, a middle-aged man walked over to Oliver and took the stone from his hand.

However, Oliver didn't give the stone away. Instead, he hugged it closer to his chest. "Why? I bought this stone. Are you taking it back because it is an imperial jade?"

The middle-aged man smiled and said, "Mr. Grange, you said you bought the stone. But have you paid for it?"

"I gave you the money already. I paid a deposit of one hundred thousand!" Oliver shouted.

"Hahaha! Don't you know the rules of stone gambling? You have to pay for the stones upfront. You only paid the deposit, and you claim this stone to be yours? Stop daydreaming!" The middle-aged man said disdainfully.

"Come on, Joseph. How can you say that? In the past few times, I have only paid the deposit before opening the stones. At that time, all the stones I got were junk, and I never heard you mention anything about paying upfront. I had always paid you the balance afterward."

Oliver was a little anxious. He asked angrily, "You're telling me now that I should have paid upfront after I won an imperial jade? You're obviously trying to trick me."

"Trick you? This is the rule of stone gambling. Hand over the stone. Otherwise, don't even think of leaving!"

As Joseph spoke, three burly men instantly surrounded Oliver.

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Oliver was a coward so his face instantly turned pale in fright. However, he didn't want to hand over the priceless imperial jade. He held the stone tightly and said, "Joseph, my sister is from the Department of Justice! If you dare to touch me, she will never let you off!"

"So what? Even the Department of Justice has to obey the rules."

Joseph smirked.

Oliver hugged the stone tightly and refused to let it go. Joseph signaled with his hand for his men to grab the stone from him. When the three burly men got closer to Oliver, Lizbeth rushed in and quickly knocked them down.

"Lizbeth!" Oliver was delighted to see Lizbeth.

"Ms. Grange, as one of the Department of Justice, how could you attack the people? Are you trying to oppress the civilians?" Joseph's expression turned grim.

"How could I stand and watch you injure my brother? Even if I injured you, it counts as self-defense!"

Lizbeth glared at Joseph and said.

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Chapter 402 What Is Wrong With That

“Ms. Grange, you must have proof to support your accusations. Did you see me hitting your brother? Besides, your brother took my stone and didn’t return it. He committed robbery. As someone of the Department of Justice, are you going to let it slide?” Joseph smirked and asked as he wasn’t intimidated by Lizbeth at all.

“Lizbeth, don’t listen to him. I bought this stone. I have paid him the money!” Oliver hurriedly explained to Lizbeth.

“Shut your mouth!” Lizbeth angrily shouted at Oliver, “I’ll deal with you once we get home!”

Seeing that Lizbeth was furious, Oliver held onto the stone with both hands and lowered his head in silence.

“Joseph, I overheard your previous conversation with my brother. In the past, my brother could open the stones by just paying the deposit. But you denied it once he got something good. You’re obviously trying to trick him!”

Lizbeth was clever. She could discern the trap set by the owner of the stone gambling store to trick Oliver.

“Ms. Grange, you have to be careful with your words. We are all honest merchants. Besides, everyone here knows that the rule of stone gambling is to pay upfront. I used to let him open the stones with a deposit because I pitied him. Is it wrong that I stopped doing that today? Is it against the law?”

Lizbeth was finally rendered speechless.

“Give him the stone.”

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Jared and Josephine squeezed themselves in from the crowd at this critical moment.

“Jared, my dear brother-in-law!” Oliver’s eyes glimmered when he saw Jared. “This is imperial jade and it’s worth at least a few million. How can I simply return it to them?”

Lizbeth and Jared were terrified when Oliver addressed Jared as his brother-in-law in front of Josephine.

Josephine was stunned. She looked at Jared and Lizbeth in confusion.

“Oliver, you prick! How many times have I told you that I have nothing to do with Jared. He is not your brother-in-law. How could you spout such nonsense? Josephine is Jared’s girlfriend, and she’s my classmate!” Lizbeth blushed and yelled at Oliver.

Oliver was stunned for a moment. That was when he realized that Jared was holding hands with Josephine. It turned out that Jared wasn’t his sister’s boyfriend. It was all a misunderstanding.

Although Oliver was a little disappointed, he knew he shouldn’t address Jared wrongly in the future. Hence, he hurriedly explained to defend himself, “What’s wrong with that? Josephine is like a sister to me, why can’t I address him as my brother-in-law? Am I right, Josephine?”

That was the first time Oliver met Josephine, but he regarded her as his sister like she was an old acquaintance.

Lizbeth was perplexed by Oliver’s words. However, Jared was quite impressed. Although Oliver was timid and cowardly, his ability to react was extraordinary.

Josephine was delighted to be regarded as Oliver’s sister. She turned to Lizbeth and asked, “Lizbeth, is this the naughty younger brother you used to talk about in school?”

Lizbeth nodded and glared at Oliver.

“Josephine, you have to help me. I bought this stone with my money. They are obviously trying to trick me!”

Oliver knew that Jared was an extraordinary man. After all, Jared had good relations with the Phoenix Regiment; hence, he must be someone special.

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That was why he wanted Josephine to help him. All he needed was just a word from Josephine, and Jared would have no choice but to help him. After all, they lived in a society where men would always listen to women.

Josephine glanced at Jared and said, "Jared, help him!"

"Oliver, give them back the stone. Since there are rules, we should follow the rules," Jared turned to Oliver and said.

"But Jared, this is an imperial jade. It's worth several million!" With an anxious expression, he hinted at Jared desperately. He thought Jared didn't know what an imperial jade was.

## The Mans Decree Chapter 403

Chapter 403 No Refund

"Give it to them. This stone is worthless."

Jared said once again.

Before Oliver could speak again, Lizbeth scolded, "Return the stone right now! You're such an idiot. No wonder you got swindled. Just take this as a lesson!"

Oliver didn't know what to say. In the end, he gritted his teeth and tossed the stone to Joseph helplessly. Then, he lowered his head with a dejected look on his face.

"I told you, the stone is worthless. It only had a thin layer of imperial jade on the surface. If you cut deeper, there would be nothing in it."

Jared patted Oliver on the shoulder to comfort him.

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"Really?" Oliver quickly raised his head in surprise.

If what Jared said was true, the stone would be worthless, and he wouldn't suffer any losses.

"Of course!" Jared smiled gently.

Joseph sneered upon hearing Jared's words. "I've been in the stone gambling business for decades. My judgment can't be worse than a kid in his twenties. With such green coloration on this stone, there must be at least three pieces of imperial jade in it!"

"If you don't believe me, you can make another cut and see it for yourself!" Jared said to Joseph.

The crowd immediately became interested when they overheard their conversation. They gathered around and shouted, "Make another cut!"

"Okay, I shall make one more cut!" Joseph said.

Then, he passed the stone to his subordinate, and the subordinate meticulously cut the stone again.

After cutting it again, there was indeed nothing inside, not even a bit of green.

This time, everyone was stunned. Even Joseph gasped in disbelief.

"Don't stop cutting!" Joseph yelled at his subordinate.

After another cut, there was still nothing inside.

In the end, the stone was cut into shards, and there was only a thin layer of imperial jade with nothing else inside. It was indeed a worthless piece of rock.

At that moment, Joseph was dumbfounded. The crowd looked at Jared in astonishment.

"Hahaha! Great! This is great! Hurry up and refund my deposit!"

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Oliver laughed happily. If it weren't for Jared, he might have lost his money again.

Joseph glared at Jared fiercely before turning toward Oliver. "No refund. It's the rule of my store. You can only pick another stone!"

"No. I don't trust you anymore. Give me back my deposit!"

Oliver didn't want to gamble at his store anymore.

"As I said, no refund. Either you pick another stone, or leave!" Joseph said domineeringly.

"You!" When Oliver was about to get angry, but Jared stopped him.

"Can I pick whichever stone I want with one hundred thousand?" Jared asked.

"Of course. You may choose any stone you want from this pile." Joseph pointed to the pile of stones behind him.

Jared glanced at the pile of stones and discreetly shook his head. There was no imperial jade in the pile of stones, not even an ice stone.

However, when he looked over at the messy pile of stones in a bag nearby, he trembled slightly.

"What about the stones over there? Can I choose from that pile?" Jared pointed to the messy pile of stones and asked.

"Those are worthless stones that have been cut open. If you want to pick one, it will be ten thousand." Joseph glanced at the messy pile of stones and said.

"Jared, those are all worthless stones that have been cut open. You won't get anything good," Oliver hurriedly advised.

The stones had all been cut open. However, they were repurchased by the stone gambling store after the first cut. Hence, the price was pretty low. If the stones were cut three or four times, they would have no value at all.

Jared ignored Oliver. He walked directly toward the stones and began to choose.

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Soon, Jared had already chosen ten pieces of stones. Looking at the stones that had already been cut, Oliver sighed over the one hundred thousand Jared had wasted.

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### Chapter 404 Regret

Since Jared was the one who gave him the money, Oliver figured he should not say anything more. If I make him happy now, maybe he will provide me with more money. After all, he is loaded!

“That’s all. Cut them, please!”

Jared threw those stone in front of Joseph.

Joseph looked at the pile of stones and sneered. “Let’s be clear. There will be no refund if there is nothing inside these stones. Don’t try to accuse us of cheating and ruin the reputation of my shop!”

“Cut the crap! Just cut them!” Jared shouted.

With that, Joseph gave an order to his subordinate. “Cut them!”

Soon, one of the stones was put on the machine and was slowly cut open.

“Ice stone! It’s an ice stone...”

Someone with keen observation shouted right away.

Indeed, after the stone was cut completely, an ice stone shone brightly inside.

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"Hahaha. It's ice stone. Now we won't lose any money..."

Oliver let out a laugh after seeing that.

Even though ice stone was not exactly precious, it could sell for at least a hundred thousand or two. With that, they would surely make a profit.

"You guys are so lucky..."

Joseph snorted.

Jared smiled and did not say anything, waiting for the other stones to be opened.

Soon, another stone was cut open. Again, it was an ice stone.

The following third and fourth stones were all ice stones. Everyone on the scene was shocked by that. Joseph could not help but stare at Jared with a bewildered look.

Overwhelmed with excitement, Oliver took a bag and put in the stones that were already cut open. He urged Joseph, "Hurry and cut the rest. Stop wasting our time!"

When the fifth stone was cut open, everyone was stunned by a green light inside it.

Even Joseph froze on the spot.

Oliver stared at it for a while and cheered like a mad person, "It's imperial jade!"

The crowd went into an uproar after seeing that shocking scene.

"Who is this guy? I've never seen someone so lucky. How could he get imperial jade out of debris?"

"This is not luck! This is a miracle!"

"Cut the crap! Evidently, this guy is an expert. No one can be so lucky!"

Joseph's expression turned utterly ugly upon hearing those comments.

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“Don’t stop. Hurry up and cut the rest,” Oliver told Joseph.

“I am not selling anymore. We won’t sell the remaining stones. I will refund you...”

Joseph started taking back the remaining stones.

Jared approached him and grabbed his wrist. “I don’t want the money. I only want the stones. I have paid for them. How could you go back on your words?”

“That’s right. How could you go back? There are so many witnesses here!”

Oliver also walked over and grabbed Joseph.

“Do you have any idea whose shop this is? How dare you lay your hands on me?” Joseph snorted.

The next moment, more than ten strong men rushed out from inside.

“What are you guys doing? How dare you ignore my existence!” Lizbeth was enraged upon seeing that.

After all, she was from the Department of Justice, yet those people showed no respect to her at all.

“Even if your general comes, I won’t be afraid. This is Mr. Wagner’s shop. How dare you create a scene here!”

Joseph looked full of pride as he had the support of the Wagner family behind him.

The Wagner family was one of the best in Summerbank. Not to mention, Luke from the Warriors Alliance was one of the four directors of the Warriors Alliance.

“Even if this shop belongs to the king, you will have to cut all the stones.”

Jared had a grim look on his face.

“D\*mn it. So what if I refuse? What are you going to do about it?”

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Joseph did not want to give in.

Jared landed a punch at Joseph, causing the latter's nose to bleed. He had been holding back his strength, or else Joseph might have been dead already.

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