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Hearing that, Elise suddenly lost all interest. "Mr. Griffith, I'm getting dizzy from looking at so many stones." "You have to be calm when picking out stones, and never be impulsive. If you really want to understand stone gambling, you'll have to learn to keep your patience in check," Alexander said. Looking as though she understood what he said, Elise answered, "Alright, Mr. Griffith. I got it." After making another round, Alexander suddenly came to a stop, his eyes fixed on a very huge stone.

Seeing that, Elise asked anxiously, "Mr. Griffith, do you have your eyes on this stone?" Instead of answering her, he walked closer and studied the stone carefully. "This stone is not bad." Right after the words left his lips, Jordan walked over. "You have sharp eyes, Mr. Griffith. This is the best stone from its batch." Raising his brow slightly, Alexander ordered, "Tell me the price." The smile on Jordan's face widened. "Are you thinking of buying it, Mr. Griffith?"

"Yeah, it's a good piece of stone. If the price is alright, I'll buy it." "It's a good piece of stone, indeed, but the price is on the high end. If you're really sincere about buying it, I'll sell it to you for this much," he said anxiously and opened up his palm to show Alexander the figure five. Confused, Elise asked, "5 million?" Jordan chuckled. "It's 50 million." Stunned, Elise thought, He's asking for 50 million for a regular stone? That's way too much!

What if it turns out to be a useless stone after cutting? We will make a huge loss, then! "Mr. Griffith, you really plan to buy it?" Instead of answering her, he turned to her and asked, "What do you think, Miss Sare?" This question placed her in a tight spot, but she believed that Alexander must have his own ideas.

Hence, she answered, "Mr. Griffith, any decision you make is fine." An attractive grin spread across Alexander's face at her reply, and he said to Jordan, "I'm buying this stone." Delighted, Jordan said, "Mr. Griffith, you really have a keen eye. This is really a good piece of stone, and you won't make a loss with it for sure!" Taking out a black card from his pocket, Alexander said, "I'll pay by card." Hurriedly, Jordan sent his employee to make the card payment and immediately asked, "Mr. Griffith, would you like to have your stone cut right now?" "Yes. Get your best craftsman here to do it."

"Don't worry, Mr. Griffith. I'll make the arrangements for you right away," Jordan replied. The news that a stone was sold for 50 million created a huge uproar in an instant, and everyone was curious as to who bought a stone for that price. After asking around and finding out that the person was Alexander, they didn't find it such a surprise anymore because everyone knew just how wealthy the Griffith Group was. Despite that, they were still curious what sort of jadeite was inside this stone, which was worth 50 million.

Hence, when they knew that Alexander was planning to cut the stone on the spot, they all gathered around and wanted to see for themselves. "Mr. Griffith, how would you like to cut this stone?" the craftsman asked. Taking a look at the stone, Alexander replied, "Start from one third of its width."

The craftsman nodded. "Okay. I'm going to start, then." With the help of a few people, the stone was placed on the cutter with all eyes focused on it. Meanwhile, Elise waited while holding her breath, her fingers fidgeting with the hem of her shirt on both sides. While the machine was working, she didn't even dare to blink her eyes as she kept staring at the stone, worried that she might miss a thing. The entire process of cutting a stone was a lengthy one, and every step was especially important.

Suddenly, someone from the crowd cried out, "There's green! There's jadeite..." Hearing that, Elise couldn't help but feel happy. However, the green surface was only as wide as a finger, and it made everyone a little disappointed because it was a very small green surface for a stone this huge.

Even though the color looked good, it was considered a massive loss as the stone was bought for 50 million. "Be patient. Only a small part is cut, and not even one third of the stone is cut through yet. Maybe there'll be more green later." "The surface of this stone looks good. I think it has more green than this, so there's probably still hope." As the onlookers speculated amongst themselves, Elise felt that her heart had already leaped to her throat; never in her life had she been this nervous before.

On the other hand, Alexander appeared calm and composed the entire time without any emotions on his face. "Mr. Griffith, you're just way too calm," Elise pointed out, feeling a little envious of his composure. "Yeah, I'm alright," he said flatly. Pursing her lips, Elise thought, Looks like I really need to learn to be composed and calm.

The person who spent 50 million is so relaxed, so why am I so nervous when it wasn't my money spent? After thinking it through, she relaxed quite a lot and wasn't as nervous as before. Still, her eyes were glued to the stone. As the craftsman cut deeper and deeper, the cut soon reached one third of the stone, but there was no more jadeite.

Even the craftsman's hands were clammy; this was a prized stone from his employer's store, and he was worried that the reputation of the store would be affected if there was no jadeite in this stone. "Hang on." Just then, Alexander suddenly called for him to stop, whereupon the craftsman paused immediately, asking, "Mr. Griffith, do you have any instructions?" After taking a look, he answered, "Cut it right in the middle." His instructions shocked the craftsman.

"Mr. Griffith, it's very risky to cut it in the middle. If—" Before he could finish, Alexander interrupted him, "It's alright. Just cut it in half." Seeing how determined he was, the craftsman couldn't say anything else and returned to the machine before asking some men to change the position of the stone until the cutting edge was right in the middle. After making sure the edge was on the middle spot, he began to cut it slowly.

Even the crowd was stunned that such a huge stone was going to be cut in the middle. What would happen if the jadeite in it was destroyed? And so, after the cut in the middle, a complete stone was sliced into half, but both parts had no signs of green. Disappointment washed over the crowd, and even Elise was

stunned, thinking, So, he lost 50 million? "I didn't expect that a stone with such an astronomical price only has jadeite the size of a finger.

Looks like Mr. Jordan's goods aren't worthy at all." "I was even thinking of buying a stone from him, but from the looks of it, there's a high chance I'll lose my money." "Don't buy any for now. This batch of stones must be bad. Let's browse a little more..." Listening to their conversations, Elise peered at Alexander with a worried expression.

When she was about to say something, Alexander said to the craftsman, "Take a look at the left edge. What's that?" At his reminder, only then did the craftsman notice that there was a little shade of red on the left edge. Reaching out his finger, he felt the edge and cried out in surprise, "Hurry, continue to cut it. There's jadeite in here!"

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The situation took a hundred eighty degrees turn with the craftsman's words, and there was also a deep, hidden meaning when he said there was jadeite. Usually, people would say that there was green whenever jade was discovered at the cutting of the stone. However, the craftsman said that there was jadeite instead. Just one word difference could change the meaning entirely. In hurried but careful moves, the craftsman ground the stone, and the red spot gradually became more obvious. Seeing that, everyone exclaimed in shock, "Blood jade! It's a blood jade!"

With just that, the entire place broke into an uproar, and even Elise stared at the stone in disbelief. "H-How is this possible? It's actually blood jade, which is no less expensive than imperial jade!" "You're so lucky to have gotten the blood jade, Mr. Griffith. This blood jade is incredibly rare, and if you have it made into jewelry, it will be priceless." "Congratulations, Mr. Griffith! I wonder if you're willing to sell your stone to me."

"I'm interested as well, Mr. Griffith. Why don't you sell it to me?" The change of attitude from the crowd was so swift that Elise didn't even have the time to react to the situation. Then, Jordan came over with a wide smile on his face. "Congratulations on the blood jade, Mr. Griffith!" Returning his smile, Alexander answered, "You're too kind, Mr. Jordan." Jordan added, "Honestly speaking, I got this stone back six months ago, and it was just laying there as a stockpile.

Many people had also asked me about the price before this, but they all backed off when they heard the price. Unexpectedly, you had the courage to buy it straight away, and it turned out that there's actually blood jade in the stone. You wouldn't be able to make a loss even if you wanted to!" Everything Jordan said was true; according to the market price of blood jade right now and the total surface of blood jade Alexander had in his stone, he was guaranteed to earn 50 million.

If there was more jade after further grinding and cutting, then it would be a different price. While they were speaking, the craftsman cried out in surprise again, "The entire stone is made up of blood jade!" Another round of commotion

broke out from the crowd; it was already really rare to have found the blood jade, but it turned out to be an entire piece. It was now beyond their estimation just how much this stone was worth.

“Mr. Griffith, I have to say that you’re really lucky to have such a huge piece of blood jade,” Jordan said earnestly, excitement rushing through him the entire time. Meanwhile, after the people saw that the stone had blood jade, they all wanted to buy some stones as well. All of a sudden, they started to pick and buy stones, and the shop started to get busy. “Mr. Griffith, you have my admiration even more now,” Elise admitted in a serious tone.

Maintaining his composure, Alexander answered, “Miss Sare, do you know which kind of stone you should buy now?” Elise pursed her lips. Although she didn’t want to admit it, she had to say that he was really talented when it came to stone gambling. “Mr. Griffith, I believe that I was right about you. I’ll definitely pick up something by learning about stone gambling from you.” The edges of his lips curled upward into a gentle smile.

“You’re too modest, Miss Sare. I gained a lot by learning Arisian from you, too.” There was no awkwardness when they traded compliments. In contrast, it was harmonious. “So, do you plan to sell this blood jade, Mr. Griffith?” “I would like to use it as a publicity stunt for the anniversary of Griffith Group next month. I think it will be a good selling point,” Alexander answered. Understanding what he meant, Elise said, “You’re a very smart businessman, Mr. Griffith.”

In fact, Alexander had his own selfish idea! When he saw that the stone contained blood jade, he already had a thought in his mind, which was something he really wanted to get done for now. Despite that, he didn’t tell any of that to Elise. After the entire stone was finished with the cutting, a huge piece of blood jade stood before everyone’s eyes. Almost everybody on the scene had never seen a blood jade before, and the color of this piece was very pure; it could be considered one of the top grades amongst blood jade.

Many people who were interested came forward to ask about the price, but they were all turned down by Alexander. A dedicated team was assigned to deliver the blood jade, and after the cutting was completed, Alexander and Elise didn’t hang around much longer. They said their goodbyes to Jordan and left immediately. “I’ll send you back, Miss Sare.” However, something popped up in Elise’s mind, and she turned down his offer.

“It’s alright, Mr. Griffith. I’ll just get a cab back by myself.” Alexander didn’t try to change her mind and said, “Be careful then, Miss Sare. I’m leaving first.” After Elise saw that he had left the place, only then did she get herself a ride back. Elise changed into her usual ugly appearance when she got back to campus, and the moment she stepped into the classroom, Danny hurriedly paced up to her. “Boss, where did you go?

Do you know that I’ve been looking for you?” Before she could answer, he added impatiently, “Boss, explain this question to me.” As she had expected, Danny’s biggest current interest was learning, and she didn’t turn him down either as she explained the problem to him. After school, they left the classroom together.

Although Danny had been engrossed in studies recently, he felt a little playful today and wanted to play online games.

“Boss, let’s not go to the library today. I’ll get a few guys tonight to form a team and play a few rounds of games online.” His words stopped Elise in her tracks. “If you play today, all your efforts before this will go down the drain.” Dismay washed over him at her reminder. “Forget it, then! I love to study. Let’s forget about gaming and head to the library instead.” A gentle smile spread across Elise’s face, thinking that Danny’s seriousness toward studies made him seem rather adorable, and she said, “How about this?”

If you can make it to the top five of the class in the monthly test, I’ll spend a day gaming with you.” Unexpectedly, he started laughing out loud right after she said those words. “Boss, a good student like you, gaming with me? Don’t try to pull my score down with your inexperience. I’m not falling for that.” While Elise was speechless and looking helpless, he asked curiously, “Boss, do you really know how to game?”

Smacking her lips, she then answered, “I gamed before.” This sparked his curiosity even further. “How are your skills?” After a short moment of hesitation, she replied, “It’s alright.” Patting her on the shoulder, he said, “With your mediocre skills, it’s better if you don’t play with us.

My teammates and I are all experts who are famous players on the leaderboard. Besides ‘Ellimane’, who’s the number one on the platform, the other top five expert gamers are in my team. At least until now, I’ve always remained on the top three spots of the board. You’re just asking for a hard time if you choose to play with us.”

His words and tone of voice were more provocative than usual. Elise cast him a thoughtful look, saying calmly, “You don’t have to care about how well my skills are because you’ll only earn your right to play with me once you make it to the top five in the monthly test. Are you up for the challenge?”

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Thinking that Elise was only throwing this challenge at him because she wanted to encourage him to make it to the top five of the class, Danny agreed to it because he figured that she was just being kind. “Sure, but I’m not doing it because I want to play with you. I’m doing it because I want to prove myself,” he clarified proudly. “Okay, I look forward to your performance. I’ll fulfill my end of the promise then as well.”

In fact, Danny didn’t take her promise seriously at all because he just wanted to do well in the monthly test to examine the results of his hard work during this period. The minute both of them walked out of the school gate, they saw a familiar-looking Maybach outside. “What brought you here, Alex?” Danny asked in surprise. In fact, Alexander didn’t know it himself what came over him. He should have returned to the office, but instead, he found himself here and even waited until classes were over.

"I happened to pass by here and thought that I could give both of you a lift home since school was ending." Danny had never been one to doubt anything Alexander said, so he quickly opened the door and let Elise in first. When both of them were seated, he said, "Alex, we're not going home but to the library first. I still have some homework left to finish." Startled, Alexander asked, "Have you had a personality change lately?"

Danny chuckled sheepishly. "Stop teasing me, Alex. I'm just trying to catch up on my studies." "Okay. Do your best," Alexander encouraged. "I look forward to your progress." "Thanks, Alex. I'll put in my best effort," he answered happily. After that, Alexander started the car and drove away. Danny was the first to hop out of the car when they reached the library, and he thought that Alexander would leave.

Unexpectedly, the door of the driver's seat opened, and he got out of the car as well. "I haven't been to the library in a long while, so I'll read a book as well." His explanation didn't strike Danny as odd, and so the latter started working on his homework with full attention after he found himself a spot in the library. Meanwhile, Elise went to the second floor and went through the bookshelves. Finally, she picked a foreign novel and sat down.

Something unexplainable came over Alexander, and he followed Elise upstairs subconsciously. Then, he grabbed a book about economics and took a seat in a corner. However, his attention today wasn't on the book at all; he would sometimes casually raise his gaze at Elise, who was seated nearby. It was fine for the first couple of times, but Elise noticed his eyes on her after a few more times, and she couldn't help but look back at him with her brows knitted tightly in confusion.

When their eyes met, Alexander didn't look away, and just when she was about to say something, he spoke first. "I've read the book in your hands before. It's not bad, but the author ended the story a little hastily, leaving many things unexplained." Elise was already halfway through the book, and when she heard him say that, she lost all interest to continue reading. "I'll get another book, then." Standing up, Alexander walked over.

"I'll help you to pick one out." To Elise, he seemed a little odd today, but she couldn't exactly put it into words. "Do you prefer comedy or tragedy?" "Comedy." She said the first thing that came into her mind. Looking through the bookshelves, he then picked out a book which used a more humorous language and passed it to her. "This book is not bad. You'll be entertained and happy while reading." Taking it over, she uttered, "Thanks."

After she started reading a couple of pages, a grin spread across her face unintentionally. Seeing that, Alexander relaxed the knot between his brows as he casually plopped himself in a seat next to her, asking, "Do you usually come here with Danny to read?" "Yeah, but it only started recently. I'm usually upstairs while he's downstairs." For unknown reasons, he felt much better when he heard her reply. "This place is nice. I'll drop by whenever I have the chance."

On the other hand, Elise stopped replying and seemed focused on the book. For unknown reasons, he felt especially at peace seated next to her at this moment.

In contrast, Elise was unable to read another word. She didn't know why, but she became nervous the second he sat next to her, and even her breathing quickened. Startled by her own reaction, she hurriedly stood up and wanted to leave. However, she was in such a hurry that she slipped and fell forward.

Fortunately, Alexander had quick reflexes, and he caught her around the waist. Then, she heard his deep, husky voice next to her ear. "Are you alright?" All of a sudden, she felt her heart galloping, and she pushed him away, saying, "I'm fine! Thanks for catching me." Disappointment washed over Alexander when he felt the emptiness in his hand, but this feeling vanished very quickly, leaving no trace of it on his expression.

"You're welcome. Be careful next time." "Okay," she muttered and left in hurried steps. However, only she knew that she was running away in fear right now. "What happened to you, Boss? Why is your face flushing?" Danny asked in concern upon seeing her coming downstairs. Stunned, she felt her face. "Really?

Maybe it's because it's a little stuffy here." Instantly, he instructed the librarian, "Open up all the windows for some fresh air." While the librarian scurried away to carry out his instructions, he turned back to Elise and beckoned. "Boss, come over quickly and explain this question to me." Jolted back to her senses, Elise gradually calmed herself down before pacing toward him to explain the question to him. Her voice was steady, and her explanations were clear as Danny listened to her very attentively.

Unbeknownst to them, Alexander was standing behind a bookshelf nearby. As he listened to her voice, something sprouted within him, and he seemed to have figured out something at the same time. After that, he didn't stay around any longer but left the library by himself and jumped into the car.

In the car, he whisked out his phone and made a call. "Cameron, have the chief jewelry designer of the company meet me in my office tomorrow at 10.00AM sharp." "Yes, Young Master Alex."

After hanging up, he put his phone away and narrowed his eyes as the answer in his heart slowly became clear to him. *I may have fallen for Elise, but I'm not sure whether it's just a moment's infatuation or I love her for real.* His heart had no answer to that.