

## **Another World 651**

### **Chapter 651 - Startling the Mermaid Queen**

Zhao Hai wasn't worried about the Beastmen and the Dwarves. He had fixed their Divine Artifact, making them grateful to him. Because of this, Zhao Hai told them his plans as soon as he can.

However, Zhao Hai was still in deep suspicion towards the Elves. He didn't know if this was really their nature, or there was a hidden plot happening that made them delay the matter. Because of this, Zhao Hai plans to wait for their reaction. Zhao Hai wasn't afraid that the Elves would tell the Dragons about his inquiries, after all, he was already unmatched in the whole of Ark Continent.

As for the Fishmen, Zhao Hai didn't worry about them at all. The Fishmen had great enmity with the Divine Race, which also transferred to the Dragon Clan and the Radiant Church. Zhao Hai was extremely comfortable with them being in his side.

However, Zhao Hai also knew how careful the Fishmen were. Otherwise, they wouldn't have founded the Sea God's Merchant Union in order to get news from the continent. And it was for certain that the Mermaids had already received the news about the Radiant Church and the Dragons. Zhao Hai wanted to see their response upon receiving this information.

One must know that for these big races, there was no enmity that can't be solved. Anything can happen in the name of benefit. If the Fishmen really did think that the Divine Race was powerful, then they may stop their alliance with Zhao Hai.

The Beastmen and the Dwarves have their own Divine Artifacts, so they already knew that their races were also hostile to the Radiant Church's patrons. This made it impossible for them to side with the Radiant Church for benefit. Therefore, they sided with Zhao Hai to deal with the Radiant Church.

On the other hand, the Fishmen might not know about the relationship between their Sea God and the Radiant Church in the Divine Realm. This was due to them not being in the records of the Dwarves during the past great war. Therefore, Zhao Hai had some doubts about their actions and wanted to see how they would respond when faced with the current situation.

Zhao Hai proceeded onward, he didn't rush in the daytime and he rested properly during the night. At the same time, he was also paying attention to the situation on the continent through the Space. Now

that Kun and the others were in possession of the Messenger Fishes, Zhao Hai was able to have a dialog with them in the past few days.

What Zhao Hai didn't expect was the fact that his popularity among the Fishmen had become quite high. In the eyes of the Fishmen, the conclusion of their recent rebellion was only reached due to Zhao Hai's actions. So no matter which Fishman Tribe he meets, all of them were extremely hospitable towards Zhao Hai. They were quite polite and even brought him some gifts. At the same time, some of them even agreed to having a business cooperation with the Buda Clan.

Although the Fishman Race were mostly self-sufficient, they still want to have other things. Of course, Zhao Hai didn't decline these offerings. Almost every Fishman tribe can offer him with unique things to trade for, this made Zhao Hai very glad when forming his business partnerships.

The Fishmen liked Human bottles, ironworks, wooden furnitures, cotton fabrics, and many more. Although things in the sea might get reduced by trading with Zhao Hai, it was still fine since Zhao Hai only needed common marine products. For the Fishmen, these things can basically be seen everywhere, there was no need for them to exert so much effort in acquiring them.

Zhao Hai certainly didn't think that he would have this good of a reception among the Fishmen. One must know that Dark Mages in the continent never did have a good reputation. Those who were calm in front of Zhao Hai were only those who had come in contact with him face to face. As for the other people, all of them would be terrified by the mere mention of Zhao Hai's name. After all, this was a person that can turn several hundred thousand people into undead.

Three days later, Zhao Hai had finally arrived at Mermaid Island's region. But when he arrived, he was actually stopped by a group of Swordfish tribesmen, it seems like they weren't able to recognize Zhao Hai. However, Zhao Hai can also see that they didn't come with unfavorable intention. So he went out of the Blade Scale Whale and gave a slight bow before saying, "Might I know why I am being blocked?" The leader of the Swordfish group immediately gave a salute to Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, the Queen has something important to discuss with you. We ask mister to please head towards Mermaid Island."

When he heard this, Zhao Hai nodded and then said, "Can I know why Her Majesty is looking for me?" Naturally, Zhao Hai knew why the Queen was looking for her, he was just asking for formality.

The Swordfish tribesman shook his head and said, "I'll be unfair to mister, but I really don't know. Her Majesty didn't tell us, she just gave instructions to invite you over to the island."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Alright, then I'll be troubling you to lead me there." The Swordfishes immediately turned their mounts around and swam towards mermaid Island. Behind them, Zhao Hai urged the Blade Scale Whale to follow.

The Blade Scale Whale wasn't known for its speed, however, Zhao Hai's Blade Scale Whale was a 9th rank undead. So how could it be any slower? It was able to comfortably keep up with the speed of the Swordfish group.

This startled the people from the Swordfish tribe. They were famed for their speed, so how could Zhao Hai's whale be able to keep up with their speed, this was something unexpected.

After advancing for two days, Zhao Hai had finally arrived at Mermaid Island. There were no changes in the island, the Whales were still in charge of guarding it. When they reached the island, the Swordfishes left Zhao Hai and handed the task of leading Zhao Hai over to the Whales.

After entering the island, Zhao Hai stepped on the back of the turtles as he went through the pillars and arriving in front of the Mermaid Palace.

When he arrived at the Palace, Zhao Hai can already see Lola waiting for him. When she saw that Zhao Hai had come, Lola stepped forward and greeted him, "Mister, please come with me. Her Majesty is already waiting for you." Zhao Hai nodded and then followed Lola towards the inner hall.

The Queen was already in her throne when Zhao Hai came in. When she saw Zhao Hai, she couldn't help but move. Her tail vanished and turned into feet, at the same time, her throne had turned into an ordinary chair.

The Queen stood up and said, "Mister, have a seat."

Zhao Hai gave a bow and replied, "Thank you, Your Majesty." Then the group saw inside the hall.

The Queen opened her mouth first "Mister, you've helped us greatly this time. The rebellion wouldn't have ended this soon if not for your help." Then she gave Zhao Hai a bow.

Zhao Hai stood up to return the courtesy before he quickly said, "Your Majesty is too polite. It's just a little effort, it's not worth mentioning."

The Queen didn't delay the matter as she looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, are you aware of the recent developments in the continent?"

Zhao Hai knew that the main topic had come. He didn't hide anything from the Queen, so he nodded and said, "I do. The Dragons and the Radiant Church made their move and controlled two big Empires of the Continent. At this time, they should be stabilizing their rule over their subjects."

The Queen didn't expect Zhao Hai to already be aware of the news. One should know that as soon as the Queen heard the news, she immediately sent people to look for Zhao Hai. He should be unaware of this news since he had always been in the sea. Zhao Hai already knowing this information gave the Queen an estimate of Zhao Hai's resources.

So she just nodded and said, "Right, its that. May I know what Mister thinks? Do we need to make a move?"

When he head the Queen, Zhao Hai's worries had completely vanished. He smiled faintly and said, "Your Majesty doesn't need to worry much about this. I already have a plan."

The Queen stared, she was confused at what Zhao Hai meant, "What I just wanted to know is what plans Zhao Hai has already made."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I also need Her Majesty's help for this plan. I'm prepared to deal with the Dragons, and I want Your Majesty to keep the Ocean Waves Dynasty away from supporting the Lyon Empire. As for the other things, leave everything to me."

The Queen thought for a moment before she nodded and said, "This isn't difficult matter. However, is Mister confident with dealing with the Dragons? They're title of invincibility isn't without proof."

Zhao Hai just smiled faintly and said, "Your Majesty can rest assured, I have complete confidence in my strength. The reason why I still haven't attacked them was because I needed to discuss the matter of the

Ocean Waves Dynasty with Your Majesty. At the same time, I am also waiting for the response from the Elven Race. As long as information arrives, then I will immediately head to the Elven Forest. And after that, I will then go and deal with the Dragon Race.”

The Queen stared for a moment before she nodded, “Alright, then we shall wait for mister’s word. When the time comes, we shall fully coordinate with you.”

Zhao Hai gave a nod and said, “I’ll have to thank Your Majesty. Right, I also need Your Majesty to sign this.” Then he took out the beast skin scroll and handed it over to the Queen.

When the Queen received the scroll and saw the marks of the Beastmen and the Dwarves, she didn’t hesitate and also marked the scroll with the Fishman Race’s unique mark.

Then Zhao Hai took out a bottle of Messenger Fish and gave it to the Queen, “Your Highness, this is a Messenger Fish that I have specially bred. As long as Your Majesty has this fish, you can speak to it directly and I shall immediately hear your message.”

The Queen received Zhao Hai’s Messenger Fish. Naturally, she was very familiar regarding these creatures. However, she didn’t think that Zhao Hai would also have them. Moreover, it seems like Zhao Hai’s breed was more advanced. This startled the Queen, the Mermaid Race had been religiously doing research on marine life. Because of this, they had more understanding with regards to beings of the sea than anyone in this world. The mere fact that Zhao Hai was able to produce a more advanced Messenger Fish made the Queen freeze from shock.

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The Queen looked at Zhao Hai, she was very clear about what this change in the Messenger Fish represented. It was not just a mutation, this was an entire evolution of the Messenger Fish, making it more advanced and giving it much better function.

The Messenger Fish was a small and common marine beast. However, this small magic beast has a unique ability. The difficulty of making such a beast evolve several times more than evolving any common magic beast.

To put it bluntly, even if the Fishmen were people, their differences compared to the marine beasts weren't that huge. The reason why the Mermaid Clan was researching marine magic beasts was for them to be able to develop a method to make the Mermaids or the other Fishmen more perfect people.

This might sound simple, but once one does this for quite some time, they will discover how difficult it actually was. Each type of magic beasts might have their own unique characteristics, but the Fishmen also had their own unique properties. Gathering these strong points and matching them was easier said than done.

It wasn't only the task of gathering strong points that was difficult. Even improving magic beasts was a difficult matter all on its own. One might see something great in a magic beast, however, improving them might result in a futile effort. Even if it succeeds, there are still more issues along the road, it was still far from being called successful.

The Mermaids were aware of these difficulties since it takes into account genetics as well as other advanced matters. However, it was impossible for them to use these matters in order to evolve magic beasts.

On the other hand, the Space can digitize beings, making it very easy for it to upgrade these beings. It was just like when one plays a game and finds a skill book that they can learn in a matter of minutes. However, reality was just too far away from this.

The Queen wasn't aware of the existence of the Space, so when she saw Zhao Hai's Messenger Fish, she couldn't help but express her shock.

Billy and the Beast King didn't understand the Fishmen and the significance of the Messenger Fish. Therefore, even if they felt strange, they weren't startled like the Mermaid Queen.

The thought of the Messenger Fishes caused the Mermaid Queen to think about Zhao Hai's unusual undead creatures. Although Zhao Hai had reduced their strength, they were still quite extraordinary in the eyes of the Queen. Large-scale summoning as well as impressive fighting prowess, all of these made the Queen extremely curious towards Zhao Hai.

The Queen knew that Zhao Hai had a lot of good things based on what she had heard from the Continent. It seems like Zhao Hai's unique things aren't only limited to the Messenger Fishes. This made the Queen think that Zhao Hai might have discovered a way to improve a being's biology.

Zhao Hai was confused at the Queen's surprised expression. Was it because of the Messenger Fish? Aren't there a lot of variant beasts in this world? So why was she especially surprised this time?

Zhao Hai looked at the Queen and asked, "Your Majesty, is there something wrong?"

The Queen looked deeply into Zhao Hai without saying anything. Then she handed the Messenger Fish over to Lola before turning her head back to Zhao Hai and said, "There's no problem. Once Mister decides to act, don't hesitate to let us know."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Then I shall thank Your Majesty in advance. I shall say my farewells first, I'll be leaving for the continent tomorrow to continue with my plans."

The Queen nodded, "Alright. Mister can rest assured, this is an important matter to every race. So my Fishman Race would surely give you our full cooperation."

Then Zhao Hai stood up and gave the Queen a salute before turning around to leave. Once Zhao Hai was out of sight, Lola immediately turned to the Queen and said, "Your Majesty, haven't we been looking for a way to make the Mermaid Clan stronger? If Mister Zhao Hai can improve the Messenger Fish, then he surely has the means to help us. Why didn't you tell him about this matter earlier?"

The Queen sighed and then said, "Now is not the time to say it. Mister Zhao Hai has been busy with dealing with our own matters, but we still haven't contributed to Mister Zhao Hai's cause even if we are allies in dealing with the Divine Race. But I'm sure that this method is Mister Zhao Hai's biggest secret. If we want to get this method at his time, the only thing we could do would be to threaten Mister. However, we naturally can't do it. So this matter can only be postponed to the future."

Lola nodded, then the Queen sighed once again before she said, "Our Mermaid Race can be seen to as quite a perfect race in the continent. We can survive in the sea as well as on land, as long as there is a body of water nearby. We also have good control over water as well as being able to use various water element magic. At the same time, our combat capabilities are also quite formidable, not very different compared to any ordinary warrior. Our only downside compared to the other races is the fact that we

Mermaids have the least members in the Divine Realm. Perhaps this is the drawback for our Mermaid Race.”

Lola sighed as well, she didn't know what to say. The Mermaids were indeed unique, they had long lives, great strength, good population, and were generally 9th ranks at maturity. However, it was close to impossible for them to become God-ranked experts. All previous Mermaid Queens were aware of this point and worried about it for a long time. They sought for a solution all this time but was unable to actually succeed.

But seeing Zhao Hai's messenger fish made the current Queen see hope. However, just like what the Queen said, they hadn't done much for Zhao Hai yet. If they were to open this matter up to Zhao Hai, then he might develop some misunderstandings. And misunderstandings were something that they didn't need at this moment in time.

Zhao Hai was currently listening to Lola and the Queen's conversation while inside the Space. He didn't think that his messenger fish would evoke this reaction from both the Queen and Lola. No wonder the Queen had a strange expression earlier.

However, it would not be difficult for Zhao Hai to make the Mermaids God-ranked experts. Now that the the Space had reached level 65, plants that would allow the creation of God-rank potions can now be planted in the farm. As soon as the plants become ready, then Zhao Hao would surely take some potions out. After all, their enemy this time was the Divine Race who had a lot of God-ranked experts in their fold. Only then can the Ark Continent truly resist the Divine Race.

Zhao Hai took a deep breath, then he changed the monitor towards the Buddha Empire's Royal Palace. He wanted to see the response from the Buddha Empire's side.

The Buddha Emperor surely wasn't a fool. He knew the implications of the Radiant Church and the Dragons being in control of the Ocean Waves Dynasty and the Lyon Empire, respectively. He knew what they would be facing, and he was currently looking for the key to resisting both the Radiant Church and the Dragon Race.

Zhao Hai carefully looked at the Buddha Empire's situation for a few days. The Buddha Emperor was certainly not a fool, his response was exactly what Zhao Hai expected. The Empire had sent some envoys towards the Rosen Empire, in hopes of establishing an alliance against the Saint Dragon Empire.



The Buddha Empire's worries were completely justified. In the past, the Buddha Empire held a stronger army compared to the Ocean Waves Dynasty, but they were still lacking when it came to naval power. On the other hand, the Lyon and Buddha Empire was separated by the Accra Mountain, making the Lyon Empire unable to send troops towards the Buddha Empire. Also making the Empire completely safe against the attacks from the Lyon Empire army.

However, the current situation changed everything. The Dragons have gotten control of the Lyon Empire, establishing the Saint Dragon Empire. And since the magic beasts in the Accra Mountain were subordinates of the Dragons, an avenue to attack the Buddha Empire had appeared. If they were to send a force towards the Buddha Empire, then the Saint Dragon Empire can now use the Accra Mountain as a path. When that time comes, the Buddha Empire would then be placed on its back foot.

Since they knew about this, the Buddha Empire immediately sent envoys to the Rosen Empire in order to form an alliance. The Rosen Empire was the continent's most powerful nation, so they should have no fear towards the Dragons. Being an ally to the Rosen Empire would surely make the Dragons think twice about their further actions.

While the envoys were on the way, the Buddha Empire had also entered a state of preparation. Zhao Hai's constant supply of magic beasts also gave the Buddha Empire some courage to hold on.

However, courage and confidence were two different matters. The Dragons' reputation of invincibility had placed a huge pressure on the Buddha Empire. The Emperor as well as the Great Nobles were constantly on talks as to how to deal with this matter. However, after hours and days of discussion, they still haven't reached a good enough resolution.

Naturally, the Hurricane Family was aware of this matter as well. And since Juno had a close relationship with Billy, he also wanted to know how Zhao Hai plans to deal with this matter. Zhao Hai had not hidden the truth from him, he told the Hurricane Patriarch about his plan to completely eradicate the Dragons. At the same time, he also gave Juno a messenger fish.

It can be said that the thing that Zhao Hai was waiting for was the response from the Elves. Whether the Elves were willing to cooperate or not, Zhao Hai still needed their response in order to plan for his further actions. If the Elves agree to ally with him, then he would immediately head to the Elven Forest to repair their Divine Artifact while also discussing their matter of alliance along with having them sign his beast skin scroll.

If the Elves don't agree to dealing with the Divine Race, then Zhao Hai would not care about their word any more. He would then go and deal with the Dragons. And if the Elves were to side with the Divine Race, then Zhao Hai would have no choice but to be impolite.

Zhao Hai continued to look at the situation of the Buddha Empire. However, there wasn't any special change in the Empire. Like the previous days, they were still trying to figure out ways in order to deal with their current situation.

At this point, it was impossible for the Buddha Empire to side with the Radiant Church. They saw what just happened to the Ocean Waves Dynasty as well as the Lyon Empire, so how could they side with them? The Radiant Church was like a beast that eats people along with their bones. Sooner or later, the Buddha Empire would get swallowed up. So the Buddha Empire can only hold on for as long as they can. They couldn't make any agreements between the Dragons and the Radiant Church.

#### Chapter 653 - Visiting the Elves

The next day, Zhao Hai said his farewell to the Mermaid Queen before he got onboard the Haven. Zhao Hai planned to ride his ship towards the continent, this was also to give the Elves more time to send their response. After all, there wasn't anything significant that he had to do at this time.

Once word arrives from the Elves, then Zhao Hai would begin with his action. He didn't plan to tell the Rosen Emperor about any of these. Even if the Rosen Emperor was Zhao Hai's father-in-law, he was still an Emperor of a nation, making it difficult for him to keep secrets to himself. Who knows if the Radiant Church had set up some shadows in the Imperial Palace. If Zhao Hai reveals his plans to the Rosen Emperor, then he might risk having it known to the Radiant Church. When that time arrives, all of Zhao Hai's plans would be placed into trouble.

Although Zhao Hai was not anxious and was just slowly sailing towards the continent, he was still paying close attention to the developments in the continent. Through the Space, he was looking at the Calci Family while also listening for information from the Crook Family. This made Zhao Hai updated with regards to the matters of the Continent.

Rosen Empire's response was also in line with what Zhao Hai expected. Although the Rosen Empire recognized the existence of the Saint Dragon Empire, it also entered a state of war preparation. They were preparing to go against the Dragons.

On the other hand, the Aksu Empire's response was far from what Zhao Hai thought. Although they were implicated in the conflict between the Radiant Church and the Beastmen, Zhao Hai still thought that the Aksu Empire would reignite their relationship with the Church after hearing the news. But instead, they actually formed an alliance with the Rosen Empire.

This was way out of Zhao Hai's expectations to the point that he doubted them. But after observing the Aksu Empire for a few days, Zhao Hai found out that he was wrong. This time, the Aksu Empire did want to deal with the Radiant Church.

The way the Radiant Church handled the past matter caused the Aksu Empire to dislike the organization. Even if the Radiant Church conquered the four other nations, the Aksu Empire would still resist them. This wasn't only due to the current ruler, Boris, this sentiment was shared by all the Nobles of the Empire as well, not to mention the commoners.

This response from the Aksu Empire made Zhao Hai glad. For Zhao Hai, this was the best outcome that could happen. An enemy of an enemy is a friend, so even if they had a past matter, Zhao Hai would still consider them as friends as long as they plan to deal with the Radiant Church and the Dragon Race.

Two days after Zhao Hai left Mermaid Island, Billy had finally brought some news. It was said that the Elven Queen wanted to meet with Zhao Hai.

To be honest, Zhao Hai wasn't satisfied with this answer. The Elf Queen only wanted to see him and didn't express their intention to form an alliance. However, Zhao Hai would still want to see the Elf Queen. After all, this was also an opportunity to win the Elves over to his side.

Zhao Hai appeared inside the Dwarf Mountain through the Space. At this point, the Dwarves aren't startled by his sudden appearances anymore. When they saw Zhao Hai, they immediately sent people to inform Billy.

Billy also knew that Zhao Hai was coming. Therefore, he was already waiting for him. When they had sat down, Billy looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I told the Elves about the Radiant Church, this prompted them to send an answer. You should go and see the Elf Queen, it seems like they are quite hesitant."

Zhao Hai coldly snorted and said, "I don't understand why they would hesitate now that the Divine Race are almost at the tip of our noses. I'm actually surprised. How can this race survive to the present?"

Billy can understand Zhao Hai's complaints. To be honest, he also couldn't understand the response from the Elves. But Billy didn't complain, instead, he urged Zhao Hai, "Just don't mind it. The Elves just haven't had a conflict for many years. Moreover, their archery and swordsmanship are very well suited for the jungle. Almost nobody can defeat the Elves in forest combat."

Zhao Hai nodded, he didn't doubt this point. If the Elves didn't have any special means, then they would've already become slaves a long time ago. One must know that Elves were the most valuable slaves for the Humans. However, there weren't any Elven slaves that had been caught in the long time.

Billy looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Maybe the reason why the Elves aren't willing to see you is because you are a Dark Mage. Elves hate Dark Mages. And since you are the most famous Dark Mage in the continent, it would be understandable if they don't want to see you."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but smiled bitterly. The Elves were advocates of nature and respected life. And for the Elves, the act of resurrecting the dead that Dark Mages do was the most blasphemous act towards their belief. It would be strange if they were to immediately like Zhao Hai.

Moreover, the Elves were also quite famous for having more tenacity than the Dwarves. Although the Dwarves can be tenacious sometimes, they can still be accomodating. Otherwise, the Dwarves wouldn't have done business with the Humans, and Billy wouldn't have been Juno's good friend.

The Elves were completely solid to their beliefs. They were people who completely disliked failure and were more strict to themselves than to others. This was the reason why all of the things that the Elves produced were all works of art. They destroy everything that they deem embarrass them.

It was because of this that Zhao Hai couldn't help but bitterly smile. He didn't know what to say upon meeting such a race. These people seemed to be paranoid and weren't some people that would accept an outsider's words.

Billy looked at Zhao Hai and sighed, "No matter what, you still need to see the Elves, there's no other way. Take a rest here first, then I shall accompany you to the Elves first thing tomorrow. Although they dislike Dark Mages, I don't think they would go far this time."

Zhao Hai coldly snorted and said, "If they don't agree to be allies with us, then I won't care about them anymore. If the Divine Race decides to eliminate them, then I won't be lending them a hand. As long as they don't cooperate with the Radiant Church, then I will leave them be."

Billy knew that Zhao Hai was quite angry. To be honest, Billy was somewhat annoyed as well. The Radiant Church and the Dragon Race were still holding back since they were waiting for word from the Divine Race. Time was quite precious, but the Elves were actually wasting it. Zhao Hai waiting for their response was already giving them face.

Billy didn't say anything more as he arranged a room for Zhao Hai, making him rest well. When Zhao Hai got settled in their room, they immediately went to the Space and sat inside the living room.

Laura and the others looked at Zhao Hai's expression and knew that he was quite unhappy. To be honest, they were in a foul mood as well. Laura boiled a cup of tea and then placed it in front of Zhao Hai. Then with a soft voice she said, "Brother Hai, you shouldn't get angry. After all, we'll be hearing the Elves' side tomorrow."

Zhao Hai slowly opened his eyes, then he sighed and said, "I really want to know what is inside these Elf leaders' heads. They had dragged such a simple thing for too long. If not for the Radiant Church and the Dragon Race making their move, I reckon that they would have dragged this matter for a longer time. What were they thinking?"

Laura forced a smile and then said, "The Elves are more closed off compared to the Beastmen and the Dwarves. Even the Fishmen had their own merchant union in order to listen to the situation of the continent. The Elves essentially had no contact with the outside world. They might come in contact with the Dwarves sometimes, but that's it. This is the only race that had done it in the entire continent."

Lizzy sighed, "There's nothing strange as to why the Elves are like this. They are different from the Mermaid Race, who can just change their appearance to that of a Human, allowing them the chance to trade with the continent. The Elves simply aren't able to do this. And whenever an Elf was spotted, people would then make them their slaves. It isn't strange that the Elves chose to refrain from having contact with the Humans."

Zhao Hai also sighed with a heavy heart, he was also aware of this matter. Any race would do the same if they were subjected to the same fate as the Elves.

After resting inside the Space, Billy went to look for Zhao Hai to have a meal. Zhao Hai has been very tired in the past few days. It wasn't fatigue of the body, but it was a fatigue of the heart.

Zhao Hai's rest in the Dwarf Mountain that night was very good. The next morning, Billy led Zhao Hai to the Elven Forest along with ten other Dwarf warriors.

The distance between the Dwarves and the Elves wasn't short. Moreover, there was also the Accra Mountain in the middle. However, the Dwarves have developed their own methods. After countless years of effort, they had finally made a system of underground rivers to get through Accra Mountains. This gave them the capability to pass through the mountain and come out to an area close to the Elven Forest.

This was a very large project. Although they used the underground rivers, it wasn't something that can solve everything. It was impossible for the river to deliver the Dwarves directly to the Elves. So after about 200 years of development, the Dwarves had finally made a passage that would take them quite closer to the Elves.

In order to make it more convenient to come in contact with the Elves, this route was composed of different underground rivers, allowing them to travel by boat. But even if one were to go fast, they would still need about five days before they arrive at the forest.

However, in order for the travel to become more comfortable, the Dwarves had set up some resting points all along the route. These resting points had supply of liquor and grain. All of these just to establish a good relationship with the Elven Race.

#### Chapter 654 - Voiceless Soundbird

The Dwarf Race's boat wasn't big, so Zhao Hai always found himself sitting together with Billy. Naturally, he had no chance to return to the Space, therefore, he can just stay in the ship and chat with Billy.

To be honest, he was quite bored these past five days. However, even if the boat was small, there was still space for him to lie down, so Zhao Hai was able to fully rest in these five days.

Five days came by quite fast, the boat was now stopped at a pier. Billy led Zhao Hai down to the pier and walked out from the big mountain. When Zhao Hai and the others came out of the mountain, they had discovered that they were already in the forest.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but marvel at the scenery outside the mountain. The scene in front of him was just so beautiful.

The thing in front of him was a rainforest, one with lush trees everywhere. There were shrubs under the trees as well as some plants that Zhao Hai was unable to recognize. Most importantly, the place was so primitive, he can't find a single artificial intervention here. It seems like it was a kingdom for plants, it was very attractive.

At this time, a sound suddenly came from the forest. Zhao Hai stopped, then he turned his head only to find a small magic beast. This small beast looked like a small monkey, but it was really small. It looked very cute, it had fluffy fur, two round ears, bright eyes and a look that would seem like it was just a toy,

This small monkey was also curiously looking at Zhao Hai and the others. There was no fear that was found in its face. Zhao Hai came to like this creature more and more as time passed by. He turned his hand and took out an apple before throwing it to the direction of the small monkey.

The beast was startled, it immediately whizzed towards the opposite tree. It lashed its tongue and showed its teeth towards Zhao Hai. However, Zhao Hai didn't move, he only looked at the small monkey and laughed. This left the monkey with a confused expression. Then when it found the red apple on the ground, he immediately disregarded Zhao Hai and the others as it slowly jumped down from the tree. It ran towards the apple and smelled it. It expressed excitement on its face before taking a nib out of the apple, and before long the whole fruit went into its belly.

Then the small monkey turned its head to Zhao Hai, zhi zhi, it sounded, it seems like it wanted more. Zhao Hai smiled faintly before throwing another apple towards the monkey. After eating a few more apples, the small monkey made a face towards Zhao Hai before it went up the tree and squatted on a large branch, then it just slept there.

Upon seeing the small monkey's action, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh. This little thing was too lovable. Billy and the others who were right by his side were also smiling. They saw how the monkey

gave Zhao Hai a grin before going to the tree and then went to sleep, not caring about Zhao Hai anymore. This made everyone laugh.

At this time, a shadow suddenly flashed from the forest. Zhao Hai stared for a moment before he became alert. Then a green figure appeared in front of them.

Zhao Hai stared, but he didn't make any moves. He noticed that the green figure in front of him was a person, a blonde man wearing a green robe.

This person was very handsome, he had a face that would make even women jealous. He had golden blonde hair that was draped freely behind him, tied by a grass rope. In his hand was a harp, and most importantly, Zhao Hai noticed that the person's ears were longer than that of the humans. It looks quite sharp, but it didn't hinder the man's beauty.

On the other hand, this effeminate man looked at Zhao Hai's group with a stern expression. Zhao Hai knew that this person was an Elf. But he didn't speak, he knew that the first contact was Billy's task.

Billy knew about this, therefore he immediately took a step forward and bowed to the Elf, "Elf friend, hello. I am the Dwarf Race's Patriarch Billy, we came here to visit the Elf Queen."

The Elf returned the bow, and then looked at Billy and said, "I have seen Patriarch Billy, come with me, the Queen is already waiting for you." After that, he turned his head to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't delay, he also bowed to the Elf and said, "Hello, friend. I am the Buda Clan's Patriarch, Zhao Hai. I came here to pay a visit to the Elf Queen."

Zhao Hai was aware that this harp bearing man had a unique occupation. The harp in the Elf's hand wasn't only for decoration. The strings of this harp were made of special Elven material. This not only allowed the harp to play beautiful music, it also made it possible for the user to make magical arrows from it.

Most importantly, the Elves can cast a specific magic that can give additional reinforcement to their arrows, increasing their lethality. This was something that made Elves famous in the continent.



However, not all Elves can have a harp as a weapon. Those who do were their most formidable warriors.

In addition to music and arrows, the harp also had another function, and that was to produce a barrage of agic beads.

This barrage of beads was a special attack of the Elves. It wasn't like the arrow that contains penetrative force, the beads were things that can store up magic and exhibit various effects like explosion or other magics.

Using this function was very unusual. The elves would place their harps to the ground, and then the fingers on their both hands would alternate in stroking the instrument. With each string that was plucked, a raindrop sized bead would eject from the harp that would cause a lethal blow towards the enemy.

When the Elves waged war with the Humans, these magic beads had become a nightmare to the Human army. Ten harp-bearers working together could decimate a thousand man army almost instantaneously.

But when Zhao Hai heard this, the only thing he could think about was a machine gun, a machine gun that had explosive ammunition.

The harp-bearing Elf returned Zhao Hai's bow and said, "We welcome the arrival of Patriarch Zhao Hai. Her Majesty is already waiting for all of you. Please come with me." Then he turned around and led Zhao Hai's group through the forest.

During the journey, Zhao Hai was fully convinced that the Elves were invincible in this forest, they were indeed formidable. Animals in the forest, even the most efficient predators, would still produce a sound every time they make a move. On the other hand, the Elves were completely silent. It seems like they had melded themselves to the forest, it was very astonishing.

The group ran along with the Elf as they progressed through the forest. Then all of a sudden, the Elf stopped, he played a gentle note on his harp which transformed into an beautiful melody. Then the group suddenly heard a cheerful cry from atop the tree. While Zhao Hai was still in a daze, several shadows suddenly fell down in front of them.

Zhao Hai and the others fixed their vision towards the shadows and what they saw were a group of big birds. These birds looked like cranes, but their claws were something that should belong to a hawk. Zhao Hai hadn't seen a magic beast like this before. Moreover, these birds also have big builds, it wouldn't be a problem for them to have a person sitting in their back.

After playing his harp, the Elf turned to Zhao Hai and the others and said, "Patriarch Billy, Patriarch Zhao Hai, please ride these Voiceless Soundbirds. Our Tree of Life is quite far from here."

Then the Elf rode on the back of a Voiceless Soundbird. After seeing the Elf, Zhao Hai and the others didn't delay and also rode on the backs of the other birds. Then the harp-bearer played another tune before the birds whipped their wings and flew off into the sky.

Zhao Hai already has experience with flying due to his Blood Hawk, so he didn't feel anything in this ride. On the other hand, Billy and the others were still inexperienced in air travel. This made each and every one of their faces quite pale.

While the Elf lead the group of Voiceless Soundbirds across the forest, Zhao Hai examined the birds as he sat on the back of one of them. These birds had a mouth that was longer than the average bird's, but not longer than a crane. Their claws were similar to those of the hawks. The Birds were two meters high and they had wings of five meters each. Moreover, even if they were carrying a person on their backs, their flight was still quite smooth, it was clear that these birds were also quite strong.

Most importantly, the cries of these birds were very clear, it was very serene and was like a melody in itself, very interesting to listen to. It might be possible that the name of Voiceless Songbird came from this.

But what made Zhao Hai feel strange was the fact that he hasn't heard of a Voiceless Songbird in the continent before .Why was this?

One must say that the Elves had waged multiple wars with the Humans. If these birds were used by the Elves at those times, then they should've already been written in Human records. And even if the Radiant Church had modified the history, they wouldn't have an incentive to eliminate the mention of these birds. Were these birds a recently tamed beast by the Elves?

In truth, Zhao Hai had guessed right. These Voiceless Soundbirds were indeed recent additions to the Elven Race. These Voiceless Soundbirds were extremely rare in the past, and they were also quite vigilant. Only Elves with affinity to these birds were able to tame them, otherwise they wouldn't come in contact with an Elf. Also, the Voiceless Songbirds weren't as big as they were now.

However, just more than 300 years ago, a nest of Voiceless Soundbirds suddenly fell down from the Tree of Life. This nest of eggs soon hatched and bore large Voiceless Soundbirds, two meters in height. Most importantly, these Voiceless Soundbirds weren't vigilant towards the Elves and were even the ones to go and come in contact with them. And slowly, as time went by, these Voiceless Soundbirds had become the mounts of the Elves.

#### Chapter 655 - Elf Queen

After studying the Voiceless Soundbird for a while, Zhao Hai found himself to have nothing else to study. He shifted his gaze towards the scenery of the Elven Forest.

Beautiful, it was too beautiful. If you gaze at the forest, you would feel that you were in a magical world. The forest was just too dazzling for him.

This green landscape was completely different from the green lands of the Prairie. The Beastman Prairie was flat, as if there was a green carpet on the ground. But here, you will be subjected to a green world. There were all kinds of trees with leaves of all shapes and sizes. If the greenery in the Prairie was like a calm sea, then the greenery here was like a raging sea.

Although this kind of sea was static, it didn't undermine its beauty at all. It wasn't any worse than gazing at the endless sea. Zhao Hai was quickly absorbed into the scenery of the forest.

After Billy's discomfort passed, he was also attracted to the scene around him. His mouth opened from time to time as he expressed his admiration.

Then suddenly, a huge tree appeared in their line of sight. This was the biggest tree that Zhao Hai had ever seen. It was so huge that the Bread Trees back at Ape Island looked like saplings.

The only plant that Zhao Hai can compare to this tree would be Cai'er. The scene of Cai'er enveloping a city was completely similar to this tree, it was a shocking sight.

Zhao Hai and the others stared blankly at this tree. Then they could faintly spot a few black spots coming out of the forest. Before long, these black figures appeared in front of Zhao Hai. They were a group of Elves that were riding on top of Voiceless Soundbirds.

All of these Elves were wearing long green robes. The robes were beautiful and looked very elegant, Zhao Hai couldn't think of the material that these robes were made of.

The one on the lead was a female Elf. The people going along with this female Elf were all harp-bearers. On the other hand, the female Elf was actually holding a magic staff, evidently, she is a Mage.

Then the one who escorted Zhao Hai spoke to the female Elf. "My lord, Patriarch Billy and Mister Zhao Hai has arrived."

The Elf woman nodded, then she turned her head to Billy and Zhao Hai before giving a small bow and said, "Gellar has seen Patriarch Billy and Patriarch Zhao Hai."

Zhao Hai and Billy immediately returned the bow, they don't dare to be arrogant in front of the Elves. The arrogance of these Elves were quite well known. It wouldn't be good if Zhao Hai and the others were to be rude. At the end of the day, there was no need to offend the Elves.

Zhao Hai knew that even if these Elves have been quite hard-headed, their fighting power was still significant. It would be good if he had them as his allies.

Gellar nodded to the two men, "Please come with me, Her Majesty is already waiting for you." Then she turned her mount around and flew towards the big tree.

To be honest, Zhao Hai wasn't expecting this reception from the Elves. He knew that the Elves were already aware of him being a Dark Mage. For them to give him this welcome was something that was out of Zhao Hai's imagination.

Before long, Zhao Hai and the others entered the forest and into the big tree. Compared to the tree, the Elves who were busying themselves looked as insignificant as an ant.

Then with a command from the leader, the Voiceless Soundbirds fell on top of a branch of the tree. The diameter of this branch alone was ten meters, and it definitely wasn't the largest branch.

After Zhao Hai and the others came down from the birds, Gellar went to them and said, "Everyone, please come with me." Then she waved her hand and turned around. Zhao Hai and the others immediately followed her to walk along the branch.

While walking along, Zhao Hai also took the time to look around. This tree was really too big, he didn't know how high it was. The only thing that he knew was that when he was at the back of the Voiceless Soundbird, he wasn't able to see the top of this tree. The tree seems to have broken through the sky.

The stems of the tree were also quite thick, Zhao Hai didn't have the capacity to measure it. In any case, Zhao Hai can assure that the trunk of the tree was comparable to the size of Golden Island. And almost the entire Elven population was living on this tree.

Then Gellar led Zhao Hai and the others into the trunk of the tree. The inside of this tree looked just like the interior of Dwarf Mountain. There were densely packed caverns inside with each cavern occupied by an Elf household. The inside of the tree's trunk was very spacious, one couldn't see the bottom of this space. At the same time, Zhao Hai can also see that there were some Elves that rode some Voiceless Soundbirds to navigate the inside.

Gellar took Zhao Hai's group to a cavern inside the tree. This cavern had an area of more than 50 meters. It had a living room as well as a smaller caverns for bedrooms. Gellar then turned to Billy and Zhao Hai and said, "Patriarch Billy, Patriarch Zhao Hai, please take a rest here while I go and inform Her Majesty the Queen."

Billy and Zhao Hai simultaneously gave a salute to Gellar and said, "Thank you for the trouble." Gellar returned the salute before turning around to leave.

After Gellar left, Zhao Hai and Billy sized up the room that they were in. The chairs and tables in the room were all made of rattan. Every single one of them were a work of art. It seems like the Elves had merged the pursuit of art with their own lives.

After Billy looked around, he went to the a chair and took a seat. He let out a long sigh and said, "This was the first time that I flew in my entire life. It actually feels very good."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I actually ride a Hawk, but I really can't feel anything special with them. On the other hand, the cries of these Voiceless Soundbirds are very pleasant to hear."

Billy smiled and said, "I forgot that you have these flying Phantasmal Beasts. How about giving us some?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "That's not a problem, I can give you as many as you want. However, those who ride these beasts need to have training. Otherwise, you won't be able to fly even if you have them."

Billy nodded and said, "That's great. Give me some of them when we get back. Those Phantasmal Beasts would make Dwarf transportation much better."

Zhao Hai nodded as well, then he looked at Billy and said, "Patriarch, why did you think the Queen called for us? I'm quite worried."

Billy stared, then he comforted Zhao Hai, "Don't worry, it'll be fine. Our trip this time is related to the whole continent. We're only here to convince the Queen to join our cause."

Zhao Hai sighed and then he said, "I really hope that the Elves would form an alliance with us. It would be best for the continent if all non-human races unite against both the Demons and the Divine Race. When that happens, I can then take the beast skin scroll to the Buddha Emperor, my Father-in-law, as well as Boris. As long as they agree to deal with the Divine Realm, then we would have nothing to fear."

Billy looked at Zhao Hai, and then with a serious tone he said, "Rest assured, we can certainly deal with all of our enemies. Whether it be the Demons or the Divine Race, everyone who wants to enslave our races shall be eliminated."

Zhao Hai replied, "I also believe that we can defeat them. I just hope that the Elves would be on our side. Otherwise, when the Divine Race comes, we couldn't just accept them as allies. And with no point of retreat, the Elves would be placed in a dangerous position."

Billy nodded, then said, "This time, whether we succeed or not, we should go and deal with the Dragon Race. Their reputation alone is causing huge problems. Moreover, their current arrangement divided the continent in half. This wouldn't be a good thing for us when the Divine Race arrives."

Zhao Hai nodded, "I'm aware of that. That is why I immediately thought of eliminating them. After I head back, I shall start to deal with the Dragons. We can't afford to wait anymore lest more problems pop up."

While the two were talking, a female Elf had come in from outside. She brought a bottle of wine as well as some fruits. After placing the food on the table, she looked at Billy and Zhao Hai and said, "Please have a taste. These fruits and wines are special products of our Elven Race."

Naturally, Zhao Hai and Billy didn't decline. After thanking the Elf, they immediately tasted the fruit and wine. There was no need to mention it, the fruit and wine were extremely good. This was especially true for the wine, it had a variety of fruit aroma as well as a very special taste.

When the two had drank a glass of liquor, Gellar can in. Upon entering, she gave a salute to the two and said, "Patriarch Billy, Patriarch Zhao Hai, Her Majesty has invited you in." The two immediately stood up and followed Gellar out.

After walking round and round the tree for who knows how long, they finally came out from a hole in the trunk. Then they went on further outside and arrived in a thick branch. This branch was very large and had twigs that formed a platform with an area of about 10 thousand meter squared. And erected on this platform was a palace.

The palace wasn't very big, its body was completely made out of wood branches. Moreover, these branches were still alive, as seen from the green leaves that can be seen here and there.

There were no guards in this palace. What can be seen on its huge entrance were Elves that were continuously going in and out. Before long, Gellar took the two into the palace. While walking along, Zhao Hai couldn't help but look at the ground. The floor of the palace was made out of leaves that were carefully cut and arranged into very beautiful patterns.

Then Gellar led them towards a Great Hall that had 'Life Temple' written on it. It seems like this temple was named after the God that the Elves worship, the God of Life.

When the three people entered the temple, Zhao Hai and Billy couldn't help but stare. Inside the temple wasn't only the Elf Queen. There were chairs inside the hall where Elves can be seen sitting. The hall was packed, it had an audience of no less than a hundred people.

In the innermost part of the hall were three chairs. The chair on the middle was more elevated from the other two and there was a female Elf sitting on it. This elf doesn't look old, she wore a green robe and had a magic staff on her hand. She also had a crown made out of vines on top of her head, giving her a noble aura. It seems like this person was the Elf Queen. On the left side of the Queen was another female Elf, she looked quite old due to the wrinkles on her face. However, her eyes was shining, and the seriousness on her face made people feel like she wasn't a person that was easy to get along with.

On the left side of the Queen was a tall and handsome man. Even if one were to consider the other Elves around him, he still stood out. His figure was quite tall and he had a very symmetrical build. He had a neat small beard that didn't make him look less attractive, instead, it actually made him exude a more manly charm. On his left hand was a sword while on his right hand was a harp. Unexpectedly, he was an Elf who was an expert in both sword and harp.

The Elves commonly studied either magic, swords, or the harp. There were almost no Elves who had both Martial and Magic cultivation. However, there were people who can actually study both the sword and the harp. However, these people were in the extreme minority. This was because studying both fields can cause a person to divide their attention, making their progress mediocre. But at the same time, there were still people among the Elven Race that were referred to as 'Heavenly Gifted' in their childhood. These people are extremely gifted in both sword and harp. When these people finish their study, they would be called Great Warriors. These Great Warriors are amongst the fewest of the few in the entire Elven Race.

Gellar brought Zhao Hai in front of the Queen before she stopped and bowed, "Reporting to Her Majesty, The Great Elder, and the Prince. Patriarch Billy and Patriarch Zhao Hai has arrived!"

This was a special characteristic of the Elves. Their ruling body not only comprises of the Queen, they also have the Elder's assembly as well as the Prince's Palace. This Elder's Assembly was composed of Elf Elders that were chosen, majority of them were women, the other men were part of the Queen's courtier's, men who follow by her side. The Prince's palace was generally the hall of the Queen's husband. The Prince's men also held some sort of authority. These three group were the core body of



the Elf community. Once something related to the whole race comes up, these three would convene and vote for it.

Zhao Hai and Billy quickly took a step forward and gave a bow to the Queen, Great Elder, and the Prince and said, "Zhao Hai(Billy) has seen the Queen, the Great Elder, and the Prince."

The Queen nodded and said, "In behalf of my Elven Race, I welcome Patriarch Billy and Patriarch Zhao Hai. Please have a seat." The Queen's voice was very nice to hear, it had a certain magnetic charm to it. Although her voice wasn't loud, one could still hear every single word very clearly.

#### Chapter 656 - Anger!

After Zhao Hai had sat down, he immediately felt countless amounts of gazes targeted towards him. Some of these gazes even held great hostility, while some were loathing.

Zhao Hai was very clear about why he was receiving such gazes, it was either because he was Human or he was a Dark Mage. Both conditions were enough to make Elves look at him in a negative way.

It was needless to say that the Elves might even hate Humans much more than the Divine Race. After all, the hatred between the Elves and the Divine Realm happened too long ago. Even if the lifespans of the Elves were more than the Humans, not even them can live for longer than 10 thousand years. Moreover, it was also impossible to remember matters of tens of thousands of years ago.

On the other hand, their hatred for the Humans was quite recent. Although it had happened in about less than a thousand years ago, there were Elves who were still alive from back then. Therefore, the Elves still held a huge grudge against the Human Race.

Additionally, Zhao Hai was a Dark Mage. Dark Mages were the deemed by the Elves to be the most repugnant profession there is. The Elves respected life and loved peace. Although they were quite fastidious about art, they were even more fastidious when it comes to peace and preservation of life, it was to the point of extreme obsession.

Because of this, the summoning magics of the Dark Mages were seen to be the biggest disrespect to the Elven beliefs. Reanimating a person who was already dead was an insult to life. Therefore, Zhao Hai was not confused about the gazes that were thrown his way.

After they had sat down, the Queen looked at Billy and Zhao Hai, "Patriarch Billy, Patriarch Zhao Hai, I want to know, is Patriarch Billy really telling the truth? Patriarch Zhao Hai, do you have any proof to back your claims?"

Zhao Hai looked at the Queen in annoyance. He didn't think that the Elves would still be doubtful this far into their contact. However, he still took out the beast skin scroll that was signed by the Dwarves, the Beastmen and the Fishmen. Then he stood up and said, to the Queen, "Read this and you will know."

The Elf Queen nodded, then she beckoned her hand as an Elf received Zhao Hai's beast skin scroll and handed it over to the Queen.

The Queen opened the scroll and carefully read the contents inside. She noticed Billy's and the others' mark, her face couldn't help but show surprise.

The Dwarves, the Beastmen, and the Fishmen were huge groups of the Continent. In the past, the Elves also had contact with these races. Only when the Radiant Church instigated the Humans to break the relationships with these races did the Elves come in contact with the others races fewer and fewer times. Only when the Dwarves had dug their tunnel did the Elves have in contact with them.

Although it had been a long time since contact has been made, the Queen can still recognize the unique marks of the other races. These marks were simply unable to be forged. Additionally, Billy was sitting right there, which proves that these marks were indeed real.

After looking at the scroll, the Queen handed it over to the Great Elder before turning her head to Zhao Hai and said, "It seems like Mister is telling the truth. Also, did the Radiant Church and the Dragon Race really occupy the Ocean Waves Dynasty as well as the Lyon Empire?"

Zhao Hai just nodded since there was no need for useless words. He really couldn't understand why the Queen refused to believe in him. He and Billy had time and time again displayed their sincerity. But after all this time, the Queen was still doubtful, this annoyed Zhao Hai very much.

The Great Elder also looked at the scroll before she handed it over to the Prince. At this time the Queen asked, "And does mister have any plans?"

Zhao Hai nodded and then said, "I do. I don't think that the Dragons' action this time was due to pure coincidence. It was possible that they had received a message from the Divine Realm. Therefore, as soon as I leave the forest, I shall go and deal with the Dragons. Their race needs to be eliminated from the continent. Otherwise, we would be placed in grave danger once the Divine Race arrives."

The Elf Queen looked at Zhao Hai, her eyes shone with interest, making her more attractive than before. The Queen expressed her noble aura as she asked with a serious tone, "Is mister confident in dealing with the Dragon Race?"

Seeing the look on the Queen's face, Zhao Hai knew that she was thinking about how invincible the Dragons were. It was no wonder that the Queen had her current expression when she heard that Zhao Hai was going to eliminate the Dragons.

Zhao Hai didn't become polite, he just nodded and said, "I do. I have no choice, after all, the Dragons had controlled the Lyon Empire, essentially halving the entire continent. If we don't deal with the Dragons, then when the Divine Race comes, they would be able to establish a base in Lyon Empire. Then, along with the Ocean Waves Dynasty, the two of them would quickly take care of the Buddha Empire. After that, they can then focus on attacking the Rosen Empire and the Aksu Empire. And most importantly, the Lyon Empire separates the Dwarves and the Elves. The elimination of the Dragons is required for the future cooperation between the Dwarves and the Elves in dealing with the Divine Race."

The Elf Queen nodded. At this time, the Prince had also read the beast skin scroll, he curled it and then passed it over to an Elf and had it returned to Zhao Hai.

The Prince looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Then what does Mister require of our Elf Race?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and replied, "You don't have to do anything. I just want the Elves to know this so that when the Divine Race comes, we could stand side by side in resisting and fighting back."

But then the Great Elder suddenly said, "And how can you assure our safety? How can we feel relieved when fighting together with you? How can we make sure that you're not doing this just to enslave us?"

Zhao Hai had already thought about this issue, so with a serious tone he answered, "As long as the Elves is our ally, I, Zhao Hai, shall assure your race's absolute security. I have the strength to back this up."

The Great Elder coldly snorted and said, "Do you really believe that the Elven Race would ally with you with just those few words? Aren't you being too naive?"

At this point, Zhao Hai had gotten angry. Every since him and Billy started their contact with the Elves, the latter had always been dragging its feet. And now, he had come with sincere intent, but the other party was still being like this, not trusting him. This made Zhao Hai fume with anger. He looked at the Queen, the Prince, and then the Great Elder before he said with a cold voice, "I came here in the hopes of forming an alliance with the Elf Race. I was hoping that you would know that your race wouldn't be excluded from being targets when the Divine Race comes. I'm only here to propose an alliance and not to beg for help. If you ally with us, then only good things would happen to the Elves. When the Divine Race arrives, you would have allies to share the burden of battle with. Moreover, if the Divine Race comes, do you really think that we would be in the mood to enslave the Elven Race?"

Billy was similarly incensed. The Elves might be clueless, but Billy was aware of what Zhao Hai had done in the past few days. He had kept going back and forth to different races just to unite them all. His effort alone was already worthy of respect. The Elves' completely distrustful attitude truly lit the fuse of this Dwarf Patriarch.

Billy stood up and he looked angrily at the Elf Queen as well as the others, "What do you mean? You still don't trust Zhao Hai? I had already told you before, besides being a Human, he had become a Foreign Elder to the Dwarves. At the same time, he is also a Foreign Prince of the Beastmen. Moreover, he is also in extremely good graces with the Fishman. Is this status still not enough for the Elves? Are you looking down on us?"

Dwarves have their own temper, and it was not easy for them to hold back for a long time. Zhao Hai has been regarded well by Billy. In this case, how could Billy tolerate the Elves' distrust of Zhao Hai? This was akin to the Elves being distrustful to the Dwarves.

The Elf Queen frowned, she also thought that the Great Elder's words were somewhat improper. In fact, the Elves had already investigated the words coming from the Dwarves and the Queen was already willing to form an alliance with Zhao Hai. However, she didn't have the means to make a decision because the Great Elder has been opposing to it all this time. This was the reason why this matter has been dragged on for so long.

The Queen understood why Zhao Hai and Billy would get angry at the Great Elder's words. She already trusted Zhao Hai and Billy. Even if she had doubts about the Human, her suspicion didn't extend to the Dwarf. The Elves had been in contact with the Dwarves for a long time, so the Queen was aware about their temperament. The Queen can affirm that the Dwarves wouldn't just help the Humans to deal with an enemy if the reason was not fully investigated through.

But at this time, the Great Elder once again coldly snorted and said, "And why would I trust a human? Even if he is the Foreign Elder of the Dwarves as well as a Foreign Prince of the Beastmen, he is still a Human. Also, the Dwarves have been living easy because of the Elves. And you count yourself as our equal? Completely laughable!"

When he heard the Great Elder's words, Billy's face expression turned completely dark. "So it turns out that the Elves are the saviour of the Dwarves? Hahaha. This is the most ridiculous joke that I had ever heard. We have it easy? Just from those artworks that you make? Our Dwarven ironwares are famous all over the continent. At the same time, we Dwarves also have no problems when it came to food and clothing. On the other hand, you Elves have been using your products in order to trade for supplies from my Dwarf Race. Now, I must ask the Great Elder, what days did the Elven Race have before we came in contact with you? Now, after we Dwarves came, how much did your quality of life improve?"

## Chapter 657 - A Suspicious Great Elder

Billy wasn't incorrect, the reason why the Dwarves were living well even until now was their ironware. And with how the Buddha Empire exhibited their prowess, Dwarven ironware has been known to be the best all around.

On the other hand, even if Elven wares were expensive, their rate of production was just pitifully low. If it weren't for the Dwarves, the Elves wouldn't have ample living materials. After all, there was no way to get in contact with the Elves, nor was it easy to interact with them. Among the races in the continent, it was the Elves that were the hardest to approach.

When the Great Elder heard Billy, he didn't know what to say, but this also made her angry. The Elder had always thought that the Elves were the most noble race in the continent. This was because the Elves were the most beautiful, had the longest lifespan, and were able to make the best artworks. This fact made the Elves very proud, to the point that they looked down on the other races. In fact, the Dwarves

were too crude in their eyes. If they didn't need to trade for living necessities, then they wouldn't have come in contact with the Dwarves.

The main reason of this thinking was the fact that they were not in contact with other races. They had always thought that they were the most noble while always staying inside their kingdom. They were like frogs inside a well, thinking that the sky was the only one that existed.

At the current time, there were still a lot of Elves who had this mentality. After all, they hadn't come in contact with the outside world. This cause them to gradually have this attitude of self-importance.

The Queen was aware of this quality, but she didn't have the means to change it. This was because the Elves cannot come in contact with the Humans. At the same time, they also see the Beastmen to be quite dangerous. In all honesty, the Queen was feeling quite helpless with regards to this matter.

One shouldn't see the Queen as the one who managed the entire Elven Kingdom. With both the Prince and the Great Elder to decide matters with, the Queen felt powerless. It was just unfortunate that the Elves always had this type of governance.

Normally, the Queen and the Prince should have a more intimate interaction with each other, after all, the Prince was the Queen's husband. However, the Queen's current situation was a bit special. Although they were husband and wife, the Prince was actually the son of the Great Elder. That is to say, the Queen was actually the daughter-in-law of the Great Elder. Since the Prince grew up in the care of the Great Elder, everything was done in accordance to the Great Elder's decision. Therefore, when a matter arrives, it was always the Great Elder and the Prince who would come into a unanimous decision. If it weren't for the Great Elder, the Queen wouldn't have allowed Zhao Hai's matters to reach this point.

When the nearby Prince saw that Billy was berating the Great Elder, he immediately became angry, he stood up and pointed to Billy and said, "Rude! How dare you disrespect the Great Elder! Apologize immediately."

Billy turned his head to the Prince, he coldly snorted and said, "Me, being rude? Isn't that something that I should say to you? Don't forget, I am the Patriarch of the Dwarven Race, a position that is equal to your Queen. Meanwhile, you're just a Prince, what gave you the authority to scold me? Who do you think you are?"

The explosive temper of the Dwarves was quite famous in the continent. At this point, Billy couldn't stomach the Elves' attitude of always having their noses turned to the skies. Billy's politeness had already run out.

Zhao Hai looked at the Great Elder and the Prince, he couldn't understand how the matter reached this point. Why were the Great Elder and the Prince having these reactions?

They came to the Elves this time to offer an Alliance, not to ask for anything. Moreover, it was an alliance to fight shoulder to shoulder when the Divine Race came. In this case, why was the Great Elder in opposition to this? What exactly was he thinking?

Zhao Hai was frowning while looking at both the Great Elder and the Prince. It might be an illusion, but Zhao Hai saw that when Billy and the Prince quarrelled, the Great Elder had a flash of happiness in her eyes.

An alarm suddenly sounded inside Zhao Hai's heart. He can remember the time when the Beastmen were being brainwashed by the Radiant Church. Was it possible for the Church to brainwash an Elf? Was the Great Elder brainwashed by the Radiant Church?

But Zhao Hai changed his mind. If this was really the case, that the Great Elder was a person of the Radiant Church, then she would've already told the Church about their plans. But from the response of the Church, it seems like they still weren't aware of his plan. This made Zhao Hai doubt his initial suspicion.

When the Prince heard Billy, his handsome face turned red. He unsheathed the sword on his waist and pointed it towards Billy, "Apologize, otherwise, face death!"

Billy looked at the Prince coldly and said, "Letting me apologize? Keep dreaming. If you want to fight me, then bring it on! Let's see who survives to the very end."

Since he came to see the Queen, Billy didn't bring any weapons. However, Dwarves were never afraid of a fight. Even if they were killed, they wouldn't just go down that easily.

The Queen frowned and said, "Gaye, that's enough. Don't forget, Patriarch Billy came were politely. Don't be disrespectful."

Just as the Queen finished talking, the Great Elder suddenly said, "How could it be disrespectful? We still haven't formed an alliance with them. They just want us to be in an alliance with them so that when they can slowly enslave our race once again."

Zhao Hai looked at the Great Elder, he was still quite suspicious towards her, but he didn't express it. He just turned to the Great Elder and said, "I'll have to disagree with that, Great Elder. After all, your combat prowess won't reduce when you become our allies. At that point, how could we possibly enslave you? Moreover, are you confident in resisting the attack of the Divine Race? Will you be safe by yourselves?"

The Great Elder coldly snorted and said, "Even if we surrender to the Divine Race, at least we won't be treated as slaves."

When Zhao Hai heard the Great Elder, his pupils couldn't help but shrink. His eyes flashed a cold light and said, "How can the Great Elder be sure that the Divine Race wouldn't enslave you? If the Divine Race was not planning to enslave you, then why did the Elves joined the war against them a long time ago? How can the Great Elder make her current judgement? Has the Great Elder been in contact with the Radiant Church?"

After hearing Zhao Hai speak, the entire hall suddenly turned quiet. All the Elves present were looking at the Great Elder.

The Elves weren't stupid, in fact, they were more intelligent than the Dwarves or the Beastmen. It was only because of their beauty as well as the plot of the Radiant Church that they were unable to come in contact with the Humans. One must know that in the past, during the time where the Elves were still in contact with the continent, there were a lot of big Merchants who were Elves. At the same time, there were even some Elves who held high-ranking position in the various nations. This was ample evidence for the Elven intellect.

Zhao Hai's question immediately made the Elves inside the hall find something wrong. Zhao Hai's trip was done in pure sincerity, he didn't even make the Elves leave their forest. He also didn't say that the Elves would have to listen to his command. He only came to propose the alliance to the Elf Queen, and to express his idea of fighting together against the Divine Race. In this case, the Great Elder's reaction



was truly overboard. Especially when she said that they would just surrender to the Divine Race, this made the Elves doubt her words.

The Great Elder also discovered that her mouth had slipped, but she didn't surrender and steeled her resolve, "Correct, a person from the Radiant Church came. They were very sincere in their visit and told me that as long as the Elves help the Divine Race control the continent, then they would guarantee the safety of our race. They also assured me that the Elves would continue living inside the Elven Forest."

Zhao Hai looked at the Great Elder and said, "How come the Great Elder believed their promise while doubting mine? I am a Foreign Elder of the Dwarves as well as a Foreign Prince of the Beastmen, my status should be a match for the Radiant Church. May I know then why?"

The Great Elder looked at Zhao Hai and then sneered, "That's an easy question, did you realize who you are Zhao Hai? You're a Dark Mage. How could you be credible when you don't even respect the dead? I would never believe you. I might as well believe a Light Mage than a Dark Mage."

When the other Elves heard the Great Elder, humming discussion was suddenly heard inside the hall. It was clear that they approved of the Great Elder's view.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but couldn't smile and said, "Being respectful to people? Great Elder, can you really be this naive? Do you know the reason why the races became like this? Do you know why the Elves were turned into slaves by the Humans? Do you know why the Humans suddenly loathed the other races when they were initially peaceful with them? May I know whether the Great Elder had thought of these questions?"

The Great Elder coldly snorted and said, "It is because of how greedy the Humans can be. Therefore, they suppressed the different races of the continent. What further thinking does this need?"

Zhao Hai sneered, "The reason why I claimed that the Great Elder is being naive was because the Great Elder seemed to not have recognized the core of the matter. The reason of the current situation was due to the fact that the Human records have been changed. In the past, history books of the Humans depicted the Dwarves and the Beastmen with a positive light. Although the Beastmen loved to fight while the Dwarves had shallow temper, they were still written to be good people. On the other hand, the Elves were also regarded quite well. Nor only are Elves seen as gentle, they were written to be intelligent as well as people who loved art. All these descriptions were worthy for the readers to respect the races.

The Elves in the hall couldn't help but nod, even the Great Elder nodded. Then Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "But later on, some people revised the contents of the Human books. In this revision, the Beastmen turned from being brave to being ruthless barbarians. The Dwarves had turned into being with unreasonable temper. But since the Elves had zero negatives to their attitude, they were written to be races who had nothing else but beauty. The Humans were slowly influenced by these books and suddenly changed their attitude towards the other races, and before long, they were suppressing them. Does the Great Elder know who revised the records?"

## Chapter 658 - Rebels

The Great Elder couldn't help but stare when she heard Zhao Hai. Although they have their own records, the Elves' history only recorded how the Humans have suppressed them, it didn't record the reason why. Because of this, the Elves had always blamed their suppression and enslavement to the greed of Humans. Now that Zhao Hai expressed this matter, things suddenly seemed to be not so simple.

The Great Elder looked at Zhao Hai and said, "And do you know who did it?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Yes, I do. The Humans aren't like the Elves or the Dwarves who always had peace with each other. Due to the ambitions of the Humans, they weren't able to unite internally and even had multiple cases of war. This made it hard to preserve Human history and extremely easy for someone to slip in some revisions. And there is an organization that can easily do it in the past, and it was the Radiant Church."

It was not only the Elves who were startled with Zhao Hai's words, Billy was the same. All of them stared at Zhao Hai, waiting for him to back his own words.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "The Radiant Church had existed way before all of us thought. They were just being extremely low-key, only becoming slowly formidable in the recent several hundred years. Before the church officially rose, they were sending their priests to various battlefields in the continent and offering help to injured soldiers as well as affected commoners. This allowed the Radiant Church to accumulate universal praise from everyone. Some time after that, the nations in the continent started to trust the church with the responsibility of being in charge of the Human records. It was at that point that the Church started to revise the history books of the Human Race. Humans suppressing the various races was caused by this revisions by the church. In their edition of Human history, the other

racess of the continent were lesser beings, they made Humans feel disgust in interacting with these lesser races.”

Everyone stared at Zhao Hai, they have not heard about this before.

Then Zhao Hai continued, “In the Radiant Church’s revision, the Dwarves, Beastmen, and Fishmen were lesser beings that were diseased and should not be mingled with. It was said that anybody that came in contact with these races for too long would turn into the same lesser being. This made the Humans stray away from the other races. However, the Radiant Church came into a problem when it came to the Elves. The Elves were perfect in Human standards, there were no negative things to pin on them. Therefore, the Radiant Church wrote that the Elves were historically high-quality slaves. In this way, the Humans would enslave the Elves, which in turn, made the Elves loathe the humans. And now, Great Elder, you actually believed such words from that organization. Hahahaha. This should be the funniest joke that I have ever heard.”

When she heard Zhao Hai, the Great Elder’s expression suddenly changed. With a paled face, the Great Elder retorted, “This is only based on your own words, who knows if they are true or not.”

Zhao Hai gave the Great Elder a cold look before saying, “The Great Elder still doesn’t believe me? Right, I forgot to ask, I believe Patriarch Billy had included the matter where I repaired their Divine Artifact in the letter that he sent. I can repair your Divine Artifact as well. The Artifact Spirit of the Dwarves already told us the reason why they fought with the Divine Race, this was not only because they want to enslave you, but it was also because the God that you worshipped is in opposition to the God that the Church idolized. For the Church to rule this continent, the God that needed to be worshipped should only be the Radiant God, not the individual Gods of the races. Once everyone believed in the Radiant God, the other Gods would lose spiritual support, which would allow the God of the Radiant Church to eliminate them. Oh Great Elder, trusting the Radiant Church is akin to trusting the Radiant god, this also meant that you are betraying your God of Life. I don’t know if the Great Elder is aware of this.”

The Great Elder’s face turned dark when she heard Zhao Hai, she couldn’t bear sitting still as she stood up and glared at Zhao Hai, “Nonsense! Complete nonsense! Do you really think that we’ll believe you just because you told us that you can fix our Divine Artifact? You’re completely talking nonsense!”

Zhao Hai looked at the Great Elder and coldly snorted, “I can fix your Divine Artifact. There’s no need to deceive you with this, just hand me your Divine Artifact and you’ll know then whether I can fix it or not.”

With a berating tone, the Great Elder shouted, "And why would be hand our Divine Artifact over to you? Who knows, maybe you'll steal our Divine Artifact away."

Zhao Hai looked at the Great Elder's reaction and became sure that the Great Elder was a chess piece that the Radiant Church had sent inside the Elven Race. Otherwise, she wouldn't have these responses. He had always spoken with sincerity. If one weren't a person of the Radiant Church, then they wouldn't have reacted like this.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but sneer at the Great Elder's claims, "Great Elder, your accusations are not very pleasant to hear. Moreover, if I really intended to steal your Divine Artifact, then there's no way for you to stop me. And there would be no need for me to do about it in a roundabout manner."

At this moment, the Prince who hadn't spoke for quite some time, loudly said, "Complete nonsense! And for daring to snatch my Elven Race's Divine Artifact, you deserve to die!" Then he stabbed his sword towards Zhao Hai.

Nobody thought that Gaye would act like this. After seeing Gaye's action, the Queen immediately shouted, "Gaye, stop!" However, it was already too late, Gaye's thorn sword was already close to reaching Zhao Hai.

One must know that Gaye was an Elven Great Warrior who was outstanding in both the harp and the sword. There was no need to mention about his strength, Gaye was a talented Elf, being peak 8th rank strength despite being relatively young. In addition to the emphasis of speed in Elven sword techniques, Gaye's attack was no less than a sneak attack. Gaye wasn't far from Zhao Hai, so a short time after his words just fell, his sword was already at Zhao Hai's throat.

Billy's face changed completely, although he was near Zhao Hai, he still couldn't block Gaye because of his lack of weapon. But even so, Billy still roared as he aimed his fist towards Gaye's head. He wanted Gaye to abandon his sword strike in order to dodge the punch.

However, it seems like Billy had underestimated Gaye's strength. Gaye's sword was extremely quick, so he didn't care about Billy's punch since he knew that he could still dodge the punch right after he killed Zhao Hai.

But at the same time, Gaye also had underestimated Zhao Hai's strength. While the sword was heading towards his throat, Zhao Hai didn't even move an inch. Instead, he looked at Gaye with a contemptuous gaze. Gaye felt that something was wrong when he saw this gaze, but it was already too late to retract his attack. Gaye hardened his resolve as he accelerated his stab towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't make a move as Gaye's sword reached his sword. Upon seeing that the sword was about to puncture through the other party's throat, Gaye revealed an elated expression. He thought that Zhao Hai was dead. But it didn't take a long time before Gaye noticed that there was no stabbing feeling on his sword. Instead, he heard a 'ding' sound before his sword stopped moving further.

Gaye stared, then he saw that Zhao Hai's throat had turned into a crystal. While Gaye was in a daze, Zhao Hai had grasped his sword, which turned it into a crystal as well. Then when the sword crystallized, Zhao Hai made a small twist, shattering the blade into pieces.

Gaye was startled, he immediately loosened his grip on the sword as he used his toes to propel him backwards, dodging Billy's punch as well. Then he returned to his chair as he grasped hold of his harp.

But at this moment, Zhao Hai made a move. He appeared in front of Gaye and grasped his neck. He raised Gaye with only one arm as he coldly looked at him and said, "You want to kill me? Is it because I have spoken the truth?"

Gaye's throat was seized by Zhao Hai, making it hard for him to breathe as his face turned red. He looked frightened at Zhao Hai. He didn't think that Zhao Hai would be this strong. Moreover, he had expected that Zhao Hai was a Mage, he didn't imagine that Zhao Hai was also a very formidable Warrior.

At this time, the Great Elder and the Queen responded. The Great Elder angrily shouted as she wielded her Magic staff and began casting a spell at Zhao Hai. Then Zhao Hai coldly snorted as an incredible pressure began to burst out from his body. Although Zhao Hai cannot use his God-rank strength, his 9th rank power was still something that the Great Elder couldn't endure. This was when the Great Elder discovered that Zhao Hai was actually a 9th rank expert.

Zhao Hai looked at the Great Elder with a cold gaze, "Great Elder, I'm afraid that the situation isn't as simple as you being approached by the Radiant Church. I think you are a person of the Radiant Church itself."

The Great Elder's face was struggling right now, it seems like she was holding on with all she had, "You talk nonsense. Don't think that since you are a 9th rank expert, you can tell anything you want. Don't think that my Elven Race doesn't have a 9th rank expert as well."

Zhao Hai actually smiled faintly and said, "Elf friend, you had been observing for quite some time. Why don't you come out and see me."

Then just as Zhao Hai's voice fell, an old sigh was heard, "My Elven race has truly been unfortunate, we've made a joke out of ourselves in front of Mister. I'll be honest to Mister, I had also just recently discovered that she is actually a person from the Radiant Church. Mister, rest assured, I already snatched her letter for the Radiant Church. I just wanted to see what moves they'll do next. I just didn't think that she would betray her own race. Sigh, this is really a huge misfortune to my Elf Race."

Along with this sound, an old Elf walked into the hall. After this Elf appeared, every single Elf in the room stood up and bowed to the Old Elf, "We have seen the Supreme Elder."

The Old Elf nodded and then turned to Zhao Hai, "Mister, I ask you to please put him down. We will surely provide you with a satisfactory response."

Zhao Hai loosened his grip on Gaye, then he turned to the Old Elf and bowed, "The Supreme Elder is too polite. This is an internal matter of the Elves, and since I'm a Human, then I will surely hand this matter over to you. I just came here to offer an alliance. How about we resume this matter tomorrow?"

The Old Elf returned the bow and said, "We apologize to Mister. Then, Mister, please." Zhao Hai and Billy gave a salute to the Old Elf before they both left the hall.

## Chapter 659 - Supreme Elder

After seeing that Billy and Zhao Hai had left the hall, the Old Elf then turned to the Great Elder and Gaye before he lightly sighed and said, "Ever since we received Patriarch Billy's first letter, I had always been paying attention to the entire Tree of Life. Since I don't want things to be known to the Radiant Church and don't want to hinder our chances in dealing with the Divine Race, I have intercepted every letter that came out."

The Great Elder's face couldn't help but get pale when she heard the Supreme Elder. Gaye's face was quite ugly as well, this was because they had indeed been sending letters to the Radiant Church all this time.

The Supreme Elder looked at the Great Elder and Gaye, "Although I always thought that doing this was nonsense, our records pertaining to the Divine Race was indeed too terrible, so I still made an effort. However, I just didn't expect to find those letters addressed to the Radiant Church. And even if they were encrypted, I can still make sense of some of those words. I didn't think that there would be traitors in my own race."

Then the Supreme Elder stared coldly at the Great Elder, "So what made you betray your own race, your own beliefs? Tell me."

The Great Elder looked at the Supreme Elder, her eyes flashed with fear. However, this fear was immediately replaced by fanaticism, she loudly declared, "The God's will is everywhere, and you all should surrender to the Radiant God. It is your privilege to serve under him. God is omnipotent, God is all powerful. God will lead us to the shining light!"

The Supreme Elder looked at the Great Elder's expression and his face sank. Then a ray of light came out of the hands of the Supreme Elder and entered the Great Elder's body. The Great Elder pitifully groaned out before her body collapsed on the floor.

Then the Supreme Elder turned his head to Gaye and did the same thing, Gaye cried out before collapsing. Then the Supreme Elder turned his head to the Queen and said, "I have crippled their cultivation, take them away." The Queen nodded, then she immediately had people drag the bodies of the Great Elder and Gaye away.

At this time, everyone in the hall was paying attention to the Supreme Elder. Similarly, the Supreme Elder scanned the hall and then said, "Our race's history is divided into two parts; one part is accessible to everyone while the other can only be read by our race's 9th rank experts. In the records, the Ark Continent had been subjected into a war against the Divine Race. Our Elven race is a main force during that war, the Dwarves and the Beastmen were main components as well. There was also the Mermaid Clan and some Human 9th ranks that joined. However, a lot of the Human 9th ranks were also on the side of the Divine Race along with the Dragon Race. The war was incredibly fierce, and in the end, the Elves, Dwarves, and Beastman's Divine Artifacts managed to wound the God-ranked expert, driving him back to the Divine Realm. In that fight the Divine Artifacts of the three races were seriously damaged. The Beastman Race's Beast God Spear was heavily injured, the Dwarven Race's Iron Hammer was similarly wounded, only our Elven Race's Bow sustained light injuries. At one time, the Elven Bow's

Artifact Spirit managed to materialize for a short time, informing our ancestors about the war with the Divine Race. After that, the Artifact Spirit fell into a deep slumber.”

The Elves in the hall were very silent as they listened to the Supreme Elder. They were completely unaware that there was another part in their race’s history.

The Supreme Elder looked at the people present and said, “Just like what Mister Zhao Hai said, the Radiant Church’s God in the Divine Realm is in a hostile relationship with our own God. This made them send people to deal with us, and wanting to control the entire Ark Continent, enslaving all of the races in the process. They will treat us as livestock, and when our strengths reached a sufficient level, they would send us to the Divine Realm and join their army. Basically, the Divine Race wanted to turn the Ark Continent into a soldier producing factory. Because of this, the major races in the continent decided to resist the Divine Race. Mister Zhao Hai did nothing wrong. And we will establish an alliance with him to deal with the incoming Divine Race.”

No Elf in the hall dared to oppose, all of them simultaneously nodded. The Supreme Elder nodded and then turned his head to the Queen and said, “You have done well all these years. You shall go form an alliance with Mister Zhao Hai tomorrow. Mister Zhao Hai came here in person despite being a 9th rank expert himself, this is already giving us a huge face. Discuss this matter with him yourself. At the same time, deliver the Elven Bow to Mister Zhao Hai and ask him to help us fix it. If Mister can fix our Divine Artifact, then it would be good for our race. I suspect that there are more traitors within our race. When the Divine Artifact gets fixed, finding those rebels would be easy.” Then the Supreme Elder scanned the hall as if looking for the traitors present.

The Elves in the hall felt their backs to be coldly sweating. Even if they haven’t betrayed their race, the Supreme Elder’s gaze alone made them feel guilty.

The Queen immediately nodded in reply. The Supreme Elder also gave her a nod before turning around to leave. After the Supreme Elder left, the Queen looked at the other Elves and said, “Alright, everyone can go back. Make sure to manage your subordinates well. This is a special period in our race. While the Divine Artifact is being fixed, nobody is allowed to leave the Tree of Life.” The Elves nodded before they stood up and left the hall.

After the group left, the Queen found herself weak as she sat on her chair. She didn’t feel great at all. Of the two who were captured, one of them was her husband while the other was her mother-in-law.



At this time, Gellar walked in and went towards the Queen, "Mother, what just happened? Why were Nana and Father dragged away?"

The Queen looked at her and sighed. Then she told Gellar about everything that just happened. Gellar looked at the Queen, her expression as though she couldn't believe it, "Mother, are you telling the truth? How could that be possible? Why would father betray our own race? Why would Nana side with the Radiant Church?"

The Queen shook her head and said, "I also don't know. I have lived for many years with your father, but I still didn't notice that he is a person of the Radiant Church. At the same time, your Nana has lived here for her entire lifetime yet nobody noticed that she was a traitor. If mister Zhao Hai didn't come here, then we wouldn't have known about it for a long time."

Gellar looked bewildered at the Queen, she didn't know what to say. There was really no way to explain this matter. The Great Elder had lived with the Elves for her whole life, even to the point of being the Great Elder. She did her best for the betterment of the race and also hated the Humans to the bone. It was because of her qualities that she managed to attain her current position. But who would've thought that she would actually be a person of the Radiant Church.

The Queen looked at Gellar and sighed. It wasn't only Gellar, the Queen couldn't accept what happened as well. But since there were still matters that needed to be process, the Queen looked at Gellar and said, "Gellar, make sure to take care of Mister Zhao Hai's group as much as possible. There shouldn't be any mistakes. I shall deliver the Bow to Mister Zhao Hai tonight. At the same time, I shall also ask him why the Great Elder and Gaye would betray us. I think he knows the reason why."

When she heard the Queen's instructions, Gellar immediately nodded, then she turned around to leave. In the Elven Race, the children were always more closer to their mothers. This was because the Elves were a matriarchal race. The key positions of the government were mostly handled by women. Because of this, Gellar didn't have much of a connection to Gaye. But no matter what, Gaye was still Gellar's father. This matter made Gellar sad, she didn't understand why her father would do such a thing.

When Zhao Hai and Billy returned to the room that was arranged for them, Billy immediately looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, were the Great Elder and Gaye really sent by the Radiant Church?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "The Great Elder is for certain, however, Gaye might not be. Gaye is the Great Elder's child, so it was possible that it was the Great Elder who educated him about this since

childhood. Therefore, making Gaye exhibit such actions. The Great Elder was brainwashed by the Church while Gaye was brainwashed by the Great Elder.”

Billy knit his brows and said, “Maniac, she’s really a maniac for doing this to her own child.”

Zhao Hai sighed and said, “This is in line with the Church’s philosophy. These people were avid devotees of the Church. For the Church, they would give up everything they have.”

Billy frowned, “That 9th rank elder clearly saw Gaye attack you. So why didn’t he stop it? What happens if you weren’t a 9th rank expert?”

Zhao Hai smiled and said, “I don’t exhibit my 9th rank aura, so that’s why you can’t notice it. However, other 9th ranks would surely be able to feel it, so he just let it be. I just didn’t expect the Supreme Elder to be so thorough. It was great that he had confiscated the Great Elder’s letter when he found out. Otherwise, our plans would’ve been in trouble.”

Billy frowned and said, “Right, we were too careless this time. Fortunately, they did things very carefully. It would be terrible if our plans were to be known to the Radiant Church.”

Zhao Hai nodded, then he sighed and said, “I thought that since the Elves have isolated themselves from the world, then the Radiant Church would not have the opportunity to get to them. We weren’t careful enough and underestimated the Church. The Radiant Church has been preparing their plans for countless years, their moves might always be out of our expectations.”

Billy nodded, then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, “Little Hai, is the story about the Church changing history true? Is that the reason why the Humans started to suppress the other races?”

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Zhao Hai nodded and said, “I also wasn’t aware of this matter before. But when I went to the Fishmen, I discovered that their history was much more complete. It was them who told me about this matter.”

Billy's expression calmed down as he said, "Radiant Church, truly vicious beings. Up until now, we still haven't understood why the Humans have suppressed us. As it turns out, it was the Radiant Church's plan all along. We must completely destroy them, all of them!"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Patriarch, don't worry, we will surely have the opportunity to do that, we certainly will. Sooner or later, we will come in contact with the Church, at that time, we will deal with them ourselves."

Billy coldly snorted, he knew that he couldn't be anxious about this. In any case, there would be an opportunity in the future. Zhao Hai looked at Billy and said, "Patriarch, what do you think would happen to the Great Elder and Gaye?"

Billy snorted and said, "They shouldn't be let off easily. Except for the Humans, other races treat treason as a major crime."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. What Billy said was true, whether it be Dwarves or Beastmen, or even the proud Elves punish rebels quite severely. This was something that differed from the Humans. In the continent, there were many Human Empires. And the Humans on those Empires had more sense of belonging to their own Empire compared to the entire Human Race.

At this time, Gellar arrived. Zhao Hai and Billy discovered that Gellar's expression wasn't the best, but they didn't say anything about it. Gellar accompanied the people who delivered them some food to eat. Elven diet was quite peculiar, they mostly don't eat meat, giving priority to consuming fruits and vegetables. Therefore, there were a lot of fruits and vegetables in the food that was presented to Billy and Zhao Hai. There was a staple food that seemed to taste like the bread fruit, but it didn't have a hard outer shell, and it was also shaped like a horn.

Zhao Hai wasn't disgusted by the food, but Billy was different. The Dwarves liked to eat meat, so when he saw the spread on the table, he couldn't help but lose appetite.

After the food was set on the table, Gellar gave Billy and Zhao Hai a bow and said, "Please enjoy our food. If you need anything, just shake the bell on the table and someone will come and listen to your requests."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Thank you, Miss Gellar. The food looks delicious."

Gellar gave another bow and then seemed to have some words that she wanted to say. But in the end, she didn't say it and just turned around to leave. Zhao Hai noticed her hesitation so he smiled faintly and said, "Miss Gellar, wait. Do you have anything you want to say? Please, don't hesitate to tell us."

When Gellar heard Zhao Hai, she couldn't help but stop. She turned her head to Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, I just want to ask, why did the Great Elder and the Prince betray the Elf Race?"

Zhao Hai stared, he didn't think that Gellar would ask this question. He looked at Gellar and asked, "Why would Miss Gellar ask about this matter? What relationship does the Great Elder and the Prince have with you?"

Gellar's face paled slightly as she answered, "The Great Elder is my Grandmother while the Prince is my Father. If mister Zhao Hai knows the reason, please do tell me."

Zhao Hai and Billy stared, they didn't expect that the person in front of them was an Elven Princess. While looking at Gellar, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sympathize with her, he sighed and said, "I have a guess, but it doesn't mean that it's true. It is highly possible that the Great Elder was a spy that was sent by the Radiant Church a long time ago."

Gellar was confused at what Zhao Hai said, this was because Zhao Hai said that the Great Elder was sent by the Radiant Church. This was completely different from the Great Elder betraying the Elven Race.

Zhao Hai looked at Gellar and continued, "There has been a long standing plan of the Church to abduct the children of major races and brainwash them, making loyal believers of the Radiant God. They will transform those children into people who would give everything for the Church's deity. After brainwashing those children, they would then send them back to their races, effectively infiltrating the races. I have come across a similar situation back in the Beastman Prairie. Therefore, I thought of the possibility of the Great Elder being one of these abducted children. As for Gaye, he is the son of the Great Elder, so it is possible that he was educated by the Great Elder from a very young age. But all of these are my guesses, I cannot assure you that it is real."

Gellar's face was quite pale while listening to Zhao Hai, she looked at the other party and said, "So Mister means that the Great Elder was taken away by the Radiant Church when she was young, then they sent her back after brainwashing. All of this just to deal with the Elven Race? However, why does the Great Elder seem extremely passionate in serving our race?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "There's nothing wrong about that. Since your race is extremely sealed off, there was no opportunity to send information back to the Radiant Church. Therefore, she did the other method, work hard and gain a high rank. After that, she would then get access to the core of the race and get more secrets to send in an opportune time."

Gellar and Billy nodded, this was a highly probable case. The Great Elder was in a position above tens of thousands of Elves. If she wasn't discovered by the Supreme Elder, then the alliance would have failed. This was something that made spies extremely scary.

Gellar bowed to Zhao Hai and said, "I thank mister for dispelling my doubts. Then I wouldn't be disturbing Mister's meal any longer." Then she bowed towards Billy before turning around to leave.

After Gellar left Zhao Hai's place, she immediately looked for the Queen. Then she told the Queen about what Zhao Hai had told her. After listening, the Queen immediately thought that this wasn't a simple matter. So she immediately went to the Supreme Elder and told him.

After telling this to the Supreme Elder, the Supreme Elder's expression turned cold, then he turned to the Queen and said, "What do you plan to do next?"

The Queen replied, "I suspect that there are more spies aside from the Great Elder. The Great Elder had been in her position for many years, and she had also gained a lot of loyal followers that we need to deal with. I plan to send the Divine Artifact to Patriarch Zhao Hai today. If Patriarch Zhao Hai can really fix the Elven Bow, then the matter would be taken care of easily. If he can't, then I'll have to ask the Supreme Elder to act. We must thoroughly check every Elf inside the tree."

The Supreme Elder nodded, "This is truly a matter that needs to be looked at. The Radiant Church's spies in our race need to be completely weeded out. Your Majesty, we should establish our alliance with Mister Zhao Hai as soon as possible. There are only benefits that we can get out of it. At the same time, have the Elves stop making artworks and have them make more weapons. In the fight against the Divine Race, artworks wouldn't be very useful."

The Queen nodded, then she turned around to leave. The Supreme Elder sighed, he was worried about the future of the continent. The Divine Race has been preparing for tens of thousands of years. Their strike should be as swift as a thunderbolt, will the Continent be prepared for it?

Zhao Hai wasn't thinking about any of these right now. At this point, he was already finishing up the food along with Billy. To be honest, these Elven fruits and vegetables weren't completely unpalatable. However, they weren't very good as well, they were too bland. With no seasoning, there wasn't any taste to be amazed about.

On the other hand, the wine that the Elven made were very good. While the two were sitting and chatting, an announcement was suddenly heard, "Her Majesty has arrived!"

Zhao Hai and Billy stared, but they immediately stood up. At this time, the Elf Queen had her men open the door before she walked in.

The two immediately gave the Queen a salute, then the Queen returned the gesture and said, "Patriarchs, please sit down. I'm here to ask Mister Zhao Hai for help." Then she waved her hand as Gellar brought a longbow in.

This longbow was green, and seemed to be made out of a kind of crystal. It had a vine twining on its body and a single leaf on its top. On the other hand, the bowstring was something that Zhao Hai couldn't identify. It was not thick, and was even fairly transparent. If one wasn't paying attention, then they wouldn't notice its existence.

The Queen extended both of her hands and received the bow, then she lifted it towards Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, this is our Elven Race's Divine Artifact. We ask Mister to try and fix it."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I will certainly offer my help. I ask Your Majesty to rest assured. However, it would require an evening's time. By tomorrow, Your Majesty would be able to know if I was able to fix it or not. I also hope that Your Majesty sends word that nobody is to disturb me tonight."

Naturally, there was no need for the Queen to decline. So she immediately replied, "Mister, don't worry. I will have people assigned to keep the surroundings peaceful. Patriarch Billy, I have arranged a separate room for you. What do you think?"

Billy understood what the Queen meant, she was afraid that Billy would disturb Zhao Hai. This was a natural worry, so Billy nodded and said, "I understand, then I shall take my leave." The Queen expressed her gratitude to Billy before she led the Dwarf Patriarch out of the room, leaving Zhao Hai alone inside.

Zhao Hai didn't immediately head to the Space, he just sat there and carefully examined the Elven Bow. The bow arm was made out of a kind of crystal, and it was evidently quite tough. On the other hand, the bowstring was not only hard to pull, it was also quite sharp to touch. It seems like if one wanted to use this bow, special techniques would need to be learned first.

After examining for some time and finding out nothing, Zhao Hai then took the Elven bow to the Space. The moment he entered the Space, a prompt was heard, "Damaged item detected, proceeding to repair it. Repair has been completed. Subduing the spirit. Unique Crystal has been discovered. Extracting the crystals properties. Improving the host's crystallization technique."