

Black Plain 1051

Chapter 1051 Finalizing the Subordination of the Kingdom of the End (*)

After the previous occasion, Minos and Abby had dinner and then spent the rest of the night in that city until they left in the direction of Mirabella.

With that, a day quickly passed, and at this instant, the couple had already arrived in that regional metropolis, where the local royalty was already prepared to receive them.

As they entered that city while riding Maida, the couple found a clear path through the local avenues, without a single person or carriage in their way to hinder them.

On the other hand, several local soldiers patrolled those streets, preventing curious people from getting too close to the tyrant who had just arrived in Mirabella.

The local population did not know that Minos would come to the kingdom's capital on this day. But as there were always people passing through those streets, the royal family had blocked off an exclusive path for the couple to pass through, preventing crowds from forming in their vicinity.

Minos naturally had not asked for any of this. Still, since House Carline already knew that he would arrive in this city on this day, they had not missed the opportunity to lessen potential irritations to him.

On the other hand, King Carline did not want his people to celebrate Minos' arrival, which would only further diminish his prestige.

As such, this current arrangement had been prepared for that couple, which enabled the two to quickly reach the royal palace, where Minos had fun with Kara previously.

"This city truly seems to be one of the best in the region... Worthy of the wealthiest family in our domain." Abby laughed as she said such a thing.

Abby still thought it was funny that the entire region was now Minos', which soon would be hers as well as she would become his queen. But even though she felt awkward about it, as King Stuart's future number one wife, she knew she could not be modest.

The region was indeed theirs, and it was good that they were both aware of it!

Thus, speaking such words aloud was essential in developing a sense of ownership in their beings.

As someone who understood how power relations worked, Abby followed her man's ways on that subject!

"Hmmm."

"In my other time here, I didn't have much time to admire the surroundings, but it's true. This place is nice." Minos commented as he walked with Abby, heading up a magnificent staircase, where several men of the royal family were posing, and the royals were waiting for them at the palace entrance.

Seeing Jade on King Carline's right side, Minos smiled, remembering all his adventures with that woman during the days of 'negotiation' in the Spiritual Church camp.

"His Majesty, the King of the Black Plain!" Some high-ranking official of that organization said this out loud, followed by a series of drumming sounds.magic

But only Minos was introduced since, by regional custom, only queens, not fiancées, were greeted with the etiquette used with leaders of states.

"Your Majesty, congratulations on defeating the Scourges of the Devil." King Carline forced a smile as he said such a thing, also gesturing to Minos.

At the same time, Jade did not miss the opportunity and also said a few words to Minos, followed by Ford's mother, Linette, who was standing there on the left side of King Carline.

"It is good to see you again, Your Majesty." Linette said, smiling, feeling the regret that she had not chosen to accept Minos' proposal when they first met.

At that time, she, James Cromwell, and Thomas Brown collaborated with the Scourges of the Devil assassins to eliminate Minos. And even after the current king of the Black Plain had offered her family a chance to change sides, Jade had refused.

Because of this, her family had lost thousands in the war and now had many cripples in their ranks.

"Hmm, I guess you didn't think you'd see me in this situation back then, huh?" Minos joked, making King Carline, who was standing there, feel a cold chill on his back since this man seemed to be the type who did not forget things easily.

"Your Majesty, that was in the past. Why don't we talk about the future? I already have everything prepared for my family's high-level members to sign Soul Contracts with you." King Carline said this, trying to solve this problem right away.

King Carline knew that this was a crucial time for the Black Plain and that if it were not for the Scourges of the Devil, Minos probably would not have made a trip to this place. So, coupled with his desire to see that fellow away from himself, he wanted to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

That had also been why he ordered several streets in this city to be closed off to Minos.

The faster this man could settle his local affairs, the sooner he would leave!

Minos looked at that man and smiled. "Well, let's settle this. I don't intend to stay here long, just two nights..."

"Oh? Hehe, too bad." That fellow felt better and soon gestured for Minos to follow him. "This way..."

After that, they proceeded with other officials from that place to the palace's interior, where almost two dozen people had to sign Soul Contracts with Minos.

As they walked to a suitable place, Jade made Linette walk a little slower so she could say something King Carline should not hear.

"Hey, I want you to go..." She then whispered to that middle-aged woman, who was still beautiful despite her advanced age. "... I'll have a surprise waiting for you, so keep your eyes blindfolded..."

As she finished hearing that, Linette's face turned red just thinking about the things Jade might be keeping for her. "Don't you think we'd better do this after Minos is gone? I don't know how to say it, but I feel strange with him here..."

Jade smiled graciously and said ambiguously. "It will be even better because he is here. Don't you think so?"

"What about our husband?"

"Don't worry about him. After signing agreements with Minos, he'll probably use the excuse he needs to cultivate to avoid being around our guest."

"In any case, I doubt he will miss us." She bit her lips and blinked at Linette, already feeling a slight tingling sensation in her privates.

"OK."

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Hours later, Abby was in the Space Kingdom training, while Minos had already signed more than half of the Soul Contracts he had to confirm in this state.

So, after receiving a secret message from Jade, he made his way toward the place the two had had fun before, having taken some care not to be chased.

He did not particularly care for King Carline, but since this fellow was Kara's father and Jade still loved that person in her own way, he did not want to create more problems for himself.

But given his current abilities, it was not hard for him to trick the people on that estate and secretly get to Jade's location.

With that done, he soon entered an area with low lighting, where a woman was on a bed with her beautiful ass pointed upwards while her breasts and face were tilted downward.

Watching the beautiful flower being shown perfectly from that position, Minos promptly realized that this was not Jade.

"O..."

But before he could say anything, a female hand coming from behind closed his mouth and said. "I want you to show her what you are capable of..." Jade said in a seductive tone, charged with desire for what was about to happen.

And while Minos was silent, Linette, who heard that but continued with her eyes blindfolded, yet in that position, asked. "Jade, don't tell me you brought someone else here? Who is she?"

"She?" Jade laughed. "You will find out in a few moments, my dear."

"But I ask you to keep an open mind. Can you do that?"

Gulp!

"As long as it stays between us, I'm OK with it." Linette said after thinking for a minute as she felt her little sister 'salivating.'

Upon hearing that, Minos wasted no time and climbed into that bed, already naked, hungry to taste that 'delicacy.'

'Oh, how evil I am...!' Minos smiled internally, thinking how his old friend Ford would look if he found out what was about to happen.

'Sorry, Ford, but I don't excuse anyone!' After that, he started to eat that perfumed flower, playing with it with his clever fingers, quickly making Linette moan in pleasure, asking for more.

Chapter 1052 The Pleasure of Sin (18+)

"Ahhhhh~"

"Ahhhh~ Oh, mine~ What is that? Ahh~" Within moments, Linette was moaning like she had not done in ages, her whole body trembling from the spasms related to the pleasure Minos was giving her.

Minos had his face buried in Linette's beautiful buttocks, his mouth kissing her pink flower, and his nose rubbing through her second hole.

While Jade was sitting next to Linette, with her legs spread, facing Minos, and playing with herself, this man had one of his hands between Ford's mother's legs, constantly rubbing her clit.

"Ahhhhhh~"

'That... That is not a woman!' Linette thought about it as she allowed her body to be carried away by that feeling. 'This smell... This way of touching...'

Gulp!

'Who is he? How did Jade have the audacity to do such a thing? She... Now we are cheating on our husband!' She felt guilty, but that was like throwing fuel on the fire...

And the fire called her body was reacting better than one would expect from a situation like this!

"Ahhh~ I'm coming~" She cried out moments before expelling the nectar of love into Minos' mouth and fingers.

However, as she felt that colossal orgasm, her rational side finally deciphered the identity of who had eaten her so skillfully.

'Minos!' She concluded, considering the cultivation level of the person there with her.

There were level 54 cultivators on that estate. But besides none of them having the courage to do this to them, Linette knew very well how to recognize the spiritual fluctuations of her old enemy!

She just had not realized that he was the one Jade had brought here at the first moment because not even in her wildest dreams would she have thought that woman would do such a thing!

No, she had genuinely believed that Jade had brought another woman to this place, something somewhat acceptable in her opinion.

But now, in that situation, sure that such a person was a man, Linette had done the obvious, tested that man's cultivation!

Gulp!

'I can't believe I'm doing this to Minos!'

'Doesn't he think I'm old?'

'Does he truly want me?' She continued in silence as she felt his hands on her body.

She then felt a slight shock in her little sister when something hard and warm suddenly touched the most sensitive part of her flower.

Linette heard Jade's voice, "Honey, if you want to stop, this is your last chance. But know that the evening will be much more fun if you keep going."

Jade leaned her face against Linette's neck and whispered. "You know how I enjoy a good threesome..."

After that, Linette remained silent, pretending not to know that Minos was about to fuck her, trying to pass for an ignoramus. 'Put it on soon!' She cried out in her mind, hoping King Stuart would take care of her needs before she lost her courage.

And then, she felt that man's rod!

"Ahhhhhhhhh~"

"Oh, mine, how big he is~" She cried out immediately after the man behind her put all the length of his little brother into her flower.

And feeling parts of her body that had not been reached in ages being touched by Minos, Linette could not help but scream in happiness, making the other two smile.

So, it did not take long for her to have a series of orgasms until, eventually, Jade joined the two.

"Honey, I think your little mouth is working too little..."

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Four hours later...magic

"Hah... Hah... Hah... That was amazing!"

"Hah... That was simply the best sex I've ever had!" Linette said this as she relaxed on Minos' right side, already without her mask from before, looking up at the ceiling, feeling her whole body sweaty.

On the other side, Jade and Minos were also in similar positions to that woman, each naked, drenched with sweat, hurriedly breathing as they looked up.

That sex session had been the wildest Minos had ever had in his life!

But it was not for nothing. Minos had never had the opportunity to be with two women of such high levels simultaneously!

He often takes care of Regina's needs, the level 59 poison master of his army. But that woman was only one and could not be compared to two, let alone Linette and Jade, who were at the top of the 6th stage!

Consequently, he had reached his limit in this experiment and was quite tired at this point!

"It's not for nothing that you look so different, Jade!" She looked away, seeing a bit of that woman's face on Minos' left side.

She then looked at Minos' little brother and said. "It is not for nothing your daughter gave herself to an enemy, even knowing how terrible he could be..."

Originally she wanted to appear unaware of Minos' identity, so she could still behave naturally in front of him after this wild night. But at some point in their adventure, the arousal and pleasure felt by her had made her give it all up and embark on this forbidden adventure.

That was why she had taken off her mask.

"Now you understand everything, haha..." Jade laughed at that, feeling pleased that Minos had made that previously stop in Mirabella.

Linette leaned on one of her arms and looked into Minos' eyes. "It's a shame we didn't do this sooner... Maybe we would have had a better relationship if I had accepted your offer that day we met."

"Sigh..."

"I was a fool." She placed one of her hands on Minos' well-defined chest, regretting that it had not been her instead of Kara on that occasion in Dry City.

"Well, it makes no difference now to think about it," Minos commented as his heart began beating slower. "What's done is done. So let's move on with what we've accomplished."

"Hmmm."

"Better late than never," Jade said in a low voice, not bothered by it.

Linette closed her eyes for a moment and asked. "What will we do now? If our husband finds out, I'm afraid he will lose the hair on his head..."

"What will we do? We will continue as we are!" Jade replied without any hesitation. "I love Raymond, and I would never leave him. So, I will do anything to keep him safe."

"Even if I have to hide my adventures with Minos."

"Oh?"

'You're right. It wouldn't do him any good to find out about it...' Linette pondered this, feeling that such a man would probably explode with rage and do something crazy.

In this case, not saying anything to him would be best!

Besides, what could they do? Simply tell the man that they still had feelings that they had had sex with Minos, their old enemy?

They certainly did not want to run off with Minos or anything of the sort, as there were no feelings between them. Besides, this man had several other women at his disposal. As such, their minds had come to that simple solution!

Seeing that, Minos felt a little bad for that fellow, but he could not help but laugh. 'Well, consider it part of your punishment, hehe. If you hadn't acted against me, I wouldn't have met Jade in that previous situation...'

'Now here we are.' He closed his eyes momentarily, hugging the waist of the two and bringing them closer to him. "Well, now that we've had our fun, let's talk about some serious business."

"What?" Jade frowned, not understanding what Minos could possibly want while they were still in bed.

"Well, as I have already warned you, a subordinate of mine is coming to this state to take revenge on old enemies. She is probably already arriving in the area."

"Oh? You mean that young Spiritual King, Barbara?" Linette remembered this since she was the one who had received such a communiqué from Minos' forces.

"Yes."

"Well, don't worry. I have already sent someone to watch her from afar. If there is any trouble, he will act."

"I am relieved..."

"In any case, after my departure, I intend to spend a few years without leaving the Black Plain. So let's clarify how our professional and intimate relationship will be in the future. Is that okay with you?" He said after a while in silence.

"Years? All that? Don't you intend to check your territories from time to time?" Jade asked as she lifted part of her body to get a better look at him.

"Not now."

Linette then said. "Well, we can arrange that..."

"Even if you don't leave the Black Plain, we, as your subordinates, must keep you well-informed..."

"Sometimes, for that, letters are not enough."

Jade nodded in agreement upon hearing that, "Indeed. We must do our best for our state, family, and leader."

"Hahaha..."

Chapter 1053 Gloria at Work

While Minos was enjoying himself in the northern region of the Central Continent, Gloria had already arrived in the Flaming Empire. At this moment, she was resuming her duties in the branch of the Spiritual Church in such a state.

Gloria was aware of all the decisions made by the Church in her absence and also informed about the entry of Spiritual Emperors from the great sects of the empire into that region.

At the same time, she already had the information about the departure or confirmation of the death of those individuals who had gone to that region after her order. With that in hand, she was now in the central hall of the Spiritual Church temple in the empire's capital, bringing her case forth to her superiors.

"Patriarchs, I have just returned to my duties locally, and I hope you will approve a new request from me." She said this as she was dressed in her black uniform, facing the three individuals dressed in red cloaks.

Those individuals were sitting side by side in that area that looked more like a courtroom than an ordinary workplace.

Meanwhile, several low-level individuals were standing around to register or do other essential functions.

"Archbishop Frost, we have already learned about your deal with the newly-born state, the Black Plain." The leftmost individual, a short, fat man, said this while having his eyes closed. "Is that what you want to talk about?"

"Yes, Patriarch Horton."

"What do you want?" The most important Patriarch of the three, level 78, sitting between those two, asked this as he looked at the most talented woman of this generation in this place.

Gloria then went straight to the point. "Patriarchs, I know that the church's release for the sects of the empire to act against Minos was previously motivated by the Seraphim's Promise Medal."

"But Clayton Silva is already dead. Nay, House Silva has already been wiped out, and anyone who had the right to question the culmination of our promise is already dead."

"Consequently, we no longer have an obligation to continue allowing outside powers to interfere in the northern region!"

"If we let that happen, I fear that the damage caused by the empire sects to that region will become too great for us to attempt to reverse it later!"

"In that way, I ask the Patriarchs to revoke the previous order and prevent the empire sects from acting in the northern region." She said this in a determined manner, acting for the good of Minos and her own plans.

Now that they were allies, she had to act for his sake even if she was not interested in him in other ways. As such, she had brought this matter to these people as soon as she got a schedule with them.

After hearing the redhead in front of them speak on that point, the three men looked at each other momentarily, knowing that this was reasonable.

They did not like to give outside powers too much freedom to interfere in the northern region, where they had unparalleled dominance. And with a good excuse to ignore the request made with the Seraphim's Promise Medal, they soon thought to go ahead with Gloria's plans.

"Well, that seems like a good idea, but not entirely." The individual who had not yet said anything declared, looking at Gloria calmly. "We've already allowed this, so we can't just cancel it anyway."

"Then I suggest that we forbid such actions in the northern region for people who have not yet left the empire on the date of the publication of this prohibition. That way, at least we will give some room for the powers with Seraphim's Promise Medals to understand that their requests will not be canceled anyway."

The other two nodded in agreement since the Church needs to maintain some standards in its actions.

"Well, let's do it this way," The leader of the three said. "Is there anything else, young Archbishop Frost?"

"No, Patriarchs, that was all." She made a gesture of etiquette before leaving that place with a smile on her face.

'Well, Minos, that's all I can do for you now...'

'I hope that's enough to give you some peace for the next years!' She walked down a long corridor in silence, next to a woman dressed in purple, her secretary.

"Chloe, keep in touch with the northern region more often from now on. I want news from that place at least once a month while I'm here in the empire."

"While you are here? Archbishop, do you intend to go to that place often?" That black-haired woman, only 1.5 meters tall, asked in doubt.

"Not necessarily. But I must return to that place soon."

"Oh? You mean that young man's wedding, right?"

"That's right."

"Well, then I must inform you that Ruth Miles has already signed a contract with the Church, guaranteeing that she is no longer part of her sect and that she will not receive support from it in the future."

"She should already be traveling north by now."

Even before she returned to the empire, Gloria had already asked for information about Ruth's passage to this place. After all, the royal wedding of Minos was to take place soon, something that could be most easily signaled by that woman's departure from the empire.

Therefore, that secretary promptly informed Gloria about it upon hearing her boss' earlier answer.

"I see... Well, then I will stay here for another two months before I leave again." She clenched one of her fists as she looked through a window at the end of that corridor. "For now, make arrangements for what I told you."

"All right, Archbishop. Everything will be ready when you return from King Stuart's wedding." That woman then left Gloria's side, going to begin to settle such matters.

Meanwhile, Gloria finally stopped walking around that place, standing by the window that overlooked the most beautiful part of this capital city. 'Now that I have reached level 65, I must take advantage of these weeks I will have before I return to Minos' territory.'

'I cannot allow myself to be overtaken by him so easily!'

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Only a few hours after Gloria's request, the new communiqué from the Spiritual Church regarding the liberation of Minos' assassination by the sects of the empire had already reached the principal people involved in this.

First, each of the six sects that had not sent people to the northern region had felt better about this since they preferred that the Church not break its own rules. After all, they were weaker and preferred to live with what they already knew.

On the other hand, since most of them had accepted Oswald's request, they had gained a lot for something that lasted so little!

Thus, they did not receive the new Church publication badly.

But for the members of the Saints Killing Sect, or even family members of the individuals killed by the Black Plain forces, this had been a bath of cold water!

Several of them had died, and now they could not even seek revenge?

Well, that was indeed enough to make anyone angry!

But the command of that sect was not feeling so terrible about that. After all, besides the fact that there were still people of theirs going to the Black Plain, they had already incited enough trouble with the Gray Clouds Sect in the past few months.

With that, it was only a matter of time before they achieved their goals!

But not all of their projects were going according to plan...

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In a desert place in the Flaming Empire, a man with blood-colored hair, and eyes of the same color, was sitting on a hill, looking at the many bodies in his surroundings.

As he closed his eyes that had a particular circular pattern around his pupils, the small vertical 'scar' on his forehead almost opened with the movement of his face.

"Ah, where am I going to go now? Those worms won't stop coming after me as long as I'm in the empire."

"Maybe the northern region?"

"Hmm, it will be problematic to advance to the 8th stage in that place, so I guess I will go to one of those high-level kingdoms on the border with that region..."

"Worst case scenario, I can move to that area easily!" He made up his mind as he stood up from where he was and opened his eyes.

As he did so, the circular pattern in his eyes began to move, each circle following a different direction. At the same time, the 'scar' on his forehead seemed to want to open.

After this, the space around him collapsed, and he disappeared from that region without a trace.

Chapter 1054 Arriving at the Destination

Three weeks after Minos and Abby arrived in Mirabella...

After signing agreements with the upper echelon of House Carline, Minos and Abby had departed the Kingdom of the End and made their way back to the Black Plain.

Since the capital of the Kingdom of the Waves was on the way and Minos already had an interest in seeing how this place was doing, he and Abby had in this period traveled most of their way between Mirabella and Athela.

However, even though weeks had passed, Minos was still at level 54, only a few steps away from achieving his advancement to the next level.

He and Abby had been cultivating and training hard over the past few days, even training with the Elite Squad soldiers in the Spatial Kingdom and the Feathered Serpent, Virtus.

But at the point he was, Minos would need to constantly fight with Spiritual Emperors to stimulate faster advances. Unfortunately, however, there were no such people in this region, and he could only rely on his excellent cultivation speed within the Spatial Kingdom.

In any case, that king already knew that his next breakthrough would happen in a month at most, probably before he and Abby arrived in Dry City.

As for what he would do to boost faster advances in the future, this man was already thinking about returning to military exercises with his soldiers.

The Black Plain Army was growing daily, and the number of Spiritual Kings in this organization could pass 200 quickly. But, at the same time, it would not take long before there was a legion of regional peak cultivators, which could provide some challenges for him.

After all, unlike Minos' ordinary opponents, the high-level soldiers of his army had Silver-grade techniques. But on the other hand, many of them had years of experience in collective fighting.

Consequently, fighting them could provide a much more significant challenge to King Stuart than doing the same against ordinary enemies!

With that, he intended to use his men to improve his cultivation speed in this region as much as possible until at least he reached a minimum strength to leave this large territory of his safely.

In theory, Spiritual Kings, like Ruth, could travel relatively safely between regions. But this was due not to their strength but their knowledge and means. Regional Spiritual Kings, for example, did not have the means or the knowledge to leave that region safely. Therefore, even those stronger than the fiancée of Minos would not dare to leave those areas.

As for the means Ruth or others could use if they had crystals and information, there was the possibility of traveling through wormholes or teleportation arrays.

In any case, Minos did not want to use such means unnecessarily. On the contrary, he wanted to experience the cultivation world outside the northern region while at the same time taking advantage of the opportunities and challenges of a more straightforward method of travel.

With this, he knew that he was not prepared at the moment and would face the same dangers as regional Spiritual Kings who ventured outside this region.

In other words, it would be a significant risk to leave his territory for the time being!

On the other hand, the Black Plain was in its primary stage of development, and there was much for him to do and sort out in the coming years. Thus, he aimed not to leave this region until he at least reached level 60 and improved the strength of his army and state!

But he was not worried about his advancements. Having no strong opponent would delay his advancements to the level 60 by weeks, at most a few months. As such, he was at ease with the possibility of training alongside his soldiers until he reached that level!

In that way, the young man, who was already at the peak of level 54, was currently flying over the vicinity of Athela, sitting behind Abby on Maida's back.

"My love, I think that map is related to this place, no?" Abby broke the silence as she looked back and asked.

"Oh?" Minos' eyes widened in surprise that Abby had noticed that without him saying anything.

"I've felt my connection to that map increase over the past few days. It's as if it's showing me that we're close to that place marked with an 'x.'" She explained.

"Sigh..."

After sighing for a moment, Minos was honest with his woman. "I didn't think that would happen... But, yes, that map is of those areas of the Kingdom of the Waves."

"So..."

"What are we going to do?"

He hugged her waist tighter and closed his eyes, thinking for a moment about this question. "Well, let's look for local information."

"Since this map indicates a place in the vicinity of this kingdom's capital, perhaps the family that has ruled this place for hundreds of thousands of years has some hint." He said as Abby watched him, waiting for her man's decision.

She genuinely was curious to find out what such a thing led to. But Abby felt that without Minos' consent, she could not go ahead to try to answer her questions. So, she would follow whatever he decided!

"Do you think the Walker family might have some information?" She asked.

"It's hard to say. They could either know something or have no idea about it. After all, even the Scourges of the Devil did not discover that map inside their 'house'..."

"But given how long the Walker family has ruled this territory, they are our best chance of getting some information."

"In any case, if we don't find anything with them, we'll let the matter cool off for a while. Then, let's return to the Black Plain, take care of our state, cultivation, and family."

"Sooner or later, we can return and resolve our doubts." He said calmly, noting Abby's satisfied smile.

"That's good too."

Abby wanted to resolve this issue, but her desire to have a family with Minos was much more significant. Hence, hearing his words, she was more than satisfied with how her man wanted to handle the situation.

With that decided, the two of them headed towards that city less than 50 kilometers from where they were.

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At the same time as the most important couple of this region were flying over the vicinity of Athela, another group of migrants had just arrived in Dry City.

However, amidst the 25,000 individuals who had had the good fortune to be able to join the local labor forces, someone Minos had met previously was there, hopeful but also regretful.

After almost nine years since he had met Minos, Peter, Barbara, Joey, Robin, and Abby, Milton, level 47, had joined this city that he had once refused...

At that time, after being freed from slavery by Minos' group that attacked the then Chambers family base, Milton had declined the invitation of the ruler of the Black Plains to come here. Instead of doing so, he had gone back to his old village, where he had lived all this time.

However, with the war, Martin had discovered who his savior was and where Barbara, Joey, Robin, and Peter, his slaves' companions, were.

Peter particularly had not become someone common to appear on regional news since, for much of the war, he had not fought on the Black Plain. But Robin and Barbara had become warriors of regional renown, responsible for many regional specialists' deaths.

Because of this, Martin discovered what he had missed by refusing Minos' good offer at that time.

However, time had already passed, and there was no way to reverse his decisions. As such, he had waited until the moment when peace was re-established to make up for his lost time.

Thus, he had arrived in Dry City, coming from one of the villages now part of the great territory of the Black Plain.

"Sigh..."

"Looks like you still came here in the end, huh?" An elderly man said this as he looked in Milton's direction.

"Better late than never, I suppose..." Milton gave a dull smile as he saw old Joey in an army area, where migrants went through the primary interrogation to get permission to stay.

"Hahaha, well, those three are already Spiritual Kings, but if you try hard, you can still get close to them." Old Joey greeted that fellow with one of his hands. "Work hard and good luck."

"Thank you."

Chapter 1055 The Walker Family Secret

After some time, Minos and Abby finally arrived in the capital of the Kingdom of the Waves, where, just as in Mirabella, they had been received with the honors that only monarchs could enjoy.

All the members of the local royalty had welcomed them at the entrance of the royal palace while the local troops played instruments and the like.

After such a welcome to the person who had slaughtered the core of this family, Minos and Abby were taken by Blake to the royal throne hall.

Then, arriving in that place, Minos promptly sat down in that seat belonging to Blake, with Abby on his lap, while this family core stood in front of them.

Thus, they had arrived at the current situation, where the Spiritual Kings who were guarding the area, dressed in the uniform of the royal guard, were trembling while looking at that dangerous couple.

"Your Majesty, may I know the grace of your visit?" Blake asked in a low voice, trying not to look directly into Minos' eyes.

At the same time, his mother and the former state queen stood side by side with him and Wilfred, profiled in front of the royal throne, each silently staring at the ground.

"Hmm, I want to know how this state is after your ascension. Are there any problems? Are you managing to deal with the migrations?" Minos asked this as he relaxed in that place, with one of his hands on Abby's waist and one on the right arm of that throne.

As Abby watched in Blake's direction, this level 52 fellow answered sincerely. "After I took over the family's leadership, my group has managed to suppress all opposition, and we are implementing even difficult measures without much difficulty."

"Aside from the political aspect, we have several problems with the population of parts of the kingdom that were disturbed by the bold actions of certain houses during the war."

"But be assured, Your Majesty, we are fully capable of resolving this without causing damage to Black Plain."

Abby then asked. "What about the families in your Kingdom with connection to the Scourges of the Devil? What are you doing?"

All the regional royal families already knew about that list of organizations with the potential to cause trouble and were already taking action regarding that. In the Kingdom of the End, for example, Minos and Abby had already heard about what House Carline had been doing and potential methods of action.

Blake then replied. "We have two families in the Kingdom with their names on the list sent by King Snow. We are already investigating these families, and if we notice any non-compliance with the laws imposed by the Black Plain, we will immediately deal with them."

"We already have plans for that, so Ma'am can rest assured about those two families."

"In any case, they are not strong, and only a few of our Spiritual Kings are enough to deal with them in case of trouble."

"Oh? That's good."

"As for migration," Blake continued. "Most of our population had already opted for regular migration to the Black Plain. But after the recent news of what's been happening with illegal migrants, our concerns at the borders are diminishing by the day."

"At the current pace, we can reach a sustainable level to stop illegal immigration completely in the next three months."

"So, even if we still have many people trying to cross the border in advance, the situation is going well, Your Majesty."

"Hmm, I see..." Minos smiled, feeling that the regional situation was developing more or less as he would like.

"Well, if that is the case, I am satisfied with your work so far. However, I have an important mission to give you..." He looked at each of those people, especially the previous queen, who was the strongest in this place and also the oldest.

"Actually, I seek a certain information..." He took the map out of his spatial ring as he saw the curious eyes of those who were also a little apprehensive.

After all, Minos was dangerous, and it would be much better for all of them if he just wanted to know about the local situation. But missions, well, that might not be good for any of them!

'What does he want?' Wilfred's mother, level 57, wondered as she saw an old map appear in Minos' hand.

"That's a map that Abby and I got recently by breaking into the Scourges of the Devil headquarters..." He paused and looked more seriously at those people. "That map indicates an area in this region of your state."

After that, he threw the map in the direction of those people, allowing them to observe that.

"Do you know something?" Abby looked at them with interest, waiting for those people to answer.

And upon seeing that, those four people opened their mouths in shock, surprised to see such an item in Minos' hands.

"How can that be?"

"Did the Scourges of the Devil also have a key?"

"What?" The Queen Mother looked in disbelief at her former harem sister. "Is that really what I'm thinking?"

That level 57 woman then shook her head positively, incredulous to see that her family's secret was not exclusive to them.

"Oh? It looks like you know about it, huh?" Minos said as an arc formed on his lips and his other hand fell on Abby's firm thighs.

"Tell us what you know," Abby said excitedly.

Gulp!

"Your... Your Majesty... Ma'am..." Blake said with difficulty, looking at his mother and then at Wilfred's mother, uncertain what to do at this difficult moment.

"Sigh..." Wilfred's mother sighed in defeat, feeling she would have to hand even that over to Minos. 'There's nothing to do. A treasure has no value if we can't use it...'

'It's not worth dying to keep it!'

She then stepped forward and began to explain. "Well, that's a long story, one intertwined with House Walker's formation."

Hearing that, Minos and Abby became more interested in listening to that woman, surprised that such a thing had more relation to this family than they had thought.

"Before I explain exactly what that is, don't you find it strange that my late husband tried to advance a stage when he hadn't even lived half his life expectancy?"

Advancing to the 7th stage in this region was a hazardous process for regional experts. Thus, they usually would not risk it unless they did not have much to lose.

"Oh? He tried to advance because of that thing?" Minos readily understood what that woman was saying. "That needs someone with the strength of a Spiritual Emperor?"

"Hmm, sort of, Your Majesty."

"The truth is that William was very confident in his talent because he was the youngest peak Spiritual King our family has had. Because of this, he convinced himself that he could advance to the 7th stage and take the family to a new level after accessing 'our' treasure."

"Because of that, he suffered so much..." She said with a sad tone, speaking a little lower than usual.

She then increased her tone. "Anyway, he didn't do it for a bet!"

"Two hundred thousand years ago, our ancestors found a map identical to this one." She waved that piece of paper. "Such a map was in an ancient ruin, where the Flooded Valley is located today. It was in a tomb of an ancient Spiritual Saint!"

"Because of that, our ancestors always knew how valuable that map was!"

"But back then, the ancestor who found that map didn't understand where it led, where to begin his quests. After all, all those names and descriptions don't refer to known places."

"But as our family already led this state and had many experts, eventually they understand that such a thing was in the newly formed Kingdom of the Waves."

"From there, our family began its mission to uncover the secret behind that map." magic

"And so?" Abby asked.

"Well, we found the place, but there was a problem..."

"A problem?"

"Yes, unfortunately, not just anyone can enter that place."

"Our ancestors didn't know at the time, but after many generations, we eventually found out that only the descendants of our ancestor who had first touched that map could access that!"

"Other than his descendants, no one else could enter that Secret Tomb, not even read the test instructions."

"Secret Tomb? Instructions?"

"Test?"

Minos and Abby said at the same time.

"In short, that map our ancestor got is a tool that contains a genetic key left behind by a Spiritual Demigod."

"That key is what gives access to the Secret Tomb, the test left behind by that person!"

Chapter 1056 Secret Tomb

"Since our family found such a map, it took thousands of years before one of our ancestor's descendants reached the minimum requirements to understand it."

Wilfred's mother continued her explanation. "To see the secrets of the Secret Tomb, someone has to be at least a Spiritual King. Otherwise, it is simply impossible. Because of this and due to the misfortune of fate, our family had been hampered for thousands of years due to the premature deaths of the ancestor's descendants."

"Fortunately, as time passed, the number of people with the ancestor's blood in our family increased, and someone finally managed to enter that place and see the secret instructions."

"From that day on, our family discovered the meaning behind that map, the treasure in our state!"

Abby's eyes sparkled in curiosity after those words were spoken, full of interest in knowing more about the history of that family.

Minos continued to stare at that level 57 woman as if telling her to continue. He then listened. "The descendant of our ancestor who first got to see that place as it actually is discovered four things."

Wilfred's mother showed the index finger of her right hand to Minos and continued. "First. He discovered what I just spoke of, the need for a Spiritual King with our ancestor's blood to access that place fully."

"Through this information left in there, we discovered that the map found by our ancestor was a high-level ancient tool. Such a thing was developed to genetically pass on the key to the Secret Tomb through the one who first touched it."

"A genetic key?" Minos and Abby finally understood that person's previous words.

"That's right." She nodded with a serious look on her face. "There isn't much information about it, but we have concluded that after touching that map, our ancestor had part of his genetics altered. That part was passed on to his descendants, something that allowed many of us to become candidates for what is in the Secret Tomb."

"Oh?" Minos looked at Abby, finally understanding what had happened to her. 'So that put her on the list of candidates, huh?'

But he soon returned his attention to Wilfred's mother's speech. "Because of this, eventually, our ancestor's lineage became the main lineage of the Walker family. So, at present, Blake, my son, and I can access that place."

The former queen of the Kingdom of the Wave, Wilfred's mother, was the daughter of the son of the brother of William Walker's grandfather, her late husband. Since the late King Walker's grandfather belonged to the lineage of that ancestor, this woman also shared that heritage.magic

After explaining that, she made the two-finger gesture and continued. "Second. Once one of the inheritance candidates in that place reaches level 60, that person will be able to start the test left by someone entitled Goddess of Life."

"Goddess of Life?" Minos and Abby looked at each other since they had both discovered that map at the headquarters of the Scourges of the Devil, an organization that worshipped the teachings of the God of Death.

But after looking at each other for a moment, neither continued to find it strange for much longer. After all, because of some of the records they got from that place, they both knew that the Scourges of the Devil had stolen that place from another organization.

That way, it was not so strange to find out that there was a clue in that place from a different God than the one worshipped by those now-dead assassins.

"Hmm, that's the name on the Secret Tomb." She then made the three-finger gesture. "Third. Once a Spiritual Emperor with the genetic key enters there and proceeds with the test, that person must be prepared to follow through with such a thing to the end, since supposedly the treasure left there will begin to degrade once the test begins."

"Fourth. There is a requirement regarding the Physique rating of the candidates. The minimum to proceed with the test is Saint-grade."

"Saint-grade, huh? King Walker had that Physique?" Abby asked in curiosity, not seeing a problem in that since she had such a thing.

"Yes, Ma'am, he had..."

High-level physiques were rare to find. However, a person's chances of passing on their physical quality to their offspring were significantly higher than passing on their cultivation talent.

For example, a couple with the same degree of Physique had almost a 90% chance of passing it on to their children. On the other hand, the chance of a couple with the same degree of talent passing it on to their children was about 50%.

Because of this, keeping the degree of Physique within a family was relatively easier, and despite the rarity, it was not so strange to find people with Saint-grade Physiques in this region.

Yes, it was rare, only seen once every tens of millions of people. But even so, there were at least a dozen people in the region with Physiques of this quality.

William had been one of these people, as well as the late King Cromwell, these three individuals from the Walker family, Abby, and some from the Snow Kingdom and Kingdom of the End.

Anyway, after he finished listening to that woman's explanation, Minos was curious to know what was in this Secret Tomb.

He looked into Abby's eyes and saw that she was even more excited than he was and asked. "Do you want to see this place? Unfortunately, we won't be able to do anything now, but it won't hurt to take a look."

"Yes, let's do that." She stood up from his lap, already making a motion to take one of his hands and pull him along.

She looked at those four people and said. "Show us the way. We want to see that place."

Blake and Wilfred then looked at each other, thinking that it would make no difference to these people that did not have the genetic key to go to such a place. After all, with only a piece of old paper left behind by the Scourges of the Devil, what could they have but curiosity?

But since they did not want to piss off the most powerful woman in the region, they could only lead the way for those two. "This way..."

And then, while being watched by the many guards in the surrounding area, the group of three women and three men made their way out of that royal hall.

The Secret Tomb was located precisely in the middle of Athela, in the basement of the Walker family's royal palace, the most well-protected place in that state!

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Soon the six people finished going down the flight of stairs that led to the most extreme point of the basement of that area, a place with the typical design of a crypt.

Several torches were burning and illuminating the surroundings while royal guards dressed in red guarded the entrance.

But when those level 55 Spiritual Kings, the ones left to do this job after Minos' previous visit, saw them, each one quickly left their positions, making room for the newcomers to pass.

Passing those people, Minos and Abby finally reached the inside of that crypt, where there was a statue in the central part, which was the same size as the one in the Scourges of the Devil headquarters.

"Oh?" Minos looked at that place with interest as he finally spread his spiritual sense around the surroundings.

After that, he, as well as Abby, Blake, Wilfred, and this man's mother, saw the symbols on a black plaque on that statue appear, something that others could not see.

"Hmmm, looks like you didn't lie..." Minos commented in a low voice, surprising those people once again.

"What? You can see?" Blake said in amazement as he looked at Minos, already feeling his family would miss such a thing.

"Yeah, I didn't expect to see that either..." Minos smiled as he looked at his Spatial Kingdom ring, seeing that thing glowing. 'Looks like I forced my way onto the list of such candidates, hehehe.'

'Apparently, Herincus Longus was much better than this Goddess of Life. Or was this person not a real God?' He wondered, remembering that, as with the case of the God of Death, there were no records of a Goddess of Life.

'Hmm, could it be that the Spiritual Church erased the titles of these people from history? Why would they do that?'

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Chapter 1057 Promise of Return

Minos then put aside his doubts about the origin of these two Gods he had learned about in recent weeks to pay attention to the content in that place.

Knowing more of the mysteries behind such people could be interesting and even necessary. But at his level, Minos preferred not to get too involved in this.

Such a thing would not only be a waste of time since he did not have enough information to think of anything, but also an extra worry about something not related to him.

So, he turned his attention to the problem in front of him, something he could actually get involved in.

Among the inscriptions in that place were some essential points about the tomb and requirements for participating in the inheritance of the Goddess of Life. In addition to what Wilfred's mother had said, there was more specific information regarding what a candidate could expect when starting the test.

According to that information, upon reaching level 60, any interested candidate could come to this place and infuse their cultivation into the Goddess of Life statue. After doing so, the test would begin, and each competitor who met the requirements would be teleported into the Secret Tomb below that crypt.

In such a place, the candidates would have to go through some tests that could last up to a few months. So, there were also recommendations there for candidates to prepare themselves for the challenges of that!

Finally, although several people could dispute the inheritance of the Goddess of Life at the same time, only one could be granted the purpose of it. But supposedly, artifacts and other things were stored there for participants with a good performance to get something of value.

"Tsk!"

"It's not for nothing that King Walker got a little carried away..."

Minos muttered as he smiled at the possibilities of that place. 'But this is truly interesting. If there's something in that tomb, then it's likely that there are other inheritances around the Spiritual World.'

"Hmmm, I'll have to pay attention to that in the future!"

While King Stuart was watching that place with many ideas in his mind, Abby had a smile on her face, feeling that she could gain a lot there and still get closer to her man. She then commented to the people there, "I seem to feel a connection to this place. Do you all feel that? It's like that good feeling before a victory or something happy..."

"Oh?" Wilfred's mother looked at that blue-haired woman and smiled. "That's normal."

"Everyone who shares the genetic key to this place feels connected to what is here."

"We have no way of knowing for sure since this here was created by people of much higher levels than the elders of our family. But over the past 150,000 years, House Walker has done a lot of research into this heritage and has concluded that this feeling is nothing more than the genetic key telling us what to do."

"This is more or less similar to what happens to women when we reach a certain age or circumstances. Sooner or later, most of us will feel the biological clock ticking and will want to have children."

"That's basically a way for our genes, or nature, to make us desire reproduction, thus ensuring the continuation of the species."

"That genetic key is something like that. It not only allows us to participate in that inheritance but also creates a feeling of need to stimulate us to complete the inheritance."

"That feeling will increase as you get closer to level 60..." She said in a slightly lower tone, feeling that, in a way, this had also been responsible for her late husband's rush.

"I don't feel any of that..." Minos smiled and said, finding his abnormality interesting. "Will I be able to take the test?"

"What? You don't feel it?" Blake asked with a strange expression.

In truth, neither of them thought that Minos and Abby would end up on the list of candidates for that position. After all, if these two had discovered the previous map at the headquarters of another organization, it was to be expected that the owners of the key would be the dead assassins in that place.

But mysteriously, both Abby and Minos could see the special instructions in that crypt, which only inheritance candidates could do.

Thinking about it, the new king of this state could not help but be surprised at Minos' 'irregular' situation.

"I feel this is an ordinary place, but without the danger of the unknown. Other than that, I feel no sympathy or compatibility." He was sincere as he looked at the female statue in front of him.

"That's strange..." Wilfred's mother commented. "But since you can see those instructions, you are a candidate. So, I don't think there will be any problems."

After that, they talked for some time until Minos finalized the subject. "Well, we're nowhere near level 60 anyway, so let's leave that subject for another time."

After taking one of Abby's hands and starting to move towards the exit of the crypt, Minos looked at those people and said. "I feel that what is here may be valuable to your Walker family, and I don't want just to take everything that is here for myself for no reason."

"You have already paid and are still paying for your crimes in various ways. Therefore, there is no reason for me to use your past mistakes to take this place."

The eyes of those four sparkled at Minos' words, with signs of hope arising in their hearts. "As such, I wish you good luck in reaching level 60 before Abby does. If that happens, I will not stop you from taking that test before her..." He laughed.

"If that doesn't happen, I will give you a year after Abby reaches level 60. That will be the time for one of you to become a Spiritual Emperor and participate in that inheritance with me and her."

"After that, we will take the test ourselves and clean this place up!" He said confidently.

He had no way of knowing what was in the Secret Tomb, nor whether he and Abby would be able to complete the inheritance. But one way or another, if he went into that place beside his woman, those people could forget about getting things from there!

"That..." Those four people looked at each other quickly, feeling that Minos was playing with their hearts.

'How are we going to do that? Even William, who was at the peak of the 6th stage, failed, but I'm only at level 57, and I'm not even 50% as talented as he was!' Wilfred's mother thought about it with a feeling of defeat.

'Besides, this young lady is only 25 and is already at level 54!'

'How will I get to level 60 before she does?'

'Impossible!'

"We'll do our best, Your Majesty." Blake said, feeling that there was no other alternative but to hope that one of them would succeed in becoming a Spiritual Emperor.

"Hmmm, good luck." Minos laughed before bidding them farewell. "Well, I'll rest for two nights in this city of yours. But don't bother too much with us. We don't want to see anyone who isn't invited." magic

"All right?"

"OK!" They simultaneously said until Minos disappeared among the corridors of the royal palace, proceeding to the room that had already been prepared for him and Abby.

Meanwhile, those four people looked at each other again, standing in front of the entrance to that crypt. "What shall we do, mother?" Wilfred asked in a defeated tone.

"There are no alternatives here but for one of the three of us to reach level 60 within the interval given by him."

"Sigh..."

"How long exactly do we have? A decade?" The Queen Mother asked.

Blake then shook his head in denial at his mother's question. "From her age and cultivation, I guess we have between 5 and 7 years at most."

Wilfred's mother added. "Then we have to get it in that time frame!"

"How?" Wilfred questioned, feeling that it was impossible.

"It shouldn't be hard for me to get to level 58 in the next few months. The problem will come after that... In any case, even if I use pills to force an advance to level 59, I think you guys will still have a better chance than me of breaking the regional cultivation barrier."

"I know you are only at level 53, but if we use some medicines and pills, getting you to level 59 shouldn't be that difficult. The problem of all will be advancing to the 7th stage..." She sighed after saying that.

That was not an alternative that regional organizations would use as it could very well hurt the family's financial reserves greatly and was sure to damage the cultivation foundation of people who used such methods.

But in that woman's view, this was their only alternative!

"Wilfred, you are a bit stronger than Blake in terms of cultivation and already have your combat proficiency impaired due to your missing arm. So, we'll focus on you as the first option regarding that."

"All right, mother!" Wilfred said with a smile on his face, not caring if that could damage his foundation.

He no longer had expectations of being a great fighter. So, having the chance to reach level 60 and get some of the treasures in the local inheritance was already very good for him.

Thus, he did not feel bad about his mother's suggestion!

"Well, let's go back and make our preparations."

"The most important thing of all is that the family gets something out of all this!" She said to the two brothers, demonstrating some of what it meant to act for the organization's good.

Chapter 1058 Level 55

A month passed in the blink of an eye...

After his brief stint in the crypt at the Walker family palace, Minos stayed in the capital of the Kingdom of the Waves for two days before finally making his way back to the Black Plain.

All the matters he and Abby had to settle on this trip had already been resolved, and with that, they only had it in mind to return to the Black Plain when they left Athela days ago.

They would eventually return to Athela a year after Abby reached level 60, as promised to that family. But considering she had just reached level 54 and the stage of development that the Black Plain was at, even she had put the matter of that inheritance behind her.

And with that, the two of them quietly traveled from north to south of the Kingdom of the Waves, having made a few stops on their way, but without much delay.

They were already months away from Dry City, and another group from the Flaming Empire had already passed through that place and caused chaos by searching for Minos.

They had found out about this in Athela. Still, since they were far away and everything had already been settled, the most they could do was to pick up the pace during these remaining weeks of travel.

In any case, the Black Plain had lost two high-level Spiritual Kings to eliminate four Spiritual Emperors.

That was bad news, but considering that this had been the first major battle the Black Plain had faced off against people of that level without Minos' presence, it had also been a significant victory!

Consequently, despite the two dead and several wounded, things on the Black Plain were still stable, and both Minos and Abby had not been disappointed or sorry.

It was a shame about those deaths, but the battlefield could be complicated, and even in the presence of Minos and Abby, those people could still have died anyway. However, what had happened was a testament to the development of this man's strength, something for the survivors to use to build their confidence and go even further!

In addition to these events on the Black Plain, Minos had reached level 55 two days ago, when they had left the Feathered Serpents' territory.

Virtus was still in the Spatial Kingdom, striving to reach the 7th stage, but even so, Minos had stopped by that place to give some commands to his allies.

But without wasting much time, he and Abby soon flew to Dry City, having arrived there only moments ago!

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"Congratulations on reaching level 55, Your Grace! Master would be amazed to see you advancing so easily!" Dillian laughed as he said those words, happy to see that fellow he had helped to raise.

"Hmmm, you reaching level 57 was also superb. Congratulations, Dillian. We now have our first high-level grade-2 doctor!" Minos smiled back as he settled into the royal throne hall.

That was a special moment when the King and the future Queen returned from their crusade through the region. Hence, not only had they been welcomed with a celebration in Dry City, but also quickly came to this location where they could receive status updates.

And that was what they were doing in that hall, where Minos and Abby were seated on similar thrones while a dozen or so people were standing around.

Some of them were simply high-level soldiers, members of this state's newly created royal guard. But, for the moment, only four were there, and each was in one of the corners of that rectangular area.

Among them was Eduard, currently at level 56, and Mirya, who was at the same level as that former bodyguard of Elena.

On the other hand, a beautiful woman with black hair and a luxurious dress stood on one side of that hall, close to where Minos and Abby were.

She had a gracious smile on her face, a loving gaze so warm in the direction of that king that it would be hard for anyone there not to realize who she was.

Who else could she be but Ruth?

She stood in one corner of the place, observing everything without interfering in this formal event.

She had arrived in Dry City a few days ago, finally come to this place for good, with no further commitments to her past in the Flaming Empire.

With this, in addition to her cultivation that had already reached level 56, she was here to give herself to her man and finally help him deal with his worries.

But for now, she did not want to get in the way of that moment and was waiting on one side of that royal hall.

'Minos...'

In any case, seven other people were facing the steps to the royal throne, some of them kneeling in reverence and others standing.

Each of those on their knees wore the uniform of the Black Plain Army. In contrast, those standing wore formal clothes, typically worn by government agents.

Dillian was obviously one of them and was in his traditional black and white suit, standing next to the first step of those stairs.

After hearing Minos' compliment, Dillian felt very good since he had never imagined that one day he would reach the regional peak in his profession.

But in just a decade at his young master's side, he had grown so much!

It was something incredible for him!

The people there then congratulated Minos, followed by congratulating Abby's advancement during her months away.

Finally, after a few moments of greetings and laughter in that area decorated with various paintings made by Minos, they began to talk about more serious matters.

"Your Grace, much development has been done these past few months." Mia said this in a tone laden with happiness, while her oval belly hid from no one there that this level 48 woman was pregnant.

She and Peter were barely married and already expecting a child!

How lucky they were!

Abby, as well as Ruth, thought of something like this when they found out about it.

Mia then continued. "After months of hard work and constant arrivals of immigrants to Black Plain, we have finally reached the 1.1 million population mark, with four satellite cities to our capital and the New Maritime City."

Naval City-1 had been renamed after passing 200,000 inhabitants since it was not good to have a generic name like the previous one. And as many of the residents of that place were natives of the destroyed Maritime City, the local government had named that place after it.

"Currently, Dry City has more than 800,000 inhabitants, and we have already completed the construction of four neighborhoods outside the local defensive dome."

"As for the satellite cities of Dry City, they continue to develop faster and faster, and it shouldn't be long until the entire belt of cities is built as planned."

"Hmmm." Minos nodded in appreciation, confirming some of what he had seen upon arriving in his city.

The Dry City that was now being developed would have a slightly different shape than the previous one, which Minos had seen upon his arrival.

The new Dry City would be developed externally to the local defensive dome, where new inhabitants could live and move around without difficulty. But, on the other hand, the old area of this city, protected by the dome, would remain a security area, and the entry restrictions would increase considerably.

Not only would the primary services remain there, but only pre-war citizens or unique individuals would be able to live within this area from now on.

And as expected, Minos did not intend to extend his defensive dome into the surrounding area, something easily seen by anyone arriving in Dry City at this time.

"But we are dealing with what is necessary, and in the coming months, we will be able to welcome even more people than in this brief beginning."

"With the investments of the families allied and subordinate to our organizations before or during the war, the Bank of the Black Plain has managed to raise over 7 billion low-grade crystals in that period."magic

"Coupled with the increase in local production, our capacity to absorb migrants has greatly increased, Your Grace."

"Very good!"

"Now tell me about the numbers in our fields. When will we be able to expand our food supply beyond Stone Island?"

"By the way, how is the study to assess the price increase in our products?" Minos asked those people.

Chapter 1059 Situation and Plans

After some time being updated on local agricultural matters, Minos and Abby discovered that the number of hectares planted had doubled in the intervening period. However, since such improvements had not yet borne fruit, it would still be a few months before the financial result would affect the Black Plain.

On the other hand, the Black Plain food prices that had previously been at a significant discount on Stone Island were not going to stay that way. After all, Minos had only given that initial discount because he wanted to gain customers and crystals that his forces needed so urgently.

But in the current scenario where he and the Black Plain were free to act openly, there was no reason to keep the high-level food from that place at prices similar to the low-level ones!

With that, the local government was already working to raise the prices to Elen little by little. But, on the other hand, once they started doing business in the other five kingdoms in the region, the initial offering price would already be the maximum possible for the business to be profitable.

Minos still intended to keep a small discount for Stone Island, but for these other places, this would not happen.

In any case, the new values of the local products would still be lower than those of the imported foods from outside the region, something positive for both parties. With this, Minos could make a more significant profit on his business, while the regional nobility could buy high-level foods for lower prices.

It was perfect!

On the other hand, Minos did not miss the opportunity to order his government to communicate with the Night News about advertisements regarding the price difference of high-level foods for citizens of the Black Plain and people from outside this state.

That was another chance for him to attract populations to his territory!

As for the price of food for the local population, well, that would also increase, but only for people living in Dry City. After all, most of these inhabitants had been around for years, so they had a higher purchasing power than the new immigrants.

As for the new cities, the citizens of each would experience the old discounted prices previously seen in Dry City for up to 10 years after each city was established.

With this measure, Minos hoped to maintain the opportunities of his territory, encourage the maturation of newly added populations, and even improve the collection of crystals among those more wealthy.

Not only that, Dry City was naturally the best place to live right now. But a state could not develop through just one city. So, this measure also served to encourage new migrants and even old citizens from the capital to spread out across this state.

Hence, after 20 minutes of conversations with those local government officials, Minos and Abby finished discussing the matter.

"Well, now that the subject of agriculture and the local economy has been discussed, I want to talk about the future of spiritual beasts on the Black Plain." Minos said as he looked at the individual responsible for this in his government.

"As I said before, I wish to create natural parks for spiritual beasts in the main territory of the Black Plain. Specifically, I want to build strategic places that will function not only as homes for our beasts and allies but also advanced surveillance posts."

The idea of satellite cities in Dry City was mainly to maintain a large population of farmers near the local fields. But such an idea also served to expand the capital's area of protection since having hundreds of thousands or millions of people in the satellite cities would already be a significant barrier to enemies trying to approach the capital.

And Minos intended to make more barriers like this around the Black Plain, some of them with beasts as the principal members of his forces.

The idea was to create strategically placed natural parks, where beasts would kill any human who entered such areas and did not have the authorization of the army. With this, in the future, anyone traveling through the Black Plain would have to use specific routes, facilitating the local forces' surveillance work!

With this in mind, Minos could not help but advance this matter by talking it over with those members of the local government.

The person responsible for that matter then said. "Your Grace, we already have the plans to move forward with your ambition. We have already chosen the strategic areas and designed the roads that will be built across the Black Plain."

"And with the reforestation plan for the Black Plain, now we just need the manpower and resources to start the work."

Despite the plantation fields around Dry City, the 200,000 square kilometers of the Black Plain's main territory was still basically desert. As such, for Minos' plan to happen, the local government would have to reforest several areas of the territory, build artificial lakes and rivers, and add living things to them.

It was neither easy nor cheap to do such a thing, so they naturally had not started yet.

Abby then said. "While we were traveling, we made contact with several groups of spiritual beasts in the region, and some of them showed interest in joining our plans."

"Besides, the beasts of the Flooded Valley are just waiting for our orders to come to the Black Plain to help with the preparations."

"Then communicate with them and try to do what you can without us having to invest many crystals at the moment. I am sure that these many species of beasts can help us get parts of the resources needed for the reforestation of the Black Plain." She finished.

"All right, Ma'am." That person made a mental note, ready to get on with that subject as soon as this occasion finished.

After that, a few more minutes of conversation passed, and Minos finally looked at one of those soldiers kneeling on the ground and asked. "Old Joey, your appearance is much better now that you have become a Spiritual King!"

"Congratulations on your advancement!"

"Hahaha, thank you, Your Grace!"

Minos then waved two fingers of his right hand and said. "Come on, get up. Your knees must be tired from standing like this..."

"No, Your Grace, it is an honor for each of us to be like this!" Joey said with a proud look on his face, followed by the comments of his fellow army members.

"Is it? Then tell me how my army is. The challenge of weeks ago was certainly important, so tell me, are there many wounded? What about the advances of the strongest soldiers?"

Old Joey then was the first to speak. "We have 20 Spiritual Kings from the middle part of this stage and 2 of the end who need a few months of medical care because of this last attack. But they will eventually recover without sequels."

"On the other hand, even considering the two dead we had recently, the number of Spiritual Kings in the army has increased by another 15 since the departure of Your Grace and Ma'am."

"Oh? That's good news." Abby commented with a smile on her face as she looked at her man.

Minos nodded in agreement and then looked at someone else there, a soldier who soon began to explain the army numbers, which had not changed since the last update.

But Minos was not disappointed since he had expected such a thing. After all, the recent addition of population had not increased the pool of people able to compete for places in the army.

Moreover, considering the Black Plain needed to focus on building cities, expanding the Dry City, and planting fields, there was not a large enough group of people to compete for army slots.

So, in this period of Minos and Abby's absence, no selection took place in the army, and such an organization only experienced a quality improvement.

Minos then looked at the two youths who were kneeling there in front of him and smiled. "Lee, you have finally become a Spiritual King. Very good! You must be the first to achieve this in this region under 21!"

After those words were spoken, everyone there looked at Lee with expressions of admiration on their faces, proud to have someone so promising in the younger generation of the army.

As for Alison, she was standing next to her husband, pouting since it would still take a few weeks for her to get past level 49 and reach the 6th stage.

"I am flattered, master!"

Minos then continued. "Now that you are already at that level and Alison is almost there, I will send you to one of the four satellite cities of Dry City that have already been built."

"You will take care of army affairs and some administrative matters in that place for the next four years. Then, if you do well, I will give you a city and territory to rule in my name."

"That will be the test for you to become Duke and Duchess!"

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After Minos' words, Lee and Alison thanked him with all the sincerity they had while being congratulated by the people in the surrounding area.

Even Ruth had watched them interestedly since there were not many Spiritual Kings that young even in the Flaming Empire.

Not only that, as she had seen those two in many situations over the years, she could not help but feel how impressive Minos' methods were.

'Those two have good talents, but at the end of the day, they definitely only achieved this feat because of Minos...' She watched in her man's direction, feeling a warmth in her body as she imagined she might finally know the truth behind him.

'I wonder what he is hiding? How did he make so many ordinary people so much better? Will he tell me these things later?' She bit her lips in anticipation.

After a few moments of conversation among the people in the surrounding area, Lee and Alison left the center of affairs, their faces still red with excitement.

Minos then looked at Peter, level 52, and said. "Peter, from today on, you will lead the army for the area outside the Dry City dome."

"Your job will be to observe the actions of the local police, as well as look after the army's actions in this area under construction of Dry City."

He then looked at Mia and said. "I will give you four years here in Dry City. In that time, I want you to train your replacement and prepare to take on a bigger challenge."

"After that time, depending on your performance, I will appoint you as Duchess and give you a city to rule in my name." He looked back at Peter and said. "You will also have a status like Mia's, but you will be in charge of army affairs while she will take care of the administrative ones."

"I hope you two don't fail." He smiled, looking at those two faithful subordinates of his.

It would not take long for Mia to reach the 6th stage, and her administration skills had already reached a very high level. As such, it would be a waste not to spread the good fruits of this place around the Black Plain territory.

The capital was definitely the most important place in a kingdom. Still, since it did not work to create a state the size of the Black Plain with only one city, Minos needed to have people of trust around his territory. To do this, he was going to use allied families, such as the houses Cohen, Stokes, Hayes, and Miller, as well as subordinates, Parkinson, Gill, and Austin.

But in addition to these powers, he wanted his army also to have some Dukes and Duchesses to counterbalance the division of power in the kingdom.

That's why he was making these assignments today!

But he would not do this for everyone. For example, Dillian definitely deserved something like that. But this fellow would be much more critical in Dry City since the king, in fact, did not intend to stay there all his time.

With this, there was no way Minos could give Dillian the same chance as those four.

However, not only Dillian but several other members of the Black Plain Army had already earned noble titles from this state. So now, many of them already had family surnames, some rights, and opportunities.

After Minos' statements, Peter and Mia readily accepted this, and they enthusiastically thanked their king.

So, soon most of those people left the royal throne hall, remaining there only Minos, his two women, and the soldiers of the royal guard.

"Eduard, ask him to come in," Minos commented to that fellow as he turned to Ruth. He then smiled and asked. "I guess I won't have to see you leaving for the Flaming Empire anymore, right?"

She walked over to Minos' throne and said. "Hmmm, from now on, I will accompany you whenever I can. No more restrictions, darling."

After that, she quickly sat on Minos' lap and kissed him, satisfied that she finally had the freedom to be entire with him.

"Mmmmm~"

They kissed for a few seconds until their lips parted, and one looked into the other's eyes with various hidden meanings. He then massaged her left cheek and said. "Well, we will soon be married, so I have a few things to discuss with you later, Ruth."

She clasped her hands in anticipation and heard Abby's voice, "I think that will also be a chance for you to get to know the location of our honeymoon..."

"What? What are you talking about?"

Abby chuckled and said. "You'll find out later."

After that, one of the royal guard's soldiers announced someone's arrival. "Sir Grant of the Western Empire is here at Your Grace's call!"

Hearing the voice of one of those royal guards, Minos looked in the direction of the entrance door there, where Eduard was escorting a man in a wheelchair.

Ruth then tried to leave Minos' lap. Still, the man's hands prevented her from doing so, merely having put her in a more comfortable position.

She blushed in embarrassment at having to receive that senior while in that position. Still, Minos ignored her, soon beginning to talk to that person. "So you came, huh?"

When Eduard finally left Grant's wheelchair just ahead of the steps of the stairs in front of the royal throne, that fellow laughed and said. "Well, I was bored in that place and decided to give the rising Black Plain a chance."

"I think my chances are better here."

"Oh? Well, that is indeed true..."

"Tell me how things have been. Are there any problems? Is your stay here being satisfactory?"

After that, they talked about the weeks since Grant's arrival in Dry City, with that man praising highly the local growth and strength that Minos had built.

On the other hand, he had no complaints about the treatment he had received so far. On the contrary, he praised this city team greatly and thanked Minos for the chance to be in this place.

During this time in Dry City, Grant had lived much better than he had in the past decades in that city of the Kingdom of the End. He had not only experienced the quality of local services but also enjoyed the advantages of having a purpose.

He had been given the temporary position of Royal Instructor, having begun his activities with high-level or more talented soldiers of the Black Plain Army.

With this, he was already helping to improve the power of the local forces while using his time in a productive activity that, at the moment, only he could do.

Thus, Minos soon found out about that man's situation and the potential his soldiers would have by being instructed by that former expert.

"Well, it's good that you are doing well, old Grant. As for those matters, we'll eventually talk more about that when it's more convenient." Minos said after their long conversation came to an end.

"I'll look forward to that..."

"Hmm, see you later."

So, after Eduard took that fellow back from where he brought him, Minos finally departed that place alongside his two women, heading for the residential part of his mansion.

In doing so, he saw Brooke on his way, having exchanged some comments with her and congratulated her on reaching level 51. Furthermore, the two of them arranged to meet when he finished sorting out the issues that had accumulated since his last departure...

Finally, after reviewing Eda and Abby's parents, the trio arrived at their residence, where they promptly sat around a living room to talk.

"Ruth, previously, I didn't tell you several things about me because you were part of a sect in the Flaming Empire. You were a disciple of that woman and could not be able to keep certain information. But now that you are mine alone, I am ready to open up to you." He seriously said as he looked into the eyes of the black-haired woman in front of him.

Gulp!

Abby ran one of her hands over her man's back and said to Ruth. "I hope you won't be upset with Minos. What he's going to show you in a few moments truly is worthy of his concern that he didn't fully trust you."

Ruth swallowed her saliva in anticipation and said. "That's fine. I'm not upset. I understand his motivations and blame no one but my own past."

"Good!"

"Now," He showed one of his hands to her and smiled. "Shall we go there?"

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