

Black Plain 1451

Chapter 1451 Beginning Of The Battle

When Minos threw his Black Hole Bomb, the Spiritual Sage immediately noticed the movement of this fellow and sought Abe's location to secure the life of the former Vogel prince.

He knew he could not risk opening a spatial crack near the area affected by such a thing. Otherwise, he would incur the risk of bringing the offensive power of that weapon to himself.

Since he did not want to risk generating the same situation as Gavin's captors and gaining new scars, this specialist has been much more careful lately.

'This guy is truly tricky. He has created a weapon capable of wounding me and is using it to clear the field while preventing me from saving many of Abe's men.' He thought about this as he moved, using only his speed to get Abe away from the focus of the attack.

But for the moment, he could not run any further away via his space manipulation, or he would suffer from the problem of taking a brutal attack in his direction.

At this location, only by flying could he escape the attack safely. But if he used a spatial crack to move further away, he could make the attack reach areas beyond its own limit.

So with that first move, Minos had already managed to immobilize a more desperate escape action by these people, temporarily blocking the Spiritual Sage while clearing the area.

And just like that, the Black Hole Bomb reached its maximum, exploding seconds after Minos threw it!

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When such a thing exploded and made the ground and even the air in the surroundings of that area tremble, all members of the empire forces realized the sign of the beginning of the battle and prepared to fight.

They were protected due to the distance and would not suffer from the immediate effects of that explosion. When it came to the aftermath, the worst of that weapon would pass very quickly. Even if this place turned into a volcanic zone, they could stand there and battle for some time without problems.

While several of their enemies had the remnants of their souls burned away by the fiery flames of the explosion, most of Minos' forces were already circulating their energies. They prepared to launch attacks the moment they could fly into that area.

Soon after Minos' attack, the Spiritual Sage could act again, so they would have to act very quickly to prevent escapes through wormholes.

When the flames from the explosion of that mass destruction weapon subsided, they all vibrated in anticipation as that earlier all-green area turned into a volcanic inferno.

More than a third of Abe's mercenaries there earlier failed to escape Minos' powerful weapon in time and perished there without a trace. But about 60 individuals, the vast majority of them Spiritual Saints, survived the attack since he had acted in a way the strongest had managed to escape.

"Damned Minos Stuart!" One of these men shouted in anger, feeling the catastrophic effects of the enemy leader's movement.

As this ash-dirty person shouted, the other survivors felt their hearts beating faster, imagining they would have nowhere to escape today.

This attack had been stronger than Minos's last one against them. But not only that, they could already see the number of opponents approaching them, flying and launching attacks in their direction. So these people immediately realized the gravity of the situation and began to move.

"Damn it!"

"All that's left is for us to fight to the death!" One of them activated his sacrificial technique, ready to attack with everything he could use to eliminate as many opponents as possible before he fell.

Several others did the same in front of the skies of that area, already filled with attacks appearing in the surroundings, being launched in their directions.

Minos saw all this from above, where he had fled before his bomb exploded, and immediately began to fly towards these opponents, intending to take at least half of them, hostage.

In the midst of this, as he had destroyed all the vegetation in the surrounding area, he could see precisely where Abe was, near that Spiritual Sage.

Spatial Sword!

To help his men who were going to attack the Spiritual Sage, he immediately used a large fraction of his strength and activated his main offensive technique.

When he did this and launched a diagonal blow in Abe's direction, a blade of spiritual energy came out of Minos' sword and flew for a few meters until it disappeared into thin air.

But such a thing had not simply 'evaporated' but had disappeared from the area because of the skill of the weapon he had in hand, a high-level grade-3 sword!

The Spiritual Sage was the only one who could feel that Minos' weapon made his blows go through space through the 'gaps' normally found in space, and he frowned.

That attack was not weak and could even hurt his body a little if he was hit without protection!

Since such a blade was also fast, he had to move and hurl Abe away from such a thing.

'Damn it!'

'If I go with him, I won't be able to guarantee that no attack will pursue us...' This man from the Eastern Empire lamented in his mind, feeling that he would have to 'push' Abe to a different location than his own in order not to risk it.

When he felt Minos' blow, he also noticed several high-level fellows already launching attacks in his direction.

They all could cause difficulties for him, so the fear of losing Abe because he could not control the escape space crack he had just opened made him stay in the same position.

At the same time, that level 73 young man appeared dozens of meters ahead, from where this expert could still see him.

"Attack with everything!"

"Don't allow that damn demon to survive!" A native of Vogel shouted in a fury, causing several high-level Spiritual Emperors and low-level Spiritual Saints to focus on Abe's position and attack.

"Oh, shit!" That man felt cold sweat dripping from every pore of his body and began to use his techniques to run and raise his defenses in case the worst happened.

As for counterattacking, Abe was not crazy about doing something so risky, so his current focus was on protecting himself and relying on the Spiritual Sage to get out of there alive!

Meanwhile, the Spiritual Sage used the strategy that Minos and his allies were expecting, moving through space so as not to have to counterattack them, temporarily losing sight of Abe.

Minos saw this and smiled, sensing that his group's chances of ending Abe's life this day would not be lowered.

He then used Chaotic Gravity to 'trap' in his surroundings more than half of the enemies remaining after the Black Hole Bomb, so he could focus on Abe.

With his 'batteries,' Minos did not take long and began flying towards his position among the strongest Spiritual Saints there to attack Abe as they acted against the Spiritual Sage.

'Time for us to end it all, you worm!' Minos' eyes glittered as he prepared to use one of his fusions!

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Chapter 1452 Turning Point

Infinite Dream: Shaking Reality!

Chaotic Gravity: Shaking Reality!

Minos quickly did what was necessary to activate one of his fusions, targeting Abe to make life even more difficult for the Spiritual Sage.

When he shot toward his opponent, several people in his vicinity immediately felt the fantastic effects of this fusion of techniques, feeling nauseated and seeing the world spinning.

However, Abe, who was the focus of Minos' attack, felt much worse.

He could not be saved in time by the Eastern Empire's Spiritual Sage. As such, he felt the terror of Minos' fusion, which could make its victim feel as if his soul had left his body and was trapped in a shaking reality.

Abe realized this immediately as he trembled with fear, feeling once again on the verge of life in the face of this opponent who was not to be trifled with.

Luckily for him, before one of the attacks from his many enemies in the area hit his 'defenseless' body, Abe was pulled by a hand through space to a location 20 meters away.

However, the moment he did this, the Spiritual Sage trying to save Abe suddenly felt a weight on his conscience and looked at Minos.

'Bastard!'

'Can you do that already?' He was amazed, feeling part of Minos' fusion affecting him because he had touched Abe in the place where this fellow had been affected.

That was not enough for this man to be hurt. But he noticed it was enough to do that to people at level 79!

But that was only to be expected. After all, fusion naturally had its bonus on the natural power of its user.

Through this, Minos was able to affect this expert's mind, making him subtly distracted from Abe.

Swoosh!

A red blade slashed toward the spot where Abe had appeared near the Spiritual Sage as one of the level 78 Spiritual Saints in Minos' group attacked with his sword.

He made several moves, sending many spiritual blades in the direction of the Spiritual Sage, knowing that he could cause this man injuries.

But through the Spiritual Sage's own distraction, one of those blades that should have been in pursuit of his body cut toward Abe's body!

"Shit!"

This individual realized in time the trouble he had let himself fall for Minos and made one of his hands appear behind Abe's face.

'I can't pull him towards me, or he will be sliced in two halves!' He swallowed his saliva and pushed Abe away, applying a bit more force than he would have liked, but sure it was the least damaging alternative.

But he had not calculated perfectly, and the moment Abe set off in the direction of his push, one of this Vogel family guy's arms was still hit!

Puff!

A blade of red energy split Abe's left arm in a split second, causing a spray of blood to depart from one of his shoulders while he was still under the effects of Minos' fusion.

"Damn it!" The Spiritual Sage broke out in a cold sweat as he noticed his mistake, but fortunately, it had been nothing more serious.

"Die, damn Abe Vogel!"

As that expert began to strain harder than he would have liked, almost all the men in Abe's terrorist group had already been killed. In fact, only those held hostage by Minos were still breathing at the moment.

Consequently, at this moment, the thousands of Spiritual Emperors and dozens of Spiritual Saints in that volcanic area were vigorously attacking in the direction of the two.

The stronger ones were acting against the Spiritual Sage since only they could bother this man enough that he did not have enough space to create a wormhole and flee the area. But the weaker ones, all those below level 74, except for Gloria, were attacking in Abe's direction.

Among them, the Vogel nobles acted with all their might, using everything they had to launch powerful blows against the outskirts of dozens of meters from where Abe was standing.

Pow!

A giant hammer, the size of a three-story building, descended beneath where Abe's injured and unconscious body lay while various other forms of energies condensed in the surroundings.

At the same time, purple chains appeared from mirrors in the sky, heading for the remaining fist and ankles of this enemy of all.

Thunder Fists!

Ruth activated one of her strongest techniques, launching from the skies a powerful attack that could threaten even level 72 Spiritual Saints.

No matter how much stronger Abe was than that, he could take a lot of damage in his unconscious state through even this level 67 woman's attack!

'At this rate, I won't be able to prevent his death.' The Spiritual Sage realized the situation he was in and saw the surroundings of that battlefield becoming slower, despite how fast everything was happening.

In this situation, he could see more than 3,000 attacks in a space that went up to 200 meters away from him. Such attacks were chaotically distributed so that he would take some of those attacks with him to his destination if he moved through the space.

He could withstand such attacks and survive, but that was not true for Abe.

Since Abe had with himself no means of defending himself beyond those he had already lost in this fight, this Spiritual Sage could not do much to help him.

If he used his powers to create a shield around Abe or use his defensive arrays on that man, he was sure that the Spiritual Sage watching him would act.

In this case, he would risk creating more significant problems for his leaders and himself by being killed by someone who he could feel was more powerful than he was.

This man then looked in the direction of Minos, where this emperor was making a new fusion between the Spatial Sword and the Infinite Dream. He was creating a gigantic blade, even more significant than that of the level 78 Spiritual Saint from earlier.

'It looks like you've really managed to muster up the strength to challenge me, huh?' He closed his eyes as he viewed the surroundings at a slower speed. 'But if you're going to win, it's not decided yet!'

When he made up his mind, this man entered a wormhole and went to where Abe was about to be brutally attacked by several opponents.

Appearing in that spot, he immediately opened a wormhole far away from that area between the borders of Vogel and Cromwell.

'Time to take a chance!'

'Whether you will survive is no longer in my power!' He thought before jumping into the wormhole in front of him, already with that fellow in his arms.

Swoosh!

Pow!

As those two disappeared from the volcanic battlefield, several attacks, including the exquisite blade thrown by Minos, hit their escape site, sending parts of their strength through the wormhole.

At this moment, Abe was suddenly hit by something before he could even get out on the other side of that wormhole!

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Chapter 1453 Death Of The Terrorist Leader

When a powerful spiritual blade struck Abe, he and the Spiritual Sage were only a millisecond away from reaching their destination.

Because of this, the Spiritual Sage did not notice when his protégé's body was hit by one of the many attacks that penetrated the wormhole he had opened.

This man had been hit by several attacks in that short instant while fleeing away, but none of it had hurt him more significantly.

Since he had used his body to prevent most of the blows from hitting Abe, when he appeared back in normal space, this man had no idea of the outcome of his escape.

As he fell to the ground and lost contact with Abe's body, he looked at his surroundings. He saw that he was far from the previous hellish battlefield, noting that he finally had no more enemies around.

"Abe, let's go." He said as he turned back and looked at the fellow who had just fallen out of his arms when they fell in that forest in the middle of Cromwell.

However, when he saw Abe's situation, this man immediately rushed to this terrorist's side, already using his soul probing to understand this person's situation.

Abe suffered a severe injury from the enemy attacks that had managed to infiltrate the wormhole. The worst of all, his head was broken like a watermelon that had fallen to the ground.

Several cuts, burns of varying degrees, and purple wounds could be seen all over his body, showing this man that Abe had suffered before they reached this place.

But probing this person would deliver him the worst of results.

Abe's soul had been destroyed, and he was finally dead!

Realizing the end of his mission in this place, this man sighed in disappointment.

He did not feel good about the death of anyone from these areas, although he did not feel bad either. But he could not help but admit that after living so many months saving Abe's ass, he had raised some hopes of seeing this guy win.

But what was even worse was that after so many months working in these poor areas, he had no choice but to return to the Eastern Empire empty-handed.

And that angered him deeply!

"Damn it!"

He shouted in anger as he fell to his knees in front of Abe's body. "Damned Minos! You finally did it!"

Unfortunately for him, there was nothing he could do to get revenge since, besides having to return immediately to the empire, someone was watching him.

'This humiliation will have a comeback someday...' The person in the 'void' thought before disappearing from the area, confident that the assault of enemy forces on Church territories would finally end after today.

'I will notify the Black Plain group and then return with my updates...'

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Meanwhile, in the volcanic field between Cromwell and Vogel, thousands of individuals who participated in this attack were scouring the surroundings, ensuring that Abe was not around.

Some were already regretting that they had missed their chance to eliminate Abe. At the same time, others were beginning to sigh that this chance had passed, but they did not regret it too much since they had come so close.

Among those dissatisfied with not being able to see Abe's body in the present day, Minos was in the center of that area, gathering with his women and some of the strongest of his forces.

"Search the area for traces of them." He said aloud. "We will stay here until the end of the day. If we find nothing, we will return to our previous plans."

The less weary of those individuals accepted Minos' commands and set off in different directions to search for Abe's whereabouts.

As for the remaining terrorists, after he had finished absorbing their energies, Minos eliminated them. So no enemy had been left behind.

At the same time, because of how powerful Minos' group was, none of his forces died that day, although many had spent almost all their strength to make the situation of the Spiritual Sage so tricky.

Because of this, although they had not seen Abe's body, some people there were not feeling so bad since none of them had died.

That just was not true for the natives of Vogel, who had joined the group to eliminate their greatest enemy.

"Tsk!"

"Damn it!"

"I almost managed to crush him!" One of those Vogel Spiritual Saints said angrily, remembering how his blow had almost crushed his opponent's body.

But then, as the people on the outskirts of that now volcanic area worked or wailed, a wormhole appeared in the sky, and everyone suddenly raised their guard.

"Spiritual Sages?"

"He came to take revenge?"

Many people noticed the arrival of this person and feared enemy reprisal.

But when Minos looked in the direction of the newcomer, he realized this person was not the enemy Spiritual Sage but a Cardinal of the Spiritual Church.

Upon seeing that person dressed in a silver cloak, Gloria and several members of the Spiritual Church in the area greeted, welcoming that person.

That individual did not plan to stay for long and announced for everyone in the surrounding area to hear him. "Inhabitants of the Black Plain Empire, Abe Vogel has just died, about 450 kilometers north of this area, in a part of Cromwell."

"My congratulations to all involved and to Your Majesty for helping to deal the final blow to this traitor." This person said with a smile on his face.

He was part of the Spiritual Church's group of executioners. So Abe's death had fulfilled that organization's assassination mandate against that man. Because of his background, he was pleased with the situation and could not help but look favorably at Minos.

"He's dead?"

"Really?" The first to celebrate the news was precisely the natives of Vogel, who were most upset about Abe's escape.

But upon hearing the news of the situation of the Black Plain's greatest enemy, Abby, Ruth, and Gloria could not help but show dazzling smiles on their faces. They finally achieved what was necessary for peace!

'With his death, we will be able to focus on our state once again!' Abby clenched her fists and imagined that maybe it was time for Minos to go back to trying to get her and Ruth pregnant again.

Ruth was not exactly thinking about it at the moment. Still, she was already imagining spending more time with Sarah and seeing the Black Plain developing in peace again.

"Congratulations, Minos. You beat him." Gloria hugged her daughter's father, feeling a relief in her shoulders that she had not felt in a while.

Right now, they were not only getting rid of Abe, but of all the recent stress they had been through. The last few years had not been easy, with problems concerning Abe, Flaming Empire, allied states...

But now, most of those problems had ended, and it was time for them to rest!

Then, Minos said. "Some of you, come with me. We are going to the capital of Vogel."

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Chapter 1454 Minos' Plans

When some of Minos' men heard his words, they soon understood what it was all about since the emperor had already decided to go to the capital of Vogel after this confrontation.

But some of the individuals who were nearby and were Vogel natives, unaware of Minos' plans, could not help but find this fellow's command strange.

They had fought side by side and were happy to achieve their goals together. But they were still members of local forces in this area and would worry about Minos taking high-level Spiritual Saints to their most important city.

With that, one of the few Spiritual Saints there with such an origin soon approached where Minos and his wives were and asked. "Your Majesty, can you tell me what your purpose is in going to visit the capital? Perhaps I can take the opportunity to guide you and introduce my family." He said so as not to appear to be questioning Emperor Stuart.

His family was not in favor of Minos as the local ruler. After all, this man was not a native of the area and still had deep relations with an enemy organization. But this house was also not one of the most opposed to the emperor and was even capable of negotiating.

With that background, he did not fear some peculiar action on the part of Minos or those high-level Spiritual Saints in the area when he made that inquiry.

The other natives of Vogel joined this individual's side and waited for Minos' response.

As the place became a little quieter, Minos thought for a while and said. "As sovereign of Vogel, even though I do not have full power over this area, I still have powers that allow me to observe and even investigate the Assembly. So now that my state has eliminated its greatest threat, I am curious to know how you have been developing..."

This person had used a lame excuse to question Minos without offending the state leader, and Emperor Stuart had given a response on the same level without saying what he wanted. Both sides knew their words were not all they had in mind, but they simply accepted it, ignoring the problem between them.

So Minos 'thanked' the man's offer of a guide and promised the Vogel people to visit them in the coming days.

When those people wished him good luck and said goodbye to those with whom they had fought, Minos dispatched his men to their respective posts.

Some would return to Vogel, where the Black Plain Army also had bases. Others would return to Cromwell, Brown, and the other smaller territories of the empire to finally bring normality and peace to the lives of the local population.

Only 20 people were to make the trip to the capital of Vogel, including Minos, his wives, one high-level Spiritual Saint, three mid-level, and five low-level ones. The rest were Spiritual Emperors, people who had previously been active in the capital, along with the rest of Elen Nash's group.

Minos needed a guide, but these would be his men, not people he did not know.

So, when it was already night in that area between Vogel and Cromwell, their group set off towards the capital of that area.

That was not a long trip since that city was close by, considering the army's teleportation ports between one city near where they were and another near the capital of Vogel.

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Because Minos had an advantage over the natives of Vogel who had taken part in the previous confrontation, even before the information about Abe's death spread through Vogel, his group reached the capital.

Minos and his group had moved in secret when they arrived in the vicinity of this place, followed without identifying themselves or drawing attention because of the means created by Elen's group.

He had planned from the beginning to act against the local forces in case they turned against him. So there was a tunnel structure in this city connecting the nearby army outpost with an administrative building that Elen had ordered built in previous years.

Utilizing this, Minos and his group reached this place without any problems, having arrived in front of Elen and some of the imperial guards working there.

"Your Majesty!" Those people were profiled in front of Minos' group, not the least bit surprised since they had been communicated days ago about the emperor's intention.

Elen looked at Minos, whom she had not seen in years, and smiled, feeling how much stronger he had become.

"Your Majesty, how was the mission against the terrorist group? Any success?" She asked after greeting Minos, his wives, and the Gray Clouds Sect elders who had come with them.

Minos then said. "Abe Vogel is dead."

Hearing that, all the people there smiled, feeling that nothing else would stand in the way of the empire until they developed their own Spiritual Saints and, who knows, maybe even acquired Spiritual Sages!

"And what are we going to do now?" Elen asked.

"We're going to follow through with the plans sent by the soldiers at headquarters over the past few days." He said as he made his way out of the basement of that building, already intending to begin his work. "I will meet with those who have already agreed to stand by my side, as well as give a speech in the Assembly, talking about the results of the conflict against Abe and what will happen from here on out."

"We will follow the next few days by talking about it."

Elen was pleased to hear this, feeling that Minos could not miss the opportunity to act while things were still 'hot' in the dead of night.

If he waited to act, the local forces would probably act in concert to prevent even his entry into the Assembly, so he could not afford to weaken at this point!

"Where should we start?" She asked, realizing that Minos did not intend to stay in that building.

"Let's go straight to the Assembly." He said. "I intend to temporarily take that place and start my talks with allies and friends in that building. Then you can notify those people immediately."

"All right, Your Majesty."

As Elen and the soldiers there left to carry out Minos' orders, he was escorted by the Spiritual Emperors who were there to guide him through this city, heading toward the Assembly of Vogel.

They were hiding their identities as they moved. So even if someone could easily probe their strengths, none of them found a problem walking through this city's central streets in the middle of the night.

That was true for at least most of the way to the Assembly building, which had been built on the site where most of the old royal palace stood.

Upon arriving at the local seat of government and beginning to walk up the stairs that surrounded that oval building, Spiritual Saints from the local guard immediately set their eyes on those twenty people.

"What? Level 78?" One of them exclaimed as he sensed the cultivation of the person next to Minos, someone who was wearing a hood that hid his entire face, similar to that of the other people in Minos' group.

With that, several Assembly guards turned their attention to that spot where the cry of a soldier had come from, as Minos' group stopped at that post.

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Chapter 1455 Surprise

Hearing the shout of that first guard in his path, Minos, at the head of that group of twenty people dressed in black, stepped forward and removed the hood from his head, revealing his appearance.

"I believe I have a right to enter that place, no?" Minos smiled as he looked at that person while the guard opened his eyes wide.

Everyone in this place knew Minos' appearance due to the coronation that took place years ago, right in this Assembly building.

No one would expect to find the emperor in this place amid the Black Plain's conflict with Abe's terrorists. Hence, that guard and the others who saw Minos' face were soon surprised by such a visit.

"You... Your Majesty..." That man stammered, not knowing what to say to Minos.

In theory, the Assembly of Vogel building was a public place where citizens could participate in local public life.

Obviously, Vogel was not a democracy, so ordinary citizens could not do much in this place. But it was possible for even ordinary people to access the premises of this building, make public complaints, initiate tenders, bring local problems to the representatives of the noble powers, and so on.

But there were operating hours for such matters, and only the representatives of the Assembly could come and go from this place whenever they wanted.

So when one of the guards there saw that the first of them had weakened in front of their 'opponent,' he stepped forward and said. "Your Majesty, the Assembly is already closed for business today. Please return tomorrow..."

Minos did not let that man finish and used Chaotic Gravity to immobilize all the guards in the range of his technique.

Everyone there was Spiritual Saints. Thus, when the other guards outside the range of Minos's technique saw their colleagues fall easily with a mere finger gesture from him, they retreated and shivered.

Minos looked at them and said. "Be quiet about my presence here, or you will have to endure a whole day fighting me."

Gulp!

"Your Majesty..."

Minos did not let one of those people say anything and spoke. "Get those unconscious out of our way. I will settle down now."

With those words, Minos' group moved on, while the guards left behind consciously stood motionless in their places, not knowing what to do.

Their duty said they should immediately communicate with the elders of the organizations behind the Assembly. But not only was Minos' group very strong, but the emperor himself was a terror.

To disregard something he ordered was rather difficult even for these men from Vogel!

Meanwhile, Minos was quickly directed by his subordinates to the central meeting place in this building, where a large circular area with chairs in a model similar to an amphitheater was.

There, in the heart of the Assembly, when Minos appeared from behind the main stage, the few representatives still there were surprised by his arrival and rose from their seats.

Minos had decided to act a bit dramatic, going up on the main stage with all his fellow travelers, wearing the same clothes as earlier, hiding his identity.

So when the more than 50 people out there saw these souls in black taking over the heart of their institution, they felt frightened and did not understand the situation.

"Who are you?" The president of the Assembly, who was still around, in charge of the discussions of the moment, suddenly asked as he looked fearfully in the direction of those people, but without panicking.

They might be strong, but the local forces had many Spiritual Saints, which could give them victory in a battle against these people.

But then, Minos looked at that fellow who had been making things difficult for him and said. "Mister Guzman, I appreciate that you have taken over my place for the time that has passed, but there is no need for you to do that now."

Minos moved one of his fingers, and that well-dressed, blond fellow flew in a parabolic trajectory from his spot to some stairs nearby.

Minos' wives smiled, and then he once again removed the hood covering his face.

"Very well. I am taking the Assembly for the next 48 hours. I am hereby removing the current president from office and appointing my wife, Abby Miller, as his replacement." He sat in the leader's chair in the middle of that stage.

"What?"

"How can that be?"

"What is Your Majesty doing here?"

A few questions arose amid that almost empty place.

But then, while he had a terrible expression on his face, Phil Guzman said. "Your Majesty cannot do this! That is clearly an offense against the sovereignty of the Assembly!"

Minos made some of his pressure shut that Spiritual Emperor's mouth and said. "The statute of this house says that the local sovereign, I, has the right, once a year, to make a check on the status of the institution and may within 48 hours remove the president and appoint a new one."

"Only after that period can the Assembly normally vote on its business and dismiss the president I chose."

Minos was playing within the rules of the Assembly itself. Something that was created not to help him but to help the future local sovereign not be held hostage by this house.

The powers of that state were secretly competing with each other to 'inherit' Minos' position as local sovereign in the near future. So it was in everyone's interest that the sovereign had the means to protect himself and reverse some problems in time.

They had done this for themselves, but they had never imagined that the first to use such a device would be Minos himself!

With this, those representatives, who already knew all this, remained silent after Minos' words, knowing there was nothing they could do.

The local noble families themselves had made this rule, so they would not break it to stop Minos. But, at the same time, even if that happened, the emperor was already there, with a powerful force at his side.

So who could stop him?

Knowing this, most were silent, returning to their seats while their thoughts started running wild.

Most of them were opposed to Minos, but some had already been through a few conversations with Elen and did not feel so threatened by his move.

But even these were soon surprised by Minos' next orders.

"Chief of the guard, where are you?" He asked, seeing some of the guards of this place on the outskirts looking at him.

One of them identified himself after a few seconds, and Minos told him. "For the next 48 hours, you all are under my commands, with the death penalty for those who rebel."

Gulp!

"Yes, Your Majesty." That man said as he dried the sweat on his face.

"All those inside the Assembly at this time, I declare you under temporary arrest until the end of my session. Anyone who attempts to leave will be considered a traitor to the empire and properly punished."

The guards looked at each other as those 'defenseless' youths sensed that this move by Minos would not end without damage for all of them.

He then said. "I will begin my speech as soon as we get enough quorum. You have until then to come to me."

"Don't waste this opportunity."

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Chapter 1456 Taking Over The Assembly

The Assembly President clenched his fists as he felt Minos' pressure on him, feeling helpless.

He was only a Spiritual Emperor, so he could not do anything against Minos. Of course, that was the normal thing to expect, and usually, people of his level would not feel so offended by being pressured by Emperor Stuart.

However, this fellow had a critical position in Vogel through the Assembly and the support of his family, which was one of the strongest in this state.

Considering his position as president and potential future king of Vogel, it was extremely humiliating for him to be in that position in front of Minos!

'Bastard!'

'Just you wait until the 20-year period is over... I will remove you from your position, and my family will ascend to the top post of Vogel!' He glared hatefully at Minos, who was already seated in the session leader's chair.

At the same time, the first of those individuals still around to try to approach Minos came close to him and introduced himself.

"Your Majesty, I am a representative of the Crawford family, Jordan Crawford." A level 68 man with a beard and short black hair said as he formally greeted the emperor.

"Your Majesty, this person is part of the group of representatives who are already on our side." One of the Spiritual Emperors there to help Minos said this in a low voice beside him.

Ruth and Gloria looked at that individual as they heard that, while Abby ignored this to deal with the preparations to make her husband's plans work out.

Minos had announced her as the session's leader. Thus, the staff of this place was already taking orders from her to bring documents and helpful information to her group's analysis regarding this house.

"Bring everything regarding what the local representatives have been doing within this house." She said to one of the men of this place management.

That individual was still a little uncertain about what to do. Still, soon one of the mid-level Spiritual Saints from Minos' group stood beside him and said. "Don't worry, Your Majesty. I will help them deal with it."

Gulp!

"That..." That person tried to say something, but Abby then said. "All right, each of you who are unoccupied, 'help' the people in this place to work faster."

Then, the Spiritual Saints in Minos's group moved, showing those people that they would be forced to do what they were supposed to do if they did not do it on their own.

With this move, of the 20 members of Minos' group, only he, his wives, a Spiritual Emperor, and the level 78 Spiritual Saint remained in that place while the others went to work.

Minos quickly talked to the first individuals to approach him, two of them being representatives of powers favorable to him or, rather, who had accepted the agreements proposed by Elen.

He reaffirmed his commitment to developing Vogel with these organizations for mutual benefit while also talking about the present situation, promising that he did not plan anything much worse than he had already done.

As for the third individual he spoke with, this represented a power still neutral about whether or not to support Minos.

Not everyone would benefit from a local power becoming sovereign of Vogel once again. After all, not all of the families at this Assembly were organizations likely to achieve significant positions with movements opposed to Minos. But, at the same time, the state of this fellow seemed to be doing well, so it was not necessarily a bad decision to be part of the empire.

On the other hand, it was undeniable that Minos had a nose for war, which could also be harmful.

For these reasons, some powers did not know whether to side with him or against Vogel staying in the Black Plain Empire.

Minos took the opportunity to talk to that representative, presenting some of his plans for the empire and promising some improvements for that family's position.

Minos did not need everyone from that institution to be on his side. Just 50% plus one of the votes would be enough to keep him in the position of the ruler and even increase his powers over the Assembly.

Hence, if part of that place wanted to fight him, he was willing to make promises that would help one side and necessarily hurt the other.

He would promise land and things to those who decided to stay on his side and later take such things away from those who defied him in this house.

With that, that person returned to his room, as far as he could go in this building since only Minos' men could leave this place at present.

Then, the now-former Assembly president approached where Minos was, a little calmer but still upset about the emperor's aggression against this house.

"Your Majesty, what are you doing? That will not be good for any of the organizations involved..." He said this in a tone that did not make him a challenger to the emperor, but it did show his differences with this person. "The families will not be satisfied with just the justification that Your Majesty is overseeing the Assembly."

Minos looked at that individual and said. "It doesn't matter what you think, Mister Guzman. I am carrying out my duties. Someone has to keep an eye on what the powerful local representatives have been doing with the management of my territory."

'Your territory?'

'Tsk!'

'Fuck you!'

"Anyway, is that all you have to tell me?" Minos questioned him, looking into this man's eyes and making him look away out of fear of those brown eyes. "If your family swears allegiance to mine, we can forget past problems and grow together."

This blond fellow then said. "What does that mean, Your Majesty? Are you threatening us? What about the contracts you signed with the elders? Aren't you afraid to break them?"

"Afraid?" Minos laughed as the high-level Spiritual Saint beside him watched them intently.

"Yes, you promised not to attack us..."

"No, you are a little mistaken, Mister Guzman. I never promised not to turn my forces on you. I only promised not to use my mass destruction weapon and the black hole against you." Minos said, smiling at that person.

He made a finger gesture, and the gravity on Phil and all the representatives opposed to the Stuart family increased considerably, bringing them to their knees. "But I can freely use powers, like this one, to 'encourage' you."

Even some of the guards in the surrounding area, who were the few local Spiritual Saints around there, felt their knees trembling while Minos was not even trying to push them.

'Damn it!'

'That bastard tricked us!'

'He knew he would have enough powers to threaten us even without those special weapons. That's why he signed such contracts!' Phil realized the truth regarding the agreements Minos signed, which basically only limited Vogel's powers!

Amid this moment of realization, the tense atmosphere in the surrounding area improved when some visitors arrived at that place.

"Your Majesty? Matriarch? You are back?" A female voice came from one of the entrances of that place on Minos' momentary regime.

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Chapter 1457 Achievements Ahead

When that female voice caught the attention of everyone present in that place, Minos deactivated his Chaotic Gravity and let those less favorable to him breathe.

Meanwhile, Gloria and Ruth, who were still doing nothing but accompanying Minos, saw the woman they had first made agreements with at the local Spiritual Church outpost.

That was Louise, level 71, who was there besides other people from the local Church post.

Among this group, everyone wore red robes similar to Gloria's, indicating that they were either Matriarchs or Patriarchs of the Spiritual Church.

"Louise?" Gloria said this out loud when she saw that woman approaching them.

At the same time, Louise had the leader of the local Church post and the other faction allies of this wife of Minos at her side.

Minos had formed a faction for his wife within the Spiritual Church shortly after becoming a Spiritual Emperor. After that and their trip out of the northern region for the first time, they made several contacts in Church posts along their journey.

These contacts had become the first members of Gloria's faction, which had significantly developed over the past years.

With the formation of the Black Plain Empire, the subsequent strengthening of Gloria, who had reached level 70 after Sarah's birth, and the strengthening of the Stuart family, this faction had grown considerably.

They now had over 600 members, among those from the northern region, Flaming Empire, Vogel, Rosser, and Albano. Among them, more than 50 low-level Spiritual Saints, formerly high-level Spiritual Emperors, were in this faction.

As for the stronger Spiritual Saints, only 5 of these had joined Gloria's group so far, one of them being precisely that woman next to Louise.

Precisely because of this history with Minos and Gloria, these people from the local Church outpost had been one of the first to find out from Elen of their arrival and their location.

Louise smiled and greeted those people in the main position of that area. "Your Majesty, you look very well. I imagine you will soon become a Spiritual Saint..."

Minos smiled at that woman but was not humble. "Hmm, sooner than you imagine, I'm sure of it."

The woman next to Louise, level 77, stared at Minos and said. "Your Majesty, I heard that you managed to kill Abe Vogel... So, accept my congratulations for finally defeating that plague."

When she said this, the surrounding area finally learned this information and realized why Minos acted decisively against them.

'So that's why!' The former president of this house thought to himself as he considered that he had to find a way to communicate with his family about this.

Minos was not only humiliating all the local noble families by taking this place and giving arrest orders to representatives. He was also accessing essential documents of this organization with the various individuals acting around this place on his behalf.

He and the other leaders of the representatives had not expected something like this to happen just during the rule of Minos. So they acted as if they were preparing for the future and left some traces and records of problems that could now favor the emperor's actions somehow.

So it was in the interest of this individual from the Guzman family to bring his family members to this place to prevent Minos from vascularizing the Assembly until he found something problematic!

As this fellow tried to return to his office, the limit he could go in this place, Minos thanked those people for their congratulations. He also appreciates them because of the envoys they had sent to Dry City several times in the previous months.

He took the opportunity to strengthen the ties between his family and these people. He invited them to visit Dry City, arrange joint training of their forces, and even do some business.

But Minos had to deal with more of the people who were still there before more members of local forces arrived. So he left Gloria to deal with these people from the Spiritual Church after a few minutes of conversations.

"How was the last shipment you received?" Gloria asked that level 71 woman about the supplies the Black Plain sent to their group every month.

"We got the right amount, Matriarch Frost. But the number of people in the faction has been increasing and..."

While Gloria took those people from the local Church post to talk business elsewhere in the Assembly, Ruth stood next to Minos and the level 78 Spiritual Saint.

"What will we do when the news of this reaches Rosser, Albano, and Blackrock?" She asked Minos while that fellow had just dismissed another of the representatives there.

Minos waved for the next one to come up and answered his wife. "They won't like it, but like it or not, Vogel already belongs to me. So my attitude of trying to keep that territory in my state and dominate it is only the natural thing to do."

"That is not enough for them to think that this move means I will try something against them."

"True." She agreed with him. "But they will create problems. So how will we deal with that?"

He said. "We will propose more business and decrease our actions after our return to Dry City. That will diminish any kind of thought that I will start a journey of conquest now."

"But you won't?"

"Not now. Maybe in about three or five years." Minos winked at her before turning his attention back to the woman making a gesture of greeting to him.

"Your Majesty..."

Meanwhile, the level 78 Spiritual Saint looked at Minos and Ruth with interest. He noted that the Gray Clouds Sect master did not intend to stand still with all his potential.

'It seems that we will soon face more problems...' He judged that he should cultivate as much as possible to reach the 9th stage before the next challenge reached Minos.

But he did not think Minos' plans were bad or problematic. The opposite of that, he felt that it was just the expected thing that someone with the Spatial Kingdom would think about improving their strength as much as possible.

At the same time, it was much more exciting and opportunistic for him that Minos would fight even more battles in the future. These would be opportunities for him to enjoy himself and achieve new things.

Therefore, while he listened to several of Ruth and Minos' conversations with each other and the local representatives, he did not try to change their minds even once.

That went on for more than two hours until more representatives came to the Assembly, this time people who already had alliance agreements with the Stuart family, invited by Elen.

Even some elders of the families represented by these people appeared in that place, accompanying their juniors, interested in this unprecedented event that Minos was leading.

But in the midst of this, the first powerful opponents of Minos and his family finally came into contact with the information coming from the battlefield between Vogel and Cromwell!

When they found out about Minos' intentions to come to this capital, these people immediately began to move, sending men to the Assembly and the Black Plain posts!

"Arrest everyone and prevent Minos Stuart from entering the Assembly!" One of the local patriarchs said this before leaving for that place.

Chapter 1458 Order In The House

After several local leaders learned about Minos and Abe Vogel's war situation, the local powers immediately began to react to the information that the emperor was coming to the capital.

Several low-level Spiritual Saints moved towards the posts where Minos' men were living and working in the vicinity to surround them and keep them in preventive detention.

Meanwhile, the high-level representatives and members of each local noble family moved toward the Assembly building, intending to occupy the place and prevent Minos from entering later.

They knew Minos was coming to this city accompanied by powerful Spiritual Saints, who were either stronger or would give them a lot of trouble.

As such, they had to first occupy the local government headquarters and ensure that crucial information would not be released. Then resolve the situation as best they could for their side.

Minos was not entirely without powers in this place, and these people knew they could have their plans significantly disrupted if he succeeded.

Therefore, even though he did not have absolute powers and the local advantage was still in favor of those opposed to Minos, the local powers did not mess around in rushing to resolve this matter!

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When the first local leaders arrived at the Assembly building in the middle of the night, they immediately noticed that the place looked a bit strange.

There were fewer guards around, and those guarding the area looked scared.

One of these leaders then questioned. "What is the situation? Why are there so few of you around here?"

One of the guards remembered Minos' threats and thought carefully about what to answer.

'Senior Walsh won't kill me if I lie to him and he finds out about Minos' situation... But that fellow might do that if he finds out I didn't follow his orders.'

Gulp!

"No big deal, senior Walsh. We're just in the middle of changing shifts, and some of the fellows are finishing changing clothes or eating..." He gave a lame excuse.

Those first arrivals at this place found this strange, but they did not insist on standing around chatting outside the Assembly.

Whatever the problem was, they would eventually find out later.

The crucial thing now was to protect this place from Minos and his men, who would arrive in this city very soon.

With these thoughts, more than 20 individuals, most of them mid-level Spiritual Saints, entered the oval building and headed toward where most of the representatives were supposed to be.

But as they entered, they were all surprised to find almost half of the seats in that area occupied, with a few people barely seen around in the center of the Assembly.

When they saw Minos sitting next to Ruth and Abby around the center table, with the level 78 Spiritual Saint standing behind them, these people immediately opened their mouths in shock.

"Minos!" One of them suddenly shouted, forgetting the proper term to refer to the emperor, while having this great surprise.

Minos had traveled to the Flaming Empire via teleportation arrays several times. But he had always used the common teleportation ports of this area of Vogel.

So these people did not think he would get to this place so quickly. After all, they had sabotaged the local teleportation ports when they found out what was about to happen between Minos and Abe.

But Minos had prepared in advance and tricked all of them!

Hence, each of those level 75 and 76 individuals were looking seriously at Minos, sure that this move of his would bring even more damage to them than they had thought.

Minos heard someone calling his name and looked in the direction of the first 20 individuals arriving at the Assembly who were not his allies.

"I see more representatives have arrived on the side of their elders." He said loudly, silencing the many people in the surrounding area. "At this rate, it won't be long before we begin our session."

One of those men did not like how casually Minos handled the situation and walked toward that fellow. "Your Majesty, what is the meaning of this? Are you breaking the agreements of our state?"

"My state, you meant." Minos corrected him before continuing. "But where am I breaking our agreements, Mister Row? I am merely visiting the Assembly to fulfill my duties as sovereign."

"Your Majesty likes jokes." Another person said. "That has never happened before... So, how are you assuming your duties?"

"Hmm, Your Majesty, you are one thread away from breaking the agreements you signed with us. You'd better back off before the heavens decide to punish you." A woman from the Guzman family appeared there and said this while already standing with the former Assembly President at her side.

More of Minos' opponents had arrived at this place, but he would not stop these people from coming and going. He needed enough people to make his speech and get the minimum audience to propose a vote.

Since he was following the rules of this place, he would not simply set off into a contest of strength with these individuals.

"You are agitated, my subjects of Vogel." He stood up and said this as the level 78 Spiritual Saint took a step forward, drawing the attention of those people.

Minos continued. "I am not breaking any agreements with the local powers. I'm just here to improve our relationship since I've heard disturbing rumors..."

"At the same time, I have something amazing to announce to the members of the Assembly, so naturally, I took its command to do that."

"So what? Are you going to say I can't use the instruments you created?" He laughed.

Some of those people clenched their fists, while other elders from local families, who were already there, voiced their thoughts.

"Let's stop this. His Majesty is just following what we created, and so far, he hasn't done anything beyond that to risk breaking our agreements." A level 75 elder from a family on Minos' side said in his defense.

"Nonsense, your family is clearly interested in the degradation of the kingdom for your own benefit!" The former president shouted beside his elder.

"Tsk!"

"Brat, don't think you can talk to me like that!"

"What are you saying, Egbert?" The level 76 woman asked as she looked menacingly at that person.

After seeing that, the high-level Spiritual Saint next to Minos released a bit of his cultivation to pressure over much of that place and said. "Silence!"

Even the old foxes, about to get weird in that place, looked at that man who shouted and temporarily made silence.

Getting that, that expert from the Gray Clouds Sect, whom almost no one there knew, became silent and let Minos speak.

"Those who are here to cause trouble, I invite you to leave this place. I will not tolerate any lack of respect and decorum in my presence." He said, looking in that woman's direction.

She clenched her fists, feeling that it was very easy for Minos to use that excuse while being escorted by that person.

But then, Abby got a piece of information and told her husband. "Honey, we have more than enough representatives here to get started."

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Chapter 1459 The Speech

When he heard his wife's warning, Minos signaled for everyone to sit down, and he stood up, intending to begin his speech.

After he did this, the people in the area sat up and began to pay attention to him, even though many were against all of this.

For now, he would only speak, and he really had the right to do so. So even Minos' opponents fell silent to hear what he had to say.

Meanwhile, more people were arriving at this place. Still, when they noticed the situation, they held back, trying to understand it amidst their surprise.

Minos then began to make his speech.

"Well, Vogel representatives, as many of you already know, the empire has just won its fight against Abe Vogel's terrorist group." He said as he looked from one side of the area to the other. "Hours ago, a Spiritual Church Cardinal confirmed Abe's death and the likely departure of the enemy Spiritual Sage from our territory."

"Because of this, I announce to you the end of the conflicts and the beginning of a new era for all of us."

'New era? What is he talking about?' The former Assembly President thought to himself, considering that only a conflict was ending.

That was not worthy of marking the beginning or the end of an era for the empire or any territory.

Many people in the surroundings thought about that as well but continued to pay attention to Minos' words.

"For now, we are weak within the Central Continent and Spiritual World. But soon, my government will bring opportunities rarely seen in the area and establish the Black Plain Army as a prominent continental force."

"It will only be a matter of time before our original soldiers become Spiritual Saints. At the same time, the high-level members of the Gray Clouds Sect will advance toward a new stage."

"Those who stand by my side will surely enjoy those opportunities, directly or indirectly." Minos gestured to that stunned audience.

Even the representatives who had already committed to voting favorably for Minos could not help but doubt him after his words. After all, he had just talked about advancement to the 9th stage!

That was not something trivial!

Even the Flaming Empire, which was better than Vogel, had only produced a Spiritual Sage after Harold had ventured into the Flowers Kingdom.

On the other hand, Vogel was poorer than Harold's state and had barely managed to nurture 2 level 77 Spiritual Saints before the fall of the Vogel family.

Considering such things, Minos' words impressed, positively or negatively, many people there!

"How is he going to accomplish that?" Someone whispered to one of his colleagues sitting next to him.

"I don't know, something like that is not simple... He's probably bluffing."

"But..."

"But he's said similar things before and ended up keeping his promises." Another person argued in a whispering tone.

"You can't trust Minos. He's too slippery and always trying to benefit. So maybe he is just trying to fool us after he has built up such a track record."

"But we can't ignore his record..."

As some elders talked among themselves, Minos continued. "Now, with the end of that conflict, peace around the region, and decreased tensions with the Flaming Empire, we can focus on ourselves. And with that, the Bank of the Black Plain will begin to distribute resources to the affected areas, and we will begin to develop the empire again."

The Bank of the Black Plain was no longer just an economic power in the northern region. This institution already had enough resources to even move some less prestigious noble families from Vogel and other states in the area.

Knowing this, Minos intended to use such an institution to attract more people to his side.

"With the financial power we currently have, we can help our most capable and willing allies of the empire with resources essential to their development."

"With the return of peace, things never before seen in Vogel and other states in the area will become possible within the empire!"

"To begin, we will direct 100 million medium-grade crystals to help the powers of Vogel recover from these difficult times and promote their strengths for the sake of the empire."

Gulp!

'100 million?' Some elders there swallowed their saliva after those words.

This amount was more significant than the total revenue of several smaller noble families in this area, even considering years of hard work.

As several of these organizations were represented in the Assembly, many individuals were interested in that.

'Bastard!'

'He's trying to buy off the representatives of the smaller families in front of all of us!' The woman next to the former leader of the Assembly thought as she clenched her fists.

Even by the local standard, 100 million medium-grade crystals were a lot. That was worth about a billion low-grade crystals, enough to create several large cities from scratch on the Black Plain.

Considering the amount's relevance, everyone there knew that this was a blatant bribe on Minos' part.

But Minos had no problem with that and continued. "But beyond that, there will be opportunities for explorations of new lands and resources for those who stand by our side."

"That's for our allies. Those who decide to move against the empire's progress will naturally fall behind." He became more serious, looking at his opponents in the area.

"They won't have any opportunities and will eventually find themselves outnumbered by their fellow neighbors."

"That is the fate of those who go against progress!"

"Tsk!"

"What nonsense!" One of the elders from one of the strongest families in Vogel got up from his seat and walked out of that place, finding it rather presumptuous of Minos to speak such things.

It was true that Minos now had the Gray Clouds Sect, but even with that, it would be long before the Black Plain forces reached the level needed to cause all that.

Even more, it would take a long time for Minos to be able to 'produce' Spiritual Saints native to the northern region. Consequently, it would take a while for him to cause trouble for them without being limited by the Edwardstone family.

Knowing this, he and others there were not bearing Minos' words and soon stood up so as not to continue under the current 'torture.'

But as much as some were angry, others were delighted.

Not only was this an excellent opportunity for several people and organizations, but it was also a way for some powers to put more fire into the local succession dispute.

Some powers had an advantage over others, so it was natural that the weaker ones in the dispute would like problems that brought opportunities to them.

Minos noticed the place becoming more agitated and said. "In any case, whoever is willing to develop, I accept you with open doors. The empire will transform your lives."

"As for those moving away, I wish you good luck. The future alone and isolated may not be as good as you imagine." He saw those people turning to him and looking at him hatefully but did nothing, maintaining his posture.

"With that, I propose a vote..."

Chapter 1460 Vogel's Problem

'Voting? What is he talking about?' The former president thought to himself upon hearing that. 'Any vote he takes now can be undone in two days... What's the sense in wasting his time on this?'

Other individuals were also thinking the same as this level 69 fellow. Still, the more experienced ones there were a bit worried, considering Minos' track record.

'What will he do?' The matriarch of the Guzman family wondered while keeping her expression serious, staring at Minos.

Minos then picked up a piece of paper that Abby had finished writing and placed it on a support that was there in front of him.

He smiled as he read it, noticing that, as he had thought, the leaders of the Assembly had been acting a bit far than they should.

It was not enough to make other families punish them, but it was enough to create doubt in the minds of those harmed by it.

That was enough for Minos right now!

"Representatives of Vogel, I have in hand documents that prove that the representatives of the strongest families of Vogel have been increasing their own powers and benefits at a rate above acceptable."

"The houses Guzman, Francis, and Presley are acting on the sly to lower tax collections for their families while maintaining the same costs for houses like Caroll and Burke." He first quoted the names of the largest noble families in the territory and then spoke the names of two of the smallest.

Not every issue was voted on in the Assembly. Only the most important ones, with significant weight for the state. But this house had some duties similar to those of the royal family, which gave it room to administer part of Vogel.

That is, not only Minos could change a fraction of the state's tax collections, debt collections, and transfer of territories. The Assembly could do some of that as well, which was basically in the hands of the President and Directors.

That was a less bureaucratic way of doing things so that this house could more quickly take measures that were effective in fulfilling a short-term goal.

For example, suppose a noble family went through a calamity, and the local leaders felt it was too important to be abandoned. In that case, such a measure could quickly decrease the pressures on that family.

But this was a mechanism for abnormal events and should be used to not create unnecessary tensions in the state. At the same time, it should be used openly, not hidden, as had been the case with this issue.

Minos continued as he showed the papers to the people in that place. "For the past three years, the three largest organizations in this state have received over 3% tax exemption!"

"House Burke, meanwhile, has had three exemption requests denied after their experts died in the war against Abe."

When Minos did this, the members of the most prominent families in the state immediately became even angrier, forming icy expressions on their faces.

Simultaneously, the members of the smaller houses, many of whom were still in doubt about whether to support Minos, began to get angry as well, only for the unfair acts of those houses.

Minos continued. "So, I propose this vote to decide whether the acts of Mister Guzman's management are relevant to Vogel, whether they are in line with the interests of this house."

"I have the impression that part of this house disagrees with that. Thus, I propose a vote on an amendment to the house rules to remove from the president's hands the management of fee rebates and allocation of free state lands."

"Further, I propose that future votes decide this privilege in this house transparently and fairly."

"What? That's unacceptable!"

"That would make the process more difficult and bureaucratic!"

"Yes, how will we deal with urgent matters if we are plastered by Assembly business?"

Several voices defending the side of the most powerful in this state argued for things to continue as they were.

Minos then said. "The imperial family is willing to control that privilege and use it appropriately if that house prefers."

"Nonsense!"

"That is a way for His Majesty to take benefits from us and increase his powers!" A level 76 elder said aloud, looking at the people in the surrounding area.

Whatever Minos did there, it could be reversed after those two days by new votes in the future. However, considering the exposure of that problem, something proven by data, it changed the whole situation for those powerful people interested in continuing to be privileged.

After all, if Minos won the vote, even after he left, it would be complicated to reverse such a thing based on the feelings of injustice of the smaller families.

Also, as much as the Assembly had relatively more powers than the local sovereign, in extreme cases, the imperial family could take over these families if they threatened peace in the territory. So even if these greater powers threatened the smaller houses, that could justify for Minos to act directly against them!

And hell, that was all Minos wanted right now.

With the support of the Gray Cloud Sect elders, it would be a walk in the park for him to defeat some of these families.

In this situation, the local high-level powers were naturally worried about Minos' attack.

Minos' defenders there began to counter-attack those trying to make him look like the fox trying to take control of the hen house.

"His Majesty is trying to rid the state of abusers of power!"

"Yes, high-ranking families want to develop at the expense of our homes, even when they already have the best equipment, land, resources..."

"Tsk!"

"As expected! This house's privileges should increase equality between the powers in the state, but the damned are acting like royalty!"

One of the angriest of the Guzman family then said. "You people are naive. That is the world of the strong. So what if we increase benefits for our homes? Our families are the strongest in the state and keep things in order here!"

Minos smiled upon hearing that.

It was true that the most powerful could do as they pleased in this world, and the weaker ones could not complain much, or they would be at serious risk. But none of these families in Vogel were as strong as a royal house, an organization that naturally had more power than the others and, therefore, could have such privileges.

At the same time, the sovereign house of this state was getting stronger by leaps and bounds. So the position of these major local families was somewhat unstable for that man to justify himself in such a way.

The strongest people there soon realized this man's mistake and closed their eyes the moment before the tempers of the other elders in the area exploded.

"Hahaha, very funny. Does your Guzman family, by any chance, think they are the royal household? I will not accept my Skeldon family being subjugated by people of your level, Guzman!" An old man stood up and let part of his spirit escape.

A black-haired woman added. "I accept that your families are important to Vogel. But you are far from the level that I will get down on my knees and agree to sacrifice myself for you."

"Your Majesty, I want to be the first to vote!" She walked toward the place where the representatives could go to speak. "I make it a point to be the first to vote for Your Majesty's proposals!"

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