

Black Plain 1541

Chapter 1541 Overcoming Successive Challenges

"Uh? Level 76?" Minos looked with interest in the direction of that woman, who, truth be told, was quite similar to several others in the surrounding area, and he couldn't exactly tell the differences other than the aura.

Since she wanted to challenge him, he would not run away from the fight. "Okay, what do I need to do to beat her? Can I just make her say those words?" He asked while making a fighting stance.

"Hahaha, Minos Stuart, it's not that simple." One of the noblewomen there said. "You can indeed make us say the words... But would you be able to do that?"

Then you need not despair. We of the Flowers Kingdom are fair, and even a weakling at your level stands a chance in our challenges."

This woman was not lying. Because of the diabolical lineage skills that the descendants of the royalty of this state had, they had to follow various rules imposed by the continent, or they would be hunted down and killed.

These women didn't simply play games that only favored them. Even when they were stronger than their opponents, they proposed fair conditions of combat.

For example, on the rare occasions when someone at the level of Minos appeared in this kingdom, even women with several levels above the challenged men would not simply face them head-on. They would pose possible challenges for people at that level to pass, provided, of course, that they were talented enough.

But, even for highly talented people, the challenges would not be easy since their purpose was only to test the talent, not to let them slip away by giving victory to the most capable easily.

So, even if, in their view, Minos' situation was disadvantageous to him, none of them would play 'dirty' or act personally against him.

That would be shameful for them!

They had a great sense of honor and would only show maximum strength to opponents stronger than themselves. Since many there did not understand Emperor Stuart's strengths, they mockingly laughed at him at that woman's words.

"Damn!" Maris realized what Minos intended to do and jumped away from him, afraid to feel the dominance that had so bothered her.

"So it's just me forcing you, huh?" Minos circulated his energies to activate his avatar and show off as much of his Physique's abilities as possible to these women.

He could sense that they had good techniques. Some probably even had two or three Golden-grade techniques in their sets. In this case, he could only beat them the way he planned by putting in the effort.

"Does anyone else wish to challenge me? I know that your challenges happen one at a time. But why don't we make a waiting list? That way, 'if' I win, the next one of you will have an advantage over the others to challenge me..." He said.

The eunuchs there looked at Minos with narrowed eyebrows, trying to understand what this man had in mind.

They were the ones who knew the most about Emperor Stuart among everyone there. However, even they were unaware of Minos' most recent achievements or his forces. After all, the Flowers Kingdom was far from the Black Plain, and few received notification about this fellow's forces and actions.

If they were 9th stage cultivators, like those women watching Minos' movements for days, they would know not to point such a thing out to their superiors.

Unfortunately, ignorance would prevent them from preventing more women from challenging Minos!

"Well then, I, Fawn Jarvis..."

...

"I, Sibley Blair, challenge you, Minos Stuart..." Half of the noblewomen in that camp, seven women between levels 76 and 78, challenged Minos, creating an unprecedented waiting list for challenges in this state.

Minos was pleased with this and said, before taking action. "Well, I believe that although you cannot fight me simultaneously, I can do it against you, no? So let's end this quickly, dear flowers."

They wanted to brandish their displeasure against Minos. Still, after he finished speaking, they all immediately felt his powerful Physique ability.

In the blink of an eye, the level 76 woman and the next one who was supposed to face him if he beat the first level 76 woman as well felt their levels drop to level 75.

Meanwhile, Minos' level quickly rose to level 73!

"What?" One of the eunuchs opened his mouth in astonishment, not expecting to see Minos use this ability against such women.

Meanwhile, the noble women there frowned, sensing that he was much more challenging than they thought.

The first one to challenge Minos shivered, feeling her powers diminishing in a way she hadn't expected.

But simultaneously, the Soul Avatar of Minos showed himself to all those people in the camp, making those women suffer from the effects of his techniques.

He focused his techniques on the stronger ones to not accidentally kill the weaker women, those servants who were only there to serve.

Meanwhile, he only directed his Devouring Art at those women who challenged him, leaving the other individuals only pressured by Chaotic Gravity so they would not move.

Minos didn't want anyone getting in the way of his match, so even the level 79 Spiritual Saints there were immobilized by his initial action.

'What? How is that possible?' Maris wondered, open-mouthed as she watched everything from afar.

She hadn't seen Minos using this innate ability before, so seeing him at level 73, she was shocked like the camp members.

But seeing him dominating all those people with only level 73 cultivation, this beast felt even more impressed!

'With that power, I feel like I can't stand up to him!' She exclaimed in her mind, seeing that Minos in that form was already as strong as a level 81 Spiritual Sage.

The level 76 woman who first challenged him, Ruby Salazar, paled as she felt the pressure Minos was putting on her, forcing her to her knees.

Minos realized this woman and others there could show some resistance against him, as they had Golden-grade techniques to help them. However, none of them had a complete set of techniques of this quality.

Consequently, they would have some weaknesses against him, such as defense, mind, attack, and speed, which he had already noticed before he started his move.

Minos could see his opponents' weaknesses through the visual ability he had gained after advancing to the 8th stage, so he had realized before he even acted what the best strategies for each opponent were.

Thus, he pressed them against their weaknesses when he showed his avatar, giving no chances to these women who wished to castrate him.

"I think that's a victory, no? Do any of you wish to continue, or do you admit your defeat?" He asked after bringing all those women to their knees, making them feel terrible from the humiliation and the powerful spiritual fluctuations targeting their weak points.

If he made the slightest mistake at that moment, they could die!

Gulp!

In this situation, they regretted the rash position they had taken one by one!

...

Chapter 1542 Prizes

Quickly, each of the women who challenged him declared themselves losers, starting with the first until they reached the last one who had made the challenge.

Minos made sure to follow the order of the challenges to prevent any of them from using some kind of excuse to undo the challenges already made.

Through this, he defeated seven of them, earning the right to prizes from each of these mid- and high-level Spiritual Saints.

Everyone in the surrounding area was shocked at Minos' handling of the matter, feeling that he was too strong, outside of what they considered normal for reality.

Not only the noblewomen there who felt the worst of Minos' powers felt this, but also the eunuchs, guards, and servants, all of whom had somehow suffered temporarily from his power.

The servants lay on the ground, sweating cold. At the same time, the guards and eunuchs were pale, in disbelief of the strength of this level 71 person, who could even defeat all of them together!

One of the strongest noblewomen there, level 78, clenched her fists and looked at the ground, feeling humiliated but not complaining. 'How could this happen to me? Damn it!

I shouldn't have challenged him! No wonder Her Majesty herself wanted Minos to decide who would challenge him. He's actually a monster that only princesses have a chance of defeating!' She thought to herself, while only the sound of wind in the trees in the surrounding area was present.

The silence in the area was deafening to these people, and when one of them finally said something, the rest thanked her in their minds for this being to end their moment of suffering.

"What now? What do we do?" The first woman to challenge Minos asked him, feeling that it was her duty to present to her opponent in the first place.

At the moment, she felt very stupid, but there was nowhere to run. They had all been tricked by Minos, but he just followed their own rules.

Hell, they had even laughed at him!

Minos looked at that woman, feeling the fear in the surroundings, satisfied with his victory. "Well, I won. Now you seven owe me."

"What do you want?" The strongest of these women, level 78, asked in a low voice, still with her head down.

Minos looked at her and said. "As I said, I am seeking your help locating myself in this place and finding some people. Can any of you help me with that?"

I want to find Harold Edwardstone, the emperor of the Flaming Empire, and Oswald Coleman, my grandfather."

The eunuchs there muttered things to their mistresses while the women there looked at each other.

One of them said. "I don't know where your grandfather is, but I know Harold's location. He is in the kingdom's capital, Flowers City, waiting to go through the mating ceremony."

"Oh? So he still has his manhood intact?" Minos asked in surprise while Maris was already at his side, still looking at him strangely but more comfortable with the situation.

"Yes, he does." That woman confirmed before saying. "With that information, I don't owe you anything more."

Minos didn't mind and looked at the other six. "What about my grandfather? Do any of you know anything about him?"

A eunuch explained the situation to Minos. "Your Majesty Minos Stuart, it's not that simple. Miss Sibley only knew of Harold's location and situation, as his circumstances are somewhat special in the kingdom.

On the other hand, your grandfather does not have such a significant status, and people of our levels would hardly have that information."

The remaining six women nodded in agreement, regretting not knowing about it, as this was a chance for yet another of them to be free of any commitment to Minos.

Minos then looked at them and said. "For I demand that one of you investigate the whereabouts of Oswald. You will only free yourself from an engagement with me when you bring me information regarding his location and situation."

One level 77 noblewoman was willing to do this, preferring to commit to something right away than wait for this guy to decide on something else.

That was just a tedious job. Meanwhile, Minos had the right even to take their weapons and armor, items they valued greatly. So, to avoid losing something valuable, that woman had committed herself to this.

Minos nodded to her and looked at the other five. "I want one of you to travel alongside Maris and me until we reach the capital of this kingdom. Your job will be to assist on this journey with cultivation resources and information needed during these travel days."

A level 78 woman was willing to do this, leaving only four of them fearing losing their items.

"The rest of you, if I haven't heard wrong, I can demand anything you have, right? Including your freedom?"

A eunuch stepped forward. "Your Majesty Minos Stuart, please know that the rules of the challenge prevent the challenged from taking away the freedom of the women of the kingdom."

"No problem. I just want your families to help me with a small service." He smiled. "I need a Spiritual Sage to locate a person in the Flaming Empire for me.

His name is Mortimer Burgess, level 80.

This person does not need to act against Mortimer. Just locate him. I will do the rest when I receive his location."

None of these women could do it alone, but several had relatives powerful enough to find Mortimer.

So one of them was willing to do the job.

Minos was pleased and continued. "Besides, I need military and commercial allies. So how about the family of the three of you making some deals with me?

Of course, those agreements would only involve the people led by you, not your superiors in your families."

The three sighed upon hearing that since they could profit from whatever deals they went on, they did not have to lose anything of value to Minos right now.

Some even had Saint-grade medicines with them, something extremely valuable to them!

So Minos' demands were accepted without any major problems, with the tension there lessening considerably after his words.

In the midst of this, the Spiritual Sage was standing next to the two women watching Minos, looking at the two of them.

"Aren't you two worried about that?" He asked.

"Why would we be?" The weaker of the two questioned him instead of answering.

"I mean, Minos is much stronger than these people... Will anyone be able to stop him? I think he will end up gaining a lot on this trip through your state."

The level 86 woman then said. "That's until he meets some of the princesses. By then, he won't be able to win, and his genes will have to stay with us."

"Why do you think he can't win? I know your descendants are powerful and well-equipped. But Minos is out of the ordinary."

"You'll see." The stronger of the two commented, smiling. "Anyway, let's get on with it. They're about to leave."

At that moment, some of the noblewomen who would investigate things for Minos departed. At the same time, he was joined by those other four women, three of whom would take him to their respective families for him to do business.

He did not know where Oswald was, and Harold's situation was not so urgent. So he would first settle that business before continuing with his journey.

Soon, he and his group would set off toward the first city in the Flowers Kingdom that he would have the chance to get to know.

Chapter 1543 How Strong Will He Be

Three weeks later...

After departing from the previous camp, Minos followed alongside the women who owed him to the first city he would meet in this state.

That was where men were technically forbidden to live, the home of some of the noble families of this state.

But make no mistake, even the cities in this state that forbade men to live had people of that sort living there.

These were the eunuchs, fathers of female warriors of the kingdom, or the male nobles, sons of the female warriors.

For some reason, the sons of women of royal lineage in this state were born sterile. Because of this reason, they could live in this state without problems, although in the remote past, some women of royal lineage had tried to induce the reproduction of members of their lineage with cousins.

That had ended the lives of those noblemen but saved the lives of all those who came after, who, until the present day, could live peaceful lives alongside their sisters, mother, and many aunts.

But apart from these two types of men, no others were allowed to live in these cities, and only during the day could visitors like Minos pass through.

Because of his situation, Minos had already received a few more challenges in the previous days, even considering the rumors about his strength that had already been spread since his first battle against women in this state.

He had not fought other groups in the days he had traveled to this city, as the women and eunuchs traveling with him had 'helped' the women on their way, bypassing every camp in their vicinity. But the other people who had seen him fight, especially the servants, had spread what they had seen to their friends and acquaintances, quickly spreading the news about him to people in those areas of the kingdom.

But even with the rumors that he was a monster capable of defeating even level 79 eunuchs without effort, some women in this city had already challenged him.

He had won several of these challenges, so he had already collected a few thousand high-grade crystals, medicine useful for feeding Maris, and high-level grade-3 equipment for the Black Plain Army.

In the middle of his days in this city, Minos had signed partnership agreements with the families of two of the three women he had demanded.

In these agreements, the Black Plain would sell high-value-added resources to the Flowers Kingdom, such as the special wine from that area, aphrodisiac plants, and products forged by spiritual professionals.

Currently, the empire of Minos would still not have much to sell to the families of those women. Still, this emperor had guaranteed buyers for these items when this day came.

And with that, those families would also have to provide some hard-to-find items in Minos' territories, but also military support.

The forces commanded by those women would have to be friendly to those of Minos. In case of problems between the Black Plain and Flowers Kingdom or high-level states on the continent, those families would have to intercede on their behalf.

In a way, these agreements were similar to what Harold had achieved for his state before.

Anyway, today, Minos would finish formalizing the last of the three agreements so that he could finally return to his journey toward the Flowers City!

...

"What do you think? Does it suit me?" Minos asked Maris and the level 78 woman traveling with them to pay for their expenses on this journey to the kingdom's capital.

In this instant, they were in a grand and beautiful hotel in the city they were stopped in, where the three families of those women were located.

Although this place was not exactly the destination of most people on the continent, women from all over the Spiritual World had this state as a point to visit in their lives.

Those who were financially and spiritually able to come to this place eventually did so. Because of this, the tourist attractiveness of this place was not zero, and there were in this kingdom hotels and all kinds of infrastructure necessary to receive people from outside.

In one of these places, Minos was staying with those two, and at this very moment, he was trying on one of the armor he had won the day before.

That was a dark purple armor, which covered the upper parts of the arms, shoulders, chest, abdomen, and back, with small reliefs that made it look beautiful. But the most impressive thing about this armor was not its refined appearance but its classification.

That was a low-level grade-4 armor, something Minos had been lucky enough to get after defeating a level 79 Spiritual Saint the day before, a wealthy local challenger.

He wasn't strong enough to last long with armor that required level 80 cultivation from its wearer, so he was only trying it out to use in the future.

Items of this quality were almost 20% more efficient than those of high-level grade-3 classification, so Minos was eager to use something like this!

"It looks excellent on you..." The level 78 woman said as Maris observed the details of that armor.

That spiritual beast asked. "With that armor, you have one defensive and one offensive item of low-level grade-4... But will you be able to use them? Or is it too heavy for you?"

Minos had gained a sword of the same rank as that armor three days ago, so Maris wondered how strong he would become after adding that item more.

"Hmm, I'll only be able to use one of these items without a problem after advancing to level 73, whereas to use both simultaneously, I'll have to reach level 75, so no, I won't be able to use them for a while." He was sincere.

He already had a low-level grade-4 armor and sword that Henricus Longus had left for him in the Spatial Kingdom. But even so, Minos had never used them until then because he knew he was incapable.

"Level 75? Sigh... It'll take a while for that to happen." That beast sighed, imagining it would not be able to see Minos using such items yet on this trip.

It had started this trip with anger at Minos for all that had happened when they first met. But after weeks of traveling together, she had grown accustomed to him and his unusual abilities.

So Maris wanted to see this fellow using all his skills and those grade-4 items, which would undoubtedly put him above his current strength.

Unfortunately, he couldn't do such a thing in the short term!

"Anyway, it's impressive that you can at least use this to show us." That level 78 woman commented, seeing Emperor Stuart removing the armor. "I hope to see you getting stronger in the future... It will be interesting to see where you can get to as a eunuch."

"Eunuch?" Minos chuckled as he looked at that woman, who, every now and then, teased him with lines similar to the one above. "That's not going to happen, Emma."

"If you eventually reach the level of the chief eunuch, with your exceptional skills, you could probably reach the power level of the continent's leaders!

At this time, the kingdom would become as strong as our neighbors!"

...

Chapter 1544 Secondary Objective In The Flowers Kingdom

Hearing Emma's comment, Minos shook his head negatively, though he agreed that he would be as strong as some of the continent's strongest experts if he reached that stage.

Minos didn't know the head eunuch of the Flowers Kingdom. Still, he had already heard from Emma that this person was a 10th-stage cultivator. Considering that he could advance the quality of his Physique one more time when he was to move to that stage, and his strength would increase greatly in the meantime, he agreed with her regarding his potential.

But all that power would be for the good of the Black Plain Empire, not the Flowers Kingdom!

"You can dream about it, but it won't happen, Emma." He smiled at her, confident in a way that this woman soon became angry and turned her back on him.

"Tsk!"

Maris just watched the two, seeing that Minos had already stowed the purple armor in a spatial ring and was beginning to regain his energy.

Such was the power of a high-level grade-4 item that just by having him wear it for a few moments, he had exhausted himself!

This beast would watch him for a few moments until some employee of the hotel they were in knocked on the door of that room and said. "Warrior, Your Majesty Minos Stuart, Sage Beast, a group from the Johnston family are waiting for you in the lobby."

Upon hearing that, Minos opened his eyes, hearing the information he had been waiting for so he could finally continue his journey.

Of the three women who had promised to make deals with him after his victory at the camp weeks ago, only the woman from the Johnston family was left to fulfill her promises to him.

That level 76 person had taken her time, as she had had trouble settling these matters with her family and getting a spiritual judge capable of sealing the deal between her and Minos. Because of this, things concerning her agreement with him took longer.

However, that woman had promised him that as soon as she could settle all the necessary points, she would come with the spiritual judge to this place to seal their agreement.

That was the signal, so Minos was more than pleased to hear the words of that hotel employee.

"All right, let's go!" He stood up from his meditative position, not yet 100% recovered, but enough to be able to protect himself in case strange things happened.

His two companions followed him as they saw him heading towards the first floor of this building, also satisfied, as they could continue their trip after today.

Even Emma was in a bit of a hurry with this trip since not only was she paying for the stay of these two in the Flowers Kingdom, but she also didn't like to see her relatives losing things to Minos.

The longer he stayed in the city, the more curious and idiot women came to challenge him and consequently lose their items.

Minos had gotten a lot of things in the last few weeks, so she felt that he would profit a few times more than Harold if he successfully escaped the kingdom.

As much as she was confident in the princesses, she felt sorry for her relatives who would lose resources that would not return later, regardless of the outcome of their journey.

'Hopefully, we'll leave this city later today...' She sighed.

...

Upon arriving at the lobby of that hotel, Minos immediately ran into the woman he had beaten weeks ago, some elders from the Johnston family, and a very old fellow who was supposed to be the spiritual judge.

Seeing the high-level Spiritual Sages of that family, Minos promptly greeted them. "It is good to meet noble warriors of such high status... I am flattered that such important people traveled just to welcome me."

One of the high-ranking women in this group looked at Minos seriously and said. "You are lucky that you are only a Spiritual Saint. Otherwise, Minos, you would have lost by now."

"That's just my luck." He smiled, not wanting to provoke these experts but not fearing them. "But we are all following the local rules, so there is no regret, right? Anyway, what I wish for Miss Johnston is something simple for her and good for everyone."

"Tsk! You are bold and a rascal, Minos Stuart." A level 88 woman said, knowing that he was a profiteer for having encouraged countless women to challenge him.

"To survive in the dangerous Spiritual World, one needs to use all the skills one has, including intelligence." He agreed before looking toward the woman who challenged him and asking. "So, do you intend to keep your promise now?"

That woman clenched her fists, not liking this but wanting to get it all over with right away.

That way, at least, she would no longer have to meet with Minos, and they would no longer hear her elders pressuring her to pay her debts soon.

"Yes, let's get it over with."

Minos smiled and said. "Very well, I have already made agreements on most of the items I can trade with your state, so there is not much that I will offer you."

That way, I want your assurance that you and your subordinates will not act against the Black Plain, no matter what. Furthermore, suppose one day we need support. In that case, you and your subordinates must make yourself available to act to help us.

This woman would have to agree to more military arrangements with Minos than the other two, for it had taken her a long time to reach that point.

In any case, she didn't think that would be so problematic and said. "Fine by me."

They then found a place to sit, where the spiritual judge would formalize the agreement terms between the parties, which would be signed by those two hours later.

After that signing, that woman's commitment to Minos had changed, and now she could no longer be surprised by anything he decided later. All she would have to do was follow the rules of the agreement without worrying about him demanding more things on account of winning the challenge.

With that settled, she and her family returned from whence they departed, leaving Minos and those two alone in the hotel.

...

After Minos closed the previous deal, two days passed.

In those two days, he resolved the last challenges he had received in that city before finally leaving to continue his journey westward to the kingdom's capital.

At this moment, he and his two traveling companions were arriving in a small village on their way, where Minos intended to settle some matters.

He already had in mind to settle matters concerning the map in his possession that the Blood Triangle Pirates and the Eastern Empire wanted.

More and more people were approaching him about such a thing, so Minos wanted to get ahead of it and find out as much as he could on this trip through the Flowers Kingdom.

This state might not be the strongest on the continent. Still, it had reason to continue existing, even if it was surrounded by two states with high-level Spiritual Gods in their ranks.

The Eastern Empire and the Evergreen Empire didn't simply keep their interests away from this women's kingdom because this place had no value in their eyes or out of respect. Instead, they did this because the women of this area had their own methods of securing their independence!

So as a high-level state, the Flowers Kingdom could have useful information!

...

Chapter 1545 Minos' Attempt

Minos knew he had a good chance of getting something in this state because he had already talked superficially about it with Emma.

For this very reason, this woman was guiding him towards the village ahead, where supposedly a noble house of a woman who might have information about this was located.

There were no Spiritual Church posts in the Flowers Kingdom, but this state was friendly to that organization.

Because of this, some of the queen's descendants maintained contact with that organization and were, in a way, closer than other local noblewomen of the organization that Gloria was part of.

This family was one that had members who had dealings with the Church!

So when the group of three arrived near that camp, Minos' eyes were gleaming in interest, eager for any kind of information.

'Time to get at least some hint...' He wondered before moving on to enter that village alongside Emma and Maris.

As they moved beyond the surveillance limit of the guards at that location, their group immediately caught the attention of the Spiritual Sages on standby.

One of them took the time to check what this was all about and simply mentally communicated with these people.

'What are you doing in this place? And why is there a warrior and a spiritual beast next to this man? Uh? Isn't that Minos Stuart?' A female voice, very comfortable to hear, said in the minds of the three.

Minos noticed this form of communication for the first time in his life as that Flowers Kingdom warrior explained the situation aloud.

"Senior, I lost in the challenge to this man, and I am guiding this beast and him until we reach the Flowers City... That was what he chose as a prize for his victory."

The beast then prostrated itself and said aloud, afraid of being punished by that expert. "Senior, he threatened me to follow him around the kingdom, so I have no choice in being here!"

"Tsk! How do you have the nerve, Maris? You're enjoying yourself on our trip!" Minos exclaimed, looking at this traitor on its own knees.

"That doesn't change the fact that I am being forced to accompany you." She said, without looking at him or the direction from which that expert was positioned, sending her words into their minds.

But Minos was only trying to make Maris nervous and soon put her words aside. He looked in the direction of the woman questioning them and said. "Madam, I am seeking information regarding a group connected to the Spiritual Church. I believe someone in this village can help me, so I request permission for passage through this area."

That woman looked at Minos strangely before focusing her attention on those two beside him.

She said first to Emma. "You are a fool. How did you have the courage to challenge someone who is Her Majesty's target? Do you think she didn't have her reasons for watching him? Now you are forced to guide him through our state, saying things you shouldn't..."

Emma listened to that woman's sermon, soon lowering her head in shame.

Then Maris heard something too, but since she knew nothing about the queen's interest in Minos, the Spiritual Sage didn't complain so much about her weakness.

That expert merely said that such a spiritual beast was a disgrace to its race...

After making her due complaints, she focused on Minos and said with her vocal cords. "Faye, bring His Majesty Minos Stuart to the hall of elders. I will receive him."

A woman in the vicinity of where Minos and his companions were heard immediately appeared in front of the three.

The three saw that level 81 woman, and he walked towards her, causing Maris to stand up and Emma to put away her shame to move on.

"Your Majesty Minos Stuart, come with me. I will lead your group to your destination." Faye said, with a smile on her face, as she opened a wormhole behind where she stood.

Then Minos nodded to her and entered that region of space without hesitation, followed by Emma and Maris.

...

By going through the last wormhole, something he did as if he had gone through a door, Minos came to a large and well-lit place where there seemed to be an artificial garden.

But nothing there was artificial. Everything was natural, even considering the underground position of this place where Minos had been sent.

Minos looked at the surroundings and saw that the tree roots positioned above this area were responsible for the good lighting in this room full of plant life.

But there were also many items produced by humans, sculptures representing people and beasts. At the same time, the spiritual energy and Law present in the area were so concentrated that the air seemed to glow.

Minos smiled upon seeing this place while Emma and Maris appeared behind him, promptly retracting their auras to avoid offending the people in the surrounding area.

"Your Majesty Minos Stuart is indeed powerful and bold." A voice came from far away from those three, as sounds of footsteps spread in the surroundings, becoming more and more noticeable. "You go to this place and still stand watching everything as if in a museum... Aren't you afraid of offending those you shouldn't?"

"Offend? Not at all. I'm just impressive enough to look at the area with curiosity." Minos said before seeing the woman who had spoken to them moments ago, someone at level 85.

Coming face to face with this brown-haired fellow, that woman, tall and strong like every local noble, with black hair and blue female armor, said. "You know that by coming here, you will be challenged by some of our junior girls, right? Are you doing this on purpose?"

"Not at all. I have interests that maybe can be helped by people from this place. I'll leave when I find out if you can and hear something useful.

As to whether anyone will challenge me, that is up to you only... I will not spread to other people that I am here." He said, indicating to this woman that she could help him and keep his passage through this place a secret.

That way, none of the juniors in this village would lose resources to him!

"You are very good at telling others what they should do, uh?" That woman said, not liking to hear that from Minos.

"No wonder I'm a ruler..." He said.

That woman closed her eyes momentarily, thinking about it. She really didn't want to let her juniors come into contact with Minos, or they would be enticed to challenge him and then lose.

Losing a challenge was a shame for a cultivator of the Flowers Kingdom, which could even hinder their journey as women and future mothers of this state.

The innate ability of these women demanded peace of mind to function at its best. So anything, such as defeats and humiliations, could hinder their results.

But no one could stop one of these women from issuing a challenge, which was why this specialist was in a tricky situation with Minos' arrival.

She couldn't throw him out, as that might offend the queen, so she simply chose to listen to what he had to say.

"Tell me about what you seek. Then, depending on what it is, I can advise you." She said.

...

Chapter 1546 Ancient History

Upon hearing that expert's question, Minos got straight to the point. "In recent years, I have been contacted by people from the Eastern Empire and the Blood Triangle Pirates group. Both were looking for a map in my region, asking for my help finding such a thing for them.

I want to know if you or anyone here has information about this map."

"Blood Triangle Pirates?" The eyebrows of that level 85 woman drew together.

Several experts in this place were somehow related to the Spiritual Church since that was the function given to them by the queen. That is, to maintain contact with the largest institution in the Central Continent.

All the women of this post with a particular level of power and influence knew what that pirate group was about, an arm of the Evergreen family, who were also the main power within the Church.

In this way, she was aware of many things about this organization, and she couldn't help but find it strange that Minos spoke to her about it.

"They came to you about a map?" This woman asked as she remembered something she had heard from the head of this post.

Such a person was a level 89 woman, the queen's granddaughter, the leader of this family, whom Emma had talked about and brought Minos to this place so he could try his luck and, who knows, meet her.

Minos replied. "Yes, this pirate group offered me many high-grade crystals just for me to search for this map...

I wanted to know what it was about to attract so many experts.

I don't want to get involved in something that might bring about the destruction of my state."

Maris and Emma were moved by how determined Minos was to protect his state to the point that he simply wouldn't accept generous proposals without knowing their main implications.

'What a leader he must be...' Maris thought to herself, something not so different from what Emma and even the level 85 woman had in mind.

That woman knew what that map was about and told Minos. "I can give you some information about it, but it won't be free."

"And what will I have to do to get it?" He asked, interested.

"Free this foolish woman and this poor beast from having to accompany you against their own will. I will give you some information and give you a tip concerning that matter."

The women of the Flowers Kingdom were demanding. They were very talented and had above-average powers, even disregarding their reproductive abilities. But still, they were very protective of their people and didn't like to see any of them being humiliated or forced into anything.

Of course, they had their games with foreign men and followed the rules of these games faithfully. However, if they had the opportunity to rescue one of them from one of these winning men, others would do so to avoid the worst of that woman and prevent further degradation of their state.

On the other hand, like the Black Plain Empire, the Flowers Kingdom had control over all the beasts in its territory. Then even though Maris could live most of the time freely, she was still a servant of the queen, who had her function and deserved some dignity.

For all this, this woman wanted to negotiate with Minos about information that was irrelevant to her.

That was crucial and difficult to obtain for Minos since he was weak. But for her, who had already lived over five thousand years and had a cultivation level of 85, this information was just what she had heard in conversations with her older sisters and aunts.

It was worth making this exchange!

Minos looked at those two and immediately agreed. "Fine. I will release both from their responsibilities and promises after you give me this information."

"Hmmm." She nodded as those two looked at her with abandoned puppy dog eyes, feeling grateful this woman cared for them.

They were already used to and even enjoyed traveling with Minos, but still, it was nice to know that someone cared about you!

"Very well, I will tell you that." She looked at Minos as she sat on a stone bench in that hall. "That map the Blood Triangle Pirates are looking for is a way to reach and enter the Seraph Ancient Sarcophagus, a place lost long ago.

I am unsure what happened a few million years ago in this ancient resting place of the Church's experts. After all, a long time has passed. But some stories say that at that time, two factions of the Church divided and went to war against each other.

That war led to the abandonment of the Serath Ancient Sarcophagus, which was supposedly tainted by the losers, and the winner decided to abandon it for good and create a new site of its kind."

She looked at those three as if she were telling a story to children. "That new place still exists and is where the Spiritual Church buries its top experts.

Only Spiritual Demigods can rest in that place.

In any case, the Serath Ancient Sarcophagus, formerly on a floating island, eventually left the Church's territory, a natural thing to happen over time."

Floating islands moved, and if the forces occupying them were not careful, they could easily leave the territories where they belonged in a few tens of thousands of years!

She continued. "After letting the island in question leave its territory, some time passed, and most Church experts no longer had the location of that place. But then, a challenger to the position of Supreme Pontiff began his journey in search of that place, intending to recover the items 'tainted' by the losers of that fight and use them to dominate the continent.

He was not the strongest in his time since the one who would become Pope Maximus was the favorite for the position of Supreme Pontiff. So even though he was a cultivation genius, he had to ally himself with a radical wing of the Church that wanted to dominate the continent and needed such resources to do so and put him as the champion of the leadership contest."

Pope Maximus had been an extraordinary cultivator who had reached level 100, one of the few human experts in history to reach that level.

Because of such talent, his opponent, a monster in their time, who in any other era would have become the strongest on the continent, had to choose a dangerous alternative.

"He joined this faction, and while they maintained their position, he set out on a journey alongside his right-hand man to find and collect the resources of the Serath Ancient Sarcophagus.

Unfortunately or not, he would never return..."

"Did he die?" Minos asked.

"No one knows. All that is known is that he managed to leave one last message for his faction, speaking of a map he had designed that would supposedly be able to lead the Church's experts to such a place and also to him.

To everyone's misfortune, when his message reached the Church headquarters, the Great Migration was already half over, and much looting and destruction had already spread to that region.

In any case, with this map, one would only have to put a drop of their blood on it. That should entitle that individual to the key to such a place, and the map would show that person the way."

"Oh? But what exactly do these groups hope to find using this map?" Minos asked.

...

Chapter 1547 The Possible Value Of The Map

"That I don't know. But the people I know who know about it think that the group that finds the map and reaches the Seraph Ancient Sarcophagus will be able to achieve many grade-4 resources. But not only that, they will be able to recover that man's corpse."

Minos frowned as he heard this comment from her, not understanding why that man's corpse would be of any significant value.

He knew about the properties of a Spiritual Demigod's body, as should be the case with this person. For himself, that body could serve as a nutrient for one of the spiritual roots in the northern region, something that could help him increase the energy density in that area of the empire.

But that shouldn't be so valuable for high-level people from the Eastern Empire and the Blood Triangle Pirates.

Not to mention that from time to time, high-level people would die in those forces, and they would have corpses of a similar level.

Because of this, he naturally asked in doubt. "What's with his corpse? Why would he be so important?"

This level 85 woman said, making an expression that showed her great interest in the matter. "That man was supposedly one step away from reaching peak cultivation at level 99 when he disappeared.

But that wasn't the most important thing. The crucial thing was that he had an innate regeneration ability that was supposedly so strong that he could preserve his body in the afterlife.

That should be enough for his corpse to appear preserved to such an extent that, even after hundreds of thousands of years, it would look like his post-death minute version!"

That might seem like just a random curiosity, but to someone who knew about the Spiritual Church like this woman, this was relevant information.

The Church had many cultivators in its ranks, meaning that there were countless special abilities within that organization.

And precisely because of this, in this generation, there was a particular person in the Church who had an ability that could infuse their soul into dead corpses and use the abilities of that corpse.

Suppose this preserved corpse was recovered and sent to this person. In that case, they could obtain a body of a level 99 cultivator with a regeneration ability that would make it almost indestructible.

With such an ability, many things could be changed on this continent without a God in the current generation!

Minos didn't know the same things as this Spiritual Sage. Still, he could understand the value of a preserved body of a level 99 Spiritual Demigod.

'There are countless applications for something like this...' He narrowed his eyes, thinking of the many possibilities.

A 'fresh' corpse just wouldn't be useful for possession since, for that, the body to be possessed had to be alive. But other than that, something like this could be handy for weaker cultivators, that is, for practically everyone in the Spiritual World.

Minos hadn't considered this at first because even the bodies of Spiritual Demigods were degraded over time. So considering the years that had passed since that person had last taken a breath, his corpse had to be very worn down by now.

But if this ability was real, then anything was possible!

Minos frowned as he thought of something and asked. "But why are these people only now looking for this map?"

"Who says they are only now looking for it?" That woman asked him back. "As I said, that man's message reached the descendants of his faction during the Great Migration. At that time, the northern region was in chaos with the departures of local powers, looting, new sovereigns emerging, and wars..."

Considering your background, I think you would have liked that time...

Anyway, that was a bad time to find anything in that area, which still had specialists coming and going. So nothing was found.

At the same time, as time passed, people in that group were living their lives, having new problems, challenges, opportunities, etc. Pope Maximus's own accession greatly disrupted the situation.

And over time, those most interested in that man's plans died out, leaving behind only history, which some of their descendants would follow, but others would not." She said, thinking of the infinite possibilities that could erase the signs of a great expert's passing. "So throughout this period, searches were started and abandoned, depending on the generation of members of the Spiritual Church.

That faction he had been part of no longer exists today. Still, several Church groups, including the Evergreen family, know about his story, and apparently, one of them is interested in it now...

If you want to know why they are looking for you, it is because you are the first since the Great Migration to gain dominion over that area. So they must think that you might be the one to find such an item." She finished her answer.

"What about the Eastern Empire?"

She answered quickly. "They are enemies of the Church. So naturally, they are just trying to get in their way.

If the Travisani family finds that map, they will probably destroy it."

"I see..." He muttered, satisfied with this woman's answers, which told him far more than he knew.

'A corpse and grade-4 resources... That's pretty valuable, but I don't know if it's enough for me to get involved in an intrigue between giants.' Minos pondered, considering that forces with powerful Spiritual Demigods desired that.

The problem with everything was that these forces, particularly the Blood Triangle Pirates group, were beginning to pressure him.

Otherwise, Minos would simply keep that map with him, and when he was strong enough, he would search for the Seraph Ancient Sarcophagus to collect the items in that place.

That might even help Gloria in her journey to become Supreme Pontiff of the Spiritual Church!

But in the meantime, he would have to deal with the pressure, which could greatly hinder his actions on the Black Plain and in the Central Continent itself.

On the other hand, the idea of trying to sell this map didn't seem good since the side that didn't buy this item might see Minos as a problem to be eliminated.

As such, he was at a crossroads of fate!

'Tsk! I've kept it for so long... I'll keep storing it in the Spatial Kingdom as long as I can. If I eventually have no option but to dispose of it, I'll decide what to do then.' He clenched his fists, leaving the problem to be solved further down the road.

He could go to that Seraph Ancient Sarcophagus and then lie to the power-pressing him, investigating something that no longer existed.

But that would be dangerous, and he would first have to discover more about this ancient resting place of the Spiritual Church.

He knew that woman could help him with that, but he didn't ask anything so as not to draw unnecessary attention. Gloria could help him find out more about that place without him having to expose his insistent interest in it.

"Well, that's all I wanted to know..." Minos stood up, grateful for that woman's help.

But before he could say more, she told him. "Finally, I have a tip for you..."

Chapter 1548 The Pacific South Sea

"Hint?" Minos asked.

"Yes." That level 85 woman shook her head affirmatively. "If these forces have sought you to do a search service, you must be aware of the two possibilities before you."

"Two possibilities?"

"Yes. The first is about you refusing the offer of the two so as not to irritate nor please either side. I believe you have already refused at least one of them, so that may be the best course of action for your condition. But the second possibility is that you choose one of the two sides and faithfully follow that path to the end.

Choosing one will greatly irritate the other side, and it will probably become your enemy.

So if you choose that, be careful not to visit the domain of that enemy side."

"But my territory is in the domain of the Church..." Minos commented.

"Exactly. You'd better choose the side of the Blood Triangle Pirates if you opt for either side. If you don't do that, you'll have big problems choosing the side of the Eastern Empire." She said.

"Hmm, that's true," Minos said, considering he couldn't remove his territory from the Church's domain. 'That's really complicated... I can't choose, or I'd have a kill order on my head.'

He then said. "Well, thanks for the information and tip. I believe I'll be able to decide based on that."

She looked at him thoughtfully and commented. "If you lose in one of the challenges to come, you won't have to worry about that... So if I were you, I wouldn't worry about it so much."

"Hehe, we'll see." Minos laughed, confident in himself. "But answer me one thing. Will someone other than the queen be able to give me Harold's freedom?"

"Princesses have quite a bit of power in the kingdom." That woman stated. "So if one of them challenges you and you are lucky enough to win, you can certainly ask for that man's freedom.

Any of them has enough influence to make one of our relatives give up that man."

"That's good to know, hehe." Minos smiled, indicating to that person that he could accomplish his goals in this state.

That woman didn't believe in that possibility and simply smiled in pity at this fellow. "Good luck."

With that settled, Minos would stay for a few hours in that underground part of the women's village he had stopped at, receiving no challenges.

He said goodbye to Maris and Emma at the end of the day before a Spiritual Sage opened a wormhole out of that place for him.

Minos had built a good connection with these two, so they did him the favor of drawing him a map for the rest of his journey since he still had more than halfway to the capital.

With that, he set off while the two went their separate ways, returning to where they should have been.

...

While Minos was traveling through the Flowers Kingdom, the Black Plain Empire continued developing.

But on this night, something expected by the local forces and by Minos finally began to happen!

In an area of the empire not far from Dry City, a 10-square-kilometer plot of land suddenly began to shake in the middle of the night, causing everyone in it to be on alert.

At the same time, the local forces noticed something strange happening, as policemen and soldiers began to leave the buildings they were in to check the situation.

However, some of the few Spiritual Saints around were the first to notice the phenomenon and were not slow to reassure that population.

"Attention everyone in the area. This place is about to become a floating island!" A level 72 Spiritual Saint roared, noticing the spiritual energy in the surroundings beginning to raise that block of stone.

Some parts of the Black Plain were composed of rocks capable of repelling spiritual energy and creating floating islands.

As the density of spiritual energy rose, the repulsive force became stronger than the weight of these clusters of rocks and earth, lifting entire islands into the skies.

That was happening right now to that area previously prepared for this by Minos and his people!

At the words of that Spiritual Saint, the weaker citizens with residences on that piece of land began to rejoice, imagining the spiritual and tourist advantages of living on a floating island.

Their land would become more valuable, and their cultivation would grow faster!

Because of this, the thousands of people in the surrounding area soon began to celebrate while the soldiers smiled, imagining the future of the Black Plain.

But today, this piece of land would only advance a little more than 20 centimeters, barely noticeable to the locals.

In any case, this process was only the beginning. More places like this would appear on the Black Plain as time passed, and the altitude above ground level of places like this would increase!

...

Two weeks passed as the first floating island in the Black Plain's central area gradually rose into the sky.

At this instant, Minos had already traveled quite a bit of the Flowers Kingdom after his farewell to Maris and Emma. But due to the various encounters with women from this state on his way and the expected challenges, he had not been able to travel for as many miles as he would have been able to under other circumstances.

But Minos was not dissatisfied with the way things were developing. On the contrary, he constantly fought powerful women due to these circumstances, which was great for refining his combat skills.

At the same time, he had won more than a dozen challenges in this period, acquiring more wealth for his state.

Minos had gotten a new guide to accompany him on his journey through one of the challenges he had won and was at this very moment standing next to a level 79 cultivator, resting on a local beach.

He had arrived at the coast of the Flowers Kingdom, where this state bordered the South Sea, the most tranquil ocean in the entire Spiritual World.

Despite its position, at one of the poles of the Spiritual World, from where someone crossing it could go from the Divine Continent to the Central Continent or, by diverting the route a bit, reach the Beast Continent, this was a tranquil sea.

The reason for this? Simple, the Marine Empire was located in this sea and kept everyone passing by too much on their toes to cause trouble.

The Marine Empire was home to the most powerful beings in the Spiritual World, the Sky Whales, which could have bodies as large as flying islands.

These beings were as talented as dragons, but their bodies were much bigger and tougher. Because of this, when one of these became a Spiritual Demigod, they practically became indestructible, and few could stand up to them.

Since several of these specimens dominated the South Sea, unlike the chaotic North Sea, this was a peaceful place, usually used by merchants who wanted to complete their journeys without problems.

Minos knew well who guarded these waters, and as he finished eating his baked fish, looking south, he couldn't help but sigh, feeling the urge to go to the Marine Empire.

'In the future...'

Chapter 1549 Where Confidence Comes From

As Minos finished eating, he saw the level 79 woman looking at him, probably interested in continuing this journey as quickly as possible.

"Why don't we go directly to the capital via a teleportation station?" She asked, trying to understand this man's motivation in wanting to travel slowly through this state.

Minos continued to clean his teeth by using his spiritual energy to destroy the impurities and food debris on his teeth. Finally, after a moment in silence, he commented. "I don't even know where my grandfather is yet, and from what I hear, the queen seems to be waiting for me, saving Harold for me. So why rush?

I can slowly get to know this wonderful state and beat warriors like you on my way."

She pressed her teeth against each other at these words, knowing Minos was right but hating her position as this fellow's guide and expense payer.

Minos had no mercy on her. Every time they had the opportunity to stop in a human-dominated area, he would eat banquets in grade-4 chef restaurants. The inns and hotels they stayed in? They were all the most expensive, where the daily rate cost dozens of high-grade crystals.

Little by little, she was losing her fortune...

'Bloody bastard!'

Minos then said. "Anyway, let's continue our journey."

"Where do you want to go now?" She prepared to leave, interested to know the destination ahead.

Minos had learned about the local map while traveling alone through Maris and Emma's map. And now that he was by the side of this woman, Ella, he had some destinations of interest to go through.

Minos didn't have a lot of business to do around this state since he had already done that through those three women who had signed agreements with him weeks ago. But the Flowers Kingdom was a wealthy state in natural resources.

So with the wealth he had already accumulated in this place and had on account of the Spatial Kingdom and the Black Plain, Minos had plenty of crystals to spend around.

The cities he wanted to pass from this state were precisely places for him to buy items for his forces!

He then replied. "Let's go to Zerora."

Zerora was a city where men and women lived in the Flowers Kingdom. But its main point was not this fact, which, yes, was important. Instead, the highlight of this city was the significant presence of array masters and beast tamers.

Minos was interested in these two things and soon directed his interests to that place.

"All right..."

...

Two days later...

After traveling through the dense forests of the Flowers Kingdom, Minos and Ella arrived in Zerora, near the coastline from where they were previously.

Most of the cities of the Flowers Kingdom were located along the coast of this state, in places where the natural defenses were exceptionally good.

Minos had noticed this, but also the artificial changes made by the women of this state, which were somewhat different from what was around this state in the time of Henricus Longus.

That had been relevant for Minos to notice new things and learn points that could be useful for his state in the future.

Anyway, upon arriving in that city, he once again found a very flowery place, a hallmark of all cities in this state.

In addition to a more significant presence of men in this place, Minos soon noticed many beasts in this city.

Several saints and stronger beasts walked the local streets in their humanoid forms. In comparison, other weaker beasts lived free in this place as if they were ordinary citizens.

The city itself had been designed for its commercial and government buildings to receive this kind of being, as long as they were within certain limits, of course.

No building could accommodate beasts in their natural forms above level 70, nor was there room for dragons and naturally great beings. But a beast like Kyla, for example, could enter practically all government and commercial buildings in this city.

The only ones without accessibility for such beings were those residences where humans or beasts in their humanoid forms lived.

But this city had several natural parks for beasts to sleep in for a few days or even live in.

Minos noticed this while walking around beside Ella, impressed by it all.

'That's interesting... I can develop something like that in my state when I return.' He considered, taking into consideration the fact that he, like the queen of this place, had dominion over the beasts of his state.

But his thoughts were interrupted by the striking voice of Ella, this tall, strong, but gorgeous woman. "Where shall we begin your journey in this city?"

"I want to buy some low-level grade-4 arrays for my city, so let's go to an array masters store." He said to her, without looking at her, observing the surroundings with interest.

"Grade-4, huh? You will waste your cultivation resources...

You will regret it when in the future, you can no longer leave the kingdom and miss those crystals." Ella told him, though she started directing him to the appropriate place.

"That is a problem for me to care about, not you, my dear, Ella," Minos said in a humorous tone, causing that woman to look at him significantly.

"Minos, what gives you such confidence? Seriously, tell me what. For I cannot understand you." Ella stopped and took hold of one of his wrists, looking at him thoughtfully. "Defeating me or others like me doesn't compare to a victory against one of the princesses.

Two princesses are at the same stage as you, so they may challenge you.

One is at level 76, and the other is at level 78. But unlike us nobles, they have almost complete sets of Golden-grade techniques!

Do you think it will be easy to beat either of them?"

Minos heard that and said. "But of course, it won't be easy. But I will win since they can't kill me, as that would make all your games useless.

But I can do that, even though I don't have the strength to defeat the strongest of them in a fair fight."

"What?" That woman frowned, not understanding the meaning of that. "If you can't beat her fairly, how will you be able to kill her? Are you crazy?"

Unfortunately for Ella, she didn't know about all of Minos' capabilities. She was in the dark about this fellow's fusions, which could even threaten the lives of high-level cultivators of this state if they weren't careful.

Minos was fully confident that he could get someone to interfere in his final challenge to prevent the death of someone important in this state, so he was confident in his passage through the Flowers Kingdom.

"Anyway, talking about it will only upset you, Ella... But don't worry. You will witness all my deeds against the royal family, hehe." He said before entering an array masters store.

Chapter 1550 Information

After entering the previous store, Minos made some purchases of space stabilization arrays and those that generated defensive barriers, such as those in the Dry City Dome.

He knew that soon he would have floating islands in his state, so he already planned to improve the local defenses by combining these arrays with the islands that should already begin to appear.

He intended to prevent even Spiritual Sages from being able to enter the core of his territory without his permission, so without realizing it, he spent over 400,000 high-grade crystals, surprising his traveling companion with his purchasing power.

But Ella told him nothing more about this waste of resources on something that would soon be meaningless to him.

She had already made her opinion clear to Minos and would not waste her time repeating the same things to him all the time.

Anyway, with the arrays he had in mind purchased and stored in his spatial ring, Minos went about his business in this city for the next three days.

He was not overly challenged in this place since this was a place where men could live, which naturally helped cover his tracks a bit. But some noble women had found out about his presence in this city and had arranged to meet him and propose challenges.

After some effort, Minos managed to deal with them, going ahead with his plans regarding this city that also had many resident beast tamers.

Many beasts were already living in the main part of the current Black Plain, a great thing that helped the empire's forces a great deal to maintain control over their territory. But recently, several new races were migrating to those areas further north on the continent, where some resources necessary for the survival of these species did not exist.

So Minos was searching for seeds of some different kinds of plants that he didn't have on the Black Plain, as well as cultivation resources for some of these beasts.

Ella struggled to direct him to the right places in those two days, watching Minos spend even more crystals, far more than he should have already received since arriving in the Flowers Kingdom.

With this experience of hers at Minos' side, Ella's curiosity about him and the Black Plain grew as the days passed.

However, when she questioned him about his resources, all he answered was that he had his own story.

Anyway, they would spend a whole week in Zerna before Minos finished acquiring what he thought was necessary to ensure the subsistence of the new beasts in his forces for quite a while.

As long as more specimens of different races didn't join the empire in the short term, he wouldn't need to buy things like that for a while.

...

After leaving Zerona, Minos, and Ella traveled for some time until they reached a forested region near the coast of the Flowers Kingdom, not far from the state capital.

There was a waterfall over 50 meters high, a beautiful place full of plant life in the surroundings, but also beasts of various types, most of them peaceful.

Traveling alongside one of the kingdom's warriors, Minos didn't have to worry about any beasts attacking him since these beings were all loyal to the royal family.

None of them would stand in the way of a noblewoman, and since Minos had secured the right to have Ella's protection, beasts in his way would not try anything against him either.

This had been preventing him from fighting beasts along his path, something he didn't like much since he preferred to fight his way, training and getting stronger.

Unfortunately, even though he had asked Ella and the beasts on his path for this, none of them had agreed to fight him as he wanted.

Luckily, some women on his way to their present location wished to test some of his strength and helped him a little.

Anyway, currently, he and Ella were sitting together with the group of the woman they had most recently met on their way, one who, despite the possibility of making a challenge, she did not.

Strangely enough, this person ate quietly beside Minos, Ella, and their group mates.

"So, Minos, soon you will reach the Flowers City and lose your freedom. Is there anything you will regret having done or not yet done?" The leader of that group asked, looking at Minos with a smile.

She herself did not like men. She much preferred women, those lovely, soft-skinned, smelly, good-to-kiss beings.

She might have a breeding ability envied throughout the Spiritual World, but she genuinely had no desire to breed.

Few people knew this, so despite thoughts contrary to the ideas of the royal family, this woman kept her freedom.

Minos could tell the difference between this woman and the others and took her question in jest. "That's not going to happen. But if it did, I would regret several things I haven't done yet."

"Like what?" She asked as the others looked at him with interest.

"For example, being unable to develop my state to the peak. Another thing is not being able to discover the secrets of the North Sea on my own." He said sincerely.

"The secrets of the North Sea? That's quite a peculiar goal." That woman, level 79, said with interest. "It is said that such an area is so dangerous that it would be better to try to steal a dragon's lair than to go there willingly."

Dragons' lairs always had one or another member of that species keeping watch over the riches of the lair's owner. As such, they were dangerous places!

"Yes, that's precisely why I want to find out what's behind it..."

Mere natural phenomena wouldn't scare even Spiritual Sages." Minos commented, imagining the day he could travel to the North Sea and solve some of the doubts in his heart.

Dana looked at him and said. "You are peculiar, haha.

Anyway, if you're interested in that, you should seek the help of the Spiritual Church."

"What do you mean?" He questioned.

"Don't you know? The Church has more detailed information about that place than other powers on the continent." Dana said. "It seems they found the remnants of a shipwreck of a high-level crew that passed through that place.

The strongest on that ship left some hints behind, even considering how chaotic that place is.

They made it to the Church headquarters, causing that organization to ban travel by its members in the vicinity of the North Sea 23,000 years ago."

"So they know about what's behind that?"

"I'm not sure. But they know more than they admit... So you should look for them to find out more.

Of course, if you survive and can go after it, haha. Otherwise, you're really going to regret it a lot." Dana laughed, ignoring that Minos' words implied that he had no regrets about his accomplishments.

Meanwhile, this fellow clenched his fists, thinking about the only possibility in front of him.

The strengthening of Gloria's faction!

...