

Black Plain 1561

Chapter 1561 Time For Improvement

In the blink of an eye, two and a half years passed!

At no point in the past few years had Minos moved from the Spatial Kingdom to the royal palace of the Flowers Kingdom, where his black hole quietly revolved on its own axis.

At the same time, the women of that state continued to watch over that region of space as before, using subordinates, while the most important local influences continued their usual routines.

Adele had been meditating throughout this period, preparing herself so that when she beat Minos, she could immediately reproduce with him and have her prize.

Meanwhile, Bridget was training as if her sister would lose, preparing to face Minos on his return.

No one expected him to be gone that long. So, after years there, people started to think that Minos would actually stay inside his black hole until he reached the end of the 8th stage. Only then would he have a chance to win the princess challenge!

Bridget couldn't be sure if Minos would make such a cowardly choice, but she didn't think it was impossible.

To prevent the worst, she was training to get stronger, but without focusing so much on her soul, which was already close to reaching the maximum level of the 8th stage.

If she meditated like Adele in her situation, she risked reaching level 80 before Minos left the Spatial Kingdom!

If that happened, he would lose his rights, and there would be no one to challenge Minos in the high hierarchy of this state!

But not many women of high local power were considering such an absurd possibility, so the queen was still waiting to see what Minos would do.

Regardless of his decision, he couldn't do anything to get remotely close to her. Then Hannah was quietly waiting for him.

One year, two years, five years, ten years. No matter how much time passed, she would still be stronger than him within the time he could be gone from the Black Plain Empire.

And even if he could follow the local rules and win them, Hannah didn't believe Minos had that much patience. So she couldn't believe he would stay in that place much longer!

When she received one of her 19th cousins this morning, she eased that woman's worries by saying.

"Shannon, you can return to your usual life. There is no need to worry so much about Minos... You have already fulfilled what he asked. Just keep watching that man, and when the Emperor of the Black Plain comes out of his hiding place, you will just have to inform him about it."

"But, Your Majesty, it has been more than three years since I lost to him. Every day I get more bothered by having that debt." Shannon, one of the first to challenge Minos in this state, said in a low voice.

The women of the royal lineage in this state had evolved along with their challenges in such a way that losing and not living up to the agreement was an enormous burden for them.

Losing was already bad for the confidence of these proud women. But if only they could give what they owed to their winners, they at least felt less bad. But Shannon had been waiting for this moment for three years and could no longer sleep properly because of the guilt.

Hannah understood what an unresolved defeat meant to someone of her lineage, so she didn't blame that level 77 Spiritual Saint.

Shannon asked. "What if he never returns?"

"That's not possible. He would have to give up the Black Plain Empire for that... But do you think someone who created that place from scratch like him would do something like that?" Hannah smiled. "Shannon, the pride of men, especially those who are more talented, is huge. It is so great that they make irrational decisions that put them in dangerous situations..."

Minos will make a mistake caused by his haste to achieve his goals and leave my state. That will finish him off and give my state the victory we seek."

Shannon felt less bad upon hearing this.

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Meanwhile, inside the Spatial Kingdom.

At this moment, two young women of youthful appearances, dressed in similar clothes, pink dresses and with their hair tied up in pigtails, were enjoying themselves chatting and eating.

One had red hair and brown eyes and was almost 1.5 meters tall. The other had orange hair and eyes, was 1.9 meters tall, and had an incredibly proportionate and beautiful body.

This taller woman looked perfect so that any man would momentarily lose himself in the glow of her eyes and lips.

But this was not only because of her natural beauty but because of her level. Unlike level 36, a 13-year-old girl, this orange-haired woman had a level 70 powerful soul!

"Aunt Kyla, your human version is so beautiful!" Sarah said to her best friend within the Spatial Kingdom, this 'little' fox who had recently advanced a stage.

Kyla smiled as she played with Sarah's hair and said. "That's only natural. All Nine-tailed Foxes are breathtaking. It's part of our natural ability, Charm.

My mother is even more beautiful than I am."

Sarah looked in the direction of the giant fox over four meters tall, who was with its eyes closed, meditating on one of the giant skeletons of the Spatial Kingdom, and smiled. "Then I hope aunt Emlyn doesn't transform in front of my father. Or my mothers will have a new competitor."

The two laughed as the mood was festive inside the Spatial Kingdom.

Minos had just come out of a period of continuous meditation of over a year and a half, finally reaching level 73!

When he advanced levels, he immediately focused some of his time on training his skills so as not to let his understanding lag behind his energies. Therefore, after seeing his current abilities, several people there happily celebrated their leader's fantastic results.

Minos had had the best results in those years of seclusion, having, in about a little over three years, advanced two levels at the 8th stage.

But besides him, Gloria had recently reached level 75. In contrast, Ruth and Abby had advanced again in that period and were now at level 72.

Everyone else in the Spatial Kingdom had at least one advance in that period, with those at the 7th stage having advanced even 2 or 3 times in those years.

Everything had been so promising for these people that the place previously filled with Spiritual Emperors now had more Spiritual Saints than 7th-stage cultivators.

Amidst this, after finishing his training and also a demonstration of powers, Minos clenched his fists, feeling the level 75 power, something temporary since he was using his ability on some of his sect men.

'With these powers, I can finally use low-level grade-4 items simultaneously.' He looked at his spatial ring, looking forward to it.

However, besides his level, which had increased rapidly in this period, Minos had gotten something else out of this seclusion.

This something else was genuinely responsible for the general happiness of the people in his surroundings, who were sensing how different his aura had become after these years of seclusion!

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Chapter 1562 Development

After absorbing and allowing the energies and laws of the giant bones to pass through his body, Minos' body and soul had subtly changed.

This change was not significant, but it was enough for anyone close to him to feel differences in his aura, which now seemed wilder, 'sharper' as if he were a different being than the one from months ago.

His gaze had a penetrating power typical of predators, capable of frightening those in his path.

A stranger looking at Minos for the first time from this moment on would think him a violent person just by his look and aura and would fear his presence.

Minos, by himself, could perceive the differences in his body and was surprised but very pleased with these changes.

Not only did the feeling he gave off to others become more decisive, cold, and dangerous. He felt that his instincts had improved, his intelligence related to fighting and danger had evolved, and now his views on combat had become 'sharper.'

These sensations told him that even if he hadn't had any advancement in terms of level in the last few years, he would still be stronger than he was before with this change alone.

That gave him the confidence to face Adele, but it wasn't enough to fool him!

'Bridget won't let me take the same strategy with her if I leave the Spatial Kingdom and beat Adele. So I have to guarantee I can beat her by leaving here!' He thought about it, in no hurry to leave.

"Hmmm..."

'To beat Bridget, I have to have a soul power a little higher than the power of a level 75 Spiritual Saint...' He did his math, comparing Henricus Longus' memories of power levels with his situation. 'Even with my innate ability, I'm still a bit weaker than that.'

In other words, I must stay in the Spatial Kingdom a little longer!' He concluded.

Minos knew that he could absorb Bridget's cultivation base temporarily and still steal her energies through the Devouring Art, which would give him a minor disadvantage compared to her. That would decrease her level and increase his own, while she would have less energy to endure a fight with him.

But still, he would be very close to a position he could lose, considering his current level. So he promptly decided to stay a little longer in the Spatial Kingdom!

"I will stay here until I reach level 74." He said to his wives, cheering the Elite Squad and the Gray Clouds Sect staff.

For them, this guaranteed that they could cultivate in seclusion for a few more months and get magnificent results.

When Minos was on the Black Plain, he had to solve problems related to the empire, its allies, and subordinates. For this reason, he rarely had the chance to spend so much time cultivating.

These people wanted to take the opportunity that he was doing this now to strengthen themselves quickly, something that might not happen for a long time after he left this place.

But someone was there to diminish the joy of these people.

"Minos, that won't do," Abby said, as she had her two hands on her huge belly.

Abby's gestation was already quite advanced, over three years since their discovery of the little one growing in her belly. Nevertheless, she could cultivate, as Minos' son seemed in no hurry to be born. But still, the moment of the birth of his first child was not far off!

By the predictions of Dillian and some doctors in the Gray Clouds Sect, the birth of Abby and Minos' son should happen between 4.5 and 5 years gestation. So if Minos stayed in the Spatial Kingdom for another breakthrough, that time would reach its limit and he would risk being unable to see his son's birth.

Minos had obviously brought doctors from his forces to the Spatial Kingdom since he had no way of knowing when exactly the birth of his son would take place. He wasn't sure how long he would be in the Flowers Kingdom, so he brought people to deliver the baby in the Spatial Kingdom if necessary.

Abby thought that the birth of her child could happen while Minos was out of the Spatial Kingdom fighting, and she didn't agree with that.

"Then I will stay until his birth." Minos looked at Abby's belly and said that. "I believe that will be better, no?"

"Hmm." She nodded, happy to ensure that her husband would see the birth of their child.

Those who liked this best were the other individuals in the Spatial Kingdom, looking forward to that year or two ahead.

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Meanwhile, in the Black Plain Empire.

Dillian had been looking after this state alongside the high-level Spiritual Saints of the Gray Clouds Sect since Minos had left.

They were confident in Minos' victory over the women of the Flowers Kingdom and were naturally not worried despite the more than three years since his departure.

But now and then, they would talk about what might be happening in the Flowers Kingdom, this closed state in that they had no way to get information about the internal happenings.

These conferences were partly because of the constant messages from the Flaming Empire, Isabella, and other influential people who wanted to know what was happening.

But all the people left by Minos in Dry City could do was report his vital status and that they had not yet received any communication from their sovereign.

In any case, the Black Plain continued to develop without its ruler, becoming richer and richer while completing some of Minos' plans.

When Minos reached his main territory, he found a virtually deserted place with only one city.

But now, just over 30 years after his arrival, no part of this area could be described as desert or poor. Instead, the areas not used for agriculture, city building, and roads had all been filled with rich forests, where beasts of various species lived and kept watch for their ruler.

At the same time, more than 100 cities had been created and developed to the limit of the current level of local development, now containing more than 400 million inhabitants in this small area alone.

The agricultural fields had reached the limit of what Minos had planned for his main territory, and now the state was beginning to develop land outside the empire's core.

They had been developing these places before, but not with the focus they had on the original Black Plain area.

But from now on, as floating islands appeared in this part of the empire, others would begin to receive the heavy investments of the Bank of the Black Plain!

With that, the migrations to the central area of this state had all but stopped, while the migrants now focused on the areas to be developed.

Dillian and his staff were too busy managing this, so they rarely worried about Minos' situation, knowing that he would prefer them to focus on the empire.

At the same time, the local forces had grown stronger in this period, with more and more high-level Spiritual Saints emerging.

That had already enabled other exchanges with the Grey Clouds Sect's rank in the Flaming Empire, which raised the number of Spiritual Saints in the Black Plain to over a thousand!

Meanwhile, the number of high-level Spiritual Saints from that sect in the Flaming Empire had never been so high!

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Chapter 1563 Time To Go Back!

After the shift exchanges between the Spiritual Saints on the Black Plain of the Gray Clouds Sect and Flaming Empire, only elders of levels 78 and 79 remained in that state.

Currently, in Cloud City, 20 Spiritual Saints maintained the presence of that organization locally, following recommendations from the Dry City staff and the Edwardstone family.

That was a high number of high-level experts, which not even the imperial family had before Harold's departure.

Because of this, even though the size of the Grey Cloud Sect's territory had been greatly diminished and the number of members of this force was only a few hundred now, this was the most powerful force in the state.

Because of this, the noble families of the Flaming Empire and the sects feared the Minos Sect more than the imperial house itself!

But with Isabella having already taken over virtually all the functions of the supreme elder of her family, the imperial family was not the least bit nervous about this current reality.

What Minos and the Black Plain Empire were doing was the little that was maintaining this state at a level close to that before Harold's leave, something that had prevented this state from going into recession.

Because of the presence of this sect, the migrations of people from this state to Minos' had been negligible since everyone believed that he would eventually take care of the empire.

Thus, the evolution of the Black Plain benefited not only the direct subordinates of Emperor Stuart but also all his allies!

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In the capital of the Flaming Empire, Temple of Payton...

Gloria's father was at this instant attending to matters concerning his position as leader of this post of the Spiritual Church when suddenly his communication array activated on its own.

"Patriarch Frost..." Someone spoke through that item, disconcerting Sarah's grandfather.

"That voice..." He muttered before saying in a louder tone. "Cardinal Cobb!"

"That's right, hehe.

How long has it been since we've spoken, 500 years?" The voice in the blue-green crystal said in a humorous tone.

"Actually, it's been over 700 years," Joseph commented briefly before asking. "Anyway, what is this connection about? I thought one of us would die before one tried to contact the other..."

"Don't talk to your superior like that, Joseph, hehe. It's not that I didn't want to stop supervising you. It's just that I was busy with something important and could not communicate with you for some time." That man said, without showing any irritation. "Anyway, I had let an acquaintance of mine take care of those areas of your state and northern region... But now I have returned to that role."

"Oh?" Joseph was surprised by this. "That's the first time I've heard that. In the past centuries, I was never notified that someone else was supervising me."

"Cardinal Knight has his ways of acting..." Cardinal Cobb commented before becoming a little more serious. "In any case, Joseph, I hear that your daughter has formed a faction in the northern region.

She already has support in Blackrock, Albano, Vogel, Rosser, and the Flaming Empire...

I must say, I am impressed with her ability to convince!"

"I know... What's this all about? I already tried to get Gloria to join a larger faction, ours. But she refused. So there's no point..."

"I know. Knight told me you were trying to do something about it but failed. I'm not here to pressure you to try more of that. I'm just here to help you." That man said, interrupting Joseph's speech.

"What's this about?"

"Gloria didn't want to join a bigger faction, so let me tell you, some big factions already have their eye on her." That man said thoughtfully. "In particular, Prince Calvert's group intends to pressure her and her faction for them to join his group."

Joseph became more serious as he heard this, imagining this would be a big problem for Gloria.

Calvert Evergreen was a third prince of the imperial family of that state, one of the members of that organization that belonged to the Spiritual Church.

He had his faction and was aiming to become the next Supreme Pontiff, replacing the current leader of the Church, who was to leave his position within the next 100 years.

The current leader of the Church was a level 99 Spiritual Demigod, and being in his last millennium of life, he would soon be temporarily relinquishing his position to try to advance to the 11th stage.

That was a dangerous and time-consuming advance that 70% of those who tried would die from, and 29% would fail to succeed.

When a Supreme Pontiff would go through this, they would generally leave their position, allowing a new one to rise.

Usually, these experts would fail, so someone who replaced him would not have to give the position back. If they survived, these individuals who failed to become Gods would live out their last days as guardians.

Anyway, with the change about to happen, the main factions of the Church were already moving to put their candidates in good positions, improving the influence and powers of each of them.

Calvert was doing this and had already seen some potential in Gloria's faction.

Joseph knew about this whole Church situation and Calvert's position, so he didn't like the idea of such a situation approaching his daughter.

"Is there anything we can do?" He asked his superior, who was also an old friend of his.

The Cardinal on the other end of the line shook his head negatively. "No. Besides being part of a larger faction, she won't have any protection from the pressure of Calvert and his group."

"Shit!"

"Hmm, yeah, that's a complicated situation... I recommend you try explaining the situation to her as soon as possible. It won't take long for someone to get to her in the northern region."

Joseph knew his daughter was not around at the moment, although he was unsure of her location. But he would not say that to his superior and simply accepted the suggestion. "I will do that... Thanks for the warning."

"That's nothing... After all this time, I owed him something, haha."

Thus, the call between the two ended with Joseph putting away back the medium-level grade-4 communication array that this post had for receiving communications from Church headquarters.

Joseph was pretty serious and worried, not knowing what to do since he had no way to contact his daughter at the moment.

'I will send someone to the Black Plain. When she returns, he will pass the message on to her!'

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Thus, 19 months had passed since Minos' advance to level 73!

Much had happened in that period, but the long-awaited day for Minos had finally arrived.

After weeks since he reached level 74, the birth of his first son and heir to the Black Plain had finally arrived!

In the Spatial Kingdom, Minos and his family gathered at the lake house, together with Abby and the Grey Clouds Sect doctors who were around for this moment.

Sarah was the most interested and was also there to accompany the birth of her little brother, who would be born a few weeks after her 15th birthday, the beginning of her adult life.

So this young lady at level 43 was beside her mothers and Minos, watching the birth of Kendrick Stuart!

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Chapter 1564 The Birth Of The Crown Prince

Abby was lying on a large bed, capable of holding up to 4 adults simultaneously, with her legs open to the doctors in the surrounding area.

She was pushing hard, following the doctors' advice, while her face was pale, and she was sweating considerably.

But unlike Gloria's delivery, which had had some screams and expressions of pain from this redhead, the delivery going on right now was somewhat silent.

But that shouldn't come as a surprise to the people there. After all, Abby had an innate ability to manipulate nervous reactions.

Precisely because of her innate ability, she was blocking out more than 70% of her pain, enough not to scream as almost every woman would scream in childbirth.

But Abby wanted to feel some of what it was like to give birth to her first child, so she was not blocking out 100% of the pain she was feeling, despite having the ability to do so.

Amidst this, the woman leading the delivery was kneeling at the front of the bed, her face between Abby's legs, her hands on the Black Plain empress' crotch.

Two other doctors were also there, one to assist the doctor between Abby's legs, level 77, while the other used her techniques to maintain the stable condition of the empress and the prince.

During the work of these three people, Minos was at Abby's right side, holding one of her hands, while this woman's other hand was squeezing the sheets of that bed.

"Breathe... Breathe..." The auxiliary doctor guided Abby while the main doctor followed the dilation of the empress' vagina, waiting for the right moment to 'hold' the little prince.

Ruth, Gloria, and Sarah were watching everything in that room, anxiously watching the birth of Minos' second child, whom they had all been waiting to meet for practically five whole years.

Gloria was currently at level 76 and Ruth at level 73, while Abby was only at level 72 since, in the last year, she had been forced to stop cultivating because of the development of little Kendrick.

As for Sarah, she was 43 levels above her father's level when he came of age and could be considered a great prodigy.

But although proud and happy with their current levels, all that was on the minds of these women was to meet little Kendrick, whom Ruth and Gloria were already looking forward to nursing.

That was particularly true for Ruth, who had not had the chance to do this with Sarah, as she was not yet a Spiritual Saint at the time of this youth's birth.

But now that she could manipulate her body perfectly, she would not miss the opportunity to breastfeed Minos' child!

So, while the doctors were the only ones talking in that room, they watched the head of a small being slowly appearing in Abby's dilated vagina.

That head already had some hair, which was the same color as her father's, brown. But on top of them was a creamy goo, the normal thing to find on a baby during their birth.

Suddenly, Abby pushed a little harder, and the head doctor picked up little Kendrick's body, then wrapped him in a silver towel.

Sarah and her mothers saw Kendrick's little cock and testicles and smiled, seeing that little creature that was only a little bigger than a grown man's head.

The doctor slapped Kendrick's buttocks lightly, and then he emitted his first cry, putting smiles on Abby and Minos' faces.

In the blink of an eye, the doctor handed Kendrick to his mother, congratulating Abby and Minos.

"Your Majesties, little Kendrick is very healthy and strong... Congratulations!"

Everyone there did the same thing as Gloria, Ruth, and Sarah approached that bed to see Abby and Minos' fruit.

He slowly opened his eyes, something rare to happen right after birth.

They saw the blue eyes of this child, which were like his mother's, beautiful, like the ocean.

"Oh, my little brother looks so cute!" Sarah said this, eager to take him in her arms and play with him.

Gloria and Ruth agreed while Abby shed tears of happiness at the sight of her son in her arms.

"My baby..." She said in a low, proud voice.

Minos looked at that newborn and smiled, satisfied, feeling that this little fellow was quite strong.

'That boy...'

So the minutes would pass quickly, with Minos, Ruth, and Gloria getting a chance to hold little Kendrick for the first time while Abby took her time to rest.

She had not felt as much pain because of her innate ability, but that did not mean that her body was not weakened. The opposite of that, she was as bad off as Gloria after Sarah's delivery, and for the next few days, she would have to rest to fully recover.

In the meantime, Sarah and her mothers would have a chance to hold Kendrick a little longer than Abby would like.

Anyway, after an hour since Kendrick's birth, Minos walked out of the lake house with his son in his arms, meeting the hundreds of individuals in the Spatial Kingdom waiting for him in front of that house.

"Everyone, this is the first prince of the Black Plain Empire!" Minos raised his two hands above his head, holding up this newborn baby for everyone there to see.

"Haha, the prince looks like His Majesty!"

"Yes, you can see on his countenance that he will be like His Majesty!"

"Princess Sarah has an innate ability as well as formidable talent... I wonder if Prince Kendrick will be so graced by heaven?"

"But of course. His Majesty's lineage is powerful. His Highness Kendrick's destiny can be nothing but success!"

Voices arose among the people of the Elite Squad and the Gray Clouds Sect.

Meanwhile, the beasts of the Spatial Kingdom, Ebba, level 67; White, level 68; Maida, level 69; and several other creatures under Emlyn, level 73, were celebrating among themselves.

For most of them, mounts of Minos or the imperial family, the birth of the fruit of their masters was a great event worthy of celebration!

That was as important as the birth of their own children to them!

During this moment of celebration, Minos presented his son to the most important of his subordinates and friends in the Spatial Kingdom, letting Kyla and Emlyn massage his son's head a little.

This day would only be one of celebration for these people, who were entirely happy with Kendrick's birth, but also with the end of Minos' seclusion, which had brought tremendous results to everyone.

In the more than 4.5 years of Minos' seclusion in the Spatial Kingdom, the Spiritual Saints there had advanced at least two times, while the Spiritual Emperors, who had not changed stages, had advanced four levels on average.

Some had advanced only three times, the oldest and least talented. But there were also among the most talented and young people who had advanced five times in this period, greatly helped by Minos' ability to steal the powers of the giant bones in the Spatial Kingdom.

As for those who changed stages, they had at least evolved two levels in that entire period.

As such, everyone was happy, waiting for Minos to leave so they would soon have the chance to return to the Black Plain and demonstrate their results to their families and friends!

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Chapter 1565 Return

The day after Kendrick Stuart was born...

After the celebrations concerning the end of Minos' seclusion and the birth of the Crown Prince, he was finally returning to the Flowers Kingdom's capital!

He had taken care of Ruth and Gloria's needs, spent time with Sarah and Kendrick and slept next to the weary Abby.

As he was already eager to return to the Black Plain, Minos said goodbye to his people just after dawn, promising not to flee again in the short term...

Thus he disappeared from the Spatial Kingdom!

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Appearing inside his black hole, which had gotten a little stronger and bigger over the years, Minos immediately made his Soul Avatar appear, then controlled that region of space.

In doing so, he made the black hole decrease in size until it disappeared, one of his manipulative abilities over those regions of space.

As long as the black hole was not of a much higher level than him, up to a 100% difference, Minos could repeat his present activity in the skies above the Flowers Kingdom's royal palace.

Immediately, his soul projection appeared to everyone in the surrounding area, his various observers who had continued there over the past few years.

Among them, Ella was still around, and she was among the first to notice the disappearance of the black hole and the emergence of Minos.

When that happened, her downcast face gained light as she jumped up from where she was, already screaming. "Minos, you coward, will you finally face your challenge?"

But then, she and all the observers in the surrounding area soon realized Emperor Stuart's current level.

Level 74!

He had managed to increase three levels in about 4.5 years inside that black hole!

To get an idea, even Princess Adele had only improved one level in those years!

Bridget had not even managed to advance, being close to level 79 but still at her previous level, level 78.

Knowing this, the eunuchs and women in the area couldn't help but frown and exclaim their shock.

"How is that possible?"

"Impossible! How did he do it? That's absurd!"

"Yes. Even if it were only two levels of advancement, it would already be something to exclaim in surprise. But the wretch has advanced three times!" A eunuch shouted, feeling outraged by this emperor.

Minos had played with them and returned much stronger than before!

No one there had expected him to get even one level advance. But he had achieved three!

With that, those observers had terrible expressions in their eyes as they began to notice the differences in Emperor Stuart's aura.

"That's not all..." A level 82 woman said. "I can't explain it, but I feel a strange aura coming from him... It's as if a powerful beast is among us!"

Other low-level Spiritual Sages felt their hair creep, indicating that that person floating around was dangerous.

Minos was wearing low-level grade-4 black and gold armor, holding a blue-bladed sword of the same rank as the armor in his right hand.

He smiled as he noticed the people within his range, shocked at his improvements.

'I feel I can now even steal energies from cultivators with Silver-grade cultivation techniques who are at level 81... Hmm, if I used my innate ability on such a person, I could raise my level temporarily to 76.

At this level, only someone with a level 83 Silver-grade technique set could support my abilities!' Minos pondered the feeling of having these low-level Spiritual Sages in his surroundings.

Against someone with Black-grade techniques, he could even defeat level 85 cultivators!

However, above level 70, rarely would people have more than one or two techniques of that quality. Most would have almost complete sets of Silver-grade ones.

Above level 80, such people usually have no techniques lower than Silver-grade, and some more talented and well-positioned would have Golden-grade techniques.

As such, Minos no longer considered opponents with Black-grade techniques in his analysis, as he had previously done.

Considering his combat proficiency concerning opponents with better quality technique sets was the best thing for him to do now!

But he wouldn't overthink about it and would soon ask. "Where is Adele? I want to beat her and free Harold Edwardstone."

Upon hearing that, the Queen, who had already noticed the change in the surroundings of Minos' black hole, appeared in that area, looking at him strangely. "Your Majesty Minos Stuart is really a mystery...

How could you advance so many times in such a short time?"

She was very talented. After all, every cultivator capable of reaching the 10th stage was. But even she had taken an average of 6 years for each advance in the lower levels of the 8th stage.

But Minos had advanced three levels in less time than it had taken her on average to improve a single level!

That was impressive enough for even a Spiritual Demigod to be interested.

Minos looked at that woman and lied. "I can absorb the energy swallowed by the black hole by cultivating within it. That speeds things up a bit for me."

"What?"

"Is that possible?" People in the surrounding area wondered since they knew nothing about the region of space that Minos had created earlier.

Ella heard that and was no longer confident in Minos' defeat, feeling that she had wasted her time just to see the downfall of this opponent of hers that would never come.

After Queen McBride's question, Adele appeared on the spot, giving Minos an ugly look, feeling deceived by him.

Minos saw that woman and smiled while being watched in silence by the queen.

"You really are a coward! You did this knowing that I couldn't keep up with you!" Adele shouted, feeling wronged.

"There is no need to try to offend me. I did what was necessary to win, Your Highness." Minos said, not feeling the least bit bad for the offense. "You guys set the game's rules, and I have never broken them. Now I don't think it's fair for you to complain."

Bridget also appeared in the area, sensing how different Minos had become in such a short time.

'How is that possible? He looks like a different person!' She thought. 'Even his aura, it's like he's now an animal instead of the civilized person from before.'

The queen had already noticed that feeling coming from Minos, something that even she, with her more than 10,000 years of life, didn't quite understand where it came from.

But now that everything had happened, she had no choice but to follow her own promises and let Minos do battle with her youngest daughter.

'When he's finished, I'll ask him everything I wish.' She frowned, knowing that Minos would no longer have the protection of her promises once he lost to Bridget or left the Flowers Kingdom.

One way or another, she would get her answers!

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Chapter 1566 The Fight Begins

"All right, Minos, you really are a coward! Now show me what you've accomplished by hiding!" Adele shouted at him, already activating her Soul Avatar.

She had no choice but to test her opponent's strength and at least try to go for her victory, no matter how much more difficult it had become.

As a proud warrior of the Flowers Kingdom, she would try her best against Minos!

Minos allowed her opponent to make her soul projection appear while feeling Adele's level 77.

But even though she had advanced in recent years, the Crown Princess of the Flowers Kingdom had only recently done so, so her level was only that of someone new to that level.

Because of this, she didn't have enough strength to ignore Minos' innate ability completely.

He smiled at her and said. "Adele, I hope you won't take this personally. I'm just trying to save the life of an ally who got in trouble because of me. That has nothing to do with you."

"Keep your words to yourself, Minos. Now fight me!" She flew toward him after those words while dozens of people were already in the vicinity to follow this challenge.

Minos had advanced in level and looked a bit wild. But Adele was not weak, and being at level 77, she had her chances even against him.

Minos saw the spiritual energy and laws in the surroundings converging through Adele's Soul Avatar, which looked like a large, winged, light-pink fairy.

He then promptly activated his innate ability, trying to steal cultivation levels from this woman who should have a little more soul power than him.

However, the difference was slight. Within what he could handle and get something done!

Unlike the giant bones in the Spatial Kingdom, which had no protection from the consciousness of their owners, living beings could use their cultivation techniques to prevent others from trying to steal their energy or even their cultivation base.

Because of this, Minos couldn't steal the level of a Spiritual Demigod, being only a Spiritual Saint, while he could do it with those bones, but on a microscopic level.

Living cultivators could protect themselves and prevent him from stealing even a grain of their powers!

But for that, one would need to have at least a soul 100% more powerful than Minos', and Adele didn't have that!

Even with her Golden-grade cultivation technique, the difference between her and Minos was only about 17%.

Even at his disadvantage, Minos immediately managed to decrease his opponent's level and increase his own!

That wasn't enough for him to increase his level. Still, it was enough to make Adele temporarily weaker, at level 76, the same as before their match.

"Bastard!" She cried out as she felt her spiritual ability diminish a little.

At the same time, a swirling black ring appeared around her body, stealing the energies she was gathering to use in her movements.

Minos felt these energies becoming available to him, and soon he moved against his opponent.

His instincts were sharper than ever, so as he moved, he didn't act as he usually did. He flew close to Adele and used his Chaotic Gravity, drawing that woman towards him.

As he did so, Minos smiled and released his spiritual sword, causing it to float over his body as he controlled it with his mind.

After absorbing some of the understanding of bones in the Spatial Kingdom, he realized he could control his weapon through his mind.

So he was soon putting his sensations into practice, making his sword move over his body, launching attacks that contained the restrictive power of the Spatial Sword technique.

Someone hit by this would not only have trouble being cut by one of the thrown blades but would also be immobile for 1 second under the pressure of this technique.

On the other hand, while his hands were free, Minos used his Indestructible Body more creatively, using his body as a weapon.

He opened his arms and then, with open palms, moved one arm against the other until he clapped his hands together.

When his hands met, a powerful shockwave came from them towards where the projection of Adele's soul was flying towards him, out of control due to Chaotic Gravity.

Ella saw this and felt strange, for this fighting style seemed quite different from the one Minos normally used.

His actions seemed faster, his creativity about fighting seemed greater, and because of the combination of this, his powers were more dangerous than ever!

She had seen him fight several times before and was the first to notice his differences.

While the other women and the eunuchs were trying to keep up with this high-speed battle, Adele suffered from her opponent's capabilities.

She thought that at least she could have an even battle against him, but when she moved to attack, she soon had to change her plans, as Minos attacked her in an even worse way, forcing her to act defensively.

After a few moments of the battle, she was in a passive situation, unable to finish launching her attacks, constantly having to use her defensive technique to protect herself.

Minos had many ways to attack her, from disturbing her with the Infinite Dream to pressing her with blades as fast as light, which could cut her skin and even temporarily imprison her in an invisible prison.

At the same time, he could draw her towards himself or even push her away when necessary, which made his actions very difficult.

To make matters worse, Minos had an extremely hard and resistant soul projection, capable of being used as a weapon, creating improvised attacks.

All of these techniques were Golden-grade, which would normally be Adele's advantage. But against Minos, she was a bit behind because she didn't have eight techniques of this quality, only six!

Besides not having attacks as powerful as his, her mental defenses were not as strong, and she was slowly feeling the difference between him and her.

'Damn it! What do I do not to lose?' She wondered as she felt Minos' gravity drawing her towards him, but a powerful blow pushed her in the opposite direction, hurting her Soul Avatar.

She was currently in a fetal position, trying to protect herself with what appeared to be a semi-transparent eggshell, but which was not holding up well to the powers of her opponent.

On the other hand, Minos was flying around the area so fast that Adele was finding it challenging to keep up with him.

He had a smile on his face, enjoying this fight as he prepared to break hard through Adele's defensive shell.

"Let's see if you can take that!" He shouted as he launched a kick toward that eggshell.

Pow!

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Chapter 1567 One Hour

When one of Minos' feet hit that defensive shell, the many cracks on it immediately opened up, while a shrill sound of something breaking broke from there.

Simultaneously, Adele felt the action of Minos' other techniques on her body intensifying while expressing pain on her beautiful face.

She tried to defend herself, putting her two arms in a defensive position over his head and chest, but there wasn't much she could do in this situation.

All she could do was endure Minos' multiple attacks, feeling increasingly exhausted, while he seemed not to weaken.

But even in this situation, Minos noticed his opponent's resistance and put a little more pressure on her, activating his soul ability.

Dark Sea!

Upon activating this ability, darkness spread from the body of Minos' Soul Avatar, generating a dark mist covering him and quickly Adele.

That was a type of soul attack, so no physical defense Adele could prevent such a thing.

All she could do in this situation was to have a soul strong enough to ignore the corrosive effects of Minos' ability.

However, she was not able to completely ignore it. While she was defending herself against Minos' further attacks, she suddenly began to feel the effects of that darkness.

A chill came over her soul, making her feel the sensation of death approaching her being. Along with this, her greatest fears surfaced in her mind, revealing her vulnerabilities.

Gulp!

'What's that?' She wondered as she took a hard look at her surroundings, seeing strange silhouettes there that looked a lot like some of her biggest nightmares.

Even though there was nothing but her and Minos in the surroundings, she felt as if her failed version was there to judge her.

'You will be incapable!' a voice resembling her own came into her mind.

'Give up!'

She tried to move as if she were trying to escape this nightmare, but it was to no avail.

'You will never be able to advance to this level!' The voice repeated as she faced her failed version.

Adele's greatest goal was to become a Spiritual Demigod and replace her mother as Queen of the Flowers Kingdom.

That should be her destiny since she was the last daughter of Hannah, the Crown Princess.

However, if she could not reach the 10th stage, even though she was the first in the line of succession, she would lose her preference to become the queen, leaving this possibility to her sister, the second princess.

The second princess had always been very talented, creating high expectations for Adele, who, as heiress, had to at least deliver similar results. Unfortunately, this caused her problems and she herself had nightmares in which she could not reach the 10th stage and would fail to achieve her goal.

Under Minos' pressure, she found herself amid this nightmare, losing some of her attention in defending herself against him, opening gaps in her defenses.

'Now!' Minos noticed the match's decisive moment and jumped towards his opponent's body, grabbing her by the legs and moving her against the ground.

Using her as if Adele were a big hammer, Minos slammed this woman's back and part of her head against the ground, finally knocking his opponent out.

Adele had no chance to realize what had happened, already unconscious, when the effects of the Dark Sea dissipated, and she and Minos were revealed under black mist evaporating from the surroundings.

The women and eunuchs above level 90 had all seen what had happened within the mist surrounding Minos. But low-level Spiritual Sages and the others weaker than that had not seen the final part of Minos and Adele's fight.

That mist was strong enough that even people above level 80 were unable to see through it!

So Bridget had a serious look on her face as she saw her unconscious sister practically at Minos' feet.

'That's going to be tricky...' She imagined, feeling that a battle between her and Minos would be more even, but it would not be easy for her.

On the other hand, while eunuchs and women were muttering almost incomprehensible things in the surroundings, Minos looked at the queen and said. "That can be considered my victory in the challenge, right? She is unconscious to give me the victory, but Your Majesty can finish this challenge."

Hannah and the other people there knew that Minos could use one of his fusions and kill Adele. So to insist that woman had to give up on her own would be foolish.

The queen soon accepted the outcome of this fight to avoid Emperor Stuart having to take desperate acts. "Very well, you have followed the challenge's rules, and your opponent cannot defend herself against you." Queen McBride said. "You win this challenge against my daughter, Adele McBride."

Your Majesty Minos Stuart, what do you wish as a prize for this victory?"

Minos smiled, satisfied, ignoring the many ugly looks in his direction, disappointed by his attitude. He said. "Release Harold Edwardstone from his past commitments and let him return to the Flaming Empire."

The woman who was to receive Harold's seeds turned on her back and clenched her fists, dissatisfied with the outcome of Her Highness Adele, whom she had trusted not to lose.

The queen had nothing to deny Minos since she had already promised him about this. So all she asked was obvious. "Very well, I will do it. You have my word. But now, do you wish to leave the Flowers Kingdom, or will you continue?"

"I will continue." He said, looking at Bridget.

"You have one hour to do anything. After that period, you may be challenged once more." Hannah said before appearing beside Adele and picking up that woman's unconscious body.

The queen was disappointed to see her youngest daughter lose. But after what Minos had done, running away and then returning three levels stronger, this result was the most expected...

Adele couldn't do much more than she had done!

That way, she didn't blame her daughter. But she was still hopeful about Bridget's outcome, who could bring what she wished for in all this.

The genes of the talented Emperor Stuart to her family!

Minos nodded in appreciation just before he asked. "I would like to say goodbye to Harold. Is that possible?"

"Yes, do as you wish..."

Minos left that place under Bridget's watchful eye. At the same time, the same woman who had taken him to Harold previously waited for him to accompany her.

In the blink of an eye, he departed that area, leaving behind the many high-level cultivators of the McBride family eager for Minos' final challenge.

'Will he stand a chance against the Third Princess?' Ella, still standing there, wondered as she waited for Minos' rest hour to end.

Chapter 1568 Freedom

After a few moments, Harold found himself free from the cell in which he had spent the last few years, feeling his powers again at his disposal after getting rid of the sealing array.

As he stepped out of his cell and stretched his body, he absorbed the energies in the surroundings and began to recover, returning to his former good looks.

Minos saw this aside, giving this person the opportunity to prepare to leave the place where he had been imprisoned for nearly a decade.

A Spiritual Sage didn't need much effort to recover enough energy not to be exhausted or helpless, and soon Harold looked at Minos, grateful.

This fellow had done things that were difficult to analyze as for the good or evil of the Flaming Empire. But it was undeniable that Minos had done more than he was obligated to do and was solely responsible for his being freed.

With that in mind, he thanked Emperor Stuart and wished this fellow good luck in his plans to rescue Oswald.

"I hope everything works out for you, Minos... And when it does, I would like to welcome you and Oswald to my home for a great feast." Harold shook one of Emperor Stuart's hands.

"It will certainly happen." Minos nodded in agreement.

"Well, I would stay to accompany your match if it weren't for the local laws..." Harold looked at the woman who had released him, smiling bitterly.

If he stayed more than an hour after his release, he would risk being challenged by someone, losing, and everything going back to square one, bringing trouble for everyone.

So when he was released, he would take the opportunity to leave as soon as possible!

Besides, he would never return to this place that had its advantages but was an absolute nightmare for men.

Minos understood this man and did not mind his presence. "That's the best you do, haha."

With that said Harold said his goodbyes before opening a wormhole toward the former territory of the Saints Killing Sect.

The Flowers Kingdom made it possible for men who won their challenges to be sent home by local women. But in addition to Harold not having beaten anyone, he could safely leave this state within the one-hour time frame that any man had between one challenge and another.

Harold himself would not wait for the action of one of these women and left back to his state, eager to see his women after so long.

He also wanted to see how his daughter was doing and observe with his own eyes what Minos had told him earlier.

After his departure, Minos was left alone with that woman, who quickly took him back to the area where Bridget was already waiting to challenge him.

Minos sighed, returning with that person to continue his work in this place.

'Now, just one more fight...'

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Appearing back in the same part of the royal palace where he had defeated Adele, Minos ran into almost all the people from earlier who were there to follow the next challenge.

In particular, Bridget was already in position, waiting for him.

"Are you going to hide again until you get an advancement to defeat me?" Bridget smiled at him, trying to tease her opponent.

Unfortunately for her, Emperor Stuart had no problem with people talking about him being a coward because he omitted himself from a fight to go get stronger.

Fighting battles in which you have no chance of winning was something foolish that only people with no commitment to their organizations and subordinates would do!

What good would it do him to fight Adele with no chance of winning?

For him, he made the wisest decision that was in his way in that situation, leaving for the Spatial Kingdom and becoming stronger.

As for doing it one more time, he felt there was no need, as the power difference between him and Bridget was not as significant as it had been between him and Adele years ago.

So he laughed upon hearing her question instead of being offended. "That won't be necessary. I can defeat you at the level I am currently at."

"Oh? You are confident of that?" Bridget frowned her eyebrows.

She was much stronger than her younger sister, being at the peak of level 78 and having much more combat experience than Adele.

Because of this, she felt confident in fighting this opponent, although she kept in mind that it would not be an easy challenge.

"I will beat you before nightfall," Minos commented, causing that woman to clench her fists in determination.

"Humph! For I want to see it happens! We have less than two hours until sunset. If you do not defeat me within that time, I can consider you the loser of our challenge!" She said, using Minos' words against himself.

"That's fine with me. Unless you are late in making the challenge, I will win within the allotted time frame."

"Arrogant!" She said, angry at this fellow. "I want to see if you'll say things like that when you lose your testicles to me, Minos!"

"That will never happen."

"Our child will laugh at your manners in the future!"

"You have a fertile mind." He laughed.

In this dialogue, Shannon, the noblewoman to whom Minos had delegated the mission of finding Mortimer's location, took the opportunity and went to him.

"Minos, I have already accomplished what you asked me to do. I have the location of Mortimer Burgess." That woman said, drawing Emperor Stuart's attention away from Bridget.

"Oh? Where is he?" Minos asked, interested in finishing Mortimer once he left this state and defeated Bridget.

"I have subordinates watching him. When you finish your challenge with Bridget if you win or she allows you, someone from my family will take you to his location." Shannon said, relieved that she could finalize her debt to Minos.

"Is that so? Then I thank you." He smiled, imagining that he could finally avenge Gavin's death and finalize this enemy.

With the resolution of that problem, he would have a few years of peace until he was bothered by the people in the Blood Triangle Pirates group, the only ones bothering him now beside Mortimer.

'Perfect! As soon as I'm done with this and get Oswald's freedom back, I'll pay you a little visit, you bastard.' He saw Mortimer's face in his mind, smiling with his eyes closed.

With that settled, time would pass, and in the blink of an eye, the one hour right between his battle with Adele and the possibility of a new challenge ended.

Queen McBride and other high-ranking members of this state appeared in that area again, prepared to accompany the challenge that could take away Minos' freedom.

With that, it wouldn't take long for Bridget to issue her challenge, beginning yet another battle of Minos in this female-dominated kingdom.

When this second challenge was issued, Minos wasted no time and immediately began to use all his skills, with plans to lure his opponent into a trap!

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Chapter 1569 Last Victory

As the match between Minos and Bridget started, the two demonstrated their Soul Avatars, not slow in activating their main techniques to protect themselves or harm their opponent.

That was particularly true for the Third Princess, who knew Minos could steal her cultivation base and the energies she could gather in her surroundings.

To prevent him from being able to do this effectively, she tried to circulate her cultivation technique along with her offensive techniques, creating an extra defense in her soul and spiritual energy in her surroundings.

But she didn't run to try to attack Minos, first activating her defense technique to protect her against Minos' various techniques.

She protected her mind with a technique specialized in that attribute. At the same time, her spiritual armor glowed, growing to cover parts of her projection that were not already covered.

On the other hand, Minos immediately began to use his innate ability coupled with the Devouring Art against that woman before beginning to press forward with his long-range techniques.

Since the difference between the energy levels of the two was not that great, below the 100% that would limit Minos, he immediately managed to steal some of that woman's strength.

Simultaneously, some of the free energy in the sky and on earth that she was gathering was absorbed by Minos.

Spatial Sword!

He made his sword move on its own while launching spiritual blades that went through space after departing from the weapon, traveling in impossible ways to guess where they would come from.

The special ability of Minos' current sword was of a type capable of imbuing the blades with corrosive power, capable of degrading the mental defenses of those struck by the blades it created.

Amid the attacks of this weapon, Minos began to draw his opponent towards him, using Chaotic Gravity: Attraction to force her closer to him.

Bridget was trying to fly in the opposite direction of the attraction generated by Minos' technique. At the same time, her defenses suffered from the mental attacks and blades he threw.

Her movement technique was not as good as Minos', so she was moving with difficulty to counter his movements, which were meshing together without much time between them.

'Damn! The bastard really is a genius!' This level 78 woman thought during her battle, feeling in her skin what her younger sister had gone through during the previous battle.

Her techniques were not that different from Adele's. As such, she had some of that woman's weaknesses, although her level lessened the size of those weaknesses.

However, even feeling the pressure that Minos could cause, this woman managed to do more than just defend herself, as had been the case with her sister.

Bridget, now and then, managed to find spaces to attack Minos, making it difficult for him to act.

So while Minos moved around, trying to lure his opponent into a trap, the space around him would sometimes compress and expand with one of Bridget's offensive techniques.

This technique would create vacuum pockets within a specific range of this woman, which could either crush whatever was inside these pockets or explode them, with the opposite use of the vacuum.

Bridget skillfully used this ability in the vicinity of the Soul Avatar of Minos, making the defenses on this projection work while he felt some pain caused by the remaining force of these attacks.

But that was not enough to make Emperor Stuart nervous.

While enduring Bridget's physical attacks, all she could do, he was get what he wanted since mental techniques hardly worked against him due to the Infinite Dream and Dark Sea.

Without realizing it, Bridget was getting closer and closer to Emperor Stuart, being drawn to him by Chaotic Gravity.

He was also slowly getting closer to her, which made the gravitational force in his favor stronger and stronger for that woman to ignore.

Queen McBride realized what was happening and frowned, trying to understand what Minos was trying to do.

You couldn't tell he had an advantage in the battle just because he managed to draw his opponent towards him. From what Hannah could see, Minos was pushing, but Bridget was also managing to wound him occasionally.

At first, this should be an even battle; hard to tell who could win just by the preliminary result.

'What is he trying?' This level 93 woman looked at Minos with narrowed eyes, considering the possibilities. 'Even if he makes the black hole, Bridget will not be fooled. She will be able to escape in time.'

Then what's the point? Does he have a card up his sleeve?'

That card up his sleeve could not be the artifacts with him since, besides Bridget having items as good as Minos', arrays were forbidden in the challenge.

But soon, the queen and everyone in that area would find out what Minos had in mind to defeat someone with a slight advantage against him in terms of powers.

While Ella felt apprehensive watching Minos fight, afraid that he would win, he finally showed what he had in mind.

Minos moved his hands and activated two of his techniques in combination, fusing them to create something even more powerful.

By doing this using Infinite Dream and Chaotic Gravity, Minos showed Shaking Reality to these women of the Flowers Kingdom, indicating his distinctiveness.

Unlike 'ordinary' people like them, he could fuse several of his techniques and show the true powers of a high-level cultivator.

Bridget couldn't do the same as him, and upon encountering the Shaking Reality, she cursed Emperor Stuart before swallowing her saliva in apprehension.

'Damn it, I have to endure this!' She felt her body was leaving her soul behind while the world seemed to shake uncontrollably.

Minos smiled, but Bridget couldn't understand what was happening.

Only the onlookers in that place saw the trap he had set for her as her body flew toward him.

After making his first fusion, Minos made his second, creating several small black holes in his surroundings and a larger one in front of him.

With the creation of these regions of space, he immediately combined them with the intent to swallow Bridget's virtually defenseless body.

"That's the end of the challenge!" He shouted, seeing that woman without any defense going toward his larger black hole, being drawn in that direction by those black holes in the surrounding area.

"Shit!" Bridget barely understood what was happening, but as she felt an unmistakable chill in her soul, she realized she was in danger of dying!

Unfortunately, there was nothing she could do to get out of control of Minos' techniques, being too close to his black holes and hindered by the Shaking Reality, which would take a while to wear off its effects.

In this situation, Hannah McBride couldn't help but close her eyes and sigh, seeing that her third youngest daughter would die if she didn't act.

"Sigh... This is your victory, Your Majesty Minos Stuart!"

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Chapter 1570 Departure

When Bridget was at the threshold of life and death, close to passing the point of no return from the black hole, Queen McBride moved one of her hands as if to squeeze a balloon.

After doing so, immense pressure appeared in the surroundings of the black hole created by Minos, causing this region of space to collapse in on itself until it generated a powerful explosion.

The queen's movement had been so strong and fast that that region of space didn't have time to absorb her power, being compressed in such a way that it exploded before it had a chance to evolve.

A superb amount of spiritual energy spilled out into the surroundings, coming out of that region of space as both Minos and Bridget were hurled away.

Powerful winds would form there, which could certainly damage half of Flowers City. However, the chief eunuch of this state went into action and created a substantial sphere-shaped barrier over a space of a 1-kilometer radius, keeping all damage within that space.

Only Minos was inside that sphere, while Bridget's body was already under the queen's control, in the same position from which she had watched the entire match.

As such, Minos suffered from the explosion of his own black hole, spending 2 minutes of agony inside that enclosed space.

'Shit!' He used all his energy to boost his defensive capabilities through the Devouring Art and Indestructible Body, while his armor helped him as well.

Still, he suffered several blows from the powerful winds in that space, which, together with the spiritual energy, seemed to form blades and fists against his body.

The queen had given him the victory, but it was Emperor Stuart's responsibility to withstand the blast of his fusion!

She had guaranteed that she would not act against him and that the local rules would be strictly followed. But never had she guaranteed she would protect him from himself!

In this situation, she lets Minos deal with his problems alone!

As he suffered, Ella sighed as she gave up on continuing there. Minos had beaten the two princesses, and as long as he survived that current situation, he would have his chance to rescue Oswald and leave the kingdom.

'Damn! The wretch did it!' She wailed.

At the same time, the various 9th and 10th experts in the surrounding area were disappointed at the defeat of the two princesses and this state's loss of Minos' genes.

If they had known that Minos could cultivate inside one of his black holes, they would never have allowed him to do such a thing!

Unfortunately for them, Minos had never demonstrated his full possibilities and had never acted in such a caring manner before. Therefore, these people could not help regretting that they had incomplete information.

The woman supposed to receive Oswald's genes saw Minos shedding blood as the pressure inside that sphere decreased, and she lamented, turning and leaving right away.

She wanted Oswald's genes more than the woman who had lost Harold's. But with this result, her loss could not be reversed, and she would no longer stick around.

"Damn, Minos! Your cowardice saved you!" Adele, who was already conscious, said this aloud, with closed fists, observing the situation of her rival.

At that moment, the chief eunuch undid the sphere-shaped shield around that space, finally freeing Minos.

Feeling free and having endured that painful situation, Emperor Stuart stopped floating, exhausted as never before.

He plummeted from the skies and fell into a fountain of the local royal palace, destroying that place as if a meteor had fallen there.

"Ouch!" Minos expressed pain in his expressions and sounds, feeling every fiber of his body hurt.

The queen saw how resilient he was and sighed. "You beat my third youngest daughter. What do you want?"

"Cough... Cough!" Minos coughed up blood, trying to say what he wanted. "Release Oswald and send us to the Flaming Empire."

The queen closed her eyes and gestured to the same woman who had freed Harold to accompany Emperor Stuart. "Very well, you are free to go that way... I hope to see Your Majesty Minos Stuart again in my state someday. Next time, my warriors will not be so wary of you."

"Cough! Goodbye." Minos didn't comment much, not intent on returning to this land of nightmares.

He headed toward that level 89 woman, trying to endure the pain for his body as best he could.

That way, he left the capital of the Flowers Kingdom, seeing some people there for the last time, but for some others, this would not be their last time seeing each other!

One of the women left there by Shannon accompanied Emperor Stuart, ready to show him Mortimer's current location.

The level 89 woman saw the queen's gaze and soon opened a wormhole with a destination fixed on Oswald's position.

"Very well, I will take you to Oswald Coleman and then drop you off near the border between the kingdom and the Flaming Empire."

"OK."

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Minutes later, Minos saw his grandfather being released from the cell he had seen him in earlier, giving no time for this fellow or himself to rest and soon leaving for the border of this state and his destination.

Minos didn't want to risk staying in this place for more than an hour, so he hastened his departure from the Flowers Kingdom, leaving it to cultivate later when he was in the Flaming Empire.

Oswald had understood his grandson and left to recuperate later as well, eager to return.

Now that Harold had been freed, neither he nor his family owed any more debts to House Edwardstone. As such, he was free to finally live as he wished, travel the Spiritual World, and help his grandson as much as necessary.

Thus, in less than 30 minutes after Bridget's defeat, Minos, Oswald, and Shannon's warrior arrived at the border of this state with that of Harold.

"Very well, you are delivered where I promised you." The level 89 woman said, looking only at Minos. "I advise you to leave immediately. Otherwise, we will understand your staying as a sign of your interest to live in the kingdom."

"You don't need to tell me anything." Minos smiled.

Then the three flew off toward the empire, with Oswald actively talking with his grandson about this fellow's advances in recent years.

Amidst this, the level 85 Spiritual Sage and the women of the border post Minos passed through years ago saw him crossing that border, sighing.

In this man's case, he was pleased to finally see Emperor Stuart leaving that state, giving them a chance to still have a positive relationship in the future.

'This is good...' This man thought. 'In the future, I will invite him to visit the Eastern Empire!'

As he was thinking about that, suddenly someone that neither this man nor anyone else in the surrounding area expected appeared in front of Minos' group just after he entered the Flaming Empire!

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