

Black Plain 1991

Chapter 1991 Confronting the Father-in-Law

"Father... I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hide my relationship from the family, but you were away, and I didn't want to say this in a message." Sarah gathered her strength to say these words, trying to show her family that she hadn't intentionally kept them out of everything.

"Oh? And why didn't you tell us this right after we arrived in the city?" Minos asked, seeing that enough time had passed for her to tell him, and yet she hadn't.

He only found out because Gloria realized the problem and called him!

"I was scared," Sarah said, stuttering a little. "Father, George is very good to me. Even though his family sent him to look after us, he really loves me. Please don't do anything against him!"

"Whether he loves you or not is for me to decide." Minos closed his eyes, wanting to hit someone. "Where is that bastard? Why didn't the coward come to me to talk about it?"

"It's not his fault, father! I told him not to come near you!" Sarah said in a louder tone, protecting her man's honor.

That only irritated Minos more and made him dislike George even more.

Gloria saw that her husband was about to explode, and if Sarah said any more words, she would be punished on the spot, something Minos had never done before.

Then the mother said. "I already have his location and men watching him."

As much as Sarah deserved to be punished, Gloria didn't think it was appropriate for Minos to beat their daughter. No matter how big a mistake the girl had made, they couldn't take physical action against her.

"Where is he? I'm going to meet this little spy to see his intentions. If he really used my daughter..." Minos stopped at this part of his speech and looked seriously at Sarah. "I hope you're right. Otherwise, we'll all be in trouble."

Sarah said nothing more, as she had never heard her father speak to her so rigidly before.

Gloria then grabbed one of her daughter's wrists and said. "Let's go see him."

With that, she carried her daughter as she flew alongside Minos towards George's shop.

In the blink of an eye, they appeared in front of a painter's shop, a rustic place, relatively small but with many paintings on display.

Upon entering the shop, Minos immediately caught the attention of the few customers there, but especially George and his two bodyguards.

A level 94 man and a level 93 man immediately decided to move before their leader and appeared in front of Minos, wondering what this was all about.

But George wasn't a coward and also moved, seeing that his relationship with Sarah would no longer be a secret.

Not only that, but Sarah had probably told Minos everything that she couldn't keep to herself, even if she wanted to.

With the special power of the empress of this state, extracting the truth from anyone was a simple matter!

But George himself knew that Abby wouldn't even have to move for Sarah to tell the truth. Being a sincere person who didn't know how to lie, the young redhead with the frightened expression next to her mother would hardly keep the whole truth to herself.

George laughed bitterly in his mind at this situation, seeing no problem with Sarah 'betraying' him, as he had expected something like this to happen sooner or later.

"Your Majesty. It's good to see you again." He said, breaking the terrible silence at the entrance to his shop, as the few customers there fainted from Minos' intense presence.

Even without using the Dragon's Gaze, Minos' mental pressure was enough to knock out those customers and make the three members of the Sista family aware that he was not happy.

Seeing the young Sista heir he had met years ago to discuss the Continental Tournament, Minos clenched his fists, not expecting that this person would be the one to steal his daughter's purity.

"George Sista, do you realize what you have done? My daughter is not just anyone you can have a relationship with without commitment, without my permission, or even outside of my rules. No matter who you are, I won't let you get away with what you've done."

The two Demigods beside George stepped forward, aware that if Minos wanted to, he could kill the heir to their estate in an instant.

Minos saw their movement and gave them an ugly look, making them feel the pressure of a Dragon's Gaze.

'That has nothing to do with you, guards!'

The two guards listened in their minds and realized that even though they had much stronger cultivation than Minos, the young local leader would not be easy for them to deal with.

Then George raised his hands and asked his guards to calm down.

"I am aware, Your Majesty. I truly have good intentions for Sarah. I want to marry her." George got right to the point, making the young redhead look at him and smile, seeing he hadn't lied to her.

"Oh? But are you being honest?" Gloria asked. "George Sista, you have infiltrated our state without our permission. These words of yours are merely the speech of a spy caught red-handed. Why should we believe you?"

George knew it wouldn't be easy to gain the trust of this family and said. "I know that my acting in secret in your state may be suspicious. But I was only here on my mother's orders to observe whether our previous agreement would actually be fulfilled.

We are not enemies, and even after the war in the South began, our family still acted favorably toward the Black Plain Empire. Why would I come here to do something that would jeopardize our relationship?"

"I don't know. Maybe Vico has convinced them that there isn't enough room for all of us." Minos said, looking into George's eyes. "But if that's all, why don't you let me check everything out? You'll still have to make amends even if everything is true."

"I'm willing to do anything." He took a step forward.

"Let my empress use her power on you. If your feelings for Sarah are real and you have not acted for the evil of my state, I will allow you to live." Minos said, making the two strongest men there break into a cold sweat at the threat against George.

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Chapter 1992 Pressure from the Father-in-law (1)

After Minos' threat, George bitterly laughed at his situation but without despairing.

What gave him confidence in the situation he was in wasn't the two Demigods there to protect him. What gave him confidence was the fact that he hadn't really come to Dry City with nefarious intentions. He'd also been honest about his feelings for Sarah.

When he first came to this place, his goal had been to observe the progress of Minos' children, whom Emperor Stuart had said he would send to the Continental Tournament.

To do that, he would have to get close to Kendrick and Sarah.

Kendrick was more difficult to get close to, as he was always away from Dry City, and even when he was there, he was always busy with family or women.

But Sarah had a more well-developed life locally, being a woman who occasionally strolled around the city and enjoyed the local options, such as theaters, restaurants, etc.

Sarah was also the strongest, which George thought would best reflect the Black Plain Empire's outcome in the Continental Tournament. So he approached her, intending to follow her spiritual progress and even help her if possible and necessary.

Amid his plans, however, George had become more deeply involved with Sarah than he had planned.

Drawn to her, and she to him, the two had developed a relationship over the past five years to the point where they knew exactly how they felt about each other.

George loved Sarah. He knew he wanted her in his life, so he wasn't afraid of Minos' threats, for when his father-in-law saw the truth about him, he was sure that his problems would not be fatal.

With that, he quickly accepted Minos' demand while at the same time asking his bodyguards not to get involved in this problem.

With his answer, Minos, Gloria, and Sarah soon made their way to the imperial palace, where Abby was attending to local matters.

Arriving at the empress' office without delay, Minos soon explained the situation to his wife, which was not entirely surprising since Abby herself, as well as Ruth and Isabella, had already noticed something different about Sarah.

But being on her husband's side, Abby soon used her skills on George, extracting the truth about the interests of this heir of Sista for all those who mattered in the situation to understand his feelings.

Hearing from George how much he loved her, Sarah was on cloud nine, seeing her instincts weren't wrong.

Even happier to have this confirmation, the princess shed tears of joy when she saw Abby finish using her ability on George.

"I told you! George and I love each other!" Sarah said as she ran to the First Prince of Sista's side, looking at her parents in a wronged way.

Minos and Gloria saw that they had been wrong to distrust George, but they didn't regret what they had done. Sarah was their daughter, their responsibility. How could they regret looking out for the welfare of their daughter?

But while Gloria felt less worried, Minos thought the situation couldn't end like that.

Then he said to George. "Very well, you will live. As someone who loves my daughter and hasn't acted for evil in my state, I won't ask too much of you.

But since you have stolen my daughter's purity, you must take her as your wife. George, you have one year to arrange a marriage with Sarah. If it takes longer than that... Well, we'll have problems."

"A year?" The two Demigods looked at each other while Abby and Gloria agreed that a marriage would be necessary.

"I can try. But I'd have to talk to my mother first." George said, aware he might be able to marry Sarah but not so sure that a year would be enough.

Minos continued. "Besides, you must understand that Sarah is my daughter. I won't accept you spending your free time with other women. If you want to be with my daughter, be prepared for her to be your only one."

When they heard this, Gloria and Abby looked at Minos, not expecting him to say such a thing when he had so many wives and partners.

That was especially true for Abby, his first wife and the one who had been the most reluctant to accept the others in the family.

'Funny how you don't do what you say yourself...' Abby closed her eyes and laughed bitterly.

Sarah thought the same and looked at Minos strangely. But she didn't say anything because she didn't want to share her husband with others.

As much as she loved her family, she didn't know if she could live like her mother.

"Your Majesty..." One of the Demigods spoke up, trying to defend George on this point since it was a tradition in Sista for successful men to have several wives.

"This is non-negotiable. Not only do I demand that you not marry anyone other than my daughter, but if I hear that you've been casually sleeping with other women, I will come after you, George." Minos threatened, looking into the blond man's eyes.

He was a womanizer himself. But Sarah was his daughter, and he wanted her to have the best marriage possible.

His marriages to different women had worked out, but cases like this were more rare than common. He had to demand such a thing to protect Sarah from a competitor who wasn't as harmonious as his wives.

George heard this and sighed, realizing he had an overly demanding father-in-law.

He looked at beautiful Sarah and said. "I can do this. I already have everything I want by my side."

"George..." Sarah smiled and blushed.

"Cough! Cough!" Minos closed his eyes, finding hearing and seeing this situation terribly painful.

"Everything I've said is basic and non-negotiable. But if you want my daughter, you'll have to prove it to me somehow." Minos said as he raised his aura, showing his level as he made even the solid walls of the imperial palace tremble.

"George, I challenge you to a duel of will. If you cannot withstand my pressure for even one minute, then forget the whole thing. I will not give my daughter to someone who does not have a will strong enough to endure the worst!"

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Chapter 1993 Pressure from the Father-in-law (2)

Gloria sensed Minos was serious and quickly took her daughter away from George, while the two Demigods of the Sista family saw that the situation would not be resolved by talking alone.

The two Demigos didn't move immediately, seeing that their young master seemed willing to go along with this latest test from his father-in-law.

George raised his spirit and used his cultivation technique to deal with the spiritual pressure of Minos, who didn't wait to attack him, making him feel his knees tremble and almost knocking him down at the beginning of the duel.

George was at level 87, while Minos was at level 85. However, even without Emperor Stuart using his innate ability or Dragon's Gaze, he still got the upper hand in the duel.

At the very beginning of the duel, George began to sweat as he tried to keep his knees from touching the ground, and a shocked expression appeared on his face as he realized Minos' natural power.

Everyone who valued Minos these days did so because of his influence, cultivation speed, and ability to temporarily steal others' cultivation. But when he felt his father-in-law's aura, George realized this was only the surface of Sarah's father.

Even without using the Dragon's Gaze or his innate ability, Minos was still much stronger than him!

The difference was not insignificant, which shocked George, who had Golden-grade talent, Saint-grade Physique, and a complete set of Golden-grade techniques.

If he were ranked among the level 87 Sages of this world, George was confident that he would be among the 30 strongest humans in the world. Yet Minos, at level 85, was stronger than him!

'Is this the true power of Emperor Minos Stuart?' He asked himself as he grimaced, feeling pain as he tried not to make a fool of himself in front of his beloved's family.

'No wonder he's considered a monster! Even though he's at level 85, his spiritual pressure is not a bit lower than that of a level 88 cultivator!'

With the difference in Minos' favor, George soon realized there was no way he could maintain his position for long. Sooner or later, he would lose to his father-in-law, so he tried his best to hold out as long as he could.

With his strong determination, he put his hands over his body, trying to form a barrier over it to protect himself from the pressure coming from all sides.

Meanwhile, Sarah watched her father's display of strength and noticed the message Minos was sending her.

He was still the strongest, the one she could look to for help and protection!

As much as she would have her family with George, Minos would never stop being her father and helping her. As long as she sought his help, he would do his best to help her, even if she left the empire one day and went to live with that man in Sista.

Sarah was impressed by her father's power, seeing he could completely surpass even someone like George, who was a great continental talent.

According to George's own guards, Queen Sista had high expectations for her son, believing he would one day reach level 99.

But still, this man with great prospects ahead of him was practically kowtowing to someone two levels weaker than him!

Minos watched the time pass, and with almost 45 seconds since he had started the test with George, he noticed Sarah's boyfriend was struggling to resist him but still hadn't touched his knees to the ground.

'Tough, huh?' Minos thought as he smiled inwardly. 'Your talent and determination are not bad. I'll let you win this one so I won't humiliate you in front of my daughter, George.'

At this thought, Minos stopped increasing his mental pressure and kept it constant for the next five seconds before it gradually began to decrease, not too much to be obvious, but enough to give George some relief.

While influenced by Abby, George's statement had been enough for Minos to accept this heir of Sista alongside Sarah. His goal was not to make it impossible for Queen Sista's eldest son but to assess the prospects of this person he knew little about.

Even though he loved Sarah, that didn't mean he would be an ideal mate for her. George must have the talent, determination, and strength to defend himself and his family.

Seeing that the blond man in front of him had what it took to accept the current situation with Sarah, Minos decided to give Sista's heir a vote of confidence.

At the end of a minute, Minos stopped pushing him, and George finally felt relieved, but he couldn't stand it any longer and fell to the ground.

Before he fell, his two bodyguards held his body by the arms and prevented him from falling.

But inside, George knew that Minos had made it easy for him in the end.

'Damn it, he didn't use everything he had. He saw that I would lose and let me win.' George closed his eyes as he breathed heavily, feeling bad that Minos had spared him even though he really wanted this victory.

Minos looked at him strangely, and George soon realized this, opening his eyes to see Emperor Stuart's expression.

Gulp!

That look clearly told him not to mention it to Sarah and to continue as agreed.

"Not bad, Sarah. Not bad at all. You didn't make a terrible choice. Very well, I'll give my blessing to your union. Make your preparations quickly. Your wedding must take place within 12 months at the most."

With these words from Minos, he soon disappeared from the area, leaving his two wives next to George's men, this prince and Sarah.

"George, are you all right? Did my father hurt you?" Sarah approached her lover, worried but happy inside that everything had been resolved.

George didn't hesitate to answer. "I'm fine, don't worry. Anyway, we have a wedding to plan now. I guess I'll have to return to my state, Sarah."

He couldn't handle this subject without a face-to-face conversation with his mother. Considering the importance of a wedding between Sarah and him and its many implications, a lot would have to be discussed with the Sista family.

Sarah had already imagined this, as their relationship had always had this problem since she was a princess of the Black Plain Empire and he was the Crown Prince of Sista.

Although it was natural for princes and princesses to marry each other, their states were on opposite sides of a war. Even if their relationship wasn't bad, that could change if Maximilian or Vico won the war.

Whatever the outcome of this conflict, it was almost certain the western states would have some kind of problem with the Black Plain Empire after the war was over!

So, as much as he wanted to marry Sarah, George knew he had to talk to his mother first and make strategic changes with his family to make that possible.

"All right. When are you leaving?" Sarah asked, not wanting to be away from George but even more eager to marry him.

He thought for a moment and said. "I'm leaving in two days. I'll try to return as soon as possible with a result."

"Okay."

Chapter 1994 Reaction of the Sista Family

A few weeks after Minos' return to the Black Plain Empire...

After the previous situation with the Stuart family, George Sista left Dry City for his homeland after traveling between the northern and southern regions of the continent for a few days.

Finally, this morning, he and his party had managed to bypass some of the battlefields between the western and eastern regions of the Vico-Maximillian War and reached the 'safe' part of their state.

There was nowhere in the Western Region that was 100% safe. There were even occasional sneak attacks in the capitals of some of the states in this region.

But these were isolated events, infrequent, and difficult to cause many casualties.

Even at war, the states' capitals involved in the current conflict could be considered safe to live in, even considering the low-level inhabitants.

Arriving at the capital of his state, George sighed in relief at being back but also at what he was about to do.

But before he could even head in the direction where he had already noticed his mother's presence, he and his two bodyguards were approached by a group of the kingdom's Royal Guard.

"Your Highness, welcome back to the capital of the kingdom." A level 96 man said as he appeared in front of George with a group of six soldiers. "May I ask what happened to make you return so soon? Your mission is still several years away. Besides, you didn't tell us you were coming back."

George was a member of Sista's Royal Guard who had to follow the local military hierarchy more or less until he became king.

Since he was only a Sage, he had many duties and responsibilities and couldn't escape certain military rules. As someone on a mission, he had to follow the rules, even though he was a prince.

In the kingdom of Sista, the local heirs didn't assume leadership responsibilities until they became Demigods. Even then, until the day one of them was crowned, he would have to follow the family hierarchy or the guard.

That's why the high-ranking guard in front of George didn't hesitate to question him as soon as he saw him back in the city.

George didn't mind being questioned because he was used to following the military hierarchy of the Royal Guard. Then, he answered his superior. "General Jacob, some things have changed regarding the Black Plain Empire. These are personal matters of mine, so I had to interrupt my mission to return. I have urgent matters to discuss with Her Majesty."

The man frowned, not quite understanding what had happened. "What happened?" He asked.

"Sigh... Minos Stuart demands that His Highness marry Sarah Stuart within the next 12 months." One of the two Demigods said briefly.

"What?" All the royal guards in front of George's group shouted similarly.

"This is absurd. Who does he think he is to demand anything?" One of the less observant men asked.

But the level 96 Demigod, looking at George, understood the problem. "He's a father protecting his daughter... It seems that Your Highness has done more than you should."

"Sarah Stuart will be my wife," George said with determination, while the less intelligent men realized that Minos had every reason to demand such a thing.

But being right didn't mean getting what you wanted!

"If Your Highness hasn't signed an agreement, all you have to do is not return to the Black Plain Empire. If you stay in Sista, Minos won't be able to reach you."

"Yes, that's what should be done."

"We can't marry the royal family to House Stuart just because of the mistake of two youths..."

Some of the men remarked to each other, while the strongest there remained silent.

As they did so, Willow's voice reached their minds.

'Minos Stuart is someone who invaded the Flowers Kingdom to save two men when he was still a low-level Saint... What do you think he'll do with George? Just leave the one who did things he shouldn't with Minos' daughter?'

Hearing his mother's voice, George felt ashamed for letting his emotions get the better of him.

He loved Sarah and wanted her in his life. But as a soldier of the kingdom, he knew he had been wrong to get involved with her.

He was on a mission. He should have been calmer and not gotten so involved with Sarah. Furthermore, he shouldn't have allowed himself to fall in love with the target of his observation. That was where he had failed, and he was ashamed of it.

"Mother..." He muttered just before the queen appeared near where he was standing, in front of the royal palace.

One of the queen's advisors, level 97, also appeared next to Willow and answered the question the queen had asked the man.

"With Minos Stuart's track record, it's safe to say that he won't give up on dealing with George if His Highness breaks his promises. If our heir hides under our wings, sooner or later, the leader of the Black Plain Empire will knock on our doors with hostile intentions."

One of the weaker men said. "If he does, we'll take care of him! We're not like the women of the Flowers Kingdom!"

"We're really not..." The old advisor closed his eyes. "But Minos Stuart isn't the same as he was when he attacked the Flowers Kingdom."

Willow looked into her son's eyes and asked. "George, what are your intentions?"

"I want to marry Sarah Stuart. But I don't want to disturb the kingdom. So I'm here to ask your permission and to find the best way to resolve the matter." He said sincerely.

"What about Minos Stuart? What exactly does he want, and how does he feel about it? Do you think he's doing this to get someone from his family into our government?" The level 97 advisor asked.

"I don't think he's planning it. At least not before he finds out about my relationship with Sarah." George pondered. "But I can't say anything about the future. Maybe he wasn't interested before, but now I can't say."

One of his bodyguards commented. "Your Excellency, Minos Stuart threatened the life of His Highness. He used the innate ability of one of his wives to force His Highness to reveal the truth, and he also challenged the prince to a spiritual duel.

I know His Highness doesn't see it all the wrong way. Still, I believe that the sovereign of the Black Plain will do everything possible to punish His Highness if he doesn't comply with what has been agreed upon."

George looked at his strongest bodyguard, not liking what this person had said.

"He did all this?" Willow looked at George.

"I can't blame him. I personally didn't take the situation badly, mother. I was the one who went behind his back and got involved with the first princess of the Black Plain Empire." George defended Minos.

"And what do you think of Minos Stuart's strength? How was your duel?" Willow asked with interest, curious about the current situation of this young ruler.

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Chapter 1995 Unexpected Marriage

"Emperor Minos Stuart is a monster," George commented with a sincere look, reliving his defeat from days ago. "He beat me soundly. Even though he was at level 85 and I was at level 87, he outclassed me in every way.

He could have humiliated me in front of the woman I love... But he held back. He didn't even use his special abilities. He just used part of his mental pressure against me."

"Oh?" The level 97 advisor opened his mouth in surprise.

Minos' talent was known throughout the continent. Few didn't know Emperor Stuart was a great talent, someone stronger than those of his own level.

But George himself was a prodigy. For him to be defeated by Minos when he was two levels above that northern ruler gave a whole new meaning to Emperor Stuart's powers.

Minos was stronger than those of his level, but most people in the world were not prodigies or geniuses. As such, few knew his position among the world's greatest talents.

In particular, since they did not know Minos' true level of talent, few understood exactly how strong he would be when he reached the peak of cultivation.

In other words, where would Minos stand if he were a level 99 Demigod?

All the Demigods at that level were prodigies, cultivators outside of the curve.

But when those experts close to Queen Sista heard that Minos could surpass even a prodigy like George, they realized the true potential of Emperor Stuart.

'If he can beat George, then he'd probably be the strongest on the continent if he were at level 98.'
Willow thought to herself, aware that she was less talented than George but that the difference between her and Vico wasn't great. If Minos could defeat George while being two levels below her son, he could probably defeat Vico, one level below this man!

But George reminded the Demigods that his father-in-law wasn't so easy: "But if he had used his ability to steal my cultivation base, not only would he have temporarily lowered my level, he would also have become stronger.

Using such a skill, his cultivation should be similar to that of someone at level 89, but not a 'normal' person at that level, but someone with Golden-grade techniques, the highest level of talent, and the highest level of Physique quality.

To face him at the 9th stage, you have to be a genius in every way. Otherwise, only 10th-stage cultivators can compete with him." George finished his analysis of Emperor Stuart's potential and current power.

The advisor looked at the queen as she understood what was in the old man's mind.

"Minos Stuart is indeed very talented. What about his daughter? What do you think of her?" Willow asked before giving her verdict on the matter.

"Sarah is also a prodigy but can't compare to her father. With her current cultivation at level 73, she should be able to join the Continental Tournament." George said, proud of his girlfriend.

"She's cultivating as fast as her father." The level 97 man said.

"She must have the same techniques as him. So it's no surprise." Willow commented before making up her mind. "Well, I don't see a problem with you marrying Sarah Stuart.

However, we need to discuss how this is going to happen and also come to an agreement with the Black Plain Empire. We're not going to risk uniting just for the sake of a wedding. If we're going to unite, it has to be backed by deeper business." She said, already aware of Minos' deals on the Divine Continent.

As the ruler of a state that consumed more food than it produced, she placed a much higher value on making deals in the face of the continent's chaotic future than some of her colleagues in the Western Region.

Since George loved Sarah and Minos wanted this marriage so badly, she would do it if she could get a favorable deal for her state.

As for the situation of her allies in the war against the Spiritual Church, she intended to keep the marriage of the eldest sons of the Sista and Stuart families a secret.

As long as no one knew of their relationship, they should have no problem being associated with a supporter of an enemy of their region!

Listening to his mother, George sighed in relief while the Demigods there silently thought about the queen's decision and judged whether it would lead them to the best possible outcome.

'Sigh... The war will be over soon, for sure. After that, if we're still alive, we'll have to face the ice age.' One of these Demigods thought to himself, fully understanding the queen's decision to accept Minos' demand.

Besides, if Minos survived and grew stronger in the future, being linked to him by family ties could help Sista a lot!

"George, you and Sarah Stuart should try to produce an heir as soon as possible. That will unite the Sista and Stuart families during the ice age." The queen's advisor said as the group walked towards the interior of the royal palace.

George looked at the old man and understood that this person wanted to benefit from having a grandson of Minos in the Sista family.

With a grandson of Minos among them, the agricultural products of the Black Plain Empire would be available to them to maintain their state during the crisis!

"I'll try my best." He laughed. "I hope fate will help us a little."

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Over the next few days, the Sista family would discuss George and Sarah's marriage, as well as the possible deals they could make with the Black Plain Empire for the sake of their future during the ice age.

Only the most important members of the family would have access to these discussions, while the family intended to keep everything that would happen regarding George's unexpected marriage a secret.

After the initial discussions and decisions, some representatives of the family had already been sent to the Black Plain Empire to negotiate with Minos some conditions necessary for the wedding to take place.

But since the Sista family itself was willing to pay for Minos' food and help him protect himself at the beginning of the ice age, there wasn't much to refuse.

Minos didn't want to make any new deals, as he had already made several on the Divine Continent. But for the sake of his daughter's future, the chances of him accepting a new deal were not small.

And so the next three months would pass with the two sides actively discussing business and organizing their two states' marriage!

Chapter 1996 Return of the couple

Nine months after Minos discovered Sarah's relationship with George, their wedding had finally taken place!

After much negotiation by Sista's representatives in the Black Plain Empire, the two sides of this marriage had reached important agreements regarding the future.

Minos had promised Sista access to his food during the ice age and a series of promises regarding the future when he would become a 10th-stage expert.

In return for his promises, Sista had made her own commitments to Dry City, promising to help protect the agricultural fields and warehouses from enemy attacks during the ice age. She would also prepay a portion of the food they would be entitled to during the ice age to help the empire better prepare for the future.

Willow Sista had promised to speak on behalf of Minos if Vico Travisani won the war against Maximillian and came to visit the Black Plain Empire. Not only that, but if Emperor Stuart's crew discovered something in the North Sea, the kingdom of Sista would help him with mid- and high-level Demigods to deal with the problem in that area.

If Maximilian won the war, it would be Minos who would speak on behalf of Sista, and if he were unable to protect the state, he would have to secretly welcome some members of the Sista family into his lands.

In addition to these points, there were a dozen minor points in their agreement and the rules for the marriage of the two houses.

With everyone agreeing that the marriage would be kept secret and would remain so until at least the end of the war, Sarah and George's marriage ceremony had taken place a few days ago, when the two families gathered in Dry City to celebrate their union.

Queen Sista had been unable to attend the ceremony due to her high rank and the fact that the Spiritual Church always kept an eye on her movements. However, she had participated in the whole event by watching from afar what happened in the city of Minos.

After the wedding, Sarah and George would live in the Black Plain Empire indefinitely.

The Stuart family had agreed that their eldest daughter would eventually leave to live with her husband in Sista. But given the war and instability in the southernmost part of the continent, that would not happen until she and George were stronger and Vico and Maximillian's conflict was resolved.

Until then, George and Sarah would live in the empire.

Finally, with the wedding over and their situation accepted by their families, they both honeymooned in the northern region, taking advantage of the last few years of regional stability to wander around and celebrate their marriage.

The North was at peace while the South was at war, and the ice age would be a few years away.

That was the perfect time for them to enjoy the region!

In a few years, everything would change; there would no longer be conditions for casually strolling around the North of the continent, and the war in the South would come to an end.

So, the two of them prepared for the difficult future ahead while enjoying their happy time.

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While Sarah and George traveled through the northern region on their honeymoon, their families had turned their attention to problems that preceded their situation.

The Sista family had turned their attention to the war in the West and East, knowing that it would be some time before the situation involving them would produce positive results for them.

Meanwhile, the Stuart family continued with their previous plans, with the main members of their forces preparing for the end of the war in the South of the continent, the possible consequences of that, and preparing for the beginning of the ice age.

While members of the government and Minos' family dealt with these matters, he and his crew prepared for the voyage to the North Sea, constantly trying to improve their forces.

Most of the members of Minos' party were in seclusion in Dry City, while he and his wives took breaks every few months in the Spatial Kingdom, returning to attend to local affairs.

In this way, the first few months after Sarah and George's wedding would pass quickly, with the local forces growing stronger while they experienced peace.

With no problems to worry about in the short term, the Black Plain Empire would spend the next two and a half years in peace!

After more than two years of honeymooning, Sarah and George finally returned to Dry City after so many months of exploring the Black Plain Empire!

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Arriving near one of Dry City's satellite towns, Sarah looked around with a smile while wearing a hood on her head to hide her identity.

Meanwhile, George stood to her right, holding one of his wife's hands, also wearing a hood to hide his face.

"Is it just me, or has this place changed in the last few years?" George asked Sarah in a quiet voice.

Sarah knew this place like the back of her hand. There was no way she couldn't have noticed the local changes in the two and a half years she had been away with her husband.

"Yes, the city really has changed." She murmured, eager to return to her family and see how her parents and siblings were doing. "There seem to be more people here. I think the local population must have increased by 20% while we were traveling."

For a ring of cities with a population of more than 20 million, a 20% increase in less than 3 years was very significant!

"It looks like the local government's ice age measures are already taking effect." George immediately understood what was behind the sudden growth of this area near the empire's capital.

This area was close to the main agricultural fields, and it would be the most protected and prosperous during the coming disaster. It was obvious that many people would move to this part of the empire.

"Anyway, let's go to the capital. I'm looking forward to seeing my family again."

"Okay."

With that agreed, the two continued on their way, quickly crossing the ring of cities in front of them until they entered the inner part of that area, where they could reach Dry City in a few moments of flight.

But before they reached the site of Dry City's magnificent defense dome, they encountered an old acquaintance of Sarah's.

"Aunt Regina?" Sarah saw a purple-haired, young-looking, level 76 woman flying in the same direction as her and George.

Upon hearing this voice, Regina, a poison master, immediately slowed down and looked at the level 74 woman who had just called her name.

Looking at the woman in the hood, Regina took a closer look at Sarah's face and saw that she was the eldest princess in the empire.

"Your Highness! You're finally back?" Regina smiled at Sarah as she saw them approach.

Regina was very fond of Sarah. Since she often played with the young princess after her time with Minos, this poison master taught the princess many things about poisons. As a result, Sarah was also very fond of Regina.

"Yes, I'm back, hehe," Sarah replied with a smile. "Anyway, are you going back to Dry City? Let's go back together."

"All right, then we'll have a chance to talk a bit." Regina agreed and soon followed the two as they talked about the last years of their lives, particularly the couple's adventures.

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Chapter 1997 Joke

"So you finally got your revenge, Aunt Regina... I'm happy for you." Sarah said after the three of them finally passed through the entrance of the defense dome and arrived in the kingdom's capital.

Regina sighed and said. "Sigh, after all this time, I felt nothing when I saw his body... As much as he killed my first love, so much time has passed since my youth and my revenge. In the midst of it all, I still met your..."

She was about to speak but suddenly stopped and smiled. "Forget it. I kept my promise of revenge. That's all I wanted. Even if it wasn't as good as I thought it would be, that's all I have to worry about."

Sarah looked at the woman and realized she had feelings for her father. But she didn't say anything about it. She had known about her father's relationships with women other than his official wives since she was a child.

Sarah found some of her father's relationships strange, but she didn't get involved with them, so when she heard Regina, she just smiled and nodded at the woman.

"It's just a shame that Angela didn't get the chance to be here with me... She was my great companion, someone who was with me for a long time on my quest for revenge." Regina remembered her old mate who had died several years ago.

Angela had died at level 63, shortly after Sarah's birth. As a result, the young First Princess of the Black Plain Empire didn't remember Regina's old sparring partner very well.

"I'm sure she'd be happy," Sarah said as she touched one of Regina's shoulders.

"Yes, she would." Regina smiled, imagining she should visit her friend's grave again to talk about her revenge, something she hadn't done yet.

With those words, Sarah and George made their way to the imperial palace, while Regina made her way to the Dry City Mausoleum, the home of the local heroes.

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Arriving at the imperial palace, Sarah found neither her father nor her mother on the premises.

However, she spotted her younger brother, Kendrick, and promptly stopped him.

"Kendrick, where are our parents?" She asked as she removed the hood from her face, attracting the attention of the brown-haired young man who was currently at level 64.

"Sarah? You and your husband are finally back!" He laughed as he ran to Sarah's side to hug her. "Sister, are you pregnant?"

"What did you say, you brat?" Sarah looked sternly at her younger brother as he laughed while hugging his older sister.

"At your age, our father had already impregnated your..." Kendrick was about to say when he was pinched in the stomach and forced to stop and jump away from his sister.

"You are the one who must give our father a grandchild, not me. You're his heir, Kendrick." Sarah said, not liking what her brother was saying as she had tried 'hard' to have George's child.

Unfortunately, having a child together wasn't easy for people as strong as them with such unbalanced powers.

Sarah thought it would be impossible for her to get pregnant until she reached level 80. However, they kept trying because they both wanted to have a child together.

"Don't be like that, sister. I was just playing with you." Kendrick said as he tried to deal with the pain of Sarah's pinch. "Anyway, our father is in seclusion at the moment. He has reached level 86 in your absence and is approaching level 87. Since he's about to leave for the North Sea, he's increasing the amount of time he spends in seclusion.

But since he has been absent from our city for about two months, I believe he will return in the next four weeks along with his mother and Aunt Isabella." He answered Sarah's questions.

"My mother and Aunt Ruth are in the city. If you want to look for them, go to army headquarters or the central warehouse in the city."

"Oh? I'll see them later."

Kendrick saw his sister walking toward the imperial throne room and waved to George, greeting Sarah's husband before continuing on his way.

Arriving at the imperial throne hall, Sarah saw some of the imperial guards she had grown up near, such as Eduard and Grayson, both currently at level 80, not far from the next level.

But besides them, they also saw Starclaw, whom she hadn't seen for several years before her marriage to George.

Starclaw was level 90, and since she had been working a lot in the sea area of the empire, she was rarely found in Dry City.

But today, she was there, returning from a mission.

Meanwhile, Dillian sat on the throne of Minos, handling local affairs in the leader's absence.

At level 81, Dillian was no longer able to cultivate as fast as some of the most important members of the imperial family.

Since he was at the last stage of cultivation that his talent could take him to, from now on, this butler and doctor of the Stuart family would go through something similar to what happened to Demigods. His cultivation would become slower and slower, and he would no longer be able to improve his level.

It was sad but also unbelievable because only a few people could reach the peak of their potential.

Seeing the man who had always been there for her father, her, and her siblings, Sarah smiled as she watched Dillian take care of local business.

Meanwhile, Maisie and Oswald were also there, father and daughter finally on the same cultivation level.

Oswald was already quite old, over 5,000 years old. Meanwhile, Mabel was practically the same age as George, so she could advance through the 9th stage relatively quickly.

So it was only a matter of time before she surpassed her own father, which was impressive but something Sarah had no hope of achieving.

Anyway, having been noticed by these people, Dillian and company would soon finish what they were working on to welcome Sarah back after years of her absence.

Upon meeting some of her family, Sarah would hear them congratulate her on her spiritual growth during her honeymoon, while George would stand on the sidelines and watch this reunion.

He hadn't improved his level over the years but wasn't far from reaching level 88.

His cultivation speed couldn't be compared to the most important members of the Stuart family.

While things were more difficult for people like George, the women of Minos had all made progress in the past two and a half years, and Gloria was even close to reaching level 85.

George and Sarah would soon discover this when they talked to the people in the imperial throne hall!

Chapter 1998 Time of Peace

After Sarah and George's return, a few days passed before Minos returned from the Spatial Kingdom.

After returning with two of his wives and the youngest children of the Stuart family, Minos was thrilled to see his daughter again and to see how well she was progressing.

According to his expectations, Sarah would be a Spiritual Sage by the time of the Continental Tournament and could, therefore, participate in the event as a competitor. This would be a great opportunity for her.

Gloria was also pleased to see her daughter, but none of them were as happy as the children in the family. Rowan, Lily, and Hollie were all very fond of Sarah. After so many months without seeing their beloved big sister, they naturally jumped with joy at the chance to be by her side.

The youngest of them was already 8 years old, while the oldest, Lily, was 9 and approaching the time when she would start cultivating.

They all understood the Spiritual World well, how strong their family was, and how far they would have to go to reach their relatives.

When the whole family finally gathered in Dry City, Minos, his wives, and children would spend a few days in the city, living together for the last time in a long time.

Soon it would be time for him to leave for the North Sea, and several problems would arise after this journey. At the same time, the three children of the family would begin to cultivate and eventually go their separate ways within the empire.

Since no one in the family knew when they would have a moment like this again, they enjoyed the next few days as if they were their last together.

With the Black Plain Empire having no major problems lately and waiting for the conflict in the north to be resolved, there wasn't much for Minos or his wives to worry about.

So, he would use this time with his family to train his older children, teach the younger ones, and take care of his wives. Not only his wives but also his close friends whom he hadn't had much time to visit in recent years.

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In Dry City, Minos was standing next to his wives, Lily, Rowan, and Hollie, all in the courtyard of the emperor's residence.

The three children were playing in a large pool that was there, a place that Minos and his wives had often used in the past, but now only the three of them used it.

Meanwhile, Minos and his wives were dressed according to their surroundings, with very few clothes on as they enjoyed the afternoon sun.

While two of his wives lay by the pool with their backs to the sky, the other two sat around a stone table with some drinks on the table.

Minos was with Abby and Gloria at the table, looking at the beautiful backsides of Ruth and Isabella as they sunbathed naturally while watching their children play.

Then Minos said. "Gloria, Abby, and Isabella, I want you to stay in Dry City while I go to the North Sea. In fact, I want Bella to stay in the Spatial Kingdom while you two stay here in the capital."

Hearing this, the four women looked at Minos, not understanding why he had suddenly changed his mind about going to the North Sea with all of them.

"I only want Ruth to travel with my group on this trip." He said, seeing the women were about to open their mouths to refuse his words.

"Why?" Gloria asked.

"Because it will be hazardous. With Ruth's regenerative ability and the dragon's level 100 blessing, she'll have a high chance of survival. What's more, she can be crucial to our group's return. That's why she's indispensable on this journey." Minos came right to the point.

"But as strong as you have become and as fantastic as your abilities are, I think it will be too risky for the whole family to travel to the North Sea.

So I want you to stay and care for the empire and our children. I don't think anything problematic will happen in my absence. Still, the level of our relations with the outside powers has reached the point where we need to have relevant family members in Dry City whenever possible.

So I will have to rely on you, Gloria, and Abby."

With Abby in control of the state and Gloria in the Spiritual Church, any problems that arose while Minos was in the North Sea could be resolved through their contacts.

The two understood the need to stay behind but also the dangers they would face if they went to the North Sea with Minos and Ruth.

But Abby still wondered. "Wouldn't my fusion be good for your group?"

"It would, but there are too many risks. Unfortunately, our levels are still too low to control the skeletons you can bring back to the living world. Besides, we don't know if our situation in the North Sea will give us a chance to bring creatures back to life. If we were forced to fight on the surface, we wouldn't have the advantage of your ability..." Minos said, looking into his wife's blue eyes.

"But not only that, we don't know the enemies and the phenomena they cause. What if we were to temporarily bring back to life a being allied with these creatures?" Minos asked.

Since they were still far from reaching the level where they could control all the skeletons Abby could summon, it was better for them to be cautious when using their fusion against these unknown enemies.

"Your ability might be more important to our group in the future, Abby," Ruth commented as she stood up. "If you go and show yourself, it might put a target on your back. So you should stay behind while we figure out the enemy's characteristics so you can use your powers better in the future."

"That's it." Minos nodded positively.

Sighing, Abby accepted their words completely.

"What about me?" Isabella asked as she sat down on the ground.

"I want you to take care of the children in the Spatial Kingdom and help them with their first steps in cultivation. When I leave for the North Sea, it will be time for Lily to start cultivating. Rowan and Hollie will also come of age in the following months."

The three children looked at their father when they heard their names while Isabella looked at them.

"All right, I'll do my best to train the little ones." She smiled as she looked lovingly at the three of them.

"When do we leave?" Ruth asked, excited to see the North Sea for herself.

"In seven months I will reach level 87. That will be the moment of our departure." Minos said, ready to end this moment of tranquility in Dry City soon to focus on his cultivation and advancement to the next level.

Chapter 1999 Time for the trip to the North Sea!

In the blink of an eye, more than six months had passed!

On this day, it was cold in the Black Plain Empire, a type of weather that was becoming increasingly common in the northern region of the Central Continent.

As the ice age approached its "beginning," the characteristics of the Spiritual World became colder.

The ice age wouldn't start overnight. It would gradually reveal itself to the world, and on the day predicted by the elves, it would suddenly intensify when it reached a certain stage in its development.

But that day was still several years away, and the current temperatures were not cold enough to damage crops worldwide.

But even so, the local population already knew what climate change meant. With each cold day that hit, the locals became more worried, and many moved to prepare for the future.

But while ordinary people were huddled together in the major cities at the heart of the Black Plain Empire, a group of powerful experts were gathered in Dry City, ignoring the cold that day.

In this group were several sea and land beasts, all in their humanoid forms, who had just reunited in front of one of the exits of the local defense dome.

Since some hadn't seen each other for several months, the conversations were rather animated, with some talking about their experiences on the Central Continent, while others only talked about their local progress.

Those who hadn't made any progress while traveling with Minos had finally improved their strength a bit and managed to advance one level.

As for those who had already advanced with Minos' help, none of them had made any significant progress during that time.

It wasn't easy to advance to the 10th stage!

However, some of the beings who had previously come to Dry City to wait for Minos' return had made progress and were now ready to join his crew.

Among them, a level 92 sea beast was the last of Minos' 50 crewmates to arrive and wait for his crew leader to leave.

"Am I too late?" The man with the colorful scales asked as he greeted his companions.

"No. Minos has scheduled our departure for nightfall. So there's still time." One of the mermaids said as everyone there felt the thrill of being about to embark on the most dangerous journey of their lives.

Even the dragon in the group was a little excited, anxious to see the treacherous North Sea, rumored to be dangerous even for Demigods.

"Where is Minos?" The last one to arrive asked.

The leader of the group of Sea Folk there answered. "He has just returned from his retreat. He's saying goodbye to his family and his government."

Titus heard this as he stood next to Bella, anxious to leave for the North Sea, for after this journey, it would be time for Minos and him to do their experiments.

Titus had already heard all of Minos' theories. He agreed on the procedure they would follow after the emperor reached level 90. As such, he was among the dozens of powerful beings there, including the group's Gorgon, who was at his and Bella's side.

Apart from them, the only being who couldn't be considered strong there was a crippled human, Grant, who had come from the Western Empire to join Minos' group on the journey to the North Sea.

Even without his powers, Grant wanted to return to that place and see for himself what had caused his misery.

Whether he would die for risking so much, he didn't know. But this man was willing to die to find the truth!

So he, too, stood among these powerful beings, a little nervous but not afraid.

'Time for the truth.' He thought to himself, confident Minos would keep him alive at least until they could face the enemies he believed were behind the strange phenomena in the North Sea.

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While the group of adventurers waited for Minos at one of the exits of Dry City, he was currently in his imperial palace with all the relevant members of his family and government.

In addition to his children and wives and some of the children's grandparents and great-grandparents, there was the strongest group of specialists in the empire, with people from the army and the imperial government.

Some of Minos' old companions, like Eda, Elena, Elen, Eduard, and Regina, were among his relatives, as well as Maisie, Patience, Angelica, Oswald, and Ruth's relatives.

Sarah was next to George, who had recently reached level 88 and was still above the level of his father-in-law, who was currently at level 87.

As for Kendrick, he was there with his two girlfriends and was currently at level 65.

As for the rest, Minos' family members hadn't made much progress in the past few months, with only Gloria having reached level 85 and Abby and Ruth close to it.

Finally, after bidding farewell to his family, friends, and subordinates, Minos gave a few orders to the Demigods there and offered some important advice in case the war in the South ended in his absence.

Vico and Maximillian's war was still unresolved, as neither had yet failed or returned from seclusion.

So Minos had to prepare his people in case one of them ended the war while he was in the North Sea.

Having taken care of that, he kissed wives before walking with Ruth to the exit of his palace.

Halfway there, Minos saw old Joey, who was currently level 73.

Remembering the story of this old man who had been kidnapped as a child and had long been traumatized by the experience, he smiled and said in this soldier's mind.

'Joey, I will find out if what happened to you has anything to do with the enemy I expect to find in the North Sea. If our expectations are correct, we will prepare our revenge against them.'

Upon hearing this, Joey smiled as he thanked Minos, murmuring to him since he couldn't send a message to his sovereign's mind.

"Thank you, Your Majesty. I hope you have a safe journey and come back even stronger." Joey said.

Minos smiled as he nodded to old Joey, feeling he had a good chance of returning successfully from the North Sea and being even stronger when he came back to Dry City.

So he and Ruth soon left the imperial palace and arrived where the dozens of crewmembers were waiting for them.

Chapter 2000 Towards the North Sea

After meeting his crew, Minos didn't waste much time. Over the next few weeks, they would have plenty of opportunities to socialize and talk.

With that in mind, he led his people toward the Naval City area to the west of his territory.

Theoretically, their group's journey would be shorter if they used the wormhole ports to go to the End area and then set out from the northernmost point of the Central Continent to the North Sea.

However, Minos wanted to use this trip to find out how far his sea empire, further northeast of the Ancestral Sea, could go in a northeasterly direction. Thus, he would begin his voyage from Naval City, the closest coastal city to Stone Island.

From there, he and his crew would travel for a few weeks, passing through the underwater territory of the empire until they reached the border between the Ancestral Sea and the North Sea.

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After a few days of travel, Minos' party was already sailing through the northeastern area of the Ancestral Sea, near the coast of the Black Plain Empire.

After leaving Dry City, it had only taken a few minutes for the group to begin their journey on the Sea Folk boat that had been carrying Minos since their stop in the Marine Empire more than nine years ago.

Twelve days had passed since they left the Naval City closest to Stone Island, and Minos' crew was now approaching the area where Emperor Stuart's Underwater Empire was located.

Since they would be passing the most important underwater city in the area before leaving it for good, the group's boat was already below the surface, where they could see the beautiful seabed of this region.

If one of them had passed through the same area decades ago, they would have seen nothing but dead corals and a sizeable uninhabited space with no beasts, algae, or any sign of living creatures.

That was an abandoned area that would have only a few ships passing overhead as they traveled from the northernmost states of the continent to those further south.

But considering the lack of trade in the area before, even the movement of cargo ships on the surface wasn't that frequent then.

But all that had changed with Minos' naval expansion, which began a few decades ago.

When Minos returned from his journey searching for the Seraphim Ancient Sarcophagus, he had begun building cities in the area and exploring the ocean floor for minerals.

After more than 20 years of working on the seabed in this area, his state had reached a relevant level of local population, and even in this marine area farthest from where the main submerged settlements were, Minos' group noticed the differences he had brought.

In the place where they were, there was a lot of movement of mid-level and low-level sea beasts, with many crafts carrying resources to the mainland, while many others brought people and food from the continent.

Although the underwater part of Minos' empire produced food, not all of the food for humans and land beasts was produced in this underwater area.

Therefore, trade between this area and the mainland was intense.

In addition, the abandoned corals had been improved by beasts, while artificial human cities could be seen in this place from afar, like stars in the sky.

In short, this part of the Ancestral Sea was now alive, much richer in spiritual energy and population density.

When some of the sea creatures in Minos' group noticed this, they were astonished to see that if they moved to the Black Plain Empire, they would have a great place to live.

Minos had invited practically every crew member to join his army, even the dragon.

Some were very tempted to accept the invitation at the end of this journey. Still, others were doubtful because they had their own affairs in their tribes, and change was never easy.

But Minos certainly had enough to feed them all and ideal habitats for the sea creatures in the group.

Seeing this place, which they knew had been abandoned hundreds of thousands of years ago, vibrate, these sea creatures were impressed and more favorable to Minos than before.

"This place is very well-kept for an area that was abandoned until recently." One of the level 91 Sea Folk Demigods said to Minos as he stood next to the brown-haired man.

Standing next to Minos, Ruth smiled as she saw and heard the reactions of her crewmates, seeing this place for the first time in person and enjoying it as well.

"It can't have been cheap to make so many changes like this." The Arctic Whale of the group commented, imagining that Minos had put a colossal amount of crystals into developing this area.

Minos heard this and smiled. "Yes. The amount I spent to develop this area would probably have been enough to raise someone with a Golden talent for about 10,000 years..."

Grant heard this and wasn't surprised. Minos had always invested a lot in his state, in the people who allied themselves with him, in short, in anything that could help the state move forward.

As someone who had seen the Black Plain become a state, grow from a kingdom into an empire, and then become the powerhouse it was today, Grant had a very special feeling for this territory.

"I'm sure this place will be much better in the future." He said with a smile on his face. "This area will be able to suppress the food demand of the empire and its allies and has the potential to be the first barrier against the enemies of the empire."

Minos looked at the man beside him and nodded. "Hmm, it's just a matter of time. We have the mineral, financial, and human resources for it."

As they spoke, the dragon observed a great glow in the distance, a glow so large and powerful that it looked like a star capable of illuminating the entire world.

But it wasn't a star. It was the most important city in this underwater area, the largest man-made city in this area, with more than 20 million living beings currently living there.

'All of this was built in just a few decades?' He looked at his surroundings and then at Minos, impressed.

The effort Minos had put into building his state had been immense. Others in his place would not have done the same, preferring to invest in themselves or even their most trusted men.

However, it was because Minos had taken this alternative path that his state had grown so much, and he now had so many people with potential.

If Minos had chosen the path of investing in only a few people, he would probably have a group of only a few hundred people and would still be the ruler of an area of a foreign kingdom.

But considering the risks he had taken, he had built a huge empire capable of producing food for the whole world, with an army of tens of millions of soldiers and several people capable of becoming Demigods.

Looking at his current success, it was easy to think that his choices were correct, but many would have made many different choices during a similar journey.

Upon reflection, this dragon saw that his leaders were right to support Minos, not only for his talents but also for his intelligence and long-term vision.

As each being in the group watched Minos' beautiful sea empire, they would soon pass the largest underwater city, reaching a crucial point in their journey toward the North Sea.

In the next few days, they would enter the border between the Ancestral Sea and the North Sea, the area where the outposts of the Black Plain Army were located!