

## **Black Plain 2091**

### Chapter 2091 Destroying The Veora Family

Boom!

After Minos' kick, the body of the level 95 Demigod crashed into a part of the royal palace, destroying several walls and pieces of furniture until his body came to rest in front of a member of the royal family who was hiding there.

"Aaaaagh!"

This person opened his mouth in a loud scream as he saw the body of one of the strongest members of his family die in front of him.

This level 95 Demigod didn't die instantly, but Minos' kick so badly injured him that he lost consciousness as his body convulsed in agony!

All the other Demigods around the royal palace looked at the spot where one of their strongest had fallen before turning their attention to Minos.

'Damn it! Can that bastard do this?' The other level 95 Demigod in the area wondered as he looked at Minos, his face already pale with sweat dripping from his forehead.

Ryan then said to everyone. "Members of the royal guard, surrender now. His Majesty Minos Stuart intends to accept anyone who decides to surrender to the Black Plain Empire."

"Are you sure about that, Ryan?" The other remaining level 95 Demigod asked. "I'm afraid we must consider our future. If we're going to live as slaves, we'd better think about our situation before we make up our minds."

But then Minos looked in the man's direction and said. "I have no reason to enslave you. I'm offering you a chance to live under my command, just as Vogel did at the beginning of our relationship.

I suppose that's acceptable, isn't it? I have no reason to treat you worse than those individuals. Especially in these times."

"And what's the cost of all this?" A level 94 woman asked, aware Minos had to gain something beyond this state. He couldn't be there just to subordinate them. There had to be a deeper reason for him to target them that day.

While the subordinates of the Veora family thought about this, the local crown prince slowly tried to move away and leave the royal palace.

Having spotted the three wanted men his family had been after for a long time, he could imagine what Minos wanted.

'You wretches! I didn't think you would lead us to such a great loss!' Thought the Crown Prince, who was currently at level 90.

Minos then replied while keeping the space around the royal palace stable, making it impossible for any rats to escape.

"What I want right now are two things. The idols owned by your family and the heads of all those with royal blood."

Gulp!

Many fearful sounds rang out around the place as men, women, old men, and children felt shivers run down their spines, knowing that the enemy had no mercy.

Minos had a reputation for being ruthless and merciless, and he had wiped out entire families for lesser reasons than this.

So there was no hope for these people of royal blood!

Even the children in the family sensed that the end was near!lights

Minos finished. "After that, just cooperate with the empire. These three will be in charge of this area in the future, so learn to work with them."

The three relatives of the Goddess of Life felt that many eyes were focused on them and just continued in silence, waiting for the situation to be resolved.

"Are you going to kill everyone with royal blood?" A level 93 guard asked in a deeply concerned tone.

"All Veora up to the third degree of relationship must die. The rest will be allowed to live with some restrictions." Minos announced, causing some guards to sigh, as they had no friends or family related to the royal family.

But others broke into an even colder sweat when they saw that Minos would kill some of their loved ones.

"If that's the case, Your Majesty will have to step over my dead body! I won't lower my weapons to someone who openly says he's going to kill my wife!" A level 94 man shouted as several others rose up against Minos.

Those who didn't want to lose loved ones moved away from the others, quickly separating the sides, one promising to ally themselves with the Black Plain Army and the other, ready to fight.

Minos looked at the 15 people who could have surrendered to him but chose to rebel and said. "Very well, you have chosen to die with your former rulers. That is a noble choice."

With that, he fused his techniques so quickly that hardly anyone near the royal palace saw his movements when a black hole the size of a chariot appeared above the royal palace.

The moment such a thing appeared above that place, all the people up to 3 kilometers away from Minos felt a chill in their souls and realized the power of that terrible essence.

Such a black hole was so powerful that Minos would have defeated King Veora earlier without even moving if he had used it. With something like that, he could even challenge level 97 Demigods!

Minos' control over the black hole had greatly improved with his recent changes. The moment he made it appear, he made everything and everyone in this place lose control of their realities.

He chose who and what he wanted to keep, using Ryan's hints while covering everyone in the vicinity with his spiritual energy.

He then made such a black hole fall over the palace as it grew in size, swallowing the whole place in the blink of an eye!

Minos could now absorb whatever he wanted with his black hole, which meant that not everything that entered that part of space would be consumed.

After leaving the black hole covering the Veora family's royal palace for about two minutes, Minos removed the fusion from that place, revealing a palace still intact while many frightened people were still around.

These people had witnessed the end of all those with royal blood and those who would rather die than submit to Minos!

As these individuals fell to their knees, some pissing themselves, others shitting themselves, the men who were outside the palace when it all happened couldn't help but turn pale.

As much as they were alive and would be part of Minos' forces after that day, they couldn't help but feel a fear of death, being so close to someone who could easily kill them all.

Minos then said to those who had already received his seal. "Bring the power-gathering idols to me. I'll settle into my new palace while you take care of this."

Ryan immediately accepted these orders from Minos, while those who hadn't yet made a deal with him stayed behind to sort out their situation.

#### Chapter 2092 New Local Sovereign

After entering the royal palace of the Veora family, Minos quickly found a comfortable place to wait and took a seat in the king's chair.

As he relaxed in the royal chair, he saw the three soldiers associated with the Goddess of Life with fantastic expressions on their faces.

None of them had expected Minos to do what he did today when they left the empire earlier. Everything that had happened was so surreal that they could hardly believe it was real.

Meanwhile, one of the men who had followed the four of them to the king's office asked. "What should we do now?"

Minos replied. "I want you to bring everyone who will be subordinate to the Black Plain Army from now on. I will seal our relationship so you can return to normal as soon as possible."

"Return to normal?" A level 94 woman asked, not understanding how that was possible.

Minos looked at the beautiful blonde. "For the time being, all the changes here have been concerning your rulers and staff. I am now your supreme leader, and the Black Plain Army is your new greatest ally.

But your activities remain the same as before me, at least for the next few weeks.

So continue to prepare to fulfill your old agreements, to prepare for the ice age and the arrival of the aliens. We'll start integrating you into my forces little by little."

Considering how hasty Minos seemed to be in eliminating the entire Veora family so quickly, these people thought he wanted to change everything immediately.

To hear him say that things would change gradually was quite a surprise.

One of them then left to bring in the people who would become Minos' subordinates. In contrast, others stayed behind to start receiving the sovereign's seals.

While making seals that would guarantee his relationship with these people, Minos heard someone ask if this place would be like Vogel or like Blackrock and Albano.

He answered. "It will be like Vogel. Blackrock and Albano are not really part of my state. They depend a lot on us and do things we ask of them, like changing laws, sending people from their state to ours, and not trading with our enemies.

But these states still have their sovereigns, and they can stop cooperating with the empire at any time. But Vogel is part of my territory, and despite the relative freedom of self-government that the powers in that area have, they must obey me when I order them to do something.

That will be the case with Veora from now on. You will have autonomy in minor matters, but for the most important things, you will have to follow the parameters of the empire".

That came as a relief to the most concerned, who were already thinking about how complicated a major change could be on the eve of a world war.

"What about the local nobles, Your Majesty?" The level 89 woman next to Minos asked.

"You should gather the group of representatives from the local noble families. I want to meet them and have a few words with them. They need to start forming the local noble assembly as soon as possible." Minos said, looking at the Demigods who were already committed to him.

Three of them accepted the mission and soon left to gather the nobles for the meeting with Minos.

One of the remaining Demigods sighed and asked. "When did Your Majesty's forces make progress on the alien technologies? Rumor has it that you are well versed in them." lights

Minos looked at the level 93 woman and smiled. "The rumors are not untrue. We even have a spaceship that can travel through wormholes. That is something even our allies, who have also received our insights, still have trouble producing."

Upon hearing such a thing, all those left behind opened their eyes in surprise, not believing the rumors to be true.

"Can they really do this?" One man skeptically asked since his stage could barely keep their prototype ship hovering in the air.

Veora had worked hard to improve the alien technologies and had already made great strides in almost every field. However, they were still far from what the world's strongest powers had achieved in recent years.

"Impressive! I didn't think the empire would be so successful! If that's true, they must be on the same level or higher than the elves!" Someone commented.

Hearing this, Minos couldn't help but smile bitterly. 'The elves only have what they have because of me. Without the technologies my people have developed, they would be far behind...'

Minos didn't deny that he had benefited from exchanging information with the elves and other races of the Spiritual World. But he truly believed that he had given much more than he had received, and without his state's efforts, no one else in this world could have made the progress they had made so far.

But he didn't talk about that with these Demigods. He quickly changed the subject to find out what the Veora family had done with alien technologies in the last few years.

Veora had achieved very little compared to what the people of Minos had done, so he didn't pay much attention to their achievements. Nothing they had achieved would contribute to the progress of the empire.

However, this state had things that could help Minos and his people. Not only did Veora have many spiritual professionals of a higher quality than the empire, but it also had mineral, financial, and plant resources.

All this could bring better times to the Black Plain Empire!

'I must warn the government of Dry City to take a close look at what this state has to offer. This is no time to waste opportunities.' He thought as he wrote something down.

The following hours would pass, and the entire capital of Veora and the strongest powers of the state would learn of the tragedy of the Veora family and the beginning of a new local era.

From that day on, Minos Stuart would be the new supreme leader of the state!

At the end of the same day that he arrived in the Veora capital, Minos would receive more of the family's idols before holding a grand meeting with the representatives of the local noble families.

He would use the conversation with these people to explain his plans for the future and the limits and freedoms these people would have within the empire.

Since everyone was already aware of what Minos had done and his current power, no one turned against him, let alone loudly mourned the end of House Veora.

Nothing could be done about the spilled milk, and the local nobles simply accepted the new reality.

Amid this, outside powers would soon learn of Minos' advance and his daring to act belligerently at such a sensitive time for the world!

Chapter 2093 Willow Sista And Minos



Three days after Minos' movements in Veora, news of his advancement to the 10th stage and his actions in that kingdom in the western region of the continent had already made its way to the Central Continent.

Some powers, even outside the continent, were already talking about the latest Minos-related matter, as he was very important worldwide, and his act was somewhat unexpected.

In particular, the powers in the western region were more interested in the topic than others on the continent or in the Spiritual World.

Because Minos had acted so close to them, the sovereign families of the other states in the Western Region were more concerned or attentive to the issue.

Among those most concerned was Sista, the state in that region that was most friendly to the Black Plain Empire since its sovereign families were married to each other through Sarah and George.

Perhaps for this reason, on Minos' third day in Veora, the first continental leader to relocate as a result of Emperor Stuart's actions arrived in Veora's capital.

At dusk in that city, Willow and her entourage arrived to meet Minos!

Other envoys from states in this western area of the continent were already in the city, and some had even spoken to Minos about their intentions, motives, etc. But none of them could compare to Queen Sista!

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In the royal palace of the Veora family...

Willow followed the path to where she could feel the strong aura of a level 90 Demigod, passing many old acquaintances who had previously served the Veora family but now wore the symbol of a golden tree on their chest.

As she walked through the corridors of the palace, she also saw some representatives from Mairin, the Eastern Empire, and the Western Empire.

But none of the rulers of these states had traveled to Minos. Vico was probably in the South Sea, as the world's strongest Sky Whale was about to reach level 100. On the other hand, Emperor Quinn wasn't too worried about the Black Plain Empire, as he had a better relationship with that state than others in the region.

The king of Mairin didn't move because he was one of the weakest in the region and had no intimacy with Minos.

Willow saw the representatives of those states there to speak with Minos and greeted them before entering the king's office, where Emperor Stuart was with his three traveling companions.

Minos, who was drinking a typical wine of the region, felt the spiritual fluctuation of this woman very close to him and turned to this beautiful blonde whom he could finally meet in person.

"Lady Willow Sista, you are even more beautiful in person than the rumors say." He smiled at her as he rose from his seat to greet her properly. "It's a pleasure to meet you. It's just a shame it wasn't under better circumstances."

Willow looked attentively at Minos, feeling for the first time the magnificent aura of the famous Emperor Stuart while a serene look was on his handsome face.

"I say the same, young man. I would have liked to meet my daughter-in-law's father under different circumstances... But he's quite bold and powerful, so things didn't turn out so interesting." She bitterly laughed, seeing that Minos' fame had precedent.

He smiled back at her and asked as he showed her a seat. "Are you here to question why I acted as I did recently, considering the problems we will soon face?"

That was what the others he had met so far had asked him.

Willow, and the two level 98 men with her, closed their eyes as this woman explained that this was exactly what had brought them to this place.

"That's right... Everything was fine until a few days ago, and then you killed King Veora. What happened to make you act like this? What exactly do you expect by destroying the Veora family?" She asked as her two men stood behind the chair she was sitting in.

While the three relatives of the Goddess of Life watched her with concern, Minos answered Willow. "King Veora and I had a long history. It wasn't known to many, but my interest in dealing with him was long-standing. When I reached the necessary level, I moved here and allowed him to bow his head and accept my demands. I would leave after that and hurt no one...

He obviously didn't accept my proposal and tried to fight me. That brought him to his own end."

"So you had something against each other?" She asked in surprise.

"More or less. I didn't act against him by chance, Lady Willow. I planned the day I would face him for a long time. So, don't think that power went to my head, and I did what I did out of greed. I was just putting into action something I had planned for a long time.

Now, I'm ruling Veora because this state needs a strong ruler to guide it through the 'storm' that's brewing before us. Otherwise, I wouldn't have gone so far as to start absorbing this territory."

One of the two level 98 Demigods found this very hard to believe. "Your Majesty Stuart is really different... You're not just going to leave this state without a ruler on the eve of the ice age and the arrival of the aliens."

Minos could tell by the tone of the man's voice that he didn't believe these words. "Yes, I will do my best to help this nation grow as much as possible in the coming years. Under my leadership, Veora will have a better chance of surviving the alien invasion."

Whether his motives were sincere or not, what he had just said was a fact.

Even though the Black Plain Empire didn't have as many experts as Veora, it had more capacity to grow and become stronger than Veora.

With the Stuart family in charge of this state, it would be difficult for this territory to weaken.

Minos continued. "Anyway, I've solved my problems with the former ruling family of this territory, and now I'm doing the work of integrating it into my state. I will do my best to fulfill the old agreements of the local powers but also to integrate the local forces with those who work hard in Dry City.

Perhaps we can make the best of this situation and grow together. That is my plan, Lady Willow."

She was already too close to Minos to do anything against him for something that could not be changed. So Willow just sighed before commenting in an advisory tone.

"Okay, Minos, I understand your motives. I disagree with all this. I don't think you should have done what you did, but I accept what happened.

The problem is what you will do from now on. Are you going to pick up every old fight? In your own words, you prepared yourself to do what you did. Are you going to go on a bloody journey across the continent? If that's your plan, let me tell you right now: it won't end well!

Chapter 2094 Proposal

Minos looked silently into Willow's clear eyes and saw that this experienced woman had understood him very well.

He didn't lie to her. "I have one more thing to do."

"Are you crazy?" One of the two level 98 Demigods asked. "Minos, what you did in Veora probably won't hurt you. I must admit you used the current situation in our world very well. Considering how important

you are and how necessary it would be for us to turn a blind eye, what happened in this city will hardly hurt you.

But don't think that now that you're a Demigod, you'll be able to act freely in the world. Because you've shown such disturbing behavior, forces worldwide will be watching you closely.

Although most of the higher powers will accept what you've done here, that doesn't mean they'll give you a blank check to do whatever you want. From now on, the strongest in the world will watch you and take action if you repeat your transgressions.

So don't be so bold and leave these matters of the past in the past!" The old man shouted, lecturing Minos.

Queen Sista agreed with her advisor. "He is right, Minos. You won't be able to act the way you want to. Besides, we have our enemies to worry about. Even Vico and Maximillian put aside their differences because of the aliens' strength. You must do the same now."

Minos explained what he had in mind. "Do not worry. My actions will only strengthen the Spiritual World. What I intend to do is not to exterminate anyone. I'm going to visit a certain tribe on the Continent of Beasts and give them the opportunity to pay for their crimes by serving my family for eternity."

"What tribe are you talking about?" Willow narrowed her eyes.

"The Gorgons Tribe."

All three Sista Demigods understood the problem Minos was trying to solve, aware of what had happened years ago when he had traveled through the Spiritual World to form the crew that had discovered the aliens.

"The Gorgons won't accept this easily. I bet they'd rather die at your hands."

"Yes, that won't work." The two level 98 Demigods agreed.

"I'll try anyway," Minos said. "They almost put my relatives' lives in danger, so this can't go unanswered. Maybe they'll die in the war against the aliens, and I'll lose my chance for revenge... I'm going to the Continent of Beasts to settle this one way or another.

I'm telling you this because you're my allies. But this is not negotiable."

The two old men clenched their fists, not liking Minos' words.

Willow was the oldest and looked at Minos in silence, seeing that he was much more confident than George's letters had described.

She changed the subject. "How is my son? And Sarah?"

"They are well. George is in seclusion in my Spatial Kingdom. He should become a Demigod in the next few months. As for Sarah, she's working on becoming a Sage."

She liked what she heard. "This is good. Thank you for accepting him into your family and still giving him opportunities to grow."

Minos took his cue and said. "It's not just him I can help... May I speak with you alone, Lady Willow? I'd like to propose something to you."

"Oh?" She immediately became curious, while her two guards and advisors became even more so.

Willow quickly decided and asked them to give them some privacy. Meanwhile, Minos sent the three relatives of the Goddess of Life for a walk around the royal palace to be alone with the experienced blonde.

He then activated his Space and Time Domain, completely sealing off the area where he and Willow were so that even level 98 Demigods would have difficulty understanding what was happening in the room under his influence.

Minos said in her mind, 'Lady Willow, I want you to join my empire when the war for control of the Spiritual World begins.'

'I join you?' She misunderstood. 'We are already allies, Minos.'

While she looked at him strangely, time passed differently for them than for the other people in Veora's capital.

A minute of their conversation would be worth about 10 seconds to anyone outside the Space and Time Domain.

Minos made things clearer by bringing up the most important point. 'Lady Willow, can you feel the grade of my Physique? You know one can't reach that grade in many ways. And I tell you, I did it the traditional way.'

Willow's expression changed when she heard Minos' voice in her mind. 'You're saying...'

'Yes. Not only that, I'm telling you that I have more. If you agree to make a deal with me, I'll let you take a Divine Medicine. In return, you will have to defend my state during the coming war and act on our behalf if we eventually win the war.'

Willow stood there with her mouth agape, unbelieving that Minos had Divine Medicines and had even wasted one of those essences to increase the quality of his Physique.

But the most important thing for her was the chance to reach level 100!

Willow was in the last years of her life and would die soon if she didn't reach the 11th stage.

In other situations, she would think more carefully about Minos' proposal because the risks associated with such an advance would be high, even more so for someone of advanced age. It would be wise to consider it and even think that it wouldn't be worth it because if she died, her state would be even more fragile than it already was.

But the current situation was extraordinary. According to the world's greatest cultivation experts, anyone with access to Divine Medicine and who was at level 99 would have a great chance of success, regardless of age.

Therefore, it didn't take her long to make up her mind, get over her initial shock, and give her answer to Emperor Stuart even faster than Aarav.

'I accept. If you really want to give me a Divine Medicine, I'll agree to become a weapon of the Black Plain Empire as long as I live. Of course, I want the freedom to protect my family and my kingdom, but I will serve your state to the best of my ability.' She said in Minos' mind.

'Perfect. Then, let's make an agreement to make it official.' Minos said with a broad smile, seeing that it would be easier than he thought to get the support of level 99 Demigods.

Chapter 2095 Agreement Defined

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Minos and Willow made their agreement official, with this level 99 woman promising to act on behalf of the Black Plain Empire once she reached level 100. In return, Emperor Stuart would allow her to reach that level with a supply of Divine Medicine.

After making this official agreement, she felt incredible but also curious about Minos' true abilities.

'Did the Spatial Kingdom come to you with two Divine Medicines? Who was behind such an inheritance?' She continued to speak through mental communication with him.

Minos said. 'More or less. You'll learn more in the future. As for who left it to me, that was Henricus Longus.'

'Oh? The first human God?' She was surprised by such a name and understood why Minos' inheritance was so good that he even had such a medicine with him.



'It's just a shame that you used your medicine only to improve the quality of your Physique. If you had waited until you reached level 99...! She was telling him when she realized her mistake and laughed.

'Reaching level 99... That won't be easy. He'll probably die in the war!' She thought to herself, imagining this was the reason for Minos' despair. 'It's better to improve his Physique now than to hope for an unlikely breakthrough!

Willow's thought was simple. Minos would need centuries to reach level 99, but the aliens will be in this world in a few years. This young man would most likely never reach the peak of cultivation in this world. In other words, it was more advantageous for him to increase his power as much as possible now rather than saving things for the future.

'Forget it... She bitterly laughed as she said in mental communication with Minos, 'You did the right thing. Better to take a chance now than to stand still in front of a terrible opponent.

Anyway, what are your plans from now on? How will we act in the future?'

He answered her without going into the details he had already discussed with Aarav. "First, I would like to set a date with you to deliver the medicine in question. For now, I want to test my powers a little and settle some old business, as I told you earlier.

Then, how would you like to go to Dry City in a few months? You can enter my dimension and cultivate in seclusion until you reach level 100!

She asked him, "You want me to cultivate in your Spatial Kingdom?"

'It will be safer that way. That way, the medicine won't leave where it is, and it will be harder for anyone to see what we have. On the other hand, the leading experts in my state are studying alien technologies there. It will be important for them if you make your breakthrough nearby. It could help us increase our understanding faster!

She knew the Minos' empire was much more advanced regarding alien technologies than her kingdom. So she saw no problem with it.

'I don't mind following these plans as long as we can share these technologies.

'But of course. Sista will play an important role in the war!

'Okay, I'll come to your city in a few months. It will be good for me to get to know my daughter-in-law: She laughed, remembering that she had never met Sarah in person.

He asked her. 'What are you going to do now?

'I will see if I can ease your situation with the continent's powers. Vico and Maximillian are busy, but their men could cause you problems because of what happened in this kingdom. I'll see what I can do after I leave you. Just try not to show how capable you are of eliminating your enemies. Try to be peaceful when you talk to the envoys of the continental powers. With a little help, we might be able to get you out of most of the trouble your actions might cause!

"Then I thank you! He smiled. 'Anyway, I don't intend to stay here for long. I'll leave for the Western Empire in a week at the most. I want to meet Emperor Quinn to talk business!

Willow didn't find Minos' interest strange since he already had agreements with many powers in the Spiritual World and it wouldn't be strange to seek a new partnership in the Central Continent.

'I wish you good luck!

With that, he stopped using his domain and made the passage of time around him and Willow return to normal, with only a few moments having passed for the people waiting for him and Queen Sista.

"Your Majesty..."

Willow looked at her two advisors and said. "Let's go. We have some business to attend to."

"What about Emperor Stuart?" One of them doubtfully asked when they were already outside Veora's royal palace.

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"I will tell you on the way. Let's go to Mairin now. I want to meet Tom. We'll try to help Minos with his current situation."

The two level 98 Demigods were surprised to hear this, curious what Minos could have offered Willow to make her agree to help him so quickly.

It couldn't be the fact that Sarah and George were married, so there must have been something valuable in their conversation!

Minos stayed behind in the palace to continue receiving envoys from outside Veora to talk about what had happened and what he was doing with this sudden action.

The main concern of the continental powers was not to avenge the death of a king and the end of his family. Everyone's concern was what an important name on the continent would do and his next steps.

Some were genuinely angry with Minos and felt he should be punished for what he had done. But most just wanted to know if he could still be trusted or if he would become a problem before the aliens arrived.

In the midst of all this, the terrorists in Veora couldn't help but change their plans a bit when they saw the local royal palace with someone else in their sights!

'We were about to meet King Veora... Should we try to meet Minos Stuart?' A level 95 man thought to himself as he considered his plans for this state.

Not meeting the local leader could be very dangerous for him, but meeting Minos could be just as dangerous. Now, this man had to think carefully about what he was going to do, or he could lose his future home or even die!

'I'll take my chances! If I don't make a deal with a powerful state, I'll be completely unprotected when the war is over!' This man thought about how his companions had already made agreements with other powers in the Central Continent to prepare for the chaotic future of this world.

## Chapter 2096 Meeting a Terrorist

The next day...

Following up on what he had discussed with Willow the day before, Minos spoke with envoys from the continent's powers, using a softer, more peaceful tone than when he had taken over Veora.

Meanwhile, Queen Sista was working to soften the blow to Minos' image, having already begun to change the story of what had happened in Veora so that the truly important people would understand Emperor Stuart's mentality.

Amid this, the nobles of Veora were already meeting to create the local assembly, appoint representatives, and begin to follow the new local laws.

The state would continue to function as it had until recently for now. But sooner or later, changes would transform this society, and the laws of the Black Plain Empire would apply locally.

Those most interested in adapting to the changes that would take place began to study the Black Plain Empire's legal code. That was the first step toward avoiding future problems with the Dry City government!

Meanwhile, the entire Royal Guard was now under Minos' control, with everyone above level 80 having received seals from him.

There were a few million men in this force, so he didn't want to waste his time on all of them. Only those who had the power to influence something had to receive the seals that would dictate their relationship.

So, in a matter of hours, the state was practically under Minos' control, and he was already beginning to think about leaving Veora's capital sooner than he had planned.

But before that, he still had a few appointments to make.

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In the royal palace of Veora, a level 95 man, supposedly a foreign merchant, had just entered the royal throne hall where Minos was sitting.

This level 95 man had no hair. He was a bald man with a large, completely gray beard. His brown eyes were like honey, but there was nothing sweet about his aura. He looked like a sharp dagger, although he kindly smiled as he formally greeted Minos.

"Your Majesty..." He said, smiling and showing his white teeth as he stood so close to this person for the first time in his life.

'He really is a monster.' The man thought to himself as he saw the uninterested look on Minos' face.

At the same time, he couldn't help but probe Emperor Stuart's body, feeling the powerful spiritual fluctuations in him, who looked more like a level 92 dragon than a level 90 human, which was the case.

"Mister Blake, what do you want from me? I wasn't told what power you came from. You wouldn't be a rogue cultivator, would you?" Minos directed his words at the bald man, looking at the man's well-made armor.

"Your Majesty, I am indeed a rogue cultivator. I've been a part of powerful groups in the past, so I've developed much of my potential with their help. But after seeing the fall of the fourth family I was a part of, I decided to live as a hermit without joining any new forces." He said this, looking mainly at Minos but glancing at the people around him occasionally, always smiling and speaking kindly.

"Is that so?" Minos asked, looking at the sword at the man's waist. 'How did a rogue cultivator get a set of high-level grade-4 body armor and weapon?'

"Yes, and I would spend the rest of my days like this if it weren't for the war that is about to reach our world and the ice age. But reality is not what we want it to be. So, I realize that I can no longer live in isolation. I need to be part of a force to which I can contribute and have some rights.' Blake got right to the point. Minos understood what he wanted. "Were you planning to come here to talk to King Veora, or did you decide to move after I changed this kingdom?"

Blake said. "I came here before Your Majesty acted. But it makes no difference to me. I'm just looking for a new home where I can fight alongside comrades and receive support."

"I see. Why Veora? And why should I take you into my forces?"

"Excellent questions, Your Majesty." He continued in a good mood. "I chose Veora because of my level and the strength of this state. Here, I could help the local forces protect the population, and the competition for resources wouldn't be too high. I also know that other states on the continent are already accepting many people like me, something that hasn't happened here at the same intensity yet. But I think that will change soon.

As for what I offer, I offer all that I have. First, my strength and my commitment to act in defense of the kingdom to fight the aliens. Second, all my wealth. Although I have lived alone for a long time, I have built up a good position that can help any companion.

I don't have access to some relevant resources because of my situation. Still, I can contribute my resources to a state with access to these things."

Minos understood Blake wanted new items or technologies based on the Spiritual World's discoveries concerning the aliens' methods.

But he found the situation of this man, who had resources and strength but seemed to be desperate to join an organization, very strange.

Specialists like him didn't have to offer so much to be accepted into prominent forces.

Even innocent people could do what this man was doing, as the current situation in the world was bizarre. But something about this man bothered Minos.

Minos then said. "It is possible for you to join my group..."

Blake opened his eyes and smiled even more.

"But you are a stranger and have an uncertain past. If you want to join my group, you must earn my trust. But there is a way for you to assure me of that quickly if you're interested."

"I'm ready for anything." He said confidently, imagining that Minos would accept him.

Minos thought for a moment in silence. "Let's make a deal. I'll put a seal on you that guarantees you will never turn against me or hide anything from me. In exchange, I'll accept you into the Black Plain Army." Blake lost the smile on his face when he heard this and immediately felt he couldn't go through with it.

Then he said in a disappointed tone. "So that's the case... Unfortunately, Your Majesty doesn't trust the words of this old man. So we're not destined. I can't serve as a slave. I haven't done anything wrong to deserve this."

He turned to leave while Minos narrowed his eyes. 'Follow this man and keep an eye on him.' He ordered one of the level 95 Demigods now under his command. 'Find out who he is and why he won't accept something so simple. Don't come back until you're sure.'

'Okay!'

Chapter 2097 Western Empire

After Minos ordered the investigation of the level 95 Demigod, he stayed in the capital city of Veora for two more days to take care of his local affairs.

During these days, the three relatives of the Goddess of Life left Veora for Dry City to gather a better-prepared group to come to that state.

Minos finished meeting with the envoys of the Central Continent states, the nobles, and the wealthy families of Veora, assuring these individuals of what the next few years would more or less look like, as well as the fact that he would not act against other states on the continent.

Once he'd sorted that out and was finally free this morning, it was time for him to leave Veora's capital!

Three of the four Faith Power gathering idols of the Veora family, which worked best when activated simultaneously, were already in Minos' hands.

He intended to search for the fourth in the kingdom over the next few days before continuing his journey to the Western Empire.

So he took leave of his subordinate staff, ordering them to continue their work and wait for the return of the relatives of the Goddess of Life so that they could begin to make local changes.

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After leaving the capital of Veora, Minos began to travel around the kingdom with a clear purpose: to find the last idol of the old local royal family.

His plan was simple: to survey this state with his glowing eyes as he traveled from east to west and west to east, slowly making his way south.

He would survey the entire territory, and if the three relatives of the Goddess of Life were right, he would find something.

If he found something, Minos would leave his mark on the idols and put them to work when he returned to the Black Plain Empire.

His current plans wouldn't take him much time. In a month or two, he could finish all his business. A month or two wouldn't make a significant difference when it came to gathering the power of faith, so he wasn't in a hurry to return to the core of his state to use those special artifacts.



However, his ability to see through spatial distortions, which allowed him to see into the Spatial Kingdom, was very good. After only four days of searching for the item he was interested in on Veora, he found it!

It was very well hidden in the central ruins of that state, in a perilous place where 10th-stage beasts lived.

Luckily for Minos, he was very powerful, and none of the inhabitants of those ruins managed to get in his way. After some work, he collected the last idol of the Veora family, which could help him a lot in his future progress!

With such an item in his spatial ring, he didn't hesitate to head to the Western Empire to enlist the help of another level 99 Demigod!

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In less than a day's journey, Minos had already reached the northern coast of the Western Empire, where the capital of that territory was located.

He had already passed through part of this region in the past when he had set out from this coast in the direction of the Seraphim Ancient Sarcophagus, which was located in the central part of the Ancestral Sea.

Arriving in this area, which was one of the most densely populated in the entire state, he didn't hesitate to manipulate space on his way to the capital.

Since he was already powerful and knew that this place had been at peace for some years, Minos wasn't afraid of encountering problems on his way. As soon as he arrived at the border of Voera with this state, he cut through space until he reached the vicinity of the largest city of this territory.

Arriving ten kilometers away from that place, Minos looked towards the center of that city and saw several powerful auras there, but also a large region of space folded in upon itself.

'That is the Spatial Kingdom of the Quinn family.' Minos saw the first Spatial Kingdom other than the one Henricus Longus had left for him.

The entrance to the Quinn Family's Spatial Kingdom was in the imperial palace, on the most protected level of the entire structure.

There were several high-ranking Demigods nearby, ready to defend the entrance to their cultivation shrine if necessary.

Meanwhile, a large spatial distortion served as the gateway to and from the Spatial Kingdom, which was basically a large headquarters city for the Quinn family.

Minos could see through space what the inside of such a Spatial Kingdom looked like, even if he couldn't sense the auras of the beings and things inside such a cultivation sanctuary. Thus, he noticed the home of the Quinn family, where there were more than 100,000 people at this very moment.

The family's youngest members, the families of the most important subordinates, in short, all lived in this place.

While observing this space, Minos was noticed by one of the men on guard in the capital, who immediately realized that this newcomer was looking in the direction of a very important area locally.

"That young man..." A level 97 Demigod muttered to himself as he looked at Minos, and it did not take him long to realize who this person was.

He then asked Minos, who was still standing, where he was in the imperial palace, while Emperor Stuart was standing several kilometers away. 'Your Majesty Stuart, you caused some trouble in Veora recently... Are you in my state for something similar?'

Minos felt the aura of the Demigod who had just spoken in his mind and looked in his direction. 'I'm looking for His Majesty Henry Quinn. I wish to discuss an important matter with him. He's in your Spatial Kingdom, isn't he? I'd be grateful if you could call him for me.'

'How do you know he's in our Spatial Kingdom?' The old Demigod felt uneasy.

Minos laughed. 'If he's not in the capital, where else could he be? Please let him know that I'll be waiting for him here.'

With that, Minos made his way to the entrance of this city, passing an imperial army post without a problem but drawing the attention of some soldiers who knew how to recognize him.

He didn't go straight to the imperial palace and decided to walk around the center of the city while he waited for someone from the Quinn family to come and summon him to the emperor.

He was curious to see how things were going in this city; how the local technologies had improved the state and changed the lives of the commoners.

In the middle of his walk, he saw some disciples of a local sect and couldn't help but smile as he remembered an old acquaintance who was part of that sect.

'Luke Nash... I wonder how he's doing?' Minos thought of the old young master of the Nash family who had lived in the Western Empire for a long time.

Unfortunately, Luka didn't live in the capital. Otherwise, Minos would have gone out for a drink with his old acquaintance from the beginning of his cultivation journey.

While he was thinking about this and watching the Spiritual Emperors of Luke's sect, a woman wearing a suit of armor with the symbol of the imperial family approached him.

"Your Majesty Minos Stuart?"

Chapter 2098 Proposing to Emperor Quinn

When Minos heard someone calling him, he turned around to see a level 94 woman, very beautiful, black-haired, and tall, standing next to two level 96 Demigods.

"Your Highness, I presume." Minos smiled as he made a gesture of greeting, immediately identifying Emperor Quinn's eldest daughter, Amber Quinn.

This level 94 woman silently looked at Minos for a moment, observing him attentively and assessing the emperor's figure.

Twenty years ago, she wouldn't have paid any attention to Minos if someone had mentioned his name in front of her. But now he was a Demigod, someone who was already stronger than her, despite the fact that he was younger than her youngest son!

Minos had recently killed King Veora, so this woman had even more respect for him and would no longer underestimate him.

She said in a serious but also friendly tone. "Your Majesty is right. My name is Amber Quinn. I'm the eldest daughter of the emperor. It's a pleasure to finally meet you."

"Are you here to take me to your father, Your Highness?" He asked her.

"Yes, please accompany me to the palace." She gestured with one of her arms. "By the way, may I ask the reason for Your Majesty's visit? I heard that you have been busy with Veora lately." She commented as she looked at him while his two men stared at Minos, full of doubt.

It was hard to believe that a mere level 90 Demigod had killed a powerful level 96 warrior. However, as they stood next to Minos, all three Demigods could tell this was no ordinary person.

They were standing beside a monster!

The three of them could feel the hairs on their bodies stand on end in Minos' presence, while this emperor's every step seemed to contain immense power.

They had been around dragons before, so they knew very well that part of this was due to the fact that Minos had an aura and a body as strong as that of dragons.

But even knowing this in advance, it was hard for them not to be impressed by this person's extreme power!

Minos replied, ignoring their stares. "I have something to propose to your father. That is something that could benefit our states, so don't worry, I don't have any daring things in mind. What happened in Veora was the result of old problems. I personally have never had any problems with you Quinn family members."

"Really? I heard that you were with Willow Sista recently. Is that true? Did you have business with her as well?" Amber was very well informed about things, so she easily connected one thing to another and imagined that he wanted the same thing with her father as he did with Willow.

Minos smiled but didn't lie. "Yes, what I'm going to tell your father is the same as what I told Queen Sista."

"Will there be more specialists that you will examine, Your Majesty?"

"No, not yet."

Minos had more Divine Medicine in his Spatial Kingdom that he could use on another level 99 Demigods to strengthen their condition in the face of enemies coming to the Spiritual World.

However, he didn't want to take any unnecessary risks and ended up exposing his wealth to the world.

If he suddenly attracted too many level 99 Demigods to his group, it would be easier for other powers in the world to become suspicious of him.

He had fewer Divine Medicines than the number of level 99 Demigods in this world. If rumors spread that he had something valuable to people of that rank, things could go from bad to worse very quickly!

To avoid suspicion and preserve the Divine Medicines for his family, Minos wanted to limit the number of level 99 Demigods he would help reach level 100 per hour.

'If these three succeed in advancing within the time we have left, the world will have 7 Gods if no one else advances by then. Especially the Central Continent will have 5 Gods on its side.' Minos thought silently, feeling this would give the continent security or at least buy time for this world.

He didn't think that the 32 Gods of the Mechanic Empire would come to attack them. It would be risky to use all the experts of that great empire in an action far away from their territory!

What would the enemies do if all those Gods left their territory unprotected?

Also, the Mechanic Empire was huge and seemed to have many domains. That led Minos to believe that the number of Gods who would come to the Spiritual World would be limited to half of that number at most.

Still, he felt he wouldn't have to deal with 16 level 100 beings. So, for him, 7 Gods in the Spiritual World would be a very good number, close to the number of enemies coming to this world.

For his own sake, he was willing to take a risk and have a smaller number of Gods on his side!

However, as he thought about it, he soon found himself facing the strongest man in this state, an old enemy of Vico Travisani's, Henry Quinn, currently at level 99.

"Your Majesty, it's a pleasure to finally meet you. This one has come all the way from the Black Plain Empire to discuss matters of utmost importance with you." Minos greeted Henry while the old man looked at him with interest, seeing this talented and promising young man at a remarkable level.

"Your aura is magnificent... It's too bad you didn't have more time, Minos. If we had another 100 years, you'd probably be enough to protect the whole world single-handedly while the Gods fought the strongest enemies." Henry sighed.

"Anyway, what do you want to talk to me about? Does it have to do with what you did in Veora recently?" He came straight to the point after his first remark.

"Not exactly," Minos said as he looked around the imperial throne room. "Your Majesty, may we speak privately? What I have to discuss with you is very delicate. It would really be best if we could have some privacy."

"Oh?" Henry looked at his daughter and the men around them. As much as he had differences with his eldest daughter, he completely trusted her and all these men. But if Minos wanted to talk to him privately, he didn't mind sending all these people away.

He had been the first powerful person to believe in Minos' cause, so he greatly respected the young man.

He said. "Leave us alone."

As soon as those people were gone, Minos showed his domain to that level 99 Demigod, impressing him greatly.

But as soon as he began to explain what he wanted mentally, Henry's expression changed as he received the suggestion he most wanted to hear at this difficult time in the Spiritual World.

Chapter 2099 New Support

Henry heard things from Minos that were similar to what the young man had said to Willow and Aarav, and he reacted more or less the same way as those two, with interest.

But how could he not be interested in joining Minos? None of these three peak Demigods currently had Divine Medicines in their possession. Willow and Henry could even say they had something for the future, but they would never have a chance to absorb it because those plants were far from mature.

For people like them, who didn't have access to anything of that grade, who weren't among the strongest in the world, and who had little time to evolve or die, Minos' proposal was irrefutable!

Hell, Minos even made it possible for all three of them in their proposals to protect their families, loved ones, or even former organizations as much as possible. How could any of them refuse such a generous offer?

So Henry quickly agreed with Minos to act on behalf of the Black Plain Empire when he reached level 100.

'What do we do now?' The old man asked Minos, excited and eager to go to the Black Plain Empire.

Minos told Henry. 'I have a matter to settle on the Continent of Beasts, so you should use the next few weeks to sort out your local situation. When you leave for my state, you'll probably be gone for over a decade. Have everything in your state ready for your eventual absence. Have you prepared a successor?'

Henry's situation in this regard was the same as Willow's. Neither of them had an heir ready to take over their estates!

'No. He is at level 91. But I'll leave all my advisors and guards to advise him. There's not much to do in the short term anyway, so it shouldn't be a problem for him to control the estate in my seclusion.' Henry replied without much concern.

At other times, he would have had to worry about social problems, possible betrayals within and outside the imperial family, rebellions, etc. Anything could happen when a ruler went into seclusion, and there was a chance they wouldn't return.

But with the world's fear of aliens and the ice age approaching, practically everyone with the power to influence powerful people to cause such problems was too busy thinking about the tragic future ahead.

'Okay, you take the next few days to deal with your people. I'll inform you of my situation when I return to Dry City. That will be the time for me to take you to my Spatial Kingdom.' Minos said.

Meanwhile, he thought he should take the three level 99 Demigods one by one, as it would give him a better guarantee that nothing would go wrong with his current plans.

'When I return to Dry City, I'll take Aarav first and then Willow. I'll do the same with Henry last. Once in the Spatial Kingdom, none of them will have any problems with the situation and will be more concerned with getting to level 100.'



Minos wasn't worried about those three coming to the Spatial Kingdom and becoming greedy. He would have guarantees that such people would not be able to act against him. However, even if those people weren't restricted, they still wouldn't do anything against him.

After all, after entering Minos' Spatial Kingdom and understanding its true riches, it was expected that these three would immediately go into seclusion so as not to waste their time. It made no sense for them to rebel and try to spread the information about the emperor's wealth to people outside of this space. That would only create problems and competition for themselves.

Even after the progress the three of them would make, they couldn't greedily look at Minos' Divine-grade medicines and force him to give them to the people of their forces. By the time they succeeded, the aliens would either already be in this world or almost here. There would be no time for anyone else to advance!

All this gave Minos confidence, so he didn't fear any problems with these new allies.

So he and Henry would soon make their agreement official before leaving the Space and Time Domain.

Henry's men would return to learn from the local emperor that Minos was now an even more important ally of the Western Empire and how that state should improve its cooperation with the Black Plain Empire.

Of course, there was some initial surprise, as the people there weren't expecting anything so sudden. But it wasn't completely out of the question since the state of Minos had a lot of power.

Everyone greeted Minos again, now much more courteously than before. At the same time, a few people introduced themselves to get to know this important new figure for the empire.

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Later, night fell over the capital of the Western Empire, and Minos was still in the city, having promised the local ruler that he would remain there for the next three days.

Those days would be vital for him to make new local contacts, get to know the imperial family better, and prepare for this state to improve its connection with the Black Plain Empire.

But for now, Minos enjoyed the view of the Ancestral Sea from the building he was staying in on one of the city's beaches.

Looking to the northwest, he remembered the place he had passed by decades ago and promised to return to one day.

'At that time, I told Maximilian that I would return to the Seraphim Ancient Sarcophagus when I became a Demigod...' He thought of that place, which contained many high-level items left behind by Demigods and even Gods.

'But first, I must secure the position of my state.' He thought about fulfilling those words, but not necessarily now. 'I will go to the Continent of Beasts to force that tribe to submit to me. If that works, I'll return to leave those Gorgons in my state, take those level 99 Demigods to begin their seclusion, and begin my experiments with Titus.

After that, I'll find some time to go to this place.' Minos planned his next steps, giving more importance to strengthening his state.

Anything he could get from the Seraphim Ancient Sarcophagus would be useful for him but not necessarily for his state. Therefore, he could not leave until everything in Dry City was ready!

He continued to think about what he would do for the next days, weeks, and months.

But not everything went as planned. In the middle of Minos' stay in the Western Empire, important news would reach him!

#### Chapter 2100 Home of the Terrorists

Two days after his deal with Emperor Quinn, a level 95 Demigod from Veora arrived in the capital of the Western Empire with information for Minos.

After receiving information about the level 95 man who had recently spoken to him in Veora and refused to receive the seal of Minos, the emperor could not stand idly by.

From all indications, such a person had ties to the terrorist leaders that the entire Spiritual World was searching for!

Upon receiving this information in the middle of the afternoon, Minos ignored his local engagements and left without saying goodbye to his new allies.

Following the lead of the level 95 Demigod, who was handling the matter for him, Minos would soon be flying through the vacuum of space to the final location of their target.

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Two hours after leaving the capital of the Western Empire...

Minos was standing next to Ryan, the level 95 Demigod he had defeated in Veora, who had investigated the strange man days ago.

After only two hours of flying, they had crossed the continent and were now in Blackrock, where Minos' destination was.

Upon arrival, Minos asked. "Did he really meet with terrorists? How do you know for sure?"

"I followed him all the way after he left the royal palace earlier, Your Majesty. I saw him meet with several groups that I asked other people to keep an eye on.

Of those groups, two were involved in terrorist attacks. One acted in the Flaming Empire, and the other dared to attack the Black Plain Empire by acting in the Veora region."

"So he really has a connection to terrorists," Minos muttered. "Did you have someone keep an eye on him to come to get me?"

"Yes, when our target stopped to meditate, I had someone cover for me by watching him while I went to warn you." He said as he slowed down, his aura already hidden by the proximity of where they were to their target's position.

Arriving there a few moments later, Minos spotted the man he had spoken to a few days ago in Veora, sitting in a meditation position in the middle of a forest.

Near that heavenly place in Blackrock, he met the temporary observer of that man whom Ryan had allowed to stay there temporarily.

This observer said. 'Your Majesty, Ryan... He's been meditating since I arrived. He hasn't moved until now, and there's no one around except us.'

Minos then ordered, 'Stay with us. Let's follow this person and see where he takes us. If he goes to meet more powerful Demigods, there's a good chance he'll lead us to the terrorist group's leadership.'

Minos didn't know if this level 95 person was the leader of the terrorists or an important member of this mysterious group of profiteers. He didn't want to risk taking action against such a person and losing possible accomplices or superiors.

Veora's two level 95 Demigods accepted Minos' orders and stayed with him while they hid in hard-to-detect areas of space.

If Minos were the one meditating under such observation, he would easily notice the people hiding in space near him. But this man didn't have the characteristics of this emperor. As far as he was concerned, he was quietly meditating in an area where there were no people powerful enough to endanger him.

Even after two hours of being watched by those three, the level 95 terrorist would not have noticed their presence.

When he came out of his meditative state and looked around, he didn't suspect he was being watched.

"Time for me to go back..." He muttered as he looked to the northeast, attracting Minos' attention.

'Let's follow him. He seems to be going somewhere important.'

When the man left, the three of them moved as cautiously as possible, heading in the same direction as the man who was heading for the East Sea.

Nowadays, it is safe to fly across the seas or even use wormholes in oceanic regions. After the terrible news about the future of the Spiritual World was spread, practically all of the beings in that world focused on preparing for the future or living out their last moments of freedom or life.

Thus, conflicts worldwide, especially in the oceans, became less frequent, and tribes from all over the oceans no longer viewed flight or space manipulation over their territories negatively.

The speed of movement of high-level people was something that could greatly affect the spiritual development of the forces of this world before the war, so no one wanted to hinder the movement of experts.

So that man flew at high speed toward the island where his group was based, not using wormholes so as not to leave tracks that would be easier to read.

Little did he know that an enemy was already following him there!

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A few hours after leaving Balckrock, the level 95 Demigod finally spotted the terrorist headquarters island where most of his companions were.

The terrorists' situation has deteriorated greatly in recent months. However, the group was still making a lot of crystals from their operations.

Their main partners wanted to continue for a few more months when everyone accepted that it was time for them to stop and enjoy the fruits they had planted.

But they were still operating, and this island had several ships stationed around it, with more than a thousand people working there.

When Minos and his two men realized what this place was, they soon felt the presence of 8 strong Demigods, counting the man they had followed to this place.

'He really had a good reason for not wanting to make a deal with me.' Minos laughed when he saw what that man would have had to say if they had made a deal with each other.

The strongest was a Demigod at the beginning of level 97, while there were people at levels 95, 94, and 93.

There were no weaker or stronger Demigods than that, and all the rest were Sages, individuals who bore the marks of slavery, something Minos and his men could easily notice.

The two level 95 Demigods looked at Minos, not knowing what to do since the power of their opponents was not insignificant.

But before he could even open his mouth to answer his men's questions, Minos stopped manipulating the space around him, appeared above the island, and stopped hiding.

'Shit! We're going to have to fight!' One of them commented in the other's mind, seeing that Minos wasn't intimidated by so many opponents, one of whom was a fucking level 97 Demigod!