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Chapter 501 Leave him to me

Xavier kicked the transcendent-rank individual from the Nightkin race opposite him away in mid-air before he raised his spear to use his strongest skill to kill the numerous enemies on the land.

Bia's eyes narrowed at his move... she had seen it before. Not only Bia, Jian's eyes also narrowed, and he also prepared to use his strongest skill with the man. Just like the duo, many other floating strong divine-rank and pseudo-divine rank humans also got ready to use their strongest skills.

The air rumbled, and cracks appeared within the space around Xavier.

The eyes of the transcendent rank individual from the Nightkin race, who had just balanced himself mid-air, dilated when a beam of white light shot out from Xavier's spear, traveling toward the people of his race who were fighting on the land. The beam of light moved even faster than lightning and only selectively killed the people of the Nightkin race while leaving the humans untouched.

Bia's eyes brightened, and a touch of blue shimmered within her crimson pupils that had begun to turn completely golden after she stepped into the divine rank.

In the next moment, a thunderous echo resonated from her body, accompanied by a flood of pure golden flames that extended to follow the beam.

Jian chuckled, his pupils quivered slightly as he utilized nearly ninety percent of his divine energy to conjure another sea of flames that followed the golden flames.

But unlike before, after reaching the true divine rank, he had learned to control his skills and spells completely. Now, his flames and all the other spells he used as a mage traveled according to his command to target only the individuals he desired to eliminate.

After the duo, many other pseudo-divine and divine rank humans also unleashed their most potent skills and spells. In an instant, the battlefield was engulfed in ice, flames, earth, lightning, wind currents, and various other abilities that rained down from the sky upon the enemies.

The air became saturated, and the sky darkened due to the immense divine energy harnessed in mere moments.

The land trembled violently under the pressure, and countless agonizing cries echoed through the air. The humans seized the advantage they gained and started killing every enemy within their sight.

Xavier panted and glanced at the transcendent rank individual from the nightkin race who was fleeing from the scene after seeing how his people were completely defeated.

"Where do you think you are going, you bastard!?"

He raised his spear and with immense force hurled it directly at the fleeing man, who cried out as the spear impaled his shoulder. Instantly, blood oozed out from the man's shoulder to stain his already red clothes an even deeper crimson.

Xavier clicked his tongue as his hand trembled. He had barely maintained his balance in mid-air after hurling his spear away. His entire body was screaming with pain, and he swore if not because

he wanted to kill the strongest enemy he would have closed his eyes. A smile spread across his face when he saw Jian who arrived beside him and grabbed his arm to balance him.

Bia glanced at the duo and, after ordering the monsters under her command to clear the battlefield, she zoomed in towards the man who was still attempting to flee despite his badly injured shoulder.

- "Leave him to me."

Jian blinked as he stared at the phoenix who immediately started beating up the injured transcendent-rank individual with the advantage of her huge body.

He winced at the sight and glanced at Xavier only to see the man had placed his other hand above his head to watch the fight with an excited expression.

Jian shook his head at the excited man who had been trying his best to rope the phoenix since the moment Jian and Bia arrived here.

It's actually been more than three years since he and Bia arrived on this planet. At first, he thought they had landed on a planet that had been conquered by the dark side because they fell from the sky directly into the middle of a battlefield.

Bia immediately lost consciousness, probably because she took the most impact when they crashed on the planet. Jian fought in the battlefield for a while, but the enemies were too strong. He quickly realized he was on the losing end, but he couldn't leave Bia behind. So, he fought and did his best to wake up the phoenix. But fortunately, before anything bad happened to them, a group of humans saved them and took them to a safe place.

Bia was frustrated and angry after she woke up because she was not able to contact Kyle properly, and Jian wouldn't allow her to leave the planet alone.

She was very happy when she finally managed to reach Kyle, but after talking with him for a minute, she cursed a lot and scared away every human who dared to approach her for the next few days.

Jian found out about it later, but Kyle, that bastard, asked her not to look for him and instead go to the Sacred Divine Land. The silver-haired man claimed he would come find her, but for some unknown reason, he blocked Bia's voice, and after that, she couldn't sense him at all.

That was the moment when the duo decided to help the humans on the planet as a token of gratitude for the time when the humans saved their lives. They both entered the battlefield and began fighting alongside the humans to defeat the nightkin race.

Additionally, they started searching for a way to reach the sacred divine land to find Kyle, who had disappeared after Bia's last interaction with him, almost as if he had ceased to exist. If it weren't for the fact that Bia could still sense their connection and hadn't felt that Kyle was dead, the phoenix would have already left Jian behind to search for Kyle in the vast universe.

Jian let out a sigh and slapped Xavier on the back to make him stop gazing at the phoenix with sparkling eyes.

Xavier was the only transcendent rank human on the planet after his father, who was the strongest on this planet, passed away in the war. But as Jian had mentioned earlier, from the moment Xavier

laid his eyes on the phoenix, he became interested in Bia. Also, his interest grew when he witnessed Bia commanding thousands of monsters to fight alongside her.

"Man, she's already taken. Don't even think about trying to win her over because..."

Jian took an exaggerating breath to emphasize his next words.

"Her companion is very dangerous. He could easily turn you into an ice sculpture with just a flick of his fingers!"

"Don't come crying to me later saying I didn't give you a heads up."

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Xavier rolled his eyes, and his expression clearly showed he didn't believe the red-haired man one bit.

"Well, I am a hundred times better than her companion who left her alone in such a dangerous world. I will see just how strong that person is when the time comes. He asked you and Bia to go to the Sacred Divine Land, right?"

Jian raised an eyebrow. It's been a while since they talked about the Sacred Divine Land because they were caught up in the war. Initially, he and Bia had no idea about the location of that place and how to get there after leaving this planet.

But then Xavier informed them that a few elders on his planet were knowledgeable about that place. These elders requested Jian and Bia to stay on the planet for a few years due to the phoenix's unique ability to control thousands of monsters, which greatly aided the human race in repelling the nightkin for the first time.

No matter what, the prospect of having a vast army of monsters at their disposal was truly remarkable.

In order to persuade Bia to remain on the planet, they suggested teleporting both Jian and Bia directly to the Sacred Divine Land using an array once the conditions on their planet improved. But no one could have imagined that within just a few years, they would win the war.

Xavier chuckled and thumped his chest. The elders had already informed him and Jian about everything regarding the Sacred Divine Land. Now they just need to use the array and go there.

"Doesn't that mean Bia's bonded companion will take part in the Gladiator Arena? Haha, I can join as well since I have not gone past the transcendent rank yet. The war just ended as well, and now I can leave the planet. I am also going to enter the Gladiator Arena just so Bia can see who's stronger-!"

His words got cut off as he cried out when Jian let go of his arm, and he immediately plummeted towards the ground. Xavier quickly regained his balance mid-air and glared at the red-haired man.

"What was that for?"

Jian smirked and tilted his head with an innocent expression.

"Oh, sorry, my hands slipped."

He glanced around.

"I really thought a fly was buzzing around my ears... tsk, tsk, it really needs a good beating so it can acquire some common sense because despite knowing the risks, it insists on poking the hornet's nest."

Xavier's eyes widened with disbelief... did that little punk who is more than twenty years younger than him call him a fly!?

He rolled up his sleeves to show Jian just who the fly really was, but before he could confront the red-haired man, Bia killed her opponent, and her body flashed with a bright light. The phoenix regained her smaller form and then landed on the red-haired man's shoulder.

Jian crackled menacingly and dared Xavier to come closer with his smug expression. He grinned when Xavier's expression fell and reached out to stroke Bia's head, only to hiss as the phoenix pecked his finger.

"Bia! See, my fingers have marks from your fierce attacks. I was just going to pet your head gently!"

Bia sneered.

-"Why? I don't like it. Besides, you are not handsome... not a beautiful woman. It doesn't suit you."

Jian's expression stiffened at her remarks, and he quickly lowered his hand to rub his throbbing finger. In the distance, Xavier burst into laughter and taunted him with a raised brow, almost as if saying who had the upper hand now.

The war concluded with the victory of the human race after the transcendent rank individual died, and the monsters under Bia's command ruthlessly killed all remaining enemies on the battlefield.

Xavier, Jian, and some other high-rank humans themselves attended to post-war matters, such as arranging for the injured to be taken back to the camp for treatment and selecting some powerful divine-rank humans to scour the entire planet to ensure every last individual of the nightkin race was found and dealt with.

After two hectic days, the human camp was now celebrating their victory with delicious food, a variety of beverages, and tears of happiness as they had saved their planet, the very planet that was on the verge of collapse just a few years ago.

Jian entered Xavier's tent with Bia sitting on his shoulder. The grey-haired man was busy organizing papers on his desk. Xavier had finally taken off his armor, and his white spear was resting in a corner.

Xavier paused in his actions when he saw Jian approaching. He dragged a chair from a corner and placed it next to Jian before attempting to organize the stack of papers on the only large desk in the tent.

"Sorry, I have been busy. Sit down. I will be done soon, just give me a minute."

Jian and Bia both eyed the chair, but then the red-haired man grimaced silently when Bia placed her paw on his shoulder and squeezed it roughly.

Jian quickly cleared his throat to get Xavier's attention.

"We are not here to sit."

Xavier sighed and set the papers on the desk before looking at Jian quickly cleared his throat to get Xavier's attention.

"We are not here to sit."

Bia and Jian.

"I understand... Now that the war has ended, you both want to leave. Just wait for another week. A few others and I are also planning to go to the Sacred Divine Land. Let's all go together."

Bia shook her head.

"No, it's already been so many years. I want to leave as soon as possible."

Jian shrugged his shoulders when Xavier gave him a pleading look to convince the phoenix. Xavier immediately changed his strategy and turned to Bia with a smile.

"I have fed you so many delicious things and taken care of you. Plus, you said you like my eyes. Can't you even wait another week for this pretty face?"

Bia narrowed her eyes and muttered quietly.

"Your eyes are just a bit like Kyle's... nothing special. And you're not that pretty."

Jian laughed quietly as Xavier's expression darkened at Bia's words. The grey-haired man let out a big exhale and raised his hands in surrender.

"Alright, we will leave for the Sacred Divine Land in two days. I just have to sacrifice some sleep, no biggie. Come on, Bia, you have got to at least give me a thank you."

Bia rolled her eyes. The phoenix spread out her wings and left Jian's shoulder to land on Xavier's shoulder, who grinned excitedly just because she sat on his shoulder.

She glanced at Jian, who looked betrayed because she left his side. Bia's eyebrow twitched at their behavior, and she closed her eyes with a tired sigh.

-'A bunch of idiots...'

Chapter 503 They are here as well!

It was a sunny day when Jian, Bia, Xavier, and two other humans stood in the middle of a large circular array that filled a vast space, surrounded by numerous mana stones floating in the air.

In the distance, several elderly humans in robes who had set up the array and many others who had come to bid farewell to their planet's strongest individuals and the divine phoenix stood. The emotional ones were cheering for the people standing on the array, and the elders were quietly watching those on the array.

The array lit up, and a bright light flashed, enveloping the people standing above the array in a bright embrace.

In the next second, the light scattered, and the array with the people standing above it all vanished within the particles.

The air fell silent as everyone watched the bright particles that scattered in the wind. One of the elderly humans stroked his beard and let out a sigh.

"I hope the kids stay safe and return unharmed... that place is dangerous, but I have faith they can endure, especially Xavier and Jian. They both hold promising futures, and with the Divine Phoenix alongside them, I trust they can overcome all the challenges in their way."

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Inside the Sacred Divine Land, numerous new faces and formidable figures from various races began to arrive. After all, the opening of the Gladiator Arena was merely less than six months away.

The land was expansive, and despite thousands of newcomers arriving each day on floating ships or through teleportation arrays, the space was still large enough for them to easily lose themselves within it.

Nevertheless, they were all aware of their ultimate destination – the Gladiator Arena. So, even though they wandered the Sacred Divine Land in search of treasures, they were all ultimately making their way towards the Arena.

It was a huge shock for everyone when a supreme-rank representative from the demon race arrived to negotiate with the supreme-rank individuals who would oversee the Gladiator Arena.

The representative from the demon race expressed their eagerness to participate in the Gladiator Arena. Not only the demon race, but he said that its two subsidiary branches, the dark and nightkin races, would also participate.

He threatened the old figures that if they were prevented from joining the event, they would make every effort to disrupt it. Also, the people of the demon and dark race who are currently residing on the Sacred Divine Land, as they have conquered a part of it, would start a war on the land to slaughter every single participant.

The supreme-rank individuals were taken aback, and some even considered killing the representative.

But they halted their actions when the representative mentioned with a wicked smile that the second and third shadow general would also attend the Gladiator Arena as they are a little bored from the ongoing battles.

The shadow generals promised not to intervene if the demon, dark, and Nightkin races were permitted to participate in the Gladiator Arena.

After hearing about this, the old supreme rank individuals had no choice but to agree with gritted teeth, but they swore in front of the demon race representative that if the shadow generals dared to interfere or if the dark, demon, and nightkin race dared to break the rules of the Gladiator Arena under their watchful eyes, they would not care about the war that is still ongoing on the other end of the universe and do their best to kill the shadow generals even if they have to give up their lives.

At the same time, Alec and his group trained intensively as they had said, and all of them reached the Divine-rank. They wanted to look around for some ancient tombs in search of treasures as Mia had finally befriended a few mystical spirits. But Zron sensed the tense atmosphere in the Sacred Divine Land and noticed numerous groups from the demon and dark races lurking around everywhere.

That's why, for the first time, the old dwarf suggested to the youngsters that they take a few months' break from training before the Gladiator Arena opened up. This break would also allow their bodies to solidify their newfound strength. Also, a bit of rest is always necessary to rejuvenate oneself and maintain peak performance.

Despite knowing they did not need rest since they had been training rigorously to reach the divine rank, Alec and the others opted to follow Zron's suggestion upon noticing a solemn expression on the old dwarf's face. After all, it was rare for Zron, who always wore a carefree expression, to become so serious all of a sudden.

In the end, they discovered a huge cave beneath a withered tree trunk and chose to take shelter inside for a few months while Zron and Susan sealed the cave entrance with a concealment array.

But because they decided to remain inside the cave, they missed the rumors about the Divine phoenix and the red-haired man who arrived on the Sacred Divine land with Xavier and two other humans.

Bia was frustrated because even after entering the Sacred Divine Land she still could not sense Kyle's presence.

This led her to vent her frustration by making enemies with everyone she encountered, particularly the individuals from the dark and demon races. Jian found it amusing and couldn't resist joining in the fun. As a result, the duo quickly became famous in the sacred divine land.

Xavier shed many tears because of the duo and started to regret his decision to follow Bia and Jian to join the Gladiator Arena. He was the strongest in the group; that's why he always ended up getting beaten up in the end because both Bia and Jian were skilled at escaping after making enemies.

However, his heart always melted when Bia gave him some attention and asked him if he was alright. Therefore, he allowed the phoenix to do as she pleased.

But... no one could describe Xavier's inner turmoil because the more time he spent with Bia and Jian in the sacred divine land, the more he realized that Jian's luck was at rock bottom, or perhaps the red-haired man's luck stat was in the negative.

Before, during the war on the human's planet, Xavier never noticed this, and even when something bad happened in Jian's presence, he blamed it all on the war. But now, seeing how every time Jian chose a path, they ended up in trouble, and how Bia always chose to stay behind whenever Jian was taking the lead, Xavier understood that no matter what, he should never let Jian take the lead. Otherwise, they would all perish even before the Gladiator Arena opened.

Xavier took charge, and within the first two weeks of their arrival on the sacred divine land, they discovered an underground tunnel leading to an ancient tomb.

The two humans with Xavier were delighted, but Jian and Bia's eyes widened in shock when they saw a few familiar names inscribed on the huge gate that served as the tomb's entrance. Both of them surprised Xavier and the others by shouting together with excitement.

"Alec and the others are here!"

-"Mia is here!"

Jian looked at Bia to know why she only called out Mia's name, but the response he received was something he would have been better off not hearing.

- "She is pretty and warm."

Chapter 504 Just ignore her

After finding out that Alec and the others are on the Sacred Divine Land, Jian and Bia also started leaving their names wherever they went and began searching for the group.

In the end, they were unable to locate the group or Kyle, but they were confident that if Alec and the others were present on the Sacred Divine Land, they would certainly participate in the Gladiator Arena.

So, the duo, along with Xavier and the other humans, slowly started making their way toward the Gladiator Arena.

Three months later, on the elven planet, Planet Luminara, Yue was also ready to depart for the Sacred Divine Land along with many other elves.

A massive flying ship was docked beneath the Tree of Fate, and many elderly, powerful elves started gathering their most skilled individuals who had been training to participate in the Gladiator Arena.

In one of the largest elven cities beneath the Tree of Fate, Yue opened her eyes and released a deep breath.

She was floating in mid-air and her body was enveloped in divine energy. However, if someone with a sharp eye were to observe her at that moment, they would also notice spiritual energy around her body.

She adjusted the elegant blue robe on her figure and gazed at the woman hovering in front of her, with nothing in her eyes, not even anger because Yue had learned to hide her emotions.

Glacia gazed back at her with a smirk.

The two of them locked eyes for a few seconds before Glacia raised her hand and motioned for Yue to attack her. She never thought Yue would reach the divine rank within a year and a half. Yue surprised her even more by reaching the elite stage in divine energy after entering the divine rank within another year just because Glacia gave her a little helping hand.

Perhaps it was because the Tree of Fate showered Yue with unlimited Divine and Spiritual energy, but Glacia didn't care.

The elven woman was simply ecstatic that 'an ant' she trained became incredibly powerful in such a short time.

Glacia burst into laughter when Yue ignored her presence as if she didn't exist at all with a calm expression. The woman shook her head and clapped her hands in amusement. Her flowing green dress, embroidered with a familiar tree insignia, swayed gently in the wind as she spoke.

"No matter how many times I see it, it's always amusing when you act this way, even though you know I am powerful enough to..."

She lowered her voice intentionally to emphasize her words.

"...make you vanish from this universe."

Yue didn't say anything in return and just listened with a calm expression as the woman spoke up again.

"Yue, remember, I am your master. No matter what you think about me and how much you hate me, this fact can never be changed. How about you call me master? Just once would be enough, and I would let you go. No... no... wait, I will honestly tell you whether that silver-haired man was alive or not when I left your planet."

Yue's eyes quivered slightly, yet she quickly composed herself in a heartbeat. It's not a big deal... she told herself inwardly.

She never called Glacia her master, not even once, even though she had trained under the woman. But it really wasn't a big deal if she could know about Kyle. Glacia was still stronger than her, and she knew she needed to wait until she had the upper hand to fight her head-on. Yue opened her mouth, and even though it was a bit harder than she expected, she called out the word she had avoided like a plague since she began training under Glacia.

"Master... happy? Now, keep your end of the bargain and tell me about him honestly."

Glacia grinned and waved her hand.

"Of course, I will. He was alive. I said it before as well, but I am saying it again. He was alive. Now, go. In a few days, everyone will be leaving for the Sacred Divine Land. So, get ready. I hope you come back alive, but it's okay even if you don't. Haha, I will make sure to marry off your friend and ask someone to take care of your mother."

Yue clenched her fists, but her expression remained calm. A huge shadow loomed over her and Glacia's body. She quietly raised her arm, and the massive Lynx with two horns and stunning iridescent scales on his body, which had been flying above her, reduced in size before landing softly on her arm with a weary yawn.

Nox's piercing blue eyes shimmered with a strong intent as he looked at the woman floating across from Yue.

'Just ignore her; she is someone we will kill in the future. Probably... yep, yep, we will.'

Yue heard the voice in her head as Nox jumped to climb her shoulder. She caressed the lynx's head and, after glancing at Glacia one last time, she decided to head towards the elven town to meet and bid farewell to Elli and her mother.

In a few days, she had to leave for the Sacred Divine Land. But she vowed to become stronger and return alive to fight the woman who had always looked at her as if she was an ant.

However, the moment Yue landed in the town, Sebastian blocked her path and told her he had also broken through to the divine rank. After countless attempts and being beaten up by his father many times, he had finally succeeded in persuading the old town's head to let him join the Gladiator Arena with Yue and the other elves.

Yue frowned and, after listening to the green-haired elven man for a few minutes, she quickly left the area with Nox to head towards one of the small wooden houses scattered in the town.

She soon spotted Elli sitting outside the wooden house on the stairs with an older woman who had long honey-colored hair similar to hers. After taking a breath, she called out to Elli and her mother.

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Elli's eyes lit up when she spotted Yue, and she immediately waved her hand toward her. Iva also stood up to hug her daughter, who rarely came to meet her because Yue was busy training. She immediately asked what her daughter wanted to eat, and she would make it for her.

Iva knew Yue was going to leave the planet in a few days, but her daughter had grown up and become stronger even more than her brother and father. So, even though she was very worried, she let her heart calm down and agreed when Yue told her she would be leaving for a dangerous place.

The three of them entered the house together, and after Iva prepared a delicious meal for everyone, they all gathered around a round wooden table to eat. The aroma of food filled the air as the sound of utensils clinking echoed through the house while the trio chatted softly. But the one who spoke the most was Iva; she asked many questions about what Yue did and what rank her daughter had achieved.

Iva did not fully understand the new terms Yue used, but she enjoyed listening to whatever her daughter shared.

In the distance, Nox stretched his body and leaped onto the dining table to let the three women know he was also in the house, so they would stop ignoring him.

Iva chuckled and lifted Nox before gently patting the Lynx's head.

"Nox, remember, you must always stay with Yue. Look out for each other... I truly don't want either of you to get hurt."

Nox blinked and looked at Yue, who sighed and said she would contact Iva and Elli from time to time after leaving. It's not like the Sacred Divine Land would stop her from using a communication crystal.

Yue spent the next few days with the two women, and soon it was time for her to leave. Sebastian showed up outside her house dressed in a stylish grey outfit that suited his hair and eyes.

He mentioned he wanted to go with Yue as they both needed to head towards the flying ship docked a bit farther from the town. This ship would take them and all the other elves participating in the Gladiator Arena to the Sacred Divine Land.

Sebastian smiled and shamelessly extended his hand toward Yue, but his smile stiffened when she ignored him and started walking towards the town's exit with her mother and Elli, who insisted on seeing her safely board the ship.

The area around the massive ship was bustling with many elves who had come to watch their family members and friends board the ship.

Many powerful old elves, who were also heading to the Sacred Divine Land to supervise and safeguard those taking part in the Gladiator Arena, floated above the ship, discussing which elves had a better chance of winning in the Arena.

Across from the ship, in the middle of the crowd, Sebastian was getting beaten up by his father, who complained about why the young man ran off alone when the old man wanted to watch him board the ship.

Iva tightly grasped Yue's hands and hugged her one last time before asking her to go and board the ship. Elli also opened her arms with a smile for a hug. She never thought Yue would become her closest friend because, for her, Yue was someone strong she could only admire from afar.

It was all thanks to Nine, that fool who she doesn't even know where he is right now. Nox, who had been sitting on Elli's shoulder, leaped and climbed onto Yue's shoulder when she started moving toward the ship.

Sebastian also ran behind Yue as his father dabbed his moist eyes with a handkerchief while voicing out little curses directed at his only son, whom he wasn't even sure would come back alive or not.

After everyone who was going to participate in the Gladiator Arena boarded the ship, the old elves prepared to leave. But suddenly, the Tree of Fate began to tremble slightly. The crowd's eyes widened in shock, and the old elves were also taken aback. Immediately, a huge discussion ensued with everyone pondering what was happening.

"What's going on?"

"The Tree of Fate has never reacted like this before."

"Is it bidding farewell to the elves heading to the Sacred Divine Land?"

The crowd fell silent when a beautiful humming sound emanated from the tree, and its leaves began to dance as if expressing joy. Instantly, everyone erupted in happiness, thinking that the Tree of Fate was bestowing its blessings upon the people leaving for a dangerous place.

The people who had boarded the ship all expressed their gratitude to the Tree of Fate. Even Yue held out her hand to touch some leaves of the Tree of Fate, but she blinked when, for the first time, the Tree of Fate ignored her. She stared at the tree and watched as it once again erupted with another humming sound that became more like a melody reverberating throughout the whole planet. Suddenly, one of the old men let out a shout with a boisterous laugh.

"The Tree of Fate has given us all its blessing! We shouldn't waste more time and leave to not disappoint it!"

The crowd agreed with the old man and cheered with tears of happiness because it's been a long time since they saw the Tree of Fate humming with such joy. Many people quickly started filling the ship's engine with mana stones, and after a minute, the ship started floating. Under everyone's eyes, it reached the sky.

The old Queen of the elven race left her living quarters in a beautiful, elegant robe and stared at the tree with shock before muttering under her breath.

"What the heck is happening? Why is the Tree of Fate so happy? Don't tell me it's going to bear the fruit of fate...?"

The woman hiding in her shadow disagreed with her immediately.

"No, if it was going to bear the fruit of fate, it would have showered the whole planet with spiritual energy. It's just... happy?"

They watched the tree in silence. Not just the two of them; many powerful individuals came out from their houses to watch the tree whose leaves danced in the air.

Glacia also left the restaurant where she was staying and narrowed her eyes at the Tree of Fate. Not only were the elves, but also the demons residing on the elven planet, alerted by the tree's sudden movement.

The current leader of the demons, who had been waiting for a chance to get her hands on the fruit of fate, also left her chamber to watch the Tree of Fate with hungry eyes.

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Meanwhile, in the midst of the elven crowd watching and loudly cheering at the massive flying ship that soared in the sky, a man clad in a hoodie that hid his facial features stared at the same ship with a pair of curious yet uninterested eyes as it sailed beyond the planet's borders and vanished into the distant horizon.

The man considered directly teleporting inside the massive ship but chose not to when he felt a powerful presence of a supreme rank individual inside.

He accepted the fact that he was a bit late to arrive... just a bit though.

He thought if he followed one of the two faint presences he could sense in the vast universe, he would encounter someone familiar but... what a pity the nearest person he sensed left before he could even catch a glimpse of their face.

The man furrowed his brows as a branch of the Tree of Fate attempted to approach him with enthusiasm. He raised his hand and roughly swatted the branch away, causing it to emit a regretful and pained sound as if expressing how it had welcomed him only to be treated this way in return.

"What a strange place..."

Due to the sudden movement, his hoodie was lifted to reveal a bit of his face.

He shook his head, thinking what a waste of time, and turned to leave, but then his gaze met a pair of eyes in the crowd, and he swore those eyes looked quite familiar yet unfamiliar at the same time.

Elli's eyes dilated in shock when she saw the familiar green eyes staring at her as if she were a stranger. Iva noticed her pause in the middle of their conversation. That is why the older elven woman followed Elli's stunned gaze and also spotted the familiar man standing across from them.

The silver hair that peeked out from the man's hoodie and those green eyes... Iva opened her mouth and let out a loud gasp.

"Kyle...?"

Kyle blinked and tilted his head as he observed the two unfamiliar faces that seemed somewhat familiar, yet he had no knowledge of them. He let out an amused 'oh' and quickly changed his expression to mimic someone who had just reunited with his long-lost relatives, even though he felt no connection to the two women.

'It seems they know me.'

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A while ago, inside the No Mana Land, Kyle hovered in the air with his upper body exposed, revealing his chiseled and toned muscles, each sinew defined and entirely enveloped in a glistening layer of ice.

His physique alone exuded a sense of strength and power, and he could easily be mistaken for an ice sculpture of a deity frozen in time within the manaless land, if not for the subtle rise and fall of his chest, showing he was breathing.

Kyle's shoulder-length silver hair was tied up and cascaded to cover his neck. The luminous silver strands, combined with the vast spiritual energy surrounding his body, enhanced the ethereal sight, as if an otherworldly being had graced the colorless grey trees with his presence, cloaked in a radiant aura of spirituality.

A sleek and elegant spear, with a stunning shade of grey that exudes sophistication and charm, floated behind him. The spear's metallic tip glistened with a powerful force as Kyle snapped open his eyes and grabbed the shaft to block the golden sword aimed at his right shoulder. Instantly, a loud clicking sound echoed in the forest, and a chilling aura spread out from Kyle's body to cover everything around him in a blanket of ice.

He breathed out a wisp of cold smoke when he noticed the hand holding the sword trembled slightly.

Hubert let go of the sword and lunged to snatch the grey spear from Kyle's grasp, but he let out a frustrated groan when the silver-haired man moved back in mid-air with a speed that was even faster than lightning and easily avoided him.

In an instant, a vein bulged on the old dragon's forehead, and he let out an angry laugh as he watched his hand that had grasped nothing but empty air.

"You scoundrel!"

"Give me back my spear! I gave you such a powerful sword, and you want to steal my spear!? No way! I regret the time when I decided to teach you my spear Art!"

Kyle blinked innocently and swiftly stashed the spear in his mind space before the old man could try to snatch it again. He was able to access his mind space after his body started to naturally absorb spiritual energy, and now, for him, using spiritual energy was even easier than mana.

"Second master... you don't even use it. So is not it better if you give it to me?"

Hubert's eyes widened in shock and disbelief. What if he no longer used his weapon? How dare this bastard steal his cherished weapon just because Kyle liked its shape and size in his hand after practicing with it once!

Kyle saw the old man's expression and realized things were escalating, so he changed the conversation while discreetly creating a small portal behind him in mid-air using spiritual energy to also take the golden sword that had fallen to the ground after their little clash.

"Old man... it's time for me to leave this place. You should just give me the spear as a parting gift."

Hubert took a deep breath, closed his eyes, and recalled the time when he led Kyle to his armory. Then he asked the young man to choose a weapon because Kyle didn't have a proper one. But who would have thought the silver-haired man's eyes would fixate on his precious spear. He did let Kyle

use the spear once, but he never thought this day would come when the rascal would steal his spear while he was sleeping.

"I should have stored my spear in my mind space, but after living inside the No Mana Land for so many years, I have become accustomed to managing things without energy. Otherwise, I would never have left my spear so openly! Kyle, you are the first person ever to squander spiritual energy like mana. I'm not even sure if I should be proud of this or not."

After grumbling for a few minutes, Hubert sighed and approached Kyle.

He gave the silver-haired man's shoulder a rough pat but winced at the coldness that spread to his fingers and quickly withdrew his hand to rub away the icy sensation.

"I can never understand why your body is always freezing, and it's getting colder as time goes by. But are you really ready to go? Don't you want to stay a few more years since you are near another breakthrough in terms of your physique?"

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Kyle glanced at the sky for a few seconds and then grabbed a shirt from his mind space to cover his upper body. Although his facial features remained unchanged, his eyes now exude maturity and the extensive experience he acquired over the years under the old dragon's guidance and alone.

"It's already been a long time... now I don't even know what I want to do next. You have already taught me a lot, and I am sure now you have nothing else to teach me-!"

He stopped mid-sentence because Hubert smacked his head with a smile that didn't reach the old man's eyes at all. Kyle cleared his throat and swiftly shifted his words.

"I mean, now that I have enough power to leave this place, I should go. This land can no longer increase my strength. Moreover, I need divine energy to break through to the divine rank to equal my physique rank with my true rank. Otherwise, when my physique jumped another rank, it wouldn't be good for my body."

He held back his next words because he knew the old man would smack him again.

'Also... I am getting bored.'

Hubert closed his eyes and thought for a few minutes. He knew that the day when the human would leave would come eventually, but now that Kyle had finally mentioned it, he felt somewhat emotional. However, when he remembered how Kyle had forgotten everything except the fact that Hubert was his second master and how Kyle had secretly taken his spear, all the emotions he was experiencing vanished into thin air.

The old man turned to face Kyle with a smile that stiffened a little when he noticed that even the golden sword which had fallen to the ground a while ago had disappeared. He softened his voice as much as possible, even though he so badly wanted to beat up the man floating across from him.

"Right, you should get lost.. Ahem, I mean, you should go. It's better for your body to progress in true rank now that your physique has advanced so much."

"Kyle, you're not a dragon, so even though your body has been handling the imbalance quite well, I know it wouldn't be good for the long term. Therefore, even though it pained me, I believe and urge you to leave."

He paused for a second.

"Don't forget to bid farewell to the villagers before leaving, or else the old couple and the many people who had accepted you as one of them would be sad if you left without a word."

Kyle willed the ice on his body to melt into particles that drifted in the air. He waved his hand to disperse the particles around his body and glanced at the old man.

"I have already said my goodbyes to the villagers. I just wanted to talk to you one last time. Now that I have done it, I am going to leave shortly."

Hubert's expression mellowed as he glanced at the pair of green eyes staring back at him. Kyle's eyes had not lost their brightness, but they were not shining either.

"You have changed a lot over the years... but sometimes, I still catch glimpses of the old Kyle in you. So, young man, don't you ever dare to risk yourself for the sake of amusement. It's a reckless habit you have picked up over the years."

The old man's expression turned grim. He had watched Kyle change with his own eyes and had seen how ruthless the young man could get if someone else dared to harm him. It seems that after forgetting about his loved ones, Kyle started to love and care for himself more than anything else.

'I should have kept a closer eye on him and scolded him the first time he disappeared for two whole years within the No Mana Land. After that, Kyle's long disappearances became a regular thing... There was a time when I even thought he had left the No Mana Land, but he came back again.'

The old man stared at Kyle, who gave him a subtle nod that wasn't even sincere, to tell him he wouldn't put himself in danger.

Hubert rubbed his temples, which ached due to this troublesome brat.

'Hahh, even though Kyle had spent many years with me, I can still affirm that he had spent even more time alone in this land... I can scarcely fathom how he eradicated nearly ninety percent of the manaless creatures in this huge land.'

Also, even though the villagers had gotten closer to Kyle over the many years they spent with him, Hubert had noticed that Kyle never genuinely opened up to anyone nor did he completely accept them, as if he just couldn't trust others like before that incident involving Aze happened.

Hubert hoped that Kyle would reconnect with someone he considered his family before he arrived in the No Mana Land. But the old man knew it was highly unlikely because the universe was too vast. How could Kyle possibly search for his family without even a trace of old memories?

He let out a sigh, but then suddenly he remembered about the Sacred Divine Land. Hubert's eyes widened slightly. How could he forget about that place! He called out to Kyle, who paused and tilted his head to stare at the old face he had seen the most in his time on the No Mana Land.

"Kyle... right now, the thing you need the most is divine energy, correct? Go to the Sacred Divine Land. It's dangerous, but it's the best place for you right now if you don't encounter any individual above transcendent rank. Also..."

Hubert counted with his fingers because the time here and outside was different. So he always had to calculate to know how much time had passed outside.

"I don't know if it's going to open, but I remember a grand Arena called the Gladiator Arena opens up in the Sacred Divine Land every century. It's a risky event, but if you enter the Arena, you might come across someone you know, since individuals from all over the universe gather and participate in this grand event... I can give you the location of that place."

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Interest sparked in Kyle's eyes, and he asked the old man to share more about the Sacred Divine Land, but Hubert didn't have any additional information besides the location of that place.

Kyle let out a hum. Anyway, he would uncover more on his own once he reached the Sacred Divine Land. After an hour, he was floating before the grey field that encased the entire No Mana Land tightly.

As he extended his hand toward the grey field, his hand smoothly traversed the thick layer with minimal resistance. However, before he could leave, Hubert, who had been following him all along, for some reason, spoke up from behind.

"It's been a long time, but Kyle, you asked me once to remind you of this when you are leaving this land... You want to kill the Shadow generals and many other enemies you might forget with time. You said to tell you that if your gut feeling is telling you to kill someone, you should do it because that person could very well be someone who had tried to take your life in the past."

Kyle's lips curled into a smirk, and he cast one final glance back at the old man.

"Thanks for the reminder, master."

He stepped into the grey field that stretched out to make way for him, but before he vanished into the field completely, he heard the old man's last words which brought a faint yet genuine smile to his face.

"Rascal! If you ever find yourself in grave danger that threatens your life, throw the spear you have stolen into the air and it will come find me, and I will come to help you immediately!"

After some time, Kyle sucked in a deep breath as he stepped out of the grey field that rippled behind him before closing together as if it had never opened at all.

He lifted his eyes to look at the numerous spatial tunnels brimming with turbulent currents encircling the No Mana Land and the expansive dark void ahead, littered with sizable shattered land pieces drifting aimlessly in all directions.

Kyle extended his hand and touched the current flowing out from one of the spatial tunnels nearest to him. The current slithered on his fingers before traveling toward his arm like a snake. However, it vanished as it lost its strength, leaving behind a faint ticklish sensation.

"I have learned to manipulate the natural elements around me using spells just like mages, but I wonder if I can also control the space around me and create such spatial tunnels. It seems achievable..."

"...I just require more time."

He muttered quietly before, with a blink, he utilized the spiritual energy within his body to disappear from his location and swiftly traveled a large distance away from the place in just a split second.

As his body materialized outside the magnetic field that enveloped the scattered pieces of land around the No Mana Land, his eyes flashed with surprise as two foreign yet oddly familiar energies rushed into his body desperately. In an instant, a refreshing sensation coursed through Kyle's body, and he somewhat felt overwhelmed as his body once again began to absorb mana and Divine energy.

Kyle could clearly see the countless transparent particles clinging to his body. He shut his eyes and guided the mana and divine energy inside his body for a while before they started to flow naturally in his body like spiritual energy.

Suddenly, the dark space around him started to quiver slightly, and he watched as the divine energy in his surroundings gathered around him to create a delicate veil of divinity. The veil dispersed in every direction with a gentle rustle and Kyle felt a slight enhancement in his strength.

"Hmmm..."

He clenched and unclenched his fist as he finally ascended to the Divine rank after so many years.

However, reaching the Divine rank didn't grant him a significant increase in strength; instead, it just doubled the reserve of divine energy his body could store. Regardless, it doesn't matter as his physique had already reached a rank beyond the Divine.

Kyle glanced at the image displaying his stats from the corner of his eyes, and his lips trickled upward into a satisfied smirk.

"Not bad."

Name: Kyle

Race: Human/Semi Celestial

Bloodline: Celestial

Soul rank: Transcendent rank

Rank: Divine

stats:

Strength: Transcendent-rank (late stage)

Mana: Divine-rank

Divine energy: First stage (Zero)

Spiritual energy: Divine-rank

Agility: Transcendent-rank (late stage)

Current physique rank: Transcendent-rank

Talent: Celestial

Luck: S+

Unique ability; Nature's favorite.

Unlocked due to (S+)-Rank luck.

Skills;

...

"I believe that with another year, my physique will naturally break through to the supreme-rank. Now, I don't need to focus on my physique. I just need to gather enough divine energy to increase my overall rank."

He squinted his eyes to peer in two different directions in the vast darkness around him, filled with nothing but tiny stars and a couple of distant planets.

Throughout his time in the No Mana Land, he consistently sensed two presences, but they were so faint that he couldn't quite connect with them. Now that he had left the boundaries of the No Mana Land, they became too vivid to ignore.

"I can sense a connection with the first presence, but the second presence... I can't believe I left a mark on someone else's body. Doesn't that mean that person was quite important to me?"

Kyle randomly selected the nearest presence he sensed and, instead of heading straight to the Sacred Divine Land, he opted to go and see if catching a glimpse of their face could trigger his forgotten memories.

After all, he could always head to the Sacred Divine Land later since Hubert had already given him the location.

He blinked and vanished from his spot. It wasn't difficult to travel a vast distance in mere seconds using instant teleportation. Also, his agility stat was high. So even if he didn't use instant teleportation, he could cover considerable distances in seconds.

Chapter 509 I should cut this strange tree

Along the way, Kyle spotted various planets and expansive floating lands, but with the exception of one or two, he detected a repugnant odor of darkness emanating from each one of them.

But he didn't stop and continued his journey because it doesn't really matter to him what was happening inside those places. That's why within a short time, he arrived outside the boundaries of a colossal planet, which had nearly half of its surface dominated by a massive and expansive tree.

The tree stood so tall that its countless branches had surpassed the layer of clouds, and Kyle could see them from outside the planet's boundaries.

However, Kyle noticed that its leaves had started to wither due to the dark particles that were spreading inside the planet. He activated his scent perception skill and immediately sensed numerous powerful presences inside the planet. One of them almost detected him, but luckily, his scent perception skill had recently advanced to the transcendent rank. That's why even though that individual was much stronger than him, he quickly retracted his skill before they could sense it.

"That was a close call."

He tilted his head with surprise when all of a sudden the massive tree standing tall on the planet began to tremble.

"What's happening with the giant tree now? Well, I suppose it's not something I should worry about. I can sense the exact location of the mark I placed on another person. So, I will head straight there and see who it is."

Kyle thought for a moment and grabbed a hoodie from his mind space to conceal his hair and eyes. It would be best to avoid drawing unnecessary attention. Plus, there was a chance he had put the mark on an enemy's body.

In the next second, a few symbols lit up in mid-air across from him. He used a bit of divine energy, and the symbols merged together to create a portal.

Kyle wore the hoodie over his shirt and stepped into the portal, which scattered into particles behind him.

He emerged from another portal that appeared in the middle of a huge crowd, but no one noticed him because everyone was focused on the massive tree above them.

His eyes widened a bit when suddenly a branch of the giant tree tried to get closer to him. Kyle swatted the branch away with furrowed brows and quickly followed the presence of the mark to find the person he was looking for. However, he paused when a beautiful humming sound emanated from the tree. Instantly, every person around him fell silent for a few seconds, and then the crowd erupted with joyous cheers. Kyle's expression turned serious because even amidst the clamor, he felt like the tree was calling out to him to get closer.

"What the..."

He stepped back when a few more branches of the giant tree attempted to approach him once again. But then another louder humming sound emanated from the tree that resembled more like a sweet melody, and he got distracted for a minute or two. Kyle only snapped out of it when he sensed that the mark he was following was moving further away from him... only to realize that the person he was looking for was inside the massive flying ship that had set sail toward the sky.

'I can't directly teleport inside the ship because there's a supreme-rank individual in there.'

He gazed at the flying ship that vanished toward a distant horizon, thinking what a waste of time it was to come here. But that was when he saw the two strange elven women who recognized him, and his mood improved a bit because at least his trip wasn't completely useless.

Elli let out a sharp noise and quickly sprinted toward Kyle, who raised his brows with surprise. He watched the young elven woman who grabbed his hand and bombarded him with numerous questions, asking how the heck he found them, how he ended up on the elven planet, and how he had been. Iva also joined them and asked him similar questions with a warm smile, but Kyle simply stared at them and nodded occasionally to respond.

He was curious about the relationship he had with these two elven women since they were definitely not his blood relatives, given that he was human and they were elves.

Therefore, he decided to go along with them to learn more. Elli lowered her voice upon noticing the old town's head staring at them strangely.

"Oh no! We need to leave and find a secure place... if Glacia discovers you are here, it won't be good!"

Kyle rolled the name Elli just spoke up on his tongue but felt nothing. He could sense the hostility in the elven woman's eyes when she called out that name, and he was certain that whoever this Glacia was, she was an enemy.

He quietly followed the two elven women who took him inside a town before they headed directly toward a small wooden house in the distance. His eyes flashed with a clear warning when once again a branch of the huge tree that surrounded half of the planet tried to get near him.

"If possible, I should cut this strange tree."

The moment he muttered those words, immediately the Tree of Fate turned eerily silent and quickly moved away from his path to watch him from afar. Elli noticed this small interaction, and her eyes flashed with surprise.

They stepped into the house, and once Kyle settled into a chair, he watched as the older woman with honey-colored hair asked him if he wanted to eat or drink something. He shook his head, and then the air inside the house turned silent.

Elli and Iva exchanged glances, unsure of what to say to Kyle as they noticed his lack of response. Iva hadn't interacted with Kyle much before. She had only met him once and her knowledge of him was based on what she had heard from Yue and the rumors. She thought he might be the silent type. However, a sense of foreboding crept into Elli's heart when she saw Kyle's eyes, which remained calm and composed even when she suddenly mentioned that Nine had disappeared a few years ago.

Kyle just let out a regretful 'Oh' and half-heartedly said he hoped wherever Nine was, he would be safe.

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Elli had witnessed Nine and Kyle's interactions before, and from Nine's boasting, she knew their relationship was quite close. There was no way she would believe that the Kyle she knew would respond like that upon hearing that his closest friend was missing.

She wanted to voice her doubts, but the words got stuck in her throat when Kyle grabbed the edge of his hoodie and lowered it from his head. Immediately, his long shoulder-length hair, which was neatly tied up, cascaded down to cover his neck.

He cleared his throat and gazed at the two women seated opposite him at the round table with a beautiful yet insincere smile. His face which had turned even more attractive from using the encasing ice skill on his entire body countless times over the years to heal his injuries, combined with that brief smile that lasted only a few seconds, immediately captivated both of the women across from him.

Kyle groaned inwardly but showed nothing on his face. He glanced at the older woman because he could sense that the younger one was catching onto the fact that he was somehow behaving strangely.

"So... it's been a while, Auntie. How have you been?"

Iva rested her hands on the table, and a bitter smile flashed on her face.

"I have been fine... the locals here have not mistreated us, apart from bringing us here. But Yue, she's had to endure a lot because of me. You know her, she's too caring. Now she has gone to such a dangerous place..."

Confusion flickered in Kyle's eyes as he heard the name that struck a chord with him, evoking a sense of familiarity and warmth.

"Yue? Who-! I mean where is she?"

Kyle almost bit his tongue when he accidentally asked, Who is Yue? He didn't even notice how his voice sounded a bit eager to know about the person he heard the name of for the first time.

Elli's eyes flashed with relief when she finally sensed something in Kyle's voice. She let out a smile.

'At least... he still cares for her.'

Iva fell silent at Kyle's question. She had only learned about the Sacred Divine Land from Yue after their arrival on this planet. She wondered how Kyle would know anything about it, considering he lived in a place where people knew very little about this vast universe. She hesitated to answer, thinking he had already come so far and must have suffered a lot to find them. How could she burden him with more? But Elli spoke up with a solemn expression.

"I don't know the location of the place, but it's called the Sacred Divine Land. Yue is going to participate in a dangerous Arena. I heard many people die in that place... and Yue went there because of Glacia!"

Kyle blinked. He knew a thing or two about the Sacred Divine Land, and the Arena the eleven woman was talking about was probably the Gladiator Arena. His second master specifically asked him to head to the Sacred Divine Land because right now his body needed a lot of divine energy.

"Yue went to the Sacred Divine Land to participate in the Gladiator Arena?"

Elli's eyes widened slightly.

"You know about that place!?"

Kyle nodded, and Elli let out a sigh of relief. She didn't hesitate like Iva and wanted to tell him everything.

However, she then remembered the silver-haired man had yet to tell them how he arrived here at a place that is so far from their planet. So even though she had a feeling he wouldn't answer, she asked the question again to know just one last time that he was truly alright because she could feel something was wrong with Kyle.

"You... have you been fine all these years after Yue and Nine left without a word?"

She let out a bitter smile.

"Don't blame Yue. She was forced to come here... and Nine, that fool, he mentioned before he vanished that he would let you beat him up once as a form of apology because unlike Yue, he left the planet with Glacia on his own. But I don't know how the two of them would feel if they knew you have been searching for them all this time..."

Elli's voice trailed off at the end because she couldn't grasp just how much Kyle had endured to come this far.

Kyle let out a hum, and both Iva and Elli felt the chill when all of a sudden the room's temperature plummeted.

The two elven women watched as Kyle pushed his chair back and rose to his feet with an emotionless expression to gaze into empty air.

"I can't tell if I am angry or not because it's been too long for me to tell. Honestly, how I have been doing all this while, it's quite a lengthy story, but still, I would have made something up to continue the conversation if I was not getting annoyed by the uninvited guest's presence."

Kyle let out a snarl while gazing at the vacant space.

"So, you don't want to come out?"

Iva and Elli exchanged a glance to understand what had suddenly happened for Kyle to act like this. But the duo froze in their spots when a familiar laughter filled the air around them. Elli snapped her head towards the direction Kyle was staring, and her eyes widened when she saw Glacia stepping out from behind a shadow.

Glacia clapped her hands together and examined Kyle from head to toe with an incredible and amusing expression. Her eyes conveyed how she had found something very interesting.

"So you are indeed still alive, huh? And you have managed to come this far even after I wreck your body?"

She raised her finger with a pondering expression.

"What was your name again?"

An 'ah' slipped out from her mouth, and her lips curled upward into a wide smile.

"Kyle, right? All this time I have been regretting that I wasn't able to peer inside your mind space. How about I do it now? Also, I am getting very very curious to know just how did you sensed my presence when I can clearly see you have just entered the divine-rank."

Iva and Elli both panicked and quickly the two elven women stood up. Elli grabbed her weapon and yelled at Kyle to step back. Even though Iva had stopped fighting after she got married, she also prepared to cast her most powerful skill.

But Kyle's gaze was locked on the bronze-eyed woman in front of him. His ears twitched slightly when he heard a loud name coming from Elli's mouth.

"Glacia!"

Glacia turned to look at the panicked expressions of the two elven women with an amused expression for a second, which is why she failed to notice when Kyle's eyes chilled enough to scare everyone who would have locked eyes with him at that moment.

Kyle's pupils glazed over, and a faint old memory of a similar bronze-eyed woman in a dark cloak flashed inside his mind. He watched as the woman reached out her hand with a smirk towards his head, and tremendous pain wrecked his body. He couldn't speak, but he remembered he swore to kill this woman at all costs if he survived that day.

"Haha..."

Glacia blinked and whipped her head towards the silver-haired man who let out a laugh and covered his eyes with his palm. She smirked... if it weren't for the town's head informing her that Yue's mother and Elli had taken some unknown hooded man in their house, she would have never found out that Kyle, the same man she badly injured in the past, had arrived on the elven planet.

All of a sudden, she remembered the Tree of Fate's unusual behavior. It was strangely aligned with Kyle's arrival, and a sense of foreboding welled up inside her mind.

'No way, don't tell me the tree reacted that way because of him? Oho... intriguing, but let me first take a look at that thing inside his body that I wasn't able to see last time.'

Glacia's figure turned into a mirage as she reached out her hand toward Kyle's head with a smirk, but her eyes contracted when the human in front of her sidestepped and evaded her hand. A shiver ran down her spine as a faint, deep, and chilling voice sounded beside her ear.

"Oh no, you missed."