

## Chapter 2741 Feeling Guilty

Instead, it unleashed an authoritative energy wave upon the beasts, forcing them to all detonate their Cores.

Deafening explosions tore through the area like thunder one after another.

Sure enough, Zeke was infuriated when he saw that.

What the f\*ck? How dare Fortuna disobey my orders and force the beasts to kill themselves? I've lost my only opportunity to find out the truth! I must punish it severely for this!

Everyone was shocked by what they had just witnessed.

As they couldn't see Fortuna, all they saw was the beasts kneeling before Zeke in fear before self-destructing in despair.

Commander Williams must be insanely powerful if he can get the beasts to self-destruct simply by standing there! I doubt even Camp Masters are capable of that!

Just like that, Zeke's authority had once again reached new heights in their hearts.

They then knelt down before Zeke and bowed their heads at him.

Even the little girl, whom Zeke had saved earlier, ran up to him and asked, "Hello, are you my daddy?"

The look in Zeke's eyes grew gentle when he saw the little girl, as she reminded him a lot of his daughter, Nelly, whom he hadn't seen in quite a while.

"I'm not your daddy," Zeke replied with a bitter smile on his face.

"Oh..." The little girl had disappointment written all over her face when she heard that. "Mommy told me that Daddy would come from the sky and save me when I'm in danger. You did exactly that, so I thought you were my daddy..."

The little girl started sobbing after saying that.

It pained Zeke to see her cry, so he gently ran his hand through her hair as he asked, "Where did your daddy go?"

"Mommy told me that Daddy went to a place high up in the sky," the little girl replied.

Their conversation was interrupted when a middle-aged woman came running over. She hugged the little girl and knelt before Zeke as she sobbed, "There you are, Isabelle! Oh, I'm so glad you're all right! You nearly scared me to death! I don't know what I'd do without you! Thank you very much for saving my daughter, Commander Williams! We owe you our lives!"

"Oh, it was nothing. Please, get up," Zeke said with a wave. He then glanced about as he asked, "By the way, how many children are there in this city?"

"A little over three hundred, I guess. Someone performed a headcount a while back, but I'm assuming some of them died recently, so there are probably less than three hundred now," Isabelle's mother replied after giving it some thought.

They died?

Zeke's heart felt as though it had been hit by a sledgehammer when he heard that.

"How did the kids die?" he asked.

"The children have to collect Spirit Stones with the adults as soon as they turn five or six. It's a dangerous task, and the adults are not always able to protect them well. They either die from accidents, from starvation, or from wild beast attacks..."

The pain in Zeke's heart worsened when he heard that.

Kids at the age of five and six are supposed to be enjoying their childhood, not suffering like this...

"I'm sorry. I should've been more considerate toward the children..." he said with a guilty look on his face.

Isabelle's mother and everyone else at the scene were shocked and confused.

Huh? Did Commander Williams just apologize to us? Why would he do that? We can't possibly accept his apology!

"Mr. Williams, please... We can't accept your apology!"

"That's right, Mr. Williams! You haven't done anything wrong! On the contrary, the quality of life for us and our children has increased significantly ever since you became our commander!"

"Exactly! You shouldn't be blaming yourself at all! Our children have been safe and sound ever since you became our leader!"

"At the very least, they no longer have to starve or collect Spirit Stones with the adults!"