

The Herb King

The Herb King #Chapter 241 – 250

Hot Shower and Fine Dishes - Read The Herb King

Chapter 241 - 241 Hot Shower and Fine Dishes

A few days passed by and Aethelwolf was still inside the Alchemy room. He only rested for a short time every day and spent most of his hours refining pills. Because of his hard work, he managed to refine everything ahead of schedule. Now, he had enough pills for more than fifty thousand people!

Only Aethelwolf could achieve this feat since his success rate in refining pills was a hundred percent!

Aethelwolf kept his cauldron inside his storage space. He then stretched his arms causing his bones to emit ka-ka sounds.

“Even with the body of a Level 4 Esper, the nonstop refinement in the last few days still drained my mental health. I should take a hot shower to relax my muscles.” He muttered to himself as he got out of the Alchemy room.

“Sir Aethelwolf, you’re finally out!”

Aethelwolf stared at the excited Rendell with a light smile. “Is there anything I missed in the last few days?” He asked.

Rendell shook his head and replied. “Nothing in particular, but Miss Julie Irish visited the mansion last night and she kept on mentioning the matter related to the Maynard Household. I didn’t know what she was talking about and she just told me to send someone to inform her once you step out of the Alchemy room. Other than that, Miss Aenwyn also looked for you a couple of times in the last few days.”

Aethelwolf nodded his head and walked through the hallway. Rendell followed half a step behind him.

“How is Olivia?” He asked.

.....

“Miss Hyacinth is taking care of the Young Miss. She is doing well and she spends most of her time playing with two recruits.” Rendell answered.

“Send someone to inform Miss Julie Irish that I’m already done refining pills. Also, please tell the servants to prepare a hot shower and a big meal for me.”

“Yes, Sir Aethelwolf!” Rendell bowed his head and left right away. He could tell that his boss was tired so he didn’t linger for long.

Aethelwolf entered his room and found out that Olivia wasn’t there. He then used his observation skill to scan the entire estate and he finally saw her outside, playing with Kerrin and Alba. Hyacinth was acting as her babysitter, while Einar was ensuring that she was safe.

“You’ve finally stepped out of the Alchemy room.” A calm voice drifted into his ears and he knew that it was Aenwyn.

He looked in her direction and flashed a smile.

The elven princess was sitting elegantly on a sofa. She was only wearing a thin light blue nightgown which could barely hide her seductive body.

“I wanted to completely refine all the pills we need before doing something else. It must have been hard on you guys.” Aethelwolf sat on a sofa opposite where Aenwyn was seated.

Aenwyn shook her head and muttered. “It was nothing much. Brian was careless so he fell into the trap I laid out for him.”

Hearing this, Aethelwolf gave her a thumbs up. “Where is he?” He asked.

“He is already under the control of the Slave Rune. I sent him back to his estate after treating his injuries.” Aenwyn replied calmly.

Aethelwolf nodded his head upon hearing this. “Although he is already under our control, you should send some men to observe him. We will deal with his assets, but I have to take care of something before that.”

“I’ve already sent our people to closely monitor Brian’s movement. They will be observing him twenty-four hours a day so you have nothing to worry about.” Aenwyn didn’t underestimate Brian despite having captured the man. He was still a peak stage Level 4 Esper so she sent a hundred soldiers to serve as spies in the Linaza Household.

He stood up and said. “That’s good. Let’s talk later. I’ll take a hot shower first.”

Aenwyn nodded her head. “Alright.”

Aethelwolf headed to the bathroom and saw two rows of maids waiting for him.

A beautiful servant stepped forward and said. "Sir Aethelwolf, your hot shower is ready. Do you want us to help you wash your body?"

Hearing this, Aethelwolf couldn't help but look at the young lady from head to foot. She was beautiful, but she still fell short compared to Samira.

He looked at her deeply before shaking his head. "There's no need for that. Just send my food inside."

The young lady was disappointed, but she still smiled sweetly at him. "Yes, Sir Aethelwolf."

Aethelwolf entered the bathroom and washed himself first with warm water. He then submerged himself in the hot water inside a large stone basin that could fit more than ten people.

"Ho!"

Aethelwolf felt tranquil the moment he dipped himself into the hot water. His muscles loosened up and relaxed soon after.

Fifteen minutes later, he heard a knocking on the bathroom door followed by the voice of the young servant from earlier. "Sir Aethelwolf, we will send your food inside."

"You may enter." Aethelwolf said in a calm voice.

The servants stepped inside the bathroom holding a tray each of which was filled with all sorts of healthy delicacies. They knew that he spent a few days inside the Alchemy room and Rendell specifically told them to cook healthy dishes.

Aethelwolf could already smell the fragrant aroma of the dishes. 'It seems like our chefs have already incorporated my teachings.' He thought to himself in satisfaction.

Aethelwolf tied a towel to his waist while the servants were making the trays float into the hot water. "Thanks. You guys may leave." He said to the servants.

The beautiful servants glanced at his perfectly sculpted body for one last time before they exited the bathroom.

Aethelwolf ignored the blushing servants and turned his gaze to the dishes on the trays. He then grabbed a fork and tried the pasta.

"Not bad!" His eyes lit up after tasting it. The chefs didn't disappoint him. They were able to cook pasta with a well-balanced taste and soft texture. He tried the other dishes and found them to his liking as well.

After taking a hot shower, Aethelwolf went back to his room and changed into a new set of clothes. This was a design that his clothing shop was selling. It was something common in his past life, but it was very unique in this world.

Knock! Knock! Knock!

Aethelwolf went to open the door himself and saw Rendell waiting outside.

“Sir Aethelwolf, I’ve already sent someone to the Urgel Household. Also, the plot of land that you want me to buy is already under the Lassiter Household’s name. Do you want to personally inspect the area?” Rendell bought a plot of land according to Aethelwolf’s arrangement. He didn’t know why his boss was suddenly interested in an uncultivated land, but he knew that it wasn’t his place to pry.

Hearing this, Aethelwolf’s eyes lit up. That place would be the future training camp of his secret army so he placed a great deal of importance on it.

“Good! Take me there. Summon our most skilled architects and engineers, but you have to make sure that they are trustworthy. ” Aethelwolf said with a hint of impatience. He only had about two months to prepare everything so he didn’t want to waste any time.

Rendell sensed the urgency in his tone so he immediately nodded his head. “Yes, Sir Aethelwolf!”

After Rendell left, he headed outside to look for his daughter.

“Papa!” The little girl excitedly ran towards him and jumped into his arms.

.....

“Did you miss me?” Aethelwolf smiled at her as he gently rubbed her head.

Olivia fiercely nodded her head.

“I will inspect our new land later. Do you want to come with me?” Aethelwolf wanted to bring her since the journey might be quite boring without her presence.

Hearing this, Olivia revealed a look of interest. “I want to go with you, but can we bring them with us?” She pointed at Hyacinth, Einar, Kerrin, and Alba. She had grown closer to them after spending more time together.

Aethelwolf followed her gaze and nodded his head. “Of course! Just tell them to prepare some snacks. We might stay there for a couple of hours.”

“Okay!” Olivia eagerly nodded her head. She then jumped out of his embrace and ran towards Hyacinth and the others to tell them the news.

He had to wait for another hour before everyone was done with their preparations. Aenwyn also came to say that she would go with them and Aethelwolf agreed right away.

Suddenly, two Level 3 guards arrived and walked up to him. One of them reported. “Sir Aethelwolf, a carriage of the Urgel Household has arrived. It is Young Miss Julie Irish and Young Miss Grace. They would be here in less than five minutes.”

Aethelwolf smirked when he heard the report. Julie Irish was truly quick.

“Alright. Escort them here.” He commanded the guards.

“Yes, Sir Aethelwolf!” The guards left after getting his command.

Soon, the figures Julie Irish and Grace entered his sights. Grace was wearing a beautiful blue dress, while her older sister was wearing a red dress. They both looked elegant in their dresses and Aethelwolf couldn't help but be attracted by their appearance.

“You two look great!” He praised them with a smile.

Grace bowed politely at his words, while Julie Irish revealed a rare smile behind her veil.

“You are wearing something unique. Is that one of your designs?” Julie Irish asked while observing his clothes. She had never seen this kind of design and it looked elegant and refreshing.

“You guessed it right. It's a new design and I made it, but this won't be available in our clothing shop. I'm the only one who has this. I can send you a catalog and you can pick any design you want.” He snickered in his heart. It was just normal clothing in his old world, but it was certainly a rare product in the Regalis Continent.

“I'm looking forward to it. By the way, it seems like you guys are going somewhere. Where are you headed to?” Julie Irish asked while looking at the Aethelwolf. This guy was so busy that it was so difficult to meet him.

“I bought a piece of land and I want to inspect it. I know that you came here to discuss about the Maynard Household's matter, but that would have to wait until I'm done with the inspection.” Aethelwolf said apologetically.

Julie Irish furrowed her eyebrows upon hearing his words. What kind of land could it be that it was even more important than his friend's life? She walked closer to him and

whispered. "I'm fine with that, but please keep in mind that Chris Maynard's life is at risk here so you have to hurry."

"I know. We won't be gone for long. We'll come back before midnight. I can let you and your sister stay in the mansion." Aethelwolf answered with a calm look. He felt a bit guilty for dragging the time, but the welfare of his Lassiter Household was more important.

Julie Irish could only helplessly agree.

Aethelwolf brought them inside the mansion and helped them find two separate rooms. He then left after promising Julie that he would be back right away.

"Sir Aethelwolf, everyone is ready. We can leave now." Rendell reported.

Aethelwolf nodded his head and said. "There's no need to bring our guards since that would only make us eye-catching. Besides, Einar can take care of the trouble along the way."

Rendell glanced at the stern-looking old man and nodded his head in agreement. According to the soldiers who had gone to the battlefield, the old man was so fierce that every swing of his sword could kill dozens of men! "Alright." He muttered before he told the architects and engineers to enter the carriage.

This time, they only brought two carriages with them to avoid the suspicions of other people.

Rendell didn't know why his boss was so secretive. He wondered what the land he recently bought would be used for.

243 Persuasion

The land bought by Rendell was near Barden City so it would take some time to travel on foot so Aethelwolf decided to use their newly bought flying carriages to go there. And with a Level 2 flying mount pulling the carriages, they didn't have to worry about the speed of their flight.

The flying carriages were inscribed with floating inscriptions making them capable of floating in midair. The only issue was its flight speed which was quite slow. However, the magical beasts pulling these floating carriages were Level 2 Wind Gryphons and they were capable of flying at lightning speed. They are creatures with the body, tail, and back legs of a lion; the head and wings of an eagle; and their front feet also have an eagle's talons. They are fearsome magical creatures who could fight well in both land and air!

“Woah! It’s so beautiful!” Hyacinth exclaimed as she looked through the window of the floating carriage. It was her first time riding a floating carriage so she was very excited.

Olivia stared at her with a smile. She was an aerial magical beast so she was already used to flying above the skies, but she also love the feeling of being able to fly freely.

The stern-looking Einar who was acting as the driver of the floating carriage also revealed a look of amazement.

It wasn’t just them, Rendell as well as the engineers and architects eagerly watched the beautiful scenery through the windows.

When he saw this, Aethelwolf played his guitar, making the journey more relaxed and filled with joy.

Soon, they arrived at their destination. The two Gryphons slowly descended to the ground.

.....

Swoosh! Swoosh!

After landing, the group exited their carriages.

“Rendell, tell the architects and engineers to inspect the area. Give this blueprint to them. Let me know what they think after their observation.” Aethelwolf said as he handed a blueprint to Rendell.

Rendell stared at the blueprint and he was shocked when he saw the building drawn. It was actually a huge fortress! He couldn’t help but stare at Aethelwolf inquisitively, but when he saw the latter’s serious look, he could only nod his head. “Yes, Sir Aethelwolf!”

He finally knew why his boss was so secretive about this. The fortress in the blueprint was huge enough to accommodate more than two hundred thousand soldiers and it was even equipped with advanced weapons that he couldn’t identify. The only thing he could tell was that they looked like magic cannons, but their shapes were strange and they looked even more imposing than the mounted weapons attached to the walls of Lion City!

‘I must make sure that these engineers and architects wouldn’t tell anyone about this!’ He muttered coldly in his heart. He got a clearer picture of Aethelwolf’s plan and it made him feel a bit nervous since it could be considered as an act of rebellion. The Leone Imperial Family would never allow anyone to build a fortress that was as huge as that and once they learned that Aethelwolf was constructing such a thing, there might even be a conflict between both sides! He must prevent things from escalating into that situation even if he had to intimidate the engineers and architects!

Rendell left with heavy strides and he led the engineers and architects to observe the plot of land.

“Sir Rendell, what are we building in this location?” An architect asked as he craned his neck to take a peek at the blueprint in Rendell’s hands.

The others were also curious about this so they perked up their ears.

Rendell paused his steps and looked at the architect. He then retracted his gaze from him and scanned the faces of the others. His expression suddenly turned cold as he muttered in a solemn voice. “This matter is of great importance so I want everyone here to keep this matter a secret. You must not disclose anything that would happen here today to anyone, including your families and closest friends.”

When they heard the seriousness in his tone, everyone suddenly became nervous.

Rendell showed them the blueprint and said. “We are going to build this fortress. Everything must be done according to the specifications in the blueprint. The weapons are quite special so we have to make a separate order for this to our most skilled blacksmiths. As for the defensive walls, we will be using...”

When the engineers and architects saw the design of the fortress and its specifications, they were horrified and a terrifying thought surfaced in their minds.

Is Sir Aethelwolf plotting a rebellion?

Their legs turned weak when they thought about this and they wanted to flee right away, but under Rendell’s cold gaze, none of them dared to make a move.

“Sir Rendell, with all due respect, the Leone Imperial Family would punish us once they hear that we are building such a thing! You must think it through!”

“That’s right! Even if the Lassiter Household is strong, we don’t have the power to go against His Majesty!”

Rendell’s expression darkened when he heard their complaints. “Enough!”

Everyone immediately shut their mouths when they heard his roar.

“This task is personally given by Sir Aethelwolf! Don’t forget that he gave your families a warm home and he even gave your children ample resources. I know that building this fortress means going against the Imperial Family, but you guys have to remember that the man we follow is Sir Aethelwolf! Do you understand?!” Rendell’s words made everyone turn silent. They all received Aethelwolf’s help and even their families received a lot of benefits after joining the Lassiter Household.

“If you guys complete this task well, I’ll beg Sir Aethelwolf to give you guys one Awakening Pellet each. Furthermore, I’ll also try to fight for more benefits for you guys. Say, for example, becoming a true member of the Lassiter Household.” Rendell revealed a smile.

The engineers and architects hesitated when they heard this.

They were only hired by the Lassiter Household under a contract and the benefits they received were only a little bit better than the others in their field. Once they become true members of the Lassiter Household, their salaries would double or even triple! They would also receive more benefits and bonuses!

Everyone’s eyes flashed with determination.