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“What? Uh, but... the contract we have with the Seryuu nation’s vice president says...”

“Stepping on them too violently may have repercussions when we’re trying to make a contract with the new government. Let’s watch how their country’s situation goes.”

“Will that be okay?”

“Make a new plan so that our group will suffer the least damages after the nation turns to democracy. We’ll abandon the plan to have our military forces step in and intervene.”

“Understood.”

After sending the members away, Varka stood by the window and looked out into the city. The people rapidly crossing the road below looked like small ants.

If I fell from here, they would swarm my body. Would you still pity them then? Haa.

He looked at the sky. “Just return safely.”

He checked with his secretary again. “Are the guards that are shadowing her in position, yes?”

“Yes, they’re following her.”

The guards were talented; that was why he had let his guard down. He had forgotten that anything could happen in dangerous places, even when protected by talented guards. He should have locked her in the house. If so... she wouldn’t have died like that. She wouldn’t have been swept up in those ignorant peoples’ violence.

Humans are foolish and weak. They are bound to self-destruct if they aren’t governed.

That was why this brightness of freedom was a foolish proclamation.

“I’ll make you realize.” Varka withdrew the Front Wheel of the Universe.

He’s attacking again.

Sungjin’s teammates began to prepare themselves. Something new was going to come at them. Something that could resist their two most powerful attacks.

“Strength of Unmoving Gold.”

Varka’s body was swept into a golden light. The hammer of a god flew down. Even within the turbulence of the highest heat, Varka’s tall body didn’t have a single injury.

Even the might of the god of war, which could topple mountains, caused no tremor in Varka.

The swords in the skies came down.

Bang.

Bang.

Even the swords, which had the destructive power of comets, didn't manage to cause a single dent on his body.

It truly was, as it was called, the strength of gold.

"Indestructible." Sungjin's eyes shone sharply.

If Ereka's Aegis was a salvation of promises, this was a salvation of one's own perfection.

The powers of both sides dissipated: The Front Wheel of the Universe and Mjolnir and Durandal. Then, all that remained was a fight of bodies. At seven to one, they had the advantage, or so it seemed.

Varka brought out his final skill: "Dharmakaya of Enlightenment."

Doubles of Varka appeared by his side. The number was exactly six. The number was equal to the number of Sungjin's teammates.

Six doubles attached themselves to the six girls. They had no skills. The doubles only had power and martial might equal to Varka's original body, but that was enough.

"Kuk."

"Uu."

Even if the other six attacked with their remaining skills, the doubles' fighting was intense.

Like this... Zakiya pulled out her ultimate skill Kaleidoscope of Heaven. If she could trick him for a brief while, she would be able to grant the others a chance.

In the next moment, Varka's fist flew toward her, not through the air but through where Zakiya was hiding behind the folds of her illusion. "Kya!"

"How foolish. Such tricks do not work on me who has realized the truth!"

This was not a skill but a passive skill Varka had grown by his own achievements. Mind's Eye of Heaven.

It was Sooryun who salvaged the disastrous situation caused by the man's endless skills: "Heavenly Music of the Full Moon!"

A sound wall formed in a circle. Each sound that made up the wall was an invisible blade. The ground was split circularly, and the seal closed in; a machine of death was hidden within the beautiful large soundwaves.

"Rachel, help."

"Yes." At Sungjin's orders, Rachel's prayer made Sooryun's power even stronger, and between her attacks was Ereka's spear and Eustasia's sword. Three people attacked at once.

"Ha!" But Varka didn't even shake. Six body doubles stood firmly and continuously threw out their fists.

In a single moment, an illusion of a thousand hands took place. Each continuous barrage had a huge impact, even though it was less impactful than the long-distance explosion that had attacked Sungjin.

The Heavenly Music of the Full Moon was offset by the downpour of pure fists. The martial arts overwhelmed the skill. It was transcendent.

This moment of equal strength was what Sungjin had been waiting for. Sungjin relentlessly ran towards Varka's body, and Varka reflected his actions without retreating. It was a one-on-one competition.

They ran toward each other. Both recognized the moment as their final exchange. There was no other intervention.

"Hold on, all of you! Stat Exchange!" Sungjin chose Sooryun; there was nothing like the warrior class's stats in pure martial arts.

His sword stretched out.

"Fall." Varka made a fist.

The sharper and longer weapon was Sungjin's sword, but that didn't make it more powerful in the face of Varka's fist.

Power exploded the moment his fist reached out. Shockwaves rang out into space. Incalculable quick blows were exchanged. Before them, Sungjin was blown away. No matter how sophisticated his swordsmanship was, the same situation repeated.

Just then, the same shock wave exploded out from Sungjin's sword.

The eyes of two men met. There was surprise in Varka's. You? How?

I saw and experienced your attacks. Now, it's my turn.

That was the message the new king was sending to the former Kaiser. Their shock waves hit each other. Was it a draw?

No. Even if the two sides were comparable in power, their body specifications were different: Varka's shockwave overpowered Sungjin's shockwave. The strength from Sooryun couldn't reach Varka's level, the place Sungjin had given chase toward but couldn't reach: the barrier of time that lay between a master and a genius.

At that moment, Sungjin released his sword and stretched out his fist. His fist hit the air, causing a second explosion. The shockwave created by his sword and the shockwave created by his fist resonated tore through Varka's shockwave.

Double resonance.

Sungjin's spirit overpowered Varka's.

What? Varka was astonished; however, even in amazement, his trained body was prepared to launch another attack. It was the result of a thousand years of training.

Absolute discipline that shone even when the opponent exceeded one's expectations.

At that moment, Sungjin's fist struck the air, and he opened his fingers. The third shock wave exploded.

Triple resonance.

As the final shockwave propelled the sword forward, Varka attempted to make a responding speed that was beyond his capabilities, but a sharp blade pierced the Kaiser and appeared through the other side of his body. "Ku... Kuuk..." Blood spurted out from him.

"It is my victory," Sungjin said.

"...Right," Varka admitted, nodding slowly.

The man who dominated the past and the man who wanted to dominate the present: the two looked at each other.

“Beyond the full control of the body... the full control of the spirit... did you know how to do it?” It was the secret of Varka’s martial arts: full control of “Heroic Power,” not just the “body.”

“Ki” was something he was born with, and the origin of its principles was the same. Based on that, even when he didn’t use the skills of all the martial arts movements, he completely united the flow of energy and triggered it at will, so that the moment the fist extended, it gave a burst of power that exploded outward. Using Ki for every single moment to boost power and mobility was his mastery of martial arts, concentrated at one point, with long range and amazing momentary mobility.

“No, I have recently gained this kind of power.”

“But how?”

“I have been practicing here and there by myself since I got it. Then, I could easily catch up thanks to what you showed me.”

“Catch up...? But double resonance is a martial art that I hadn’t even thought of. To think you pulled off triple resonance... The pulses would be canceled if they were just slightly out of sequence, but you... Hahahahaha. You’re amazing.”

“If you’ve reached a peak due to your advanced studies, it’s possible for the later students to reach a higher peak, is it not?”

“Hahaha, of course, of course.” Even when he was vomiting blood, Varka laughed cheerfully.

The interval between the master and the genius—it was the master’s mistaken preconception and arrogance, thinking that it couldn’t be overcome.

Geniuses were called geniuses for overcoming the limit of human beings. It was his only wish for his efforts to have some meaning before such people. “Do you think humans can improve?”

“Yes.”

“I see. I am still skeptical of the possibility.” Varka looked at the sword penetrating his heart.

When they first met, Sungjin had been an opponent he could defeat with his pure strength, but in just one battle, Sungjin had caught up with him and had transcended his abilities. At this point, he could admit that at least some humans had the potential for growth.

“Ha.” It had been a team attack, but, nevertheless, he had reached a point where he could subdue everyone’s power, but in the end, Sungjin’s sword had dragged him down. “I admit it. You have exceeded me. Take the victory.”

“I’d be grateful.” Sungjin smiled without a hint of a lie.

It was barely a win, but Varka had been a really strong enemy.

It was the first time he had ever been surpassed in a pure martial arts competition, although they had never been difficult otherwise because of his physical specs, his traditional armament, or because of his heroic power. It was a challenge to catch up with this man’s martial arts. Varka looked at Sooryun. “You’ve finally broken my world with this guy.”

“You were amazing, but we won.”

“Hope is accompanied by despair. Your efforts to create a dignified and free world for each human being will surely come back in betrayal again and again. That will be very painful.”

“I remember the cry of those who cried that your world was better.” Although the world was artificially created, the souls of those who were there were real. Their riots were not Varka’s malice but their own choices. “But I believe in Sungjin’s words that we will do it, even in changing these people. I decided to be with him,” she said clearly, holding her hands together. She meant to go further, even if it was difficult.

“I see. Ha. I can’t stop you anymore because you have overcome me.” Varka looked at Sungjin once more. “I’ll have a last request.”

“What?”

“I want to talk to you man to man for a while.” Varka wanted to leave parting words to the man who had overcome him.

“Okay.”

As Sungjin nodded, the other girls walked away, considerate.

“Please take care of my daughter.”

“As expected. Sure.”

Even if they didn’t speak aloud the details, they both understood what the other was saying.

“Haha. I’m relieved.” Varka looked at Sooryun. Her soul was reborn and her appearance was slightly different, but it was his young daughter in the end. I wanted to protect your happiness this time. I wanted to make a peaceful and orderly world where you could be happy forever..

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He became the Kaiser and created a world where there was order and peace for his daughter after having extracted the souls of the people of Seryuu and of his daughter.

An absolute order for the unruly, and a world for his daughter to remain as a “resistor,” but... his daughter had broken out of his world.

Sigh. I suppose that man is showing you a much happier world than the one I placed you in. Varka smiled softly. Then, I suppose that’s it. How could I ever deny your wish?

His body turned into specks of light, and he smiled in satisfaction, which was unbecoming of someone who had just been defeated.

A man who had defeated him: such a person was worthy of trust.

He had thought she was too young, but she had brought someone like him.

Had the day his subordinates with daughters talked about finally arrived?

His child was... really... Has she really grown to the point where he wasn’t needed?

Freedom, huh...

Another speck of light intertwined with his own. The image of Dungpyung wavered within that light, and his form slowly began to change into a large golden retriever. This was the sub-commander’s true form: a loyal dog who wanted to protect the “prison of Eden” as his had master ordered in order to protect his second master. He was a family member who had tried to protect Sooryun with the regret of failing to protect her in its previous life.

Varka silently stroked its head, which was pointing towards Sooryun with worry in its eyes. That child will be okay now. You’ve done well.

The retriever looked between Sungjin and Sooryun but did not bark.

Let’s leave that child in that man’s arms and leave together. I believe it’s time we let our beloved person free because she’s our family. Varka and Sooryun and the last family member.

Dungpyun nodded at his master's words, and, after looking and staring at Sungjin for the longest while, silently dissipated.

"Farewell. I'll take responsibility as promised." Sungjin said his last words to the most powerful enemy he had met and his loyal dog.

It was a reassurance for them to no longer be so overprotective of her.

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A speck of light hovered around Sungjin.

Allow me to advise you one last time.

"What?"

As you have defeated me, you will have no problems in your fights against the other Kaisers, who are on the same level as I am.

A victory attained by his own skills and not luck. Varka believed that Sungjin could continue winning his subsequent fights. Now that Sungjin had grown from his fight against him, the next opponents would not be as hard.

"And?"

Do not challenge the Ark Master. That is the only region you will not achieve victory in.

"Oh?"

I know your spirit. I know your goal. But think about what you could do as a Kaiser. That... is a human's limit... the reason being...

Varka's words disappeared.

"Hmm." Sungjin noted the last words of his best enemy.

The previous two Kaisers had been those who had challenged the Ark Master and failed. How should he interpret this advice?

"Ha. Well, I'll remember what you said." Sungjin laughed it off.

The Valkyrie began its announcements.

[The challenger has won. The gods will grant you a special drink as a reward for your victory, and this will raise your strengths to a new height.]

The wine of the gods in a golden chalice descended before Sungjin and his teammates. They could tell in a glance that an amazing amount of power was within that glass.

Sungjin and his teammates drank. They could feel the power swirl inside their bodies.

[That power will grant you seven hundred years of life and inexhaustible stamina, and it will grant you fortune that will make all curses and calamities ineffective unless it has been done by a god.]

“Hmm. Amazing.” It was a reward befitting the defeat of Varka.

[If you defeat the remainder of the guardians, you will earn the right to rule over all of humanity, but do remember: a defeat may cause you to lose everything.]

A crisis and an opportunity.

After announcing the news to everyone, the Valkyrie flew away.

“Ha. Am I one step away from being a Kaiser?” Sungjin murmured to himself before turning around to face everyone. “Everyone, good job. Thank you.” He had been able to win because of them. “Let’s think about the next competition later and enjoy today.”

“Yes, Sungjin.”

A banquet was prepared for the victors. They talked to each other before the delicious food that didn’t exist on earth.

“Sungjin looked amazing when he was against the five guardian robots all on his own.”

“Oh my. I wish I could have seen, too.”

“Huhu, but you must have seen much more than I have until now.”

“That is true.”

Hmm. Sungjin smiled at the scene that looked like a cut from a historical drama. But that’s the reality of things. The battles he was raging were a part of history.

A fight to conquer the continent and change the world. He knew what he was fighting against. This was not something he could laugh off after a defeat and hope for the best next time.

I really do have one more person to fight for.

Eustasia offered Sooryun some cookies. “This is tasty.”

“It is.”

“You’re a warrior, aren’t you?”

“Yes, I am.”

“Hu, aside from my personal feelings, it’s a good thing you’ve joined. Your stat is the most appropriate for when he’s competing with pure martial art skills.”

“You’re overpraising.”

“It’s an observation. From now on, his fights will become more competitive, which means there will be areas in which I cannot support him. Let’s all do our best.” This was Eustasia acknowledging Sooryun in her own way.

“Of course.”

The girls kept talking to one another.

“He was a difficult opponent but worth defeating.”

“Yes. He has become the cause of Sungjin’s growth, after all.”

“Right! I even kissed Oppa!” Rachel said.

“Pfft.” Sungjin spewed out the drink he had been drinking.

“Oh my, Rachel?” Ereka smiled brightly.

“Uh, um?” Sungjin tried to interrupt.

“Oh, jeez, I wasn’t going to tell you...” Ereka smiled shyly.

“What happened?”

“While your soul escaped your body, we had to give you some of our life force to protect your body.” Eustasia smiled.

“... ?!”

“Yes, it was quite heated, enough so that I am expecting the real deal to be better.”

Zakiya also crinkled her eyes in an expression that said, “It was good.”

“Haha, I... I see.”

“Don’t mind it, Sungjin. It was simply respiratory aid... but I’m still happy.”

“Uh, um...”

“I will wait for the real deal with dear excitement.”

“Haha.” Sungjin simply laughed. He also had obstacles he did not wish to challenge.
“With this, I see that a person of every class has gathered!”

Zakiya nodded at the girl who was unbelievably bright after the bomb she had just dropped. “Huhu, yes. Now all that remains is the promised day.”

“Yes, if Oppa wins until the very end.” Jenna and Zakiya’s eyes met. It was an exchange that only the competitors could understand.

Sungjin smiled helplessly. The promised day, huh... It seemed like there had been some unknown progress while he had been busy. Yes, I should be prepared. That determination should not be for one thing but two. One was for the women who had given their everything for him. The other was... for victory. Yes, whether it would be defeat or victory, a result had to be decided on. All that was left was the last Kaiser and the last victory, although it wasn’t set in stone.

Arc Master. Should he or should he not?

A God’s ability. A God’s position. If he wanted to change the world, that was what he needed to gain, but at the same time, he could lose everything. If he was alone, it wouldn’t matter, but there were people around him who could die. He was spirited, but he was also fearful.

Sungjin looked up. Should he reach for it, or not?

Ha, no. I should focus on the goal before me.

It was the golden Kaiser first. He couldn’t let his guard down because of something that would be decided later.

I wonder what challenge awaits me next? His heart trembled from fear and from excitement.

He had seen the holy magical sword, the white six-winged holy magical sword he had seen when he used The Holy Sword of Halt.

But... there was also the magical sword. The girls didn’t see it because they were busy talking, and he didn’t see it because it occurred behind him.

Twelve wings were revealed for a brief moment in his shadow behind him.

The six pairs of light.

And...

The six pairs of darkness composed of souls.

Together.

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No one knows. He still has to defeat the Kaiser of Gold, after all.

But if he can defeat one, then the other...

It may be possible for him to defeat the other Kaiser, too.

When Sungjin defeated the last Kaiser... he would become the Kaiser who would rule the entire world, not just a continent. In other words, Sungjin would become their ruler, and that was where their interest lay.

Information was gathered from the corners of the southern world in order to understand what kind of a ruler he was, and they all entered a preparation phase for how best to greet Sungjin just in case he became emperor, and soon after, laughably, clothes and objects that could possibly suit Sungjin's tastes were rapidly sold at high prices in the market.

Meanwhile, Sungjin, who had become the man who called forth storms... was looking silently out his window. He looked peaceful sitting on a comfortable chair and gazing down at the sight below, but that was just his outer appearance; inside, his thoughts clashed.

It's not enough.

Sungjin closed and opened his fist. His hands were tingling. He was filled to the brim with competitive spirit. He had returned to his continent for a break after the fight against the Kaiser of white silver, but he still wanted to continue fighting.

It's not enough.

He wanted to fight a stronger enemy. He wanted to use his increased strength. He wanted to reach higher.

His thirst was overflowing. A thirst for battling against stronger enemies overpowered his basic needs of sleeping and eating.

He had toed the line between life and death during his several violent conquests of various enemies. He had become the ruler of the continent, and all that remained was half a step toward becoming the ruler of this world.

But it still wasn't enough.

Ha, I suppose this is my true self. Sungjin smiled.

He wasn't in denial or in a state of self-assessment. It was just an observation that "he was what he was."

Ordinary people wouldn't have even tried. Even the most ambitious person would have been satisfied with what Sungjin had.

Critically speaking, leaving behind four hundred years of life and the position of a conqueror of a continent would be a great loss if he were to vie for a higher level and lose.

But he wasn't satisfied. He wanted a better fight against a stronger opponent, even if he knew the dangers.

The reason?

To protect the people of the continent?

Was it for such a "grand purpose?" Or perhaps it was for the power he could have in the seat of an Arc Master? For fame and legacy? If not that then... to have an amazing victory against a stronger opponent? Or... was it for the power that would come after a victory?

Well, I suppose it's not just for one thing.

He wanted to fight some more, and he had a definite thirst within him for a better competition, and that thirst had only grown upon his arrival in Valhalla, like the way a person's thirst increases even after drinking seawater.

His competitive spirit had grown after crossing the boundary of life and death several times. If he returned to Earth at this moment, would he be able to enjoy the gaming world through a monitor screen?

Probably not.

He wanted to fight the Kaiser of Gold right now. That was why his hands were tingling.

I've become stronger after absorbing the souls. He could feel it.

He had trapped the souls of those who had turned into evil spirits inside himself after having been trapped in the battlefield, but he had also been adversely affected by doing that. His blood boiled, and his thirst grew.

I'm being affected.

His darkness, which had originally been within him, had been stimulated.

I should wait.

Like ruining the ingredients of a dish when the cooking was rushed, when a fight was hurried, victory would be frustrated.

A victory wasn't simply on the battlefield. Preparing for everything before a victory was a part of the victory, too: the preparation that allowed a strategy to occur, and the strategy that would later lead the battlefield to an advantageous state, regardless of the opponent's power, and the politics and diplomatic relations that supported such an endeavour. That was all a part of a "battle."

Of course, the fight against the Kaiser of gold didn't demand that much. There's no reason for politics and foreign relations to intervene. But he still needed to prepare and raise his and his teammates' potential. He needed that preparation if he planned on winning.

He had confirmed that a Kaiser wasn't a laughable opponent through his fight with the Kaiser of white silver. Varka had been a strong opponent that he had learned from. Rather than a swiftly confirmed victory, it had been a shaky one.

Although I have improved through the fight with the Kaiser of white silver... He knew the Kaiser of Gold wasn't going to be an easy opponent, either, and if he lost, many people would be hurt.

The peace of the southern continents and the lives of the people within were in reality being protected by a dictator by the name of Sungjin. It was the opposite political climate to the one he had wished for, but that was the truth. If he disappeared, it wouldn't take less than ten years for the world to revert back to how it was before. Fighting was his own greed, but he had to win. Only then would he be able to, before the greater cause of changing the world for the people, take responsibility for the results that had been brought about by his own greed.

And to do so, I would have to train them even more.

At the very least, he had to teach them what he had learned through his fight with the Kaiser of white silver before the next fight. He couldn't rush this.

Ha, I suppose I have to hold back.

There were times when one had to be rough and fast, and times when one had to take cautious steps and bide for time.

The problem was his teammates' training speed.

Sungjin looked at his teammates, who were training outside, through his window: Ereka, Jenna, Eustasia, Rachel, Zakiya, Sooryun. Everyone was trying their best. There was nothing to be dissatisfied with; rather, he should be grateful for their efforts to try to best his opponents with him.

That was what his thoughts were telling him, and that was what his heart was telling him, but at the same time...

That's the limit of what they can do, even after training them.

He could tell them the theory. He could also tell them the finer details of techniques. But he couldn't teach them everything he had learned from instant calculations. He also couldn't teach them battle techniques that only those with his brain could perform.

And asking them to do the things he had learned on the battlefield by simply ordering them wasn't possible. It was the same as a flying eagle teaching chickens how to fly. He was frustrated, but at the same time, helpless.

I should be satisfied with the results of this training.

When he was equipped with the girls' power, he became stronger. His skill also made that possible. Even if it was for a brief while, the special ability granted to him by exchanging his stats with the girls was infinite in its usages.

It also represented their difference in strength. For the skill to be used much more effectively in his hands rather than when the girls used it meant that the girls weren't bringing out the skill's full potential.

Sigh. It's really helpless.

Blaming his hard-working teammates wasn't something a leader should do. A leader has to be able to accept his teammates' shortcomings and lead them all into victory.

I should cover my teammates' weaknesses, Sungjin vowed.

But...

Behind him, his shadow flickered for a brief moment, revealing a huge figure of a person with twelve wings.

It was the shadow of the ruler of rulers from hell.

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Sungjin stood before the final obstacle in his path to becoming a Kaiser.

The temple of gold shone brightly. The patterns on the walls were evenly placed to the exact mathematical degree.

The Kaiser of gold. He was a legend, just like the Kaiser of white silver. The Kaiser of gold was an existence who had conquered the continent for the first time. Too much time had passed since the time of his reign that nothing remained, but there was some evidence.

He wanted to be the “strongest” and therefore became the “strongest” ruler, but apparently his reign came to an end after challenging a god, even though he was the strongest.

“The Golden Kaiser...” Before the door, Sungjin smiled. His smile was an excited one, like one of an evil mastermind after having found a new plaything.

What kind of challenge awaits me?

Was he like the Kaiser of white silver? Or perhaps even stronger?

Gaining the position of a Kaiser was what would follow a victory, but if the Kaiser was an opponent he could wage everything against, he would be satisfied.

He stood in the middle of the temple. He was unexpectedly an old man clutching a walking stick and wearing a simple robe, unlike his legend of being the strongest ruler. “Welcome.” He was an old man with white hair. His long beard was also white. However, his eyes reflected his years and showed his wisdom. “I’ve heard that a thousand years is given to those who became a Kaiser?”

Eustasia’s eyes glinted in suspicion as she observed the old man.

Ereka gave her assumptions. “Hm. Are you the guide instead of the Kaiser of Gold?”

The old man smiled calmly. “There’s no need to worry. I am the Kaiser of Gold.”

“Ah! I’m sorry. You’re just... different from the legends.”

The old man simply smiled at Ereka's apology. "Sometimes outer appearance disguise what truly is. Don't blame yourself. Even I have a hard time figuring out the true faces of others in my old age."

If they hadn't been told that he was the Kaiser of Gold, they would have thought he was a friendly neighborhood grandpa. To those who had been expecting a suppressing charisma, it was almost disappointing.

But Sungjin didn't let his guard down, nor was he disappointed. He could instinctively grasp that his opponent was a person with observation and leisure.

"I had something to research even after my thousand years were over."

"Ah, I see."

The old man looked at Sungjin. "Are you the one who wishes to become the third Kaiser?"

"Yes."

Their eyes met. Sungjin's eyes were ablaze with competitive spirit and exuded a fierce challenging air. The old man's eyes, which never wavered, simply pushed it away with tranquil immobility.

Fire against water. No, it was akin to an explosive volcano and a calm sea.

"There's plenty of time, so why don't we talk before our fight?"

"Fine."

"Then let me prepare you a seat."

A desk and chair appeared before the old man, and the two sat down, facing each other.

Sungjin's women stood behind him and watched with curious eyes. A wise man who had become a Kaiser, and a ruler who would become a Kaiser. What kind of conversation will they have?

"I should make my introduction. Haha. I knew that I was called the Kaiser of Gold, but my true name is Antherer."

"A person who answers?"

"Haha. My name might mean that, but to be honest, I'm more of a person who seeks out the answers instead of answering others."

“I see. What’s the question?”

To anyone else, they looked as if they were having a leisurely conversation before the fight for the world, but Sungjin knew their fight had already started.

A conversation went both ways, therefore allowing both to observe each other: each other’s specs, each other’s skills. Items.

That was not everything one’s ability.

The other’s imagination. Thoughts, personality, preferences. Mind, wishes, goals.

Those were the things they needed to understand in order to achieve a victory.

“I wanted to know a lot of things.” Antherer gently closed his eyes. “How the stars shine. What the world is made of. Why fish can only live in the water.”

“Ha. You’re a scholar.”

“You could say that.”

Sungjin’s teammates talked amongst themselves behind Sungjin.

“It seems like the first Kaiser wasn’t an ambitious man but a scholar.”

At Ereka’s words, Eustasia tightened her grip on her scabbard and smiled. “Perhaps? But can’t we think of his desire to understand the world even after conquering it as a small ambition?”

“Kuk, I see.”

At Zakiya’s agreement, Rachel tilted her head. “Huh? Is understanding the world such a big deal?”

Meanwhile, Antherer and Sungjin’s conversation continued.

“While researching the logic of this world, I found that researching with several people is easier than doing it alone.”

“Even without regard to equipment and ingredients used?”

“Yes. I’ve come to conquer the world because it was necessary for my research.” Antherer stated confidently that he had done so for his research.

“There must have been some resistance.”

“There was, but knowledge is power.”

“Ha. You’re right, that’s obvious.”

“What about you. Why did you come here?”

“Me? Because there’s a fight.” Sungjin smiled.

“A fight.”

“Yes.”

“Haha. Challenge and competition. That’s your happiness. Like my research.”

“Yes,” Sungjin admitted coolly. There was no grand reason to his actions. Challenging, fighting, winning. That was his true self. Even now, his blood boiled before his enemy.

Anotherer looked at such attitude quietly. “Is that all? There’s no other reason?”

“Well, I also have a goal to change this world after attaining it.”

“A goal. Haha. I see. Frankly, from here I’ve observed how the southern continents have changed.”

“How is that possible?”

“Relax. I didn’t see the details of your fights, but I did see how you’ve changed the country. Were you planning to rule the world and save the people from their limitations?”

“I won’t deny that.” Sungjin nodded.

“A demon who desires fights and challenges. A savior who comes to save the people. Which is your true self?”

“Didn’t I already give you an answer?”

Saving the people was a goal in and of itself, but even if this world had been an ideal one, he still would have set out in search of challenges for the fight itself.

Anotherer smiled widely. “I’ve come to understand many things at this age. Namely, that a human’s true self appears when they are at a crisis.”

“Think whatever you want.”

“Huhu. Think of it as an old man’s prejudice. Where did I leave off? Oh, yes. A thousand years after conquering the world. Within those thousand years, I wished to learn more. Having the world in my hands allowed much progress in my research.”

“And you couldn’t be satisfied with a thousand years, so you challenged the gods?”

“Yes, there was that reason, but the main reason was to find the answer to the question I had a thousand years ago.”

“The question?” What was the answer this wise man couldn’t find? Sungjin smiled. “You couldn’t find the answer, and therefore lost against the gods.” He was defeated not because of the gods, but because he couldn’t find the answer. That was the history Sungjin saw through his words.

Antherer agreed. “Yes, you’re right. A power that can go against the gods. I couldn’t figure that out.”

Ultimately, Antherer was a person from Valhalla. That was why he had researched the world’s largest question over a thousand years.

“I’m sure you must have found an answer of your own.”

“You’re right. It was grand, but not the right one.”

“Leave it to me. I can find you the answer you couldn’t find. Sungjin raised his thumbs and pointed towards himself.

“Hahahahaha. Can you do that?”

“Of course.” He could do what the previous two Kaisers could not.

At Sungjin’s overconfident statement, the wise man stroked his beard. “Then you should be able to find what was wrong about my answer.”

“Try me.”

“Haha. I already have a body that cannot change. If there is a possibility, you’d be the one to find it, fine. If my successor can find the answer, I’d be happy.”

“Then will you step away?”

The wise man shook his head. “I would like to, but the god’s region isn’t reachable by your spirit alone. It is my understanding that you need more experience.”

“Ha, is that so.” Sungjin smiled in happiness. The Kaiser of gold was a formidable foe. It would be disappointing not to face him.

“That’s why I will hand over the question to you, and in return, give you the experience you need and everything I have.”

“That’s nice of you, but don’t go easy on me.”

“Don’t worry. If you can’t overcome me, there’s no possibility that you’ll find the answer. I have nothing to lose if you are still unable to win after I give you everything I to learn from.”

“Fine. Then should we start?”

“Huhu. You’re an impatient one. There’s a lot to talk about. But yes, I shouldn’t take too much of my successor’s time. Let’s begin.”

With that, the scenery around the Kaiser of gold wavered and changed.

It was a library.

The ceiling was so high that it was painful to look at. It was wide enough for a city to fit in it.

Aside from saying that it was huge, there were no other words to express it.

Flying robots flew around the library to look after the books. There were computers between the shelves.

Robots.

The scenery of magic and technology intertwining made a strange atmosphere.

“Do you like my capital?”

“Ha. Your entire capital is a library?”

“Since gathering knowledge was my life’s achievement.”

“It’s an amazing sight.” The sight was created from the Kaiser of gold’s longtime achievements.

“Thank you for the praise. Then let us really begin.” The Kaiser of Gold raised his staff and clicked it against the ground. When he did so, bookshelves rose up from the ground and split Sungjin and his teammates apart.

“A divider?” Eustasia slashed at the divider with her sword, but the divider was surrounded by an invisible barrier, and her sword bounced away.

“An investigation is done by dissection.”

The Kaiser of gold’s avatars appeared before each of the members.

Doubles.

Each one of them anticipated their one-on-one fight and prepared themselves.

There was no more time to slash against the bookshelves.

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The Kaiser of Gold spoke like a teacher, but Eustasia wasn’t defeated by such a strike. She gritted her teeth and stepped away. Her body swayed away from the second attack that chased after her.

Physical training. The Eastern version of moving like water. It was the best martial arts for avoiding attacks by letting attacks pass by through an structured stance. At the same time, her freely flying sword launched another attack. Her strong attacks and advantageous defences made her an astounding general.

To that...

“Hm. Water is liquid, so it does take more time to analyze it than standard exercises.” The Kaiser of Gold nodded his head slowly, and stabbed her abs with the end of his staff while grabbing the hilt of her sword at the same time.

“Ugh.” Losing her balance, she fell into deep thought. How...

“Unfortunately, that fluid defence movement also has a second’s worth of vulnerability. Improve more.”

“No way...” Eustasia collapsed onto the ground and gritted her teeth.

To attack the pause between the flow of movements. It wasn’t as if she didn’t know what theory he was talking about, but using that technique against her was a completely different matter. To use less power than her while suppressing her at the same time. That was something that could only be accomplished by calculating her movements, understanding them, and figuring out her weaknesses in a quick moment.

Like... Sungjin... No... He’s stronger.

When she had first fought against Sungjin, he had won against her by using a little amount of power, but he hadn’t won this easily. It had taken a long time for Sungjin see through her flawless steps.

Is it possible that the Kaiser of gold has a skill like...

Like Sungjin's absolute calculations, but Antherer's were of a different tier. If Sungjin was a genius, then this man was an omniscient

At the thought that she couldn't lose like this, she started her counterattacks. "The Sword of..." Her ultimate skill, which caused twelve swords to fall down from the sky. That power could defeat even the strongest monster.

At that moment, a staff crashed against her head. At its strength, which made her brain ring, she powerlessly lapsed back. Of course, Durandal wasn't activated.

"You have more weaknesses in your larger skill activations. Tsk tsk. I'll give you a lesson. A mountain can collapse because of a stone, and a skill might not be activated either." The Kaiser smacked his own forehead after the explanation. "Ah. You won't be able to hear me since you've fainted. I keep forgetting since I've aged."

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It wasn't only Eustasia. Ereka had also collapsed between her broken armor. "No... How?"

She was a knight class. She had a high-defence class and an even higher defence. She could understand how the opponent had slipped through her spear, but her armor? She could have accepted if the Kaiser of gold had used a strong power, but he had hooked some strings on her armor and pulled, which had caused her current situation.

"It's a nice armor, but it seemed as if there were some weak places in the joints of your armor. It fell apart when I applied some pressure to it."

"... ?"

"Huhu. It seems like you can't understand what I'm talking about. Just know that your armor was great but not perfect."

"No..."

"Understanding objects, you see, means understanding the weak and strong parts of them." And the Kaiser delivered his final attack against Ereka. "Ah, your defence was certainly different. It was perfect. Almost a replica of the gods'."

That was what Ereka last heard before she lost consciousness.

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It was the same situation for all of his teammates. Jenna, Rachel, Zakiya, and Sooryun. Everyone was defeated by Antherer's avatars.

But it wasn't an ordinary defeat. If they had been defeated by a suppressive power and difference in level, they could have said that it was because their opponent was a Kaiser, but the Kaiser of gold hadn't used any sort of power from the beginning of the fight to the end. He had pulled out objects from his pockets like a leisurely old man. and had used them to easily defeat them.

Before those simple movements, they had been defeated in their own special skills, and they all thought of one thing: The Kaiser of gold was like Sungjin. He had the skills and intelligence that overcame the difference between him and his opponent.

But... one thing was different. He was much more intense than Sungjin. He was the Kaiser of the previous generations, and a scholar who researched the world for a thousand years. He knew more than Sungjin, and had more experience than Sungjin.

Can he beat Sungjin? All the girls thought as they fell.

Until now, the opponents Sungjin had faced just had pure power, which had allowed him to defeat them with strategies, but for the Kaiser to be as intelligent as Sungjin...

How could Sungjin beat someone with the same strengths as him, only stronger?

Chapter 2

The bookshelves came down. Now, when everyone was not around, the Kaiser of gold and Sungjin faced off.

"I wanted to investigate you specifically, which is why I set you apart from the others."

"Were the results satisfactory?"

"Mm. You have amazing teammates, but at the same time, they won't be able to breach the god's realm, nor mine."

"Yes. They do lack in some areas." Sungjin smiled. There was no point in denying it. "But they are my teammates."

"Yes. Then will you protect their backs?"

"Of course." Sungjin pulled out his sword. Dawn Bringer. The sword of destruction of legends shone brightly.

Antherer's eyes suddenly shone in interest. "Ho, that sword... That is your sword."

“For now.”

“For now... Is it... I see,” Antherer mumbled in a strange tone. “It’s a good sword. I won’t say that it’s the best, but it’s fitting for you.”

“I agree.”

“Show me how it’s used.”

“Gladly.” And Sungjin charged forward toward the Kaiser of gold, Antherer, and... Calculating every moment he and his opponent could make, Sungjin’s sword rapidly approached Antherer’s weakness.

Until now, he had fought on the same level as those who were more powerful than him, and the sword had not failed him in suppressing those who had the same specs as him, but...

“Hm, amazing. Amazing.” Even while Antherer praised him, his staff kept pushing Sungjin’s sword into a corner.

Antherer wasn’t physically stronger than Sungjin. He had a strength that was unnatural for his age, but that was just about Sungjin’s strength, except he had more moves. He calculated both of their moves as much as Sungjin could calculate them. They were moving according to each of their calculations, but Antherer’s calculations went beyond Sungjin’s. There was no meaning to Sungjin’s Bringer ability before Antherer’s staff. It was a level where no skills were used but that suppressed Sungjin.

“You have already arrived at the level that I had reached when I was three hundred. It is amazing that you’ve reached that level in twenty years.”

Several more moves were exchanged. Sungjin stood firm, but his stance was slowly blurring, and in a minute, the staff pushed away the sword and attacked Sungjin’s shoulder. “Ah...”

His teammates, who were watching him, exclaimed in pity. The girls, who had already been removed from the fight, had no choice but to cheer Sungjin on from the sidelines, but no matter how much they saw, Sungjin’s calculations were always a step behind his opponent’s.

A level... No, two levels.

“At least he wasn’t defeated in a single move like us, but...” Eustasia lightly bit her lip.

Sungjin had become much stronger than the time he had fought against her father. He had reached a higher level after several fights, except the Kaiser of gold... was beyond him. If he was the old Sungjin, he would have been defeated.

“You’re faster,” Sungjin acknowledged after the single attack. He wasn’t talking about his physical speed; his opponent’s calculations were faster.

Even if he could calculate the most advantageous moves in the same given moment, the Kaiser of Gold could read more and therefore move faster.

And that small amount of difference was what made the current difference.

“What will you do? You won’t accept your defeat here, will you?”

“Of course not.”

Sungjin shot forward in a second attack, but the Kaiser of gold deflected the fiery attack as if they were having a conversation, and suppressed Sungjin once more.

At the repeated sight, Ereka became more uncomfortable. “What should we do?”

“We can do nothing but cheer him on.”

“But...”

“Let’s keep watching.” But would there be a difference between the first and second fight?

The sword and staff clashed against each other once more, and after three minutes, Sungjin allowed an attack to his leg.

“Again!”

Even after continuous defeat, Sungjin ran forward once more, and... his teammates’ spirits started to rise. It’s been over eight minutes, and he’s still holding on?

The Kaiser of gold was still more powerful, but the difference between them was growing smaller.

Ten minutes passed. Sungjin allowed another attack, and that was that. When Sungjin began his fourth attack, they were on the same level. Even after thirty minutes, no one could gain an advantage.

The Kaiser of Gold stepped back and smiled. “Haha... To think you’ve caught up this fast.”

“I was researching for such a long time, but managed to complete it faster thanks to you. I thank you.”

“To be at the age where you may want everything, but at the same time learning to understand you must let go of some desires.” Antherer nodded in acknowledgement.

“Yes. there is honestly no difference in our brains. If there was a difference, it would be that you’ve tried to calculate everything until now.”

“Until now, that made me more comfortable against my opponents.”

“Yes. The answer sometimes lay in the most unexpected places. That’s research.”

When one brain suppressed the other, it was more than enough to consider every circumstance. But it was different against an opponent of the same level.

“But sometimes it’s better to leave the unknown as it is and execute your moves. Emptying your mind to have everything.”

Until now, Sungjin had met opponents who could be suppressed with his brain. That was why he was good at revealing the best in the worst conditions, but not with the Kaiser of gold. He was the first opponent with the same intelligence as himself. Sungjin went against him by considering only one aspect of the fight and moving his body even faster.

“But you are fast. Fast. I knew that I shouldn’t measure the human’s capability against you, but to think it would be like this. Haha. A thousand years.” Antherer stroked his beard and looked toward some place far away with a smile. “But I suppose that’s the right of later scholars. But being on the same level doesn’t mean a victory. What would you do?”

“Of course, from now on, it’s my counterattack.” Sungjin’s sword levelled itself against Antherer and drove forward.

At the moment the sword and staff hit each other, a small vibration occurred in Antherer’s hands. As Antherer’s staff wavered, Sungjin reached out with his fist.

Antherer avoided the attack by thoroughly reading its route, but Sungjin immediately tilted the direction of his fist, and before it could even reach Antherer, an explosion occurred near his chest.

Antherer flew back, vomiting out an exclamation. “Kuk.”

“This is the Kaiser of White Silver’s special skill. The complete control over ki.” He coughed due to the disturbance in his breathing.

Controlling ki didn’t come from understanding its theory. Beyond comprehension, it had to be done with perfect physical strength and control.

“You’ve learned the mobility of ki beyond your mental prowess.”

“Yes, from my previous fight.”

“If you had used this from the beginning, we would have begun with an equal fight.”

“You learn faster through experience. No?”

Sungjin smiled. He had purposely fought with his body like the Kaiser of gold to absorb anything that could be advantageous to himself.

“Haha. I see. You were searching for the path to greatness even during your fight. You do have the right to challenge me.”

“I think you still have something to show me.” Sungjin didn’t rush. The fact was that the Kaiser of gold hadn’t used a single one of his skills. It could be presumed that the tools he had pulled out were a part of his skill, but it seemed to be only one part of it. There should be another main skill.

“Yes. I have underestimated you. But this is not everything I’ve calculated.” Antherer raised his staff. “Overcome yourself and feel the truth of this universe. May the truth shine upon you!”

White light exploded out of his staff.

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“Can you see it? That star with the largest source of light is called the sun. It may look like that, but it is larger than our Valhalla by several times.”

“I knew that much.” It was knowledge he had already learned from astronomy on earth.

“I see. Then you should know that each one of those stars are like the sun, and that each and every one has their own individual worlds?”

“Yes.”

“Huhu. Yes. I have discovered and understood each and every one of those worlds.” The several hundred coffins shone at the same time. “My research becomes my knowledge. Look, the world of water!”

The scenery around him changed. Sungjin now stood on a large rock. There was no land anywhere. All that could be seen was an endless range of blue.

Such a range approached Sungjin, and when that neared him, Sungjin realized that it wasn’t a mountain tall range of water. It was hail. A large hail that couldn’t exist on

earth. It was created by the tidal force of three moons. It was not defeatable by the strength of humans. It was a natural disaster that went beyond thorough calculations and control.

The hundred brains created the disaster in reality: a re-enactment of theory. That was the ultimate and only skill the Kaiser of Gold possessed.

A human couldn't go against it. This was no longer about martial arts.

A large hail that swallowed the horizon—there was some distance, but the size was enough to cover the sky. The water, which had reached his knees, swayed his body.

Why were humans such weak beings before the scholar who had understood the theory of all things?

“Ah...” At that size, even Sungjin's teammates forgot to cheer for him.

What could he do?

“The universe is large, and there is a world composed of water within it. That sea is ten times deeper than the deepest sea in Valhalla, and the hail reaches higher than the mountain ranges of Valhalla.”

That was the height the scholar had reached in order to understand the world.

Beyond a human's limit, it was an absolute calculation arranged by hundreds of other brains—the result of theories gathered over a thousand years.

This was a world which couldn't be described as anything other than dangerous.

But Sungjin, who was watching the hail, didn't even cover in the slightest, and released a strong fighting spirit. He raised his sword up high. “My dream is everyone's dream. Those who are forgotten are remembered inside me! Soul Succession!”

From the places where the girls were defeated, several lights appeared. It crossed over space and time and gathered in him. Each individual color gathered into a single white blend of light. Six wings appeared behind him, and a shining light of armour covered him. Even the Dawn Bringer exuded a stronger light. That light shone upon the entire world. It was the exact figure of an archangel that had descended.

“Have you inherited the powers of your defeated allies?” Antherer's voice rang through the air.

“Yes,” Sungjin replied, flying calmly toward the hail. It was the third skill he had earned after defeating the Kaiser of White Silver: gathering his allies' powers into one within

himself. As long as their souls and wishes were the same... not even death could split them apart.

The hail crashed and swallowed him. Before that natural disaster, Sungjin swung his Dawn Bringer. The white light shot forward and pierced the middle of the hail.

The power of the Kaiser of Gold. Its center was demolished. Sungjin flew through that center and flew higher with a shout. "Show off your scale somewhere else. You can't do anything to me with this.

If the oncoming hail was the calamity of nature, then Sungjin was the angel which couldn't be defeated, flying into the sky. Even the sea shooting into the sky couldn't reach high enough to wet his wings.

"Haha. Are you saying that you're in the center of the storm even if the storm were to approach? Then how about this. Asteroid!"

The world of water disappeared. The empty space appeared once more, but this was not a position where one could observe the stars. This was a space where remains of past stars floated about. The world of asteroids. The world where the remains of stars were brought together into a ring by gravity. They were called remains, but they were more like large asteroids.

Those remains began to rush at Sungjin at high speed. It was the calamity that was presumed to have ended the earth's age of dinosaurs. It was certain that his body would turn to dust the moment one landed a hit.

The first asteroid approached. When Sungjin slashed with his sword, a light was slashed out, and it split the asteroid into two.

But it didn't end there. The asteroid exploded into smaller remains. They were small in comparison, but they were actually as large as mountains.

The pieces sped up and rushed at Sungjin. When Sungjin slashed a bit more, the flying pieces split even further, and those pieces exploded into even smaller pieces. Now, the millions of pieces rushed toward Sungjin.

Although the radius of the sword's range blocked some of them, a storm of meteors avoiding the radius struck to the very front of Sungjin.

Successive attacks eliminated about one fifth of them. All of the rest rushed forward as if they could tear apart Sungjin's wings. Anything that hit would have a tremendous impact like a heavy truck.

They were also impossible to avoid. The cosmic scale of the tens of thousands of meteor fragments created no intervening gaps.

Hurricanes, tornadoes, hurricanes, cyclones.

A meteor storm in the universe was of a different level from a natural disaster on earth.

Sungjin seemed to give up, releasing the sword and quietly falling down. It was as if he had left everything to fate and was praying, but they were mistaken.

The next moment, a strong energy stretched out from within his body toward everywhere. It was filled with a mighty strength that overwhelmed everything.

And... the flying meteorites subtly orbited. It was only a little movement, but as a result, the meteorites bumped into each other and exploded. It became a chain, as the bursting pieces flew back to another meteorite. Then the trajectory changed again and again, repeating so that they continued to bump into each other. It seemed as if the invisible hand of God decided to push and pull the meteorites against each other and destroy itself.

No, it was neither fate nor divine hand. It was the energy that stretched out of Sungjin.

It orbited the meteorites. It was not necessary to move all tens of thousands of pieces. Sungjin calculated exactly where to move them and how they would bump into each other.

The successive meteorite explosions created a splendid sight, but Sungjin's body did not have a single small wound. The six wings continued to shine brilliantly without any flaws.

Words of praise came from out of outer space. "Is it possible to have full control over the force that is released from within the body, even outside of yourself?"

"Yes."

"The Kaiser of White Silver couldn't do that."

"If learning from a master is a privilege of disciples," Sungjin laughed, "isn't it polite to reach beyond the master's level?"

He was able to realize the heights much faster because he had already fought one-on-one those who had reached such heights. Then the next thing was, of course, going beyond. He also prepared while training his teammates.

"Hahahaha." Laughter rang high.

Sungjin aimed the sword toward the air.

"Now it's my turn."

Six wings spread wider, and a more intense light emanated from it. That intense light began to gather on the sword. At the end of the sword, the density of the light rose higher and higher. Soon, the rising light was reconstructed into a huge white sphere at the end of the sword.

“Light of Genesis!” The liberation of Dawn Bringer. The stillness of the world. A mythical light that cuts back chaos and returns order.

The photosphere became a huge beam and ran straight. The white sphere became a huge ray of light that ran straight through the infinitely wide space, and... the light hit one of the seemingly endless spaces.

As the hidden window broke, the cracks opened up. He heard the sound of space breaking. The cosmic space was broken, revealing the myriad of brain coffins. Sungjin flew wildly towards that place and stabbed his sword.

Crash.

The tube was broken, and the brain inside it was stabbed.

“Do you have any last words?” Sungjin asked before breaking the rest of the brains.

“Huhu. It was a good game.” The old man with his cane appeared again. “I didn’t expect to lose on the very first game.”

“If I came to you first without going through the Kaiser of White Silver, I would have lost your first game.”

“Thank you.”

“Anything else to say?”

Antherer looked at Sungjin with calm eyes. The eyes had many emotions. “Now you will rule the world for a thousand years. But you wouldn’t be content by ruling the earth for a thousand years, yes?”

“Of course.”

“Haha. okay... If I couldn’t accept that a thousand years is enough, how could it stop you?” Antherer burst into laughter. “This world’s best game is waiting for you. You can’t be satisfied unless you’re in front of it.”

It was like winning the semifinals and abstaining from the finals. Sungjin’s eyes shone with enthusiasm. “Well... I promised something.” He promised that if he became an Arc Master, he’d create a better world.

"I see. The fate of the god's realms is upon you..." Trailing off, Antherer shook his head.
"No. You might surpass it."

"Leave it to me."

Antherer scanned Sungjin from top to bottom again. "What is waiting in the sanctuary is... nevermind. It's something you have to bump into and get over. My analysis is that you are more likely not to go beyond fate after all, but it's more fun, because I may be wrong"

"Ho. Really?"

"Will you find the ultimate answer beyond the sanctuary? I wonder what it would be like to find out."

"Yes."

It had been his research for over a thousand years. Sungjin fully understood the Kaiser of gold's disappointment, who had to leave without seeing the ending.

"So do me a favor."

"What?"

Antherer lightly hit the ground with a cane. Then, a tube of opaque crystal soared. Unlike other tubes full of liquid, the crystals were hardened.

"Is there anyone inside?" Beyond the crystal, a faint doll could be seen.

"My granddaughter was hibernating for this moment."

"Granddaughter?"

"Yes. I was worried about what I should do if I don't complete my research, so she volunteered to complete it on my behalf if such an event was to pass."

"Hmm."

"I want to leave this child to you. Can you let her watch for me the last answer you find, whether it is the right answer or the wrong answer?"

"Ok. I accept that request," Sungjin answered readily. How can I refuse a fan's request to watch my game?

Even though he was summoned to Valhalla, he did not forget his role of a wannabe pro-gamer.

“Thank you. Afterwards, I will support you to go beyond the fate awaiting you.”

Then, all the coffins exploded in unison. It was to leave without waiting for Sungjin to strike.

“Farewell. I learned a lot.” Sungjin bowed to his opponent’s last example.

This battle would surely be a great foundation for progressing into the god’s realm.

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“Thanks, everyone. Thanks to your help, I was able to defeat him.” Sungjin gave an extremely bright smile. The guy who had made the greatest achievement was bright with confidence.

“No. It was all you, Sungjin.”

“That’s not true. I was able to overpower him thanks to all of you who gathered your power for me. Without the six wings you created for me, there was no way I could have even fought against him.”

Sungjin knew his power was limited, and it would only lead him to limited places, but his power and his class were efficient because everyone helped him, so Sungjin sincerely appreciated everyone’s help, and, even before the girls were able to answer him, a ray of light from heaven came down to shine on Sungjin. The light was so bright and strong that everyone on the continent could see the light, not just Sungjin’s team.

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People from the southern continent looked at the light on the northern side. “The light...”

“Is it...?”

“Did Sungjin...”

It was a light that had a bright and lucky vibe, so people felt what it meant even without an announcement: it was the light that marked the commencement of the new era.

Everyone on the other three continents also saw the light. All the powerful heroes of the three continents, who were anxiously waiting for Sungjin, also understood that there was a new king who was going to rule the world.

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One hundred Valkyries came down from the sky to stand in front of Sungjin. No one had ever seen such a huge number of Valkyries.

There was a Valkyrie with golden wings standing in the front. The Valkyrie had a beauty and glory that nobody had seen so far.

“Are you the head of the Valkyries?” Sungjin asked, before the golden Valkyrie roared in the sky:

[Praise and worship. Here’s the new Kaiser.]

The voice was powerful but dignified. The Valkyrie wasn’t shouting; he was talking to the people and to the world. The voice of the Valkyrie echoed all around the world with the same tone and level.

The wind brought the announcement to everywhere: to the mountain, to the sea, to the river, to the field, to the desert, and even to the underworld.

[The name of the new Kaiser is Sungjin. He will rule this world for a thousand years.]

The light gathered toward Sungjin as if it were its calling to shine around the new Kaiser.

Every element of the center became a light. Every stone, soil and jewel became light particles. The “center” disappeared, and the light particles in every color floated there instead.

Black and white mixed with the rainbow color, and in the middle of the symphony of colorful lights, a pure white Valkyrie knelt down in front of Sungjin. Even the head of Valkyries, who obviously had strong power, knelt down in front of Sungjin, and he talked to Sungjin in a very polite manner.

[As a messenger of the gods, I convey the gods’ rules to the new Kaiser. The first present is the capital that is designed as you wished. This place has been waiting for the Kaiser, and now it is yours for a thousand years. You can build up whatever you want here, but you will only have one chance to establish things, so be aware of that.]

Sungjin was easily able to understand what the Valkyrie meant: whatever he imagined would become the shape of this space. If Sungjin imagined a classic Greek style, Greek style marble columns would be created, and if Sungjin wanted a castle decorated with gold and precious stones, it would appear. He could even create a forest with old trees.

Oh, wow. This is much better than being an emperor on earth.

Emperors of earth had to spend a lot of time and money to build a castle, but the Kaiser didn’t have those restrictions or limitations on building whatever he wanted.

The castle he wanted to build and the capital he wanted to create: whatever he wished for became reality. The Kaiser of this world was not only ruling the people but the whole world. That's how the other Kaisers were able to create their worlds.

While Sungjin didn't make his decision on what kind of city he wanted, the Valkyrie continued.

[The great conqueror of the human world. Now I bless you for your victory that will last for a thousand years.]

What kind of blessing or present would he receive? All the girls' eyes were shining with high expectations. Sungjin's success was their happiness.

There were presents from the gods in the legend, but what would be the present for Sungjin?

The Valkyrie continued.

[Nothing in the human world could harm you.]

The invincible supreme conqueror.

[Time can't age you. Poison, diseases, curses, magic, weapons, or any other things that could harm you can't hurt you. Nothing in this world could harm you.]

"So no injuries, no aging, is that it?"

[Yes. You will stay as you are for a thousand years. You will never be tired, even if you stop sleeping, eating, breathing, or doing any other activities that you have to do as a human. You can stay as you are, youthful and healthy, and nothing in this world could affect that.]

"That's amazing." Ereka was deeply impressed.

"Humm. So it is beyond a human's limitations. That is a Kaiser. Now I get it." Eustasia agreed.

The Kaiser was not just a person who had absolute power in the human world. The Kaiser was someone who was able to create the whole world as he wished and who was invincible against any force from the human world.

[You also have the power to take away the life of anything or anyone in this world. If you wish to take a life away, you can do it even if the person is hiding from you.]

That was the supreme power. It was an ultimate power that only the king of the underworld or Hades could have.

“That is huge,” Sooryun murmured.

“Yeah. Haha. Nobody could stand against you now.” Zakiya let out an exclamation.

Why would everyone obey the new Kaiser? The answer was simple. As soon as they disobeyed him, death was the only thing that waited for them. They couldn't even resist. The Kaiser held the power to take their life away, and he was also invincible.

Unconditional obedience. That was the only choice.

Is that the power of the God of death? While everyone was celebrating him, Sungjin understood what his power meant. If he was a normal person, he would have been celebrating his power, but he was not a normal person.

He enjoyed the victory by the fact that he defeated the Kaiser of gold. He was observing the power he could hold objectively. As a human, his supreme power was already transcendent.

[On top of that, you can go anywhere you want in a second.]

Now he had a power to teleport wherever he wanted whenever he wanted.

There was nothing that could hide from the Kaiser's eyes, and nothing the Kaiser could not look over. It was not only impossible to fight against his supreme power but to deceive him as well.

It was literally the world for Sungjin.

On earth, there was no empire that had lasted more than a thousand years. People said Rome lasted a thousand years, but the real time Rome had lasted as a strong empire was less than that, and Rome only ruled a little part of the world. Hence, the emperor's power was also limited.

But it was different for Sungjin. Resistance was simply impossible. The world was designed to become a place where it had to serve Sungjin and praise him.

[Lastly, your pure him would become even more stronger by time, and there would be no human who could reach your strength, and you would reach the ultimate strength that no human has experienced.]

It meant his levelling up and obtaining new skills. Sungjin simply smiled. He was happy with receiving a step onto the next level to fight the bigger fight.

[Next, all your followers will be awakened as well and will receive new power and class.]

“That’s good news.” Sungjin was happy that his team members would have some rewards as well.

[You can choose your followers to bring their power up by awakening them, but only six people can be awakened by this at once.]

“Six people. I got it.”

It was perfect. He was able to provide power to his closest team members to support him.

[Enjoy the glory of a thousand years, my new Kaiser.]

The Valkyrie had announced everything and was now able to leave.

“Wait.”

[Do you need me for something?]

“You didn’t tell me how to challenge the sacred area yet.”

The golden Valkyrie looked at Sungjin silently.

[Sure. That’s something that you have to know anyways, so I will explain.]

Then the Valkyrie pointed to the central point of the center.

[As soon as you finish creating the capital, a door that will open the way to another world will appear. That is the door to lead you to another dimension that will be completely different from this world. There, your final destination will be waiting for you.]

Become God of this world called Arc Master or be destroyed.

“Good. Now you can go.”

[Enjoy your glory for a thousand years. I will see you again at the fight that will decide your final fate.]

The Valkyries started to fly up to disappear into the sky.

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Sungjin’s girls gathered again to celebrate.

“Congratulations again.”

“Now should I call you Kaiser Sungjin, or do you want me to make an even more grandiose name to call you?”

When Ereka and Eustasia asked this, Sungjin answered with a smile, “Kaiser is good enough. I don’t need a complicated name.”

“But still, Kaiser is a name everyone is dreaming to have.” Rachel looked at Sungjin with shiny eyes.

While they were talking about it, the crystal of the Kaiser of gold was starting to crack.

“Oh, that is...”

“The girl who was asleep for a long time is waking up.”

Sungjin approached the coffin with a smile. “I promised Antherer, the Kaiser of gold, so I should take care of her.”

What would be the look of the grand daughter of the Kaiser?

“Would she... be a grandma?”

“Well. I think she was frozen when she was much younger.”

It was tricky to count years in her sleep as her age, but she existed much longer than they had.

Everyone stared at the crystal, wondering who would come out from it, and when the crystal broke... a pretty brunette girl with bobbed hair appeared.

Her body was a bit curvy, with small breasts that looked like ripe pink peaches. Her white and soft skin had become even softer in her long sleep. Her slender waist showed her noble beauty. She looked like a granddaughter of a Kaiser.

She slowly opened her eyes.

“Hum...” Her emerald green eyes started to shine, and she sat down slowly.

She slowly woke up and looked around her. She looked like a girl with the bloodline of a Kaiser. She looked around at everyone and ended up looking at Sungjin and commenting, “With a 99 percent chance, I suppose you are the new Kaiser.”

Without any explanation, she was able to make a quick and sharp deduction, which was unlike someone who had been asleep for such a long time.

“Are you the one that my grandpa was waiting for? I’m...”

Sungjin stopped her. "Stop."

"Huh?"

"Before anything, cover yourself up with some clothes first." Sungjin sighed, looking away.

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"Adjustment activated. Scanning data from surroundings. Proceeding."

The fabric disappeared, and she now wore a T-shirt and jeans, just like what Sungjin was wearing.

"That's better."

Although her outfit didn't suit her pretty face, at least it wouldn't fall down.

"Then I will confirm this outfit."

Suddenly, Ereka cut in. "No, wait. I don't think that works well."

"Huh?" Sungjin had no idea why Ereka wanted to stop the outfit.

"That's... hmm..." Ereka hesitated. How should I put it?

Ereka didn't like it because the outfit matched Sungjin, which made them look quite close, which Ereka didn't like, but she didn't know how to explain.

Then Eustasia said it. "You guys look like you picked up a matching outfit, so no!"

That's it. That's what I was thinking as well. Jenna nodded next to them.

"Research completed. There were no such rules related to the matching outfits."

When the Kaiser's granddaughter objected, Eustasia answered, "Then add one."

"Okay, then. Searching for a new outfit." Her outfits disappeared. She suddenly wore a black skirt with a long white lab coat. She looked like a lab researcher.

That kind of works for her.

"Is this good enough?"

"Yeah, I think it's good."

“Saved. This is going to be the standard for my future outfits.”

When she got dressed, she introduced herself to Sungjin.

“With a 99.99 percent chance, my name is Pandora.”

“Pandora...”

Sungjin found it funny and smiled. Pandora was the name of the girl in Greek mythology who couldn't help her curiosity and opened the box with all the disasters in it.

It was a suitable name for the successor of the wise man who had tried to learn and study all the rules of the world. Although the end of it would be preferable if it would not be a disaster.

“But why 99.99 percent and not 100 percent?” Ereka asked.

“I needed to include the possibility of damaged information or manipulation from the outside into account.”

“Ah...”

“Let me continue. My class is Seeker.”

That was not a common class.

“Seeker... It's a special class.”

“Yes. According to the data I have, it is a rare class, and the same class that my grandfather used to have before becoming Kaiser,” said Pandora in a monotone.

She neither articulated her special class nor tried to be humble, but simply shared the fact as it was. Her voice was so dry that it made people doubt if she was able to feel emotions.

“My level is 8.”

“You have been awakened.”

“Yes.”

Not only her class but her level, too, was quite high, which could be helpful for Sungjin.

“My mission is to find the answer to the sacred place that my grandfather was not able to reach. I want to observe you, who is the answer to that question. Would it be possible?”

“Don’t worry. Your grandfather told me about you and asked me to take care of you. I will make a special place for you.”

“Thank you, my new Kaiser.”

“Should I start creating my capital?” Sungjin looked around again. What kind of capital should I create?

It would be on a massive scale that would exceed the Seven Wonders of the World on earth.

“Do you want anything?” he asked his team members first. “I will make districts of your request.” It was important for him to listen to his people who had come there with him.

“I like anything that you like,” Ereka smiled and answered.

“Hmm. A glamorous palace! A huge one!” Jenna requested with shiny eyes.

“I hope we can have a practice hall,” Eustasia requested as a general.

“I wish we could have a garden full of flowers, trees and animals.” That was Rachel’s wish.

“We need a majestic party hall with many hidden private places, don’t you think?” Zakiya requested a tricky one.

“I can’t even remember much now, but I wish to have a place that reminds me of my hometown...” Sooryun looked far away beyond the horizon.

“Sure.” After listening to everyone’s wish, Sungjin started. Fortunately, he had enough knowledge of styles and schools of architecture.

The place was divided into a few districts, and buildings started to appear. The castle was even bigger and more glamorous than Versailles, and the palace was much bigger than the Forbidden City.

Then, there were small castles hidden in nature, and there was a beautiful garden decorated with flowers and trees where rabbits and squirrels were running around. There were buildings that looked like mosques from the Middle-East.

Some districts had beautiful nature, while others were decorated according to different cultures.

Then there were many facilities where people could train and practice.

It was a special city that the ominous power created with beauties from all around the world. There was a huge library that was for Sungjin's new guest, Pandora. In the center was a futuristic building filled with hi-tech machines and computers. It looked like a building popped out from a science fiction movie.

"Wow. This is our home." Ereka blushed as if she were thinking about something in their future.

She was right. Sungjin's building was in the center, and there were districts for each girl surrounding Sungjin's building that had been created according to their personal taste and history.

"Yes, the central part of the city is for all of us," Sungjin answered with a grin.

The girls couldn't hide their smiles. It was a place for their honeymoon and their lives with Sungjin. Although they were not married, it seemed like it was a great beginning for their bright future.

And Sungjin was not done yet. He kept creating the city outside of the central. Now he wasn't creating places for him but buildings for the people. Small but cozy and convenient houses started to appear. Residential area, commercial area, industrial area... The buildings were beautiful on the outside and were well organized for the residents on the inside and had water and sewage.

Sungjin only took one-third of the area for his own, and the rest was for the people.

"Now, should I greet my visitors?"

With the whole world in his hand, Sungjin was ready to greet the visitors.

Chapter 4

The huge vortex and heavy fog covering the center of the continent were gone. When the view was cleared, the fifth continent appeared to let everyone know that there was a new Kaiser. The Valkyries already shared the news that there was a new Kaiser, and the portals that connected the four continents to the center started to open again.

All the powerful heroes from the four continents came through the portal to greet the new Kaiser Sungjin. The heroes from the southern continent started to visit Sungjin to celebrate his victory. "The great new Kaiser. Long live the Kaiser under the blessings of the gods."

"Seven kings from the east continent are here to praise the new Kaiser." Seven kings from the east continent bowed down in front of Sungjin, who was sitting on the throne. They never bowed to a living person before, but now they were on their knees in front of Sungjin nine times. It was a traditional ritual of surrender on the east continent.

They didn't think it was humiliating or that they needed to seek revenge. That was the absolute power of Kaiser of Valhalla. He was a reincarnation of the legend who held their lives in his hand. They would live only a hundred years and disappear, but the Kaiser was there to rule the world for a thousand years.

Kaiser was a living God that they couldn't resist, even if all of them tried to fight against him together. The fact that Sungjin was a level 0 extra from another world didn't matter anymore.

"Five Khans from the west continent are here to offer the goblet to the greatest Khan to make our oath to serve you." Five Khans from the west continent cut their hands to collect their blood in a goblet to offer Sungjin, and other high-level generals and noble heroes lined up to make their oath.

Sungjin held their lives in his hands; there was no one who could dare think otherwise.

Sungjin's front yard was crowded with powerful heroes from all the continents to prove his power and his influence in this world.

His storage kept filling up with offers from all around the world: jewels, precious stones, silk... Those were common things. The more precious things were art pieces from history, and the most precious things were the artifacts that were the legends of each continent.

The heroes offered artifacts that were their own power and lives to show their absolute obedience to the Kaiser.

Clerks were busy counting them all. Sungjin briefly calculated the value of the offers. It is not a perfect calculation, but if I convert...

Apart from art pieces and artifacts, the treasure that could be evaluated as money would be around eight hundred and fifty trillion.

But that wasn't all of it.

That was just the offering he had received until then, and when he calculated the tax, it would be over eight thousand trillion.

Huh. It is almost twice the United States'. That was when he decided to only collect the tax at a low rate, and nobody would resist, even if he wanted to raise the tax rate. He could use the budget for himself or decide to share it for other means.

So this is how it feels like to have the world in your hand.

It was not much different from his experience of taking the continent over, but the different scale gave him a different kind of pleasure. Now, he was able to do whatever

he wanted in this world. All the treasures, people and beauties of all the continents were his. Now he could protect the people on other continents as well.

It was a pleasure that only someone standing on top of the world could feel, and it was a next-level pleasure from having only a few hundred people under one in an office or in the army.

What would be the first order of the Kaiser?

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Everyone was waiting for Sungjin's order.

"We will use the same laws as the southern continent. The heroes have no right to abuse the Extras, and I will collect the tax in currency. You will be paid according to your work and your position, and you will not be allowed to collect the tax on your own."

The bureaucracy. Centralized authoritarian rule.

Sungjin made it clear that he was the one who was holding all the power and that heroes couldn't abuse the extras anymore by any means.

And Sungjin also built up a separate legal and administrative system so that the system could protect the people.

Everyone from the southern continent already knew about his style, but now everyone from other continents started to understand the changes. The new Kaiser was not just simply a strong person—he knew how to make the system and manage it.

I've already got the information from the Pandoraern continent... but... If we live as we did under this new Kaiser, we will be punished.

Now it was a different era. If they couldn't keep up, they would be kicked out.

But they had no choice but to follow the order from Kaiser.

"I will take your order," everyone answered without hesitation.

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"Long live the Kaiser!"

Nobody on Earth who lived in a democratic country would praise their leader that much, even if he was being generous, but it was different in this world. The people had to praise the ruler to survive, even if the ruler was a tyrant, but Sungjin was a great leader who was really trying to take care of his people.

The world was changing under Sungjin's rulership.

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While everyone worshipped him and his policies, Sungjin enjoyed a relaxing time in his palace.

The party hall that Zakiya had requested and Sungjin had created with his imagination was majestic and glamorous. Chandeliers decorated with precious jewels floated around, and fountains pumped all kinds of beverages. The drinks from each fountain were precious beverages that could not be found anywhere else.

Dishes on the table were filled with different food before they were empty. Everything was gourmet and incomparable to any dishes from anywhere in the world.

And the party hall was surrounded by beautiful gardens. Beautiful was an understatement—rare and precious flowers and plants decorated the garden, and there were rainbow-colored fish in the river. It was a garden of fantasy that wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for Sungjin's power and imagination.

But the most glamorous part of the party wasn't any of those things. The breathtaking glamor of the place was... the Kaiser Sungjin sitting in the middle of his beautiful girls around him.

"Wow, is that a new style?" Sungjin commented, looking at Ereka's outfit.

Ereka was standing in front of him wearing something new. It wasn't her armor for battle or the voluminous dress she usually wore. She was wearing a see-through dress of a dancer, just like what Zakiya wore for dancing.

"Well... Zakiya asked me... since today is a special day... we should switch our outfits to surprise you..." Ereka blushed, as if she were embarrassed.

"Yeah, you look beautiful."

"Really?"

"Yeah." Sungjin smiled thinking, it gentlemanly etiquette to compliment a girl's new outfit, but it wasn't just an empty compliment: she really looked beautiful. The glamorous dress of a princess is the perfect outfit for her, but...

The dress of a dancer that Ereka wore for Sungjin was sensational.

Her tiny waist. And she had curvy breasts and hips. Her skin was so soft. She was a shy virgin who didn't allow anyone to have her yet, but she had such a strong passion for Sungjin.

Ereka looked like a ripe peach with all those characteristics making a beautiful harmony. With a single bite, Sungjin would be able to taste heaven from her juicy body, and he could have her anytime he wished to.

And it was not just Ereka who was waiting for him to take her. “What do you think? Don't you think this suits me quite well?”

Eustasia was wearing a glamorous dress, just like what Ereka used to wear, instead of her regular army-styled outfit. The baby blue dress made her look gorgeous with her silver hair. Her generous breasts and fit body made her jewels even more glamorous...

She was an inaccessible woman to anyone else but Sungjin, who she didn't hide her desire and passion for. She was a great general with great beauty who would only give herself to Sungjin.

It was a surprise for Sungjin, because she always presented herself as a great general in the training hall. “You look graceful.”

She was always holding her swords, but now she was telling Sungjin she was just a girl who dreamed of his love when she wasn't holding her swords.

Oh well... Sungjin couldn't hide his smile. He already knew that all his girls were beautiful with their own character and charm, but he was so used to it because he was always surrounded by them. It wasn't that he didn't think they were beautiful because he saw them every day, but that day was different. The girls had changed their outfits to surprise him with their different sides.

It was not just Ereka and Eustasia... The other girls were also wearing different outfits. Zakiya was wearing tight armor with two daggers on her waist. She looked like a bandit from a desert or a secret spy. She looked like a S*xy black leopard, which was different from her usual charm that made her look like wind-blown cherry blossoms. She would be flexible and would taste better than top-notch steak if he tasted her on his bed.

And two kids, Jenna and Rachel, also switched their outfits. Jenna was wearing Rachel's priest robe, sitting like a nice and sensible girl, while Rachel was wearing a yellow mini dress and had a big smile like a young girl.

Sooryun was wearing her regular oriental outfit, but she was holding a different musical instrument. “I wanted to play something different for you. Would you mind if I played a song for you?”

“Please do.”

“Then I will dance for you.” Zakiya smiled and told him to expect some different moves.

“I will perform with you.” Eustasia pulled out her rapier she was hiding under her dress and paired up with Zakiya.

They started their performance. Next to them, Rachel and Jenna held simple instruments that looked like a triangle and castanets to play the beat.

“Great.” Sungjin was really impressed. It was a fantastic performance in great harmony.

Ereka served Sungjin’s favourite food and drinks. Everything was to serve and to entertain the new Kaiser.

Everyone who was invited to the party envied Sungjin. Our Kaiser will enjoy this kind of entertainment for a thousand years.

There were so many girls who wanted to be his, and if he wished to, he could have any girl in this world.

He was living a life surrounded by so many beautiful girls, and he didn’t have to worry about a revolt because of his absolute power. It was a life and power of a different level. People couldn’t even be jealous of him; it was just a different world.

“Enjoy. This is a party. This is the time for us to relax.”

“Yes, Kaiser.”

Sungjin’s words started the party.

Pandora was sitting in a corner watching the party from a distance. She was observing everything, but she wasn’t participating.

Sungjin noticed and approached her. “You can enjoy the party as well. You are my guest.”

“Respond search completed. Thank you, but no thanks.”

“Why?”

“What I need is to expand the knowledge that my grandfather has collected. It is inefficient to spend my energy on unnecessary activities.”

“Pff.” Sungjin laughed.

Pandora hadn’t dressed up, but she was a natural beauty. With a little touch-up, she would look absolutely gorgeous. Even with her beauty, she talked about expanding knowledge.

Well, I'm a gamer who enjoys competitions and fights, too. But he enjoyed other things as well.

"But you need energy to survive, don't you?"

"My body has a system that generates enough energy without consuming food."

"Oh my." Sungjin shook his head. He had obtained a body that didn't require any food or sleep for a thousand years when he had become Kaiser, but that didn't mean that he had given up pleasure from those things. It seemed like Pandora had decided to give up being human to study truth and expand her knowledge.

"Studying truth is a good thing, but do you understand the human understanding of truth?"

"Search completed. Humans are members of a large group of animals known as mammals..."

"That's not what I meant."

"Then I need more keywords."

"When they are hungry, they eat food to feel satisfied. They feel cold or hot. Those kinds of feelings."

"Hunger, food, hot, cold. The definition of those words are in the dictionary."

"But you never experienced them. The literal definition in the dictionary is not enough. You should experience them to really understand them."

"Is that so?"

"Here. Have a bite." Sungjin handed her a fresh apple, and Pandora hesitated before she had a bite.

Her eyes became big.

Crunch.

She made a sound with her teeth.

"It's quite different from what you knew from the literal meaning, right?"

"Yes. You are right. I admit that there is information that I should combine with real experiences."

“If you understand, now you should experience different things,” said Sungjin, and stepped back.

He thought he would be overly interfering if he tried to tell her everything.

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While partying with the others, Sungjin looked at Pandora from time to time. I promised the Kaiser of gold, so I should take care of her.

It seemed like Pandora was surprised by her first-hand experiences. She was walking around the party to do different things.

She ate a crunchy cookie and was surprised, and then she couldn't move for a while after she smelled the scent of flowers in the garden. She started to have facial expressions that showed surprise and admiration.

Then she stood in front of a squirrel that was moving its tail. She stood in front of it for a while, just looking at it. She tried to reach her hand toward it, but then she stopped.

I should help her out this time. Sungjin approached her again and held the squirrel gently. “Here you go. You can touch it.” But Pandora still hesitated, so Sungjin held her hand gently. “It's okay. Touch it.”

Finally, she had the courage to lightly touch the squirrel's head. The squirrel moved its ears. “Is this what soft means?”

“Yes.”

“This is it?”

Pff. Sungjin tried not to laugh.

Pandora didn't look like a child at all, but how she reacted to the world was like a child.

I'm sure she knows a lot of things literally, though.

But she was just like a child in terms of experience, and everything was new to her.

“You are my guest in this palace and all around this world, so feel free to explore to experience and learn what you would like to learn.”

Studying was a good thing, but Sungjin felt bad that she was missing basic human experiences, and thought it would be nice for her to experience life to understand the truth and study it as well.

Sungjin wanted her to keep a balance and be human to pursue the truth that she was seeking. That was the reason why he kept living like a human, although he now had a transcendent body.

“Then enjoy yourself.”

“Yes. Thank you.”

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And he was in Valhalla. By its standard, he should get married, and that was what everyone was expecting.

Should I?

He already knew that what they all wanted was to be with him. Being with the one they loved was their biggest and their only hope and happiness. It wasn't that he didn't know that, although he was postponing his answer because he was working on his goals.

Maybe it's time to reward them to thank them all for fighting for me with their lives. Maybe it's time to give them the love they wanted from the start. No, it would be weird to say it was a reward or a present.

It wasn't something he had to sacrifice for them; it would be something that he would also enjoy with all of them.

He had tried to control himself until now, but those days he would enjoy with them would be very pleasant.

Then, what should I do...

He was in deep thought and was about to walk into his room when he realized that Pandora was right behind him.

“Hey. Until where are you planning to follow me?”

“Well, it is not definite,” said Pandora with her voice without any emotion.

“Do you know this is my bedroom?”

“Yes, I know,” Pandora answered, as if it wasn't a problem.

Sungjin had to sigh. “Don't you know what it means when a girl visits a guy's bedroom, especially late at night?”

Pandora blinked before answering. "Search completed. Yes. I checked the rules to follow to be a nice lady, but I'm just a researcher who is going to observe and research you, so the rule doesn't apply to me."

"You are a girl more than a researcher, don't you think?"

"I'm rather a researcher than a girl." Pandora firmly answered, and Sungjin had to sigh again.

Oh my. I knew from the beginning, but she doesn't have common sense.

Pandora had massive amounts of knowledge accumulated with time, but she had no ability to apply her knowledge to reality.

Is it because she was hibernating for such a long time? Or is it because she was programmed only to accumulate knowledge? Anyways...

Sungjin put his hand on Pandora's shoulder. If Pandora was a normal girl, she might have been frightened. If she loved Sungjin, she should have been excited in expectation, but Pandora stared at Sungjin without any emotion.

In that situation, Sungjin... pushed her away with clarity.

"You can observe me when I'm in my training and during the fight, but I won't allow you to invade my privacy, especially not when I'm in my bedroom."

"I need to observe you at all times for full observation."

"It is forbidden for a girl to visit a guy's bedroom if they are not lovers. This principle can't be changed..."

"Is that so? Okay."

When Pandora seemed that she understood him, Sungjin thought he could finally get away from this, until Pandora started to take off her clothes.

It was in the middle of the night. In front of his bedroom. And Pandora was undressing and revealing her pure and beautiful body.

And Sungjin had a healthy young man's body. The sight naturally made him excited, but Sungjin tried to control himself. Let's calm down.

Pandora was not a girl with a normal thinking process. She didn't have any common sense or any experiences that were even remotely normal, so maybe she had different intentions.

“What are you doing?”

“If you won’t allow me to observe you in your bedroom because we are not lovers, I will be your lover. Take me as you want, and allow me to observe you.”

“... No.”

“Why not?”

“It’s not something you can do with just anyone.”

“I have various information on that.”

“Yes, if you have some, that’s great.”

“It depends on the culture. In some cultures they don’t allow the activity before marriage, while it is allowed in others...”

“Wait. You don’t need to explain that.” When she started to spout out knowledge, Sungjin had to stop her.

“So, just to share the conclusion, you are the Kaiser now. That means you can have multiple lovers, and it is your decision to take them as your wives or not...”

When Pandora tried to explain that there would be no legal or cultural problem for him to take her, Sungjin couldn’t help but laugh. “That’s enough. The important thing is that I have no intention to have such an activity.”

“You can’t do my favor?”

“That is not something I would do.”

“It is known that the Kaiser has no restriction on this kind of activity.”

“Update your information. There are some guys who have their own rules.”

“What is your rule?”

“Hmm... I would take the girl only when I felt like she was my destiny.”

“That’s subjective. You can’t systemize it.”

“Love is something subjective and emotional.”

“I got it.”

I was able to stop her.

But that wasn't the end of it. Sungjin started to worry about other things. "Wait. You shouldn't ask other guys to do this," Sungjin told her firmly to prevent her from making mistakes out of curiosity.

"No problem. I don't want anyone else but you. You are my first choice. No. You are my everything."

"Oh... okay." If someone heard that, they would think it was a marriage proposal. He was happy to understand that she meant he was her research subject. "That's good news."

He felt relieved. He thought since she was a granddaughter of a Kaiser, she was only interested in other Kaisers as her research subjects.

"Then I have another favor to ask."

"What's that?" Sungjin was prepared and decided not to be surprised, whatever her request would be.

"Can you put me back in my hibernation?"

"But why?" Sungjin's face hardened.

"My mission is to observe what the answer is beyond the sacred area."

"And?"

"If you only allow me to observe you during your fight and your training, I don't have time to waste."

"You don't have time to... waste."

"Unlike you, I can't live a thousand years, so to learn about the truth beyond the sacred area, I need to be in my hibernation until then."

"Hey, you just woke up. Why don't you try to enjoy this world a bit?"

"Yes. Your recommendation to research information by experiencing was valuable for sure."

"But?"

"But if I have to make a choice, I need to set my priorities."

“Is that so?”

“Yes. So after a thousand years, when you finish enjoying your life as a Kaiser and are ready to start your final challenge, wake me up. Then I will be able to observe your answer.” To see his final challenge, Pandora asked him to put her back in her hibernation.

“Okay. Now I understand.”

“Thank you.”

“But not just yet.”

“Then when?”

“Don’t rush it, and just enjoy for now. The Kaiser’s party has just started.”

Pandora hesitated a bit but nodded. “I get it. It is valuable to collect more information on you.”

“Pff. Not just because of that. I want you to learn more about the world. With more experience, you can have better perceptivity, which will help you to collect your information properly.”

“Is that the reason? You don’t think I could understand the answer if I saw it now?”

“Something like that.”

“Okay.”

“Good night then.”

“Okay.”

When Pandora left, Sungjin sat down on his bed. Pff. Oh my... What should I do with this researcher girl?

His main concern was when and how to have the ceremonies with his team members, but he realized that taking care of Pandora would take a lot of effort as well.

Chapter 5

The long festival for his coronation was over, and at the end of the festival, Sungjin called up his girls to a simple tea party setting.

A lot of people were predicting what would come next. That must be about his wedding ceremonies.

He had conquered the world. It was natural for him to start his family now.

Would he take them all at once? Or one by one?

Sungjin could decide however he wanted to.

Sungjin slowly started to talk. "I have a difficult topic I would like to talk about."

"Tell us."

"I would like to start my challenge to become an Arc Master without waiting for a thousand years."

Sungjin decided not to beat around the bush, and cut to the chase. He had enormous power and glory that he could enjoy more than a thousand years. There was no clear reason why he would start his challenge in the sacred area. Although that challenge could bring even more power and wealth, he had too much to lose. It was too risky.

But Sungjin was different. He had started this because he wanted to become an Arc Master. Although the reward from the preliminary league was huge, he had no plans to retire and enjoy what he had. He wanted to become the best in what he started. His burning desire hadn't gone out, even after he had gotten the title of Kaiser.

And there was one more reason to become an Arc Master. This is not the world that I promised to create.

He could be a merciful ruler. He might not have the heart to be one, but he knew what he had to do to let his people live their lives as humans. And with his absolute power, he could do much better than those kings who had good heart but not enough power. But that wasn't a world with natural human rights. It wouldn't be a world where every individual would be respected and could decide their own future with their free will. It would be a world where people survived peacefully by the mercy of the tyrant with absolute power.

He wanted everyone to be equal, but now, everyone equally had to follow the Kaiser's rule.

Well, that is not such a bad thing, though.

There was sudden truth in the Kaiser of White Silver's world. It was better than a world where the weak were the prey of the strong.

But that's not the world that I promised to create for them.

So he had to move forward, but... that was his personal ambition. It was his choice if he wanted to move forward, but he didn't have the right to force his team members to join him. His team members had the right to stop him or convince him to stop.

It hadn't been a smooth path until now, and his girls had supported him to become a Kaiser. They had the right to request him to stop so they could enjoy this life until the end of a thousand years.

"So this is not an order but a request." Sungjin lowered his head. "If everyone tries to stop me... I will stop here for now."

Sungjin always kept his head up, even when he was in a terribly disadvantageous situation, and told everyone he would go his own way. He was now on the top of the world but lowered his head.

"I know the risk of challenging to become an Arc Master now. And I know if you join me, you might lose your happiness that you have now."

He made a lot of achievements and a lot of people were counting on him. He had a massive responsibility. He understood the weight of the responsibility. Without the new Kaiser Sungjin, everything might come to nothing.

Stopping at 90 percent achievement wouldn't be a compromise. But he still wanted to go forward. He still wanted to pursue his dream. It was always risky to take the challenge, but he still wanted to go further.

"But I want you to come with me." He wanted them to come with him for the final challenge, but he didn't know how they would answer.

Ereka answered him with a warm smile, and held Sungjin's hand. "Sungjin. My answer is the same as when you challenged the Kaiser. If that's what you want, I will join you and support you by your side."

"I am your loyal servant for always." Jenna put her hand on top of Sungjin's and Ereka's.

"Same here. It is a knight's duty to join her king." Eustasia put her hand on top of their hands.

"Without you, Sungjin Oppa, I wouldn't be here."

"Pff. Without you, I was already dead. Even if we fail, I wouldn't regret being with you."

Rachel put her hand on top, and Zakiya added her hand.

“Sungjin. From the start, I promised you to join your fight to liberate everyone in this world. I will fight by your side.” Sooryun promised with everyone else to join him until the end.

“Thank you... everyone.”

He had to respect his girls who would support him on his path to achieve his goal. He thought he was such a lucky person to have his team who supported him no matter what.

And to thank them all—

I should win.