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Everyone lowered their heads. No one dared to speak. Yuven looked at them coldly, his gaze filled with disappointment and exasperation. Even the generals had become submissive during Tigerus' takeover. There was no courage to be seen anymore.

Yuven understood that further discussion would yield no results, so he said, "You are all free to go. Focus on your tasks and protect your designated areas. Any attempts to flee will be met with no mercy."

"Understood!" The generals made their exit. Soon, Yuven was the only one left in the hall, a worried look on his face.

"Dad..."

Right then, Ivasha ran in. Behind her were Viola and the disciples of Emerald Cauldron Sect.

"Ivasha!" When Yuven saw his daughter, he quickly ran over to hug her. Yuven had been worried sick about Ivasha the entire time.

After conversing with Ivasha, Yuven turned to Viola and said, "Ms. Warwick, I will always remember the kindness of Emerald Cauldron Sect. If your sect ever requires my assistance, please understand that I will wholeheartedly do my utmost to help. However, Norwal City's army is advancing, poised to besiege Imperial Beast City at any moment. I regret that I won't be able to offer you a hospitable reception. I implore you to depart swiftly to avoid getting caught in the conflict."

"King Yuven, I didn't bring my men solely to accompany Princess Ivasha home. We came here with the intention of offering assistance wherever possible. If I were to stand idly by while Imperial Beast City faces an assault from another city, Kai would undoubtedly be displeased if he learned of my inaction," Viola said.

Hearing that, Yuven smiled wryly. He understood what Viola meant. Since Viola was one of Kai's women, Imperial Beast City was essentially one of Kai's regiments.

Both Emerald Cauldron Sect and Imperial Beast City belonged to Kai. Therefore, what they needed to do now was become allies.

“Thank you, Ms. Warwick.” Yuven nodded.

“Mr. Samoll, take charge of Emerald Cauldron Sect’s disciples and commence the production of pills. When the battle commences, we anticipate a substantial number of casualties,” Viola ordered.

“Understood,” Ghaylen replied.

“Sigurd, Zebediah, take ten disciples each with you to patrol the city walls. If you find any casualties, administer treatment for them right away,” Viola continued.

“Understood!” the two men said. When Yuven saw how composed Viola was in issuing her commands, he felt a flicker of hope burn in his heart. With the addition of Emerald Cauldron Sect, they would certainly suffer fewer losses.

Right then, a few guards ran into the hall, all of them covered in blood and in a disheveled state. Upon spotting Yuven, they promptly got to their knees and reported, “Your Majesty, our five messenger teams were intercepted and slain. We’re the only survivors who managed to return.”

“What? How could this happen? I thought I told you to leave the area through the secret tunnels!” Yuven exclaimed.

“The people of Norwal City had already set up ambushes in the secret tunnels. They know the existence of the tunnels!” the guard explained.

Yuven grew enraged. “This must be the work of the traitorous Tigerus! It looks like King Lucian knows all the secrets of Imperial Beast City...”

“Dad, what’s going on?” Ivasha asked.

“I’ve dispatched my men outside the city in an attempt to communicate with the other kings and archons, apprising them of the situation here. If they realize the potential benefits, they may decide to send their armies to this location. This will deter King Lucian from any impulsive actions. If he persists in attempting to invade Imperial Beast City, he’ll incur substantial losses as well. Ultimately, those who remain uninvolved in the conflict will reap the greatest rewards. That was my intention: to compel King Lucian to withdraw. Little did I expect him to make preparations in advance for such a scenario...”

Yuven frowned, not knowing what to do anymore.

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Right then, Feenix came in and said, "Yuven, leave this to me. I'll talk to the few old men and have them mobilize the soldiers."

Yuven looked uncertain. "In the past, it would have been fine for you to intervene. However, given your current capabilities, I don't think you can leave Imperial Beast City either."

Undoubtedly, Feenix had been formidable in the past. However, her powers had significantly diminished after she was thrown into the mundane world. Currently, she possessed only the strength of a Body Fusion Realm cultivator. There was no chance that Lucian would allow her to leave Imperial Beast City.

"Don't worry. King Lucian is a paranoid man. He wouldn't immediately intercept me if he saw me. I mean, how long can Imperial Beast City defend itself? The rest of the old ones are on different continents. They're far from this place.. I'll need some time for my trip," Feenix said.

"I still have a hundred thousand soldiers in Imperial Beast City. Along with the arcane arrays around the city, defending the city for around half a month won't be a problem," Yuven said.

"Very well. Wait for my good news." With that, Feenix transformed into a phoenix and flew toward the outside of the city.

When Ivasha saw Feenix turning into a phoenix, she widened her eyes and gasped. "Dad, isn't that... isn't that the-"

"Indeed, she's the phoenix. I haven't seen her for many years. I didn't expect her to have been thrown into the mundane world. Now, Mr. Chance is Feenix's master," Yuven said with a bob of his head before Ivasha could finish her sentence.

"Kai is Feenix's master?" Ivasha was even more taken aback. In the meantime, Feenix had soared into the air, flapping her flaming wings.

On the top of the mountain miles away from Imperial Beast City, Xandros was grinning as he gazed at the city. Soon, Imperial Beast City would be taken over by Norwal City's army and become his. He would even get his hands on Ivasha.

That was the reason Xandros had refrained from taking any action when Tigerus assumed control of Imperial Beast City. He had intended. to allow Tigerus to eliminate the obstinate figures within the city and those who remained. loyal to Yuven.

Xandros would then eliminate Tigerus himself and seize control of Imperial Beast City without having to personally engage in the grim task.

However, events did not unfold as he had envisioned. He had never anticipated that Yuven would act so swiftly in reclaiming Imperial Beast City, killing Tigerus, and taking back his authority.

At that moment, a general from Norwal City approached Xandros and whispered, "The members of Emerald Cauldron Sect have brought Princess Ivasha into the city. I've directed my subordinates to feign ignorance."

"Hahaha! With the disciples of Emerald Cauldron Sect and Ivasha in Imperial Beast City, we'll apprehend them all at once. They probably believe they've gone unnoticed in their entry. Little did they know I had let them in so that I could kill two birds with one stone."

Xandros started chortling.

"Xandros, what's making you so happy?" Lucian emerged from a tent with Hosen behind him.

"Dad, most of Emerald Cauldron Sect's disciples have escorted Ivasha into the city. We can attack at any time now," Xandros reported.

"So Emerald Cauldron Sect has really come." Lucian sneered. He then turned to Hosen and said, "Mr. Holt, you can now go to Emerald Cauldron Sect and take over it with ease. However, please do keep in mind what you've promised me."

"Don't worry, King Lucian. Once I take over Emerald Cauldron Sect, I'll definitely obey your commands. The resources of the sect are yours to take at any time as well," Hosen quickly promised.

"Hahaha!" Lucian waved his hand. "Go now. I'll send a hundred guards to go with you."

After expressing his gratitude, Hosen left.

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Just as Hosen left, Xandros saw a streak of fire appearing above Imperial Beast City. Swiftly, Xandros pointed at the flame in the air. "Dad, look! Someone's escaping from Imperial Beast City. Maybe they're calling for reinforcement."

When Lucian lifted his head and spotted that, he furrowed his brows. Seeing that his father didn't reply, Xandros asked again, "Dad, should we stop it?"

Lucian remained silent, his gaze fixed on the flame. After a while, he waved his hand. "No, we don't need to."

"Why not, Dad?" Xandros was confused. "Whatever is that must be someone dispatched by Imperial Beast City to summon reinforcement! They think that by doing this we won't know."

"That's not a member of Imperial Beast City. That's the phoenix!" replied Lucian. "Phoenix?" Xandros was stunned for a moment. "It's been years since it appeared! Why is it suddenly here at Imperial Beast City? Is it because-"

"No need to speculate because it's definitely not what you think. Ignore the reason for its presence here and command the others to attack now." A cold look swirled in Lucian's eyes.

He suddenly had an ominous feeling that something bad was going to happen, so he didn't want any further delays. Xandros nodded and unleashed a palm strike, which generated an explosion in the air.

That thundering sound spurred Norwal City's army to advance. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers started marching toward Imperial Beast City.

Meanwhile, a guard sprinted toward Yuven and reported, "Bad news, Your Majesty! King Lucian's army has begun to attack!"

Yuven frowned and hastily exited the hall to ascend the city tower. When he arrived at the top, he gazed at the sight before him and saw tens of thousands of soldiers from Norwal City marching uniformly toward his city.

In front of the army were various demon beasts, growling. Yuven was aware that those beasts were part of Lucian's vanguard. Their goal was to gauge the enemy's capabilities..

If Imperial Beast City didn't even have the guts to face Lucian's vanguard, it would demoralize the troops within the city. However, if Yuven dispatched his soldiers to eradicate those beasts, he'd be throwing their lives away.

Yuven's strategy was to buy as much time as possible for Feenix so that she could contact the other kings before it was too late.

Ivasha glanced at Yuven. Knowing what her father was worried about, she whistled. Soon, a figure arrived beside her. That person was the furry Leifr.

"Leifr, I command you to lead your wolf army to hold off the enemy!" ordered Ivasha.

"Understood!" replied Leifr without hesitation. It was impossible for Leifr's wolves to block the march of an army of ten thousand. Despite knowing that would spell his death, he did not hesitate.

Just as he turned around, ready to leap down, Ivasha held back her tears and said, "Be careful, Leifr."

Wordlessly, Leifr nodded and jumped down. Following that, he let out a howl. A moment later, thousands of Demon Wolves rushed toward him from all directions in the city. Those Demon Wolves growled as they defended the gate.

Xandros' lips curled in disdain. "Dad, what is Imperial Beast City trying to do? Do they think that amount of Demon Wolves can stop the advancement of our mighty troops? What a joke!"

Lucian did not relax and explained, "Those Demon Wolves aren't there to block our path. They're meant to boost morale."

"What do you mean?" Xandros didn't understand his father's words.

"Those Demon Wolves are well aware they will die trying, but they won't back away. They want all the soldiers in Imperial Beast City to witness their courage, hoping that'll inspire hope. I must say, Yuven's quite ruthless. He doesn't care if his subordinates are eliminated to achieve that goal." Lucian sounded impressed.