

Chapter 2498 The Day Before Departure

Matthew was quite surprised to receive the title of Summit Warden from the Martial League.

Although the Summit Warden Five wasn't an actual position within the Martial League, it held absolute authority.

Matthew was already a Ground Force Instructor and a high-ranking elder in the Martial League. Now, adding the head of the Summit Warden Five, the Lecarres Summit Warden, his current authority rivaled that of the Deputy Commander within the Martial League.

As such, he could act with ease in front of the 108 Martial League presidents of Cathay. Also, he possessed a certain degree of power in terms of deployment and punishment.

In terms of status and authority, Matthew had already stepped halfway into the upper echelons of the Martial League. At this moment, he also understood Blake's intentions.

"James, Helen, I'm going away for a few days!"

"Where to?"

Helen was still hung up on Matthew's challenge on the Highsea and was concerned, so she was instantly grim when she heard that he was leaving again.

Matthew wore a wry smile and patiently explained, "Don't worry, Helen. I'm just going to Seraphis to take over as the president of Southaven and Skargness. It's nothing major."

Afraid that Helen would worry, Matthew avoided discussing the reorganization.

Finally, Helen relaxed. She was quite happy about Matthew's promotion, for the latter's position in the Martial League amounted to their family's pride.

"It'll be the holidays in a little over a month. Come back as soon as you're done with work, lest you miss the holiday feast."

Matthew naturally agreed obediently to his mother-in-law's instructions. After rubbing his nose, he replied, "Don't worry, Helen. It's just a transitional task. The journey there just takes a little longer."

"Be careful on your long journey, and remember to come back early," Helen emphasized, worried that Matthew would forget.

Matthew nodded repeatedly at that, finally reassuring his mother-in-law.

When he entered the room, Sasha was already packing his luggage.

Upon hearing the sound of the door opening, Sasha tidied the clothes in her hand and said, "Why are you leaving so suddenly? I heard about your appointment with the Martial League a long time ago, and I assumed you'd only set off after the holidays. I didn't expect it to be so soon."

Matthew fell silent at that.

He had a good grasp of Sasha's intelligence.

When the Martial League's appointment of Matthew was announced, the news had already spread throughout Bainbridge. Coupled with the customs of Seraphis, those with insight could naturally guess some of the underlying details.

Although Sasha didn't say anything, she had a general understanding.

With that in mind, Matthew decided not to hide it anymore and said, "There's no other way. The Martial League has granted me the title of Summit Warden. On one hand, it's to protect me, and on the other, it's a subtle reminder that I should set off."

Sasha frowned. "Why the rush? It has been chaotic there for so many years. It won't make much difference if you leave a week or two later."

Matthew first nodded in acknowledgment, then turned to sit on the bedside. "There's no other way. Time is running out. Master Bane has already informed me about this. This competition is just the first phase; there will be a considerable event afterward.

"I not only have to reorganize the two provinces but also respond to the Damrons' challenge on the Highsea. If these two issues aren't resolved promptly, I won't be able to catch up with the subsequent events.

"Moreover, Elder Carr of the Martial League also wants me to grow faster. I need to gather my influence in this limited time."

At that, Sasha nodded, then fell silent and continued with her packing. After closing one suitcase, she took out another.

Curious, Matthew asked, "Are you also heading somewhere, honey?"