

Chapter 2603 A Secret Conversation and the Death of Valentin Yarwood

In the face of the inevitable situation, Valentin became more relaxed instead.

"Mr. Summit Warden, we've been acquainted for a while, but this is our first formal meeting," he said, pouring tea. "I assume you didn't act immediately because you had some doubts and needed answers from me. Please, enjoy this Imperial Green Tea, a treasure for a lifetime!"

After offering the tea, he pushed it toward Matthew, who didn't accept it but instead asked, "If you knew my identity from the beginning, why didn't you confront me when I first arrived in Hulwin?"

Valentin shook his head in resignation. "There were a couple of reasons. Firstly, I didn't dare to. Your status as the Summit Warden is too prominent. Unless I had no other choice, I didn't want to provoke a confrontation with overwhelming forces.

"Secondly, it was strategic. Hulwin is a crucial gateway for Seraphis to deal with Cathay, whether in terms of its strategic location or trade routes.

"It's highly coveted by major powers within Seraphis. If they had known I was consolidating power here, they would have moved in to divide Hulwin among themselves."

Matthew quirked a brow in response. "And how does this concern me?"

"It concerns you because of your high position," said Valentin as he took a big gulp of the tea. "You wouldn't have come to Seraphis for no reason. I guessed that you were here either for an inspection or to restore order. So, I deliberately kept your identity hidden to create conflict with the Seraphis powers. This way, I could have a chance to break the stalemate."

His reason surprised Matthew somewhat. He hadn't expected that Valentin, with just knowledge of his identity, could deduce the purpose of his visit to Seraphis.

"You're very clever," he remarked.

In response to Matthew's praise, Valentin sighed with resignation. "Heh, yes, I am clever, but unfortunately, I was too impatient. If I had waited a bit longer, the Kellers would have surely found you, and that would have been my opportunity."

"Well, the plan didn't go wrong. On my way to meet with the Zedlers, the ones lying in ambush were indeed from the Keller Family."

"Hahaha, I see, I see." Valentin guffawed and then stood up. "I didn't expect being too clever could lead to one's downfall. In the end, it was impatience that did me in.

"By the way, Mr. Larson, be careful when you head to Skargness and Southaven. They share a border with another region, and you might be facing more than just conventional weapons."

Matthew nodded in understanding. "Alright, it's getting late. If you have any more information or reminders, please let me know. I'll do my best to accommodate your requests."

With that, Valentin prepared himself and said, "I have no other requests. I just hope that you, Mr. Larson, spare the lives of my family members. All the evil deeds were carried out by me, Valentin, and have nothing to do with them."

"That request is not a problem. After all, I am not one to indiscriminately harm innocent people. As for the other members of the Yarwood Family, I will report them and submit their case to the Martial League headquarters for handling. If they are found to be innocent, the Martial League will provide a fair resolution."

After standing up, Valentin bowed to Matthew. "Once again, I thank you, Mr. Larson."

After finishing the tea in his cup, he spoke again. "By the way, before we part, there is one thing I would like to inquire about. Is my good friend, Randolph Murray, alive or dead?"

"He's alive and doing quite well!"

With that, Matthew's right hand rested on Bloodreaper, preparing to help Valentin.

"Mr. Larson, you truly are a miraculous healer to perform such a life-saving miracle. However, my friend has close ties with the powers in Seraphis, secrets that others may not be aware of. Hahaha, there's no need for you, Mr. Larson, to take action on my life."

After a hearty laugh, Valentin's eyes widened, and he fell straight onto the couch.