

Chapter 2745 The Partisan Guards

Matthew had only made a fleeting appearance at night, so many in Seraphis knew of his reputation but had never seen him in person. His current attire, which set him apart from the crowd, made it easy for people to underestimate him.

A middle-aged woman noticed Matthew's silence and promptly summoned the castle guards. "Your servants truly lack manners!" she exclaimed.

Several guards approached the woman with due respect.

"Mrs. Farley, what brings you here? The captain is currently on patrol. I'll fetch him."

This woman was Winona, the wife of Captain Gadel. The guards, who served under the captain, naturally accorded her due respect. Just as one of them was about to inform the captain, Winona stopped him.

"There's no need for that. The prince's safety is paramount. You gentlemen, help me remove this insolent individual. He's a nuisance."

She looked at Matthew with undisguised disdain and contempt. Today, she had crossed swords with Matthew. How dare a mere servant disregard her?

The guards knew Winona was not to be taken lightly. Even their captain had been entirely subdued by her. Compared to her, the young man before them, dressed modestly and of average demeanor, was an easy target.

"Excuse me, Sir. Could you please present your invitation?"

They knew everyone in the castle and were aware that the young man was not a gardener. But even if he was a guest, they could handle him as they were the prince's guards.

Matthew's face softened when he heard this. "Why should I? Why don't you ask the impolite woman to present hers? Do I appear to be an easy target?"

He could tell from their conversation that this woman had some sway over the guards, which was why they were so blatantly biased.

Winona's face contorted when she heard Matthew's words. "You impudent boy, mind your language. How dare you call me impolite. What are you waiting for? Remove him."

The guards were in a quandary. There were many guests present, and if they ejected someone without knowing the full story, it would reflect poorly on them. However, if they didn't act, the formidable woman before them would be even more difficult to handle.

Considering this, the guards adopted a stern demeanor.

"Sir, this is our captain's wife. We are well aware that she doesn't need an invitation.

Now, please present your invitation, or we will be forced to take action!"

Matthew assessed their stance. If he didn't comply, they would likely resort to force.

Winona's face lit up with a smug expression after being flattered by the guards. She smirked at Matthew coldly, eager to see him embarrass himself.

Matthew raised an eyebrow. "Oh? I'm intrigued to see how you plan to take action. I'm curious about Prince Gadel's method of entertaining guests."

The guards didn't anticipate the young man's obstinacy. Initially, they just wanted Matthew to present the invitation, which would have preserved the captain's wife's dignity. But now, with so many guests watching, they found themselves in a predicament. After exchanging glances, the guards nodded to each other.

"Sir, since you refuse to cooperate, we have no choice but to resort to drastic measures. As members of His Highness' guard, we suspect that you intend to infiltrate the banquet and harm His Highness. Please come with us!"

Matthew chuckled at their solemn expressions. "Putting on a show, are we? You're merely trying to salvage your captain's wife's dignity, right? There's no need for pretense. I wouldn't attend this banquet even if you implored me. Farewell!"

With that, he casually put his hands in his pockets and sauntered away.