

## Shota 151

### Chapter 151 Spirit Forest (2)

Luckily, I was able to react in the end and dodge out of the way.

But from the wind that had been generated by this fist, I knew that I would have been knocked out the moment that it hit me in the face.

I quickly raised my hands in surrender and said, "Wait, wait!"

Cecilia who had been getting ready to throw a second punch stopped after hearing me say this.

Seeing this, I quickly fell to my knees and said, "I'm sorry for being misleading, but I really didn't mean to!"

Seeing him act this way, Cecilia really couldn't bring herself to punch him. So with a snort, she crossed her arms and looked like she was waiting for him to explain.

When I saw this, I couldn't help letting out a sigh of relief knowing that I had a chance to survive now.

So I slowly started explaining what I was doing here.

By the end of it, the girls had looks of understanding that also had a bit of disappointment in their eyes. It was as if they had been expecting something completely different which just made me give a secret bitter laugh.

Once it was established what we were looking for, the two of them started spreading out to help me find this.

During this time, I didn't move far from my spot. All I did was go around in a circle starting from the marked tree and slowly heading outwards.

As I made my way outwards, I was also looking for something else. My eyes were on the ground the entire time, sweeping left and right as I looked for the other thing that I needed for this.

Finally, I thought I found something, but it turned out to just be a normal stick.

That was right, I was looking for a special stick that had a special mark on it just like the marks on the trees.

So I kept looking back and forth trying to find it.

Eventually, I was able to find it, but I couldn't help looking at it with a very strange look...

That was because the tip of it was very strange.

It wasn't a normal blunt and flat tip, but rather it was strangely round and semi circular, looking like something that I had seen before. It looked very similar to the tip of a certain long and purple thing...

Since I had found this stick, I started looking further out for the marked tree.

But when I looked around, I found that I couldn't see either Cecilia or Haley anymore.

They had moved too far away from the marked tree for me to see them anymore.

This was still the territory of the elves, so I couldn't help feeling worried about them.

But before I could call out for them, there was a voice that suddenly called out, "I found it!" I think you should take a look at

As soon as I heard this voice, I ran in the direction that it came from and I found Cecilia standing in front of a tree. It didn't take long for Haley to run out from the bush and appear as well.

Seeing them, I let out a sigh of relief before heading to the marked tree in front of Cecilia.

I looked carefully at the tree and I found the mark that Cecilia was talking about.

Taking a close look at it, I gave a satisfied nod as I said, "This is it. This is the mark that I was looking for."

Then after saying this, I quickly turned around and started looking at the rocks on the ground. I carefully went from rock to rock, looking for the thing that I expected to be there.

After going around in a circle, I was finally able to find the thing that I was looking for, just a few steps away from where I had been originally...If I had gone the other way, I would have found it much sooner.

That really said something about my luck today, but I didn't let myself be depressed over this.

However, the moment that I saw the thing that I was looking for, I couldn't help being stunned.

That was because it looked a bit different than what I had been expecting.

I knew that it was the thing that I was looking for since there was the special mark on the stone, but there were some extra grooves in this rock that looked very different from the one that I had found in the game. These grooves were right around the hole in the center, making it look like a girl's private place carved into the stone.

This along with the stick was really different from what I had encountered in the game.

The items in the game were just a simple stick and a rock that had a hole in it, but this...was just too erotic, wasn't it?

The stick that was like a sex toy and the rock that looked like a pair of woman's private parts, this would seem like it would fit perfectly in that game, but...

I just didn't know what to say in response to this.

Cecilia and Haley both saw what I was looking at and they couldn't help looking at me with a strange look when they saw me just standing there. So Cecilia asked, "What's wrong?"

I was pulled back out of my thoughts when I heard this and I quickly shook my head before saying, "No, nothing. I was just thinking about something."

The two of them looked at me with a suspicious look, but they didn't say anything.

Since we were already here, I had no choice but to see it through. So I took the stick and stuck it into the stone in front of me.

When the stick was inserted into the hole, there was a moaning sound that rang out that made me reveal a bitter smile...Luckily, the two girls didn't mind this since they were focused on something else.

After the stick had been inserted into the stone, the stone suddenly opened up a compartment that revealed something inside.

When we saw what was inside, all three of us were caught off guard.

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Inside of this compartment, there was an ocarina like I had expected, but...

It had a very strange shape.

Instead of having the normal ocarina shape, this one was much more slender and longer. It was in a shape that made one even doubt if it could be played properly.

That was because it was a very phallic looking shape.

With two round bottom parts, a long neck, and a short bulb on top, this looked just like a dick...

It seemed that the way to play it was to put your mouth at the tip and then use the holes on the shaft before letting the sound come out of the two balls at the bottom...

But it would definitely be embarrassing playing something like this...

And this was definitely not the ocarina that I had seen in the game. The one that I had seen before was the shape of a normal ocarina, round with small holes in its body and a long slender neck.

When the two girls saw this, they couldn't help turning to look at me, but the way that they were looking at me was definitely strange.

That was because instead of looking at me, they were looking at a certain part of my body. This was a part that was on the lower half of my body that they had seen before.

I knew exactly what they were thinking, but I didn't want to complicate this.

So without hesitation, I grabbed the ocarina from the compartment and said, "Let's go back. I'm sure that everyone is getting worried about us."

The two girls were still looking at the bottom half of my body as they nodded in a daze.

All I could do was reveal a bitter smile as I led the way back to the group.

With the marked trees leading the way, it was easy for us to make it back. Though it was a bit hard at the beginning since the final marked tree was a bit far from the second last marked tree.

It was a good thing that there were parts of the brush that had been damaged when I ran through them in response to Cecilia's cry.

When we arrived back at the camp, we saw that everyone had set everything up and were getting ready to cook lunch.

When they saw us coming back and seeing the dazed look that Cecilia and Haley had, they all looked at us with secret smiles.

I once again revealed a bitter smile, but I was too lazy to explain.

What I didn't see was that there were a few secret envious looks that were pointed in my direction.

It wasn't the envious looks of men, but rather the envious looks of women.

These were the knights that were under Cecilia.

The direction that they were looking in was certainly strange since it was aimed right at my lower half.

The rest of the day passed by without incident.

I ordered the group to sleep in shifts during the day which confused them, but they still followed my orders.

It was only when dinner came that I ordered them to all wake up and get ready to leave after we had finished eating. I think you should take a look at

This time, there were a few people who spoke out, including Cecilia and Haley.

It was one thing to explore the forest, the territory of the elves when it was bright out, but it was completely different exploring in the darkness. There was no knowing what would happen if we met the elves in this darkness.

But in the end, I wouldn't change my mind, so they had no choice but to follow my orders.

Still, Cecilia wouldn't let her guard down at all, so she had the guards take a strict formation around the group.

I didn't mind this since I knew that this wouldn't matter once we reached the place that I was looking for.

When dinner was over, the sun had set and it had turned dark.

Relying on the torches that we carried, we quickly packed up and then went to the edge of the forest.

It was there that I raised my hand to stop everyone and then turned to Haley to say, "Give me the powder."

Haley couldn't help revealing a confused look, but she took out a small bag from her pouch that she handed over to me.

I took this pouch and took a pinch of the powder that was inside to sprinkle it out in front of me.

The moment that the powder landed, there was a sudden glow that came from in front of us that shocked everyone. That was because this glow had formed a path leading into the forest.

Everyone couldn't help looking at me with shocked looks, but I ignored all of this as I focused on the path in front of us.

The powder that I had sprinkled in front of us was from a flower called the Moon Blossom. It was called that because it was a flower that only bloomed when it received a certain amount of moonlight.

But it wasn't a flower that was very expensive since it was a flower that didn't have any special uses.

So normally, people would ignore this flower.

But what most people didn't know was that this flower had a special property.

It contained the moon's light and could glow when mixed with certain compounds.

That included the secret path into the forest that the elves had created.

This was the path that was only used when elves themselves or their invited guests were brought into the forest.

So only the elves knew about the secret property of these Moon Blossoms.

And of course me as well since I had seen it in the game.

But I wasn't going to tell that to everyone.

Since the path had appeared in front of us, I led the way forward into the forest.

At intervals, I sprinkled more of the Moon Blossom powder since the path ahead of us wasn't lit up. Whenever the Moon Blossom powder was sprinkled, there was another path that appeared.

We went deeper and deeper into the forests until we arrived at a clearing.

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When we arrived in this clearing, I stopped throwing out the Moon Blossom powder.

Seeing this, everyone couldn't help looking at me with a strange look.

Haley took the lead and asked, "Why aren't you throwing out more of that powder? Where do we go if we don't have the path?"

I just simply said, "We're here."

"We're here?" Most of the group repeated before looking around the clearing.

However, they weren't able to see a single thing in this clearing.

Other than a small pond that was right in the middle, there was only greenery around them. They couldn't see anything that would suggest that there was a trace of the elves in this area.

So they all turned back and looked at me with strange looks.

I didn't mind them and just turned to look at the pond in the center of this clearing.

After staring at it for a bit, I reached into my pocket and pulled out the ocarina that I obtained this afternoon.

The rest of the group just looked at the ocarina without reacting much. The only real reaction that they thought was that this thing really had a strange shape.

But for Haley and Cecilia, they couldn't help knitting their brows because they had come with me to find this ocarina.

They knew that I had said that this thing was the item that I wanted to use to help us meet the elves. It was just that they couldn't understand how this strange looking instrument would allow us to meet the elves.

I brought the breath hole of the ocarina up to my mouth and took a deep breath before realizing that there was a problem.

I didn't know how to play this thing!

I had been completely focused on my knowledge from the game that I had forgotten about this problem.

After all, I thought that I would be able to use this ocarina just like I had in the game.

But of course, it wasn't as if prompts would appear in front of me now that I was actually in this world. If I wanted to play this ocarina, I had to actually put my fingers on the holes and cover them to change the notes.

It was just too bad that I had no idea how to do that.

When I let the breath that I had been holding out, there was a strange and awkward sound that came from the ocarina.

Hearing this, all of the other members of the group looked at me with a strange look that also had a bit of pity in it. It was almost as if they were looking at me like I had gone crazy which made me feel awkward.

There was a silence that filled the air until Haley finally came to my rescue by saying, "Do you want me to play it? This ocarina looks a bit strange, but I think I can figure it out by testing it a bit."

I looked at her like she was my saviour and I was very tempted to give the ocarina to her, but then I remembered what would happen after the ocarina was played. In the end, I shook my head and said, "Can you just teach me quickly? It's just a few notes that I need to learn."

Haley gave a nod in response and she came over to my side to inspect the ocarina. I think you should take a look at

Since it was a strange shape, she had to figure out which holes did what to know how to form the different notes.

It had to be said that Haley really was talented.

It only took less than two minutes of fiddling with the ocarina to figure out exactly how to play it. By the time that she was done, she was already playing a beautiful tone on the ocarina without any difficulty.

It really made me feel inferior, but I sucked it up and she began teaching me how to play it.

The problem came afterwards.

The song that I wanted her to teach me was just a few notes, so it should have been easy.

However, my own ineptitude really made it hard for her to teach me this.

What would have taken a normal person several minutes to learn, I had to learn over and over again for an entire half an hour to learn. Even then, the way that I played the tone really sounded like it was cat wailing instead of actual music.

I didn't know that I was this unskilled with music in the first place.

Back when I was on Earth, I had thought that I was quite good at it. I liked to sing in the shower and I liked to sing whenever I was relaxing, but I realized that this didn't mean that I was good at it.

After all, I had never once sung in front of another person.

That was why I never knew just how bad I really was.

The faces of the other members of the group were twisted, but Haley kept a smile on her face the entire time while teaching me. She should have suffered the most from being this close to my awful playing, but she kept her lips in a smile the whole time.

Though...I could see a twitch from those lips from time to time.

In the end though, I was able to learn the song.

I thanked Haley who still had the same smile on her face before turning to look at the pond. Though I didn't mention how it almost seemed like that smile seemed like it was glued to Haley's face instead of her showing it naturally.

I had only played parts of the song before this and not the entire song since I didn't know if it would do anything, but now it was time to play the entire song.

Though...most of the group covered their ears while I was playing.

By the end of it, there was only silence that filled the air.

This silence really made me think that I had made a mistake or that my playing wasn't good enough...

So I was about to turn around and ask Haley for help.

But before I could, there was a bubbling sound that rang out.

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The moment that this bubbling sound rang out, we all turned in the direction of it.

But there was no need to guess to know that it was coming from the pool in the center of the clearing.

When we looked at it, we found that there were only a few bubbles that had appeared on the surface of the pond.

However, it didn't take long before the bubbling became stronger and stronger until it seemed like the entire pond was boiling over. This bubbling became so strong that the noise almost became deafening.

Still, this bubbling sound didn't last long.

All of sudden, the middle part of the pond stopped bubbling and instead, there was a splashing sound. There was a part of the water that suddenly lifted itself up and started floating over the pond.

This water took the form of an arc that floated up higher and higher above the water.

The sides of the arc flowed back down into the pond itself and formed a straight line.

When the water arc was done rising up, the entire thing took the form of what seemed to be a mirror.

Looking into the water mirror, they could see their own reflection on the water surface.

However, this was a mirror that had been formed out of nowhere and was completely created from water, so it did catch them off guard.

But that wasn't the end of that just yet.

After the water mirror formed, there was a bit of a delay before it suddenly lit up. The surface of the water mirror released a glow that was a bit too bright to look at directly, so they had no choice but to turn their eyes away.

When the light faded and they turned back to look at the water mirror, they found that there was a leg that was now sticking out of the water mirror. It seemed to come out the other side of the water mirror, but those to the side could see that there wasn't anything behind it.

It was almost as if it had appeared out of nowhere.

Though it didn't just stop at this leg.

The leg fell down onto the surface of the pond and by some kind of miracle, that leg started standing on the surface of the water. The foot just stood there on the surface without falling.

But of course, it wasn't just a leg that came through.

After taking a step, the rest of the body of the leg's owner came through as well.

They walked through the water mirror and then stood there atop the surface of the pond, looking at the group that was in front of this pond.

This person had fair white skin, beautiful light green hair, and piercing green eyes that swept over everyone. There was no doubt of this person's beauty.

When our group saw this person appear, all of us couldn't help being stunned.

However, that person also wasn't alone.

It didn't take long before two other figures walked through the water mirror and appeared in front of us. They stood beside the first figure that had come through and looked over our group as well. I think you should take a look at

While they were all beautiful...the most shocking thing about these people that had come through the water mirror were...their ears.

They had sharp pointed ears coming out of the side of their heads, proving that they were elves.

After a moment of daze, the guards of our group quickly pulled their weapons and surrounded the pond.

I wanted to stop them, but it was already too late as the two elves that came after the first one raised their hands to summon bows out of thin air. They quickly pointed these bows at the guards in front of them.

At the same time, there was a green glow that appeared around these two elves, as if they were prepared to cast at any moment.

It was only the green haired elf who had come through first that was just still standing there looking at our group.

There was a tense feeling that filled the air after this confrontation and a long silence that followed.

But then I quickly raised my hands and said, "Wait, wait! We come in peace!"

After that, I looked at the guards and waved my hands for them to put down their weapons.

The guards had hesitant and unwilling looks on their faces when they saw this.

So I had no choice but to look at Cecilia.

She also had a hesitant and unwilling look on her face, but after seeing the look that I gave her, she finally chose to have the guards put down their weapons.

As for the look that I gave her, it was naturally one that asked her to trust me.

After seeing that our guards had put down their weapons, the elves still didn't put down their bows which made us feel even more tense. But then the green haired elf who had come out first raised a hand and the two elves finally relaxed, putting away their bows and letting the green light around them scatter.

Seeing this, I couldn't help letting out a sigh of relief.

The green haired elf still didn't say anything as they looked at our group, but then they suddenly said, "Which one of you played the song?"

Hearing this, everyone turned to look at me.

With everyone looking at me like this, I stepped forward and raised my hand while saying, "It was me."

The green haired elf looked at me for a bit before raising one brow and asking, "It was you?"

I couldn't help revealing a bitter smile when I heard this. I could clearly hear the insulting tone of disbelief that was in their voice, but I kept that to myself.

I just calmly said, "That's right, I was the one that played the Song of Friendship."

The green haired elf just narrowed their eyes to look at me for a bit before saying with a nod, "Alright, what do you want?"

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I could hear the apathetic tone in their voice, but I didn't let myself be disturbed by this.

I just calmly looked at the green haired elf and said, "A few days ago, there was a dispute between my people and the elves of this forest. I wish to meet with the elders to discuss this matter."

Once they heard this, all of the elves suddenly knitted their brows. They looked at us with a wary look.

But before the green haired elf could say anything, one of the two blonde elves behind them suddenly said, "Audacious! Do you really think that someone with your status could meet with the elders? Let alone step foot in our..."

Before they could say the final word, the green haired elf raised their hand to stop them before saying, "You're too confident for someone that's asking this kind of overboard request. There must be some kind of reason that you are this confident."

When the blonde elves heard this, they looked at me with wary looks again.

But I didn't care since the beginning, my eyes had been on the green haired elf the entire time.

That was because I knew that when it came to elves, those that had green hair were considered superior to the other elves. The green hair was the indication that the elf that possessed it was closer to nature itself.

It meant that they were closer to becoming a high elf, the advanced version of the elves.

So this green haired elf was clearly the leader of this group.

Looking at the green haired elf, I slowly said, "Aktu han mumet."

The moment that they heard this, the elves looked at me with narrowed eyes.

As for everyone else, they looked at me like I had gone crazy because to them, it sounded like I had just spoken gibberish.

But I didn't care about their concerned looks as I focused my attention on the elves. Especially the green haired one who I was waiting for a reaction from.

Finally, after a long silence, the green haired elf suddenly asked, "What did you say?"

It was almost as if they were pretending like they couldn't understand what I was saying. It was just too bad that I could already see from the look in their eyes that they had indeed understood what I said.

So I repeated the same thing once again.

After hearing this, the elves looked at each other before giving sighs.

The green haired elf looked at me and sighed again before saying, "Alright, follow me."

Then after that, they turned around and waved their hand, as if they were telling us to follow them.

When this happened, all of the members of my group revealed shocked looks. They looked at the elves and looked back at me, as if they were trying to figure out just what had happened.

But I ignored their inquisitive looks as I began following the elves.

However, before I could take more than two steps, Cecilia suddenly came in front of me.

She raised her hand to stop me before saying, "I'll go first."

I wanted to say something, but I couldn't say it in the end with the way that she looked at me.

The look that she gave me made it clear that she was putting her foot down as the head of security here.

There was no way that she would allow me to go into an unknown portal all by myself first. The only way that she would ever allow this to happen was if she went in first to check it out.

So I could only accede and let her go first.

Cecilia gave a nod and had two of her knights follow her as she went after the elves.

The elves had been waiting in front of the portal, standing on the water.

But then there was a problem.

The portal was in the middle of the pond and there was no way that we would be able to walk on the water as well. So Cecilia and her knights just awkwardly waited on the side of the pond, not knowing what to do.

They could have waded in, but that would have put them at a disadvantage if the elves ever tried anything.

Seeing that they didn't move, the green haired elf looked at Cecilia and asked, "Human, what are you doing?"

Cecilia was surprised at being addressed like this by the elf, but then she awkwardly said, "We can't walk on the water like you do."

The green haired elf raised a brow as they looked at Cecilia before saying, "We can't walk on water either. Just take the bridge."

After hearing this, Cecilia and the two knights beside her couldn't help looking down at the pond in front of them.

It was very faint, but when they looked closely, they found that there was a sort of glow on the surface of the water. This glowing part only existed in a path to the water portal and the rest of the pond looked normal.

This was most likely the bridge that the green haired elf had mentioned.

But this was completely new to Cecilia and the knights, so they couldn't help being cautious.

Cecilia was the one that took the lead and she carefully brought her foot onto the part of the pond that had a faint glow to it.

While she expected to fall right through since she thought that this was one of the tricks of the elves, she found that she didn't. Instead, she just stood there on the surface of the water like she was standing on solid ground.

The elves just looked at her like they were looking at a caveman before shaking their heads and giving a sigh.

The green haired elf didn't wait any longer and moved over to the water mirror. They waved their hand behind them and then said, "Come on."

Then without waiting, they stepped right through along with the other two elves.

Cecilia also walked over to the water mirror and then carefully, she reached her foot out towards the water mirror.

When it crossed the threshold of the water mirror, it disappeared just like the elves did.

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When she saw her own foot disappear, Cecilia immediately froze on the spot.

With how stiff she was, it was as if she was too scared to even move a single inch. It was like she thought that if she moved, she might lose that part of her body forever.

So she just stood there with her foot stuck in the water mirror.

After a while, there was a voice that said, "What are you doing? Come through the portal already."

This was the voice of the green haired elf who had been with them a few minutes ago.

Cecilia's face couldn't help turning red when she heard this, but she didn't remain idle anymore. She took a deep breath before raising her other foot and walking through the water mirror.

When she went through, she disappeared without a trace.

But they also heard something coming from the other side, "Eh? What is this place?"

After seeing Cecilia go through, the two knights that had followed her didn't waste any time as they followed her through the water mirror. The moment that they walked through, there were two more surprised exclamations that rang out.

It was clear that they had seen the same thing as Cecilia.

After a while longer, Cecilia's voice came from the water mirror, "You can come through now. There's no danger in this place."

With that, I didn't hesitate as I walked up to the water mirror.

In one swift move, I walked through and appeared on the other side.

When I came out, I saw the scenery in front of me.

We were currently in the middle of a forest, but this place wasn't a normal forest. In the trees that were all around us, there were houses that were made of wood that were built on them.

This was the elf village as I had remembered it.

Elves lived with nature, so they took it literally by building tree houses.

When the others came from behind me, they were all surprised by the scene that they saw.

I on the other hand started looking around the area for the elves that we had met before.

After looking for a bit, I found them standing not far away with Cecilia and the two knights that came first. It was clear that they had been waiting for us to come through the portal.

At the same time though, I could see the trace of annoyance that was in their eyes since they had been made to wait.

Once they saw that we had all come through the water mirror, the green haired elf waved their hand at us and said, "Come, follow me. I'll take you to the gathering hall. The elders are already waiting for you."

It was when this green haired elf said this that everyone snapped out of their daze.

I was the first one to follow the green haired elf and once I did, everyone quickly came forward to catch up to me.

They even came in between me and the elves as if they were protecting me from them. I think you should take a look at

But then all of a sudden, the green haired elf whispered something to the blonde elves beside them. The blonde elves revealed surprised looks, but they still continued walking forward without stopping.

The green elf on the other hand slowed down and started approaching me.

When Cecilia saw this, she immediately made her way to intercept them, but I grabbed her shoulder.

When Cecilia looked back at me, I shook my head and gave her a look again.

When Cecilia saw this, she couldn't help biting her lip and looking at me with an unwilling look. But in the end, she just gave a sigh and moved out of the way of the green haired elf.

The green haired elf didn't seem to care about this at all as they made their way to my side. They slowed down enough so that they were walking right beside me.

As we walked along, they suddenly turned to look at me and asked, "Where did you learn all of this? The things that you've done, these are the secrets of the elves."

When I heard this, I couldn't help revealing a bitter smile.

That was because I had knowledge that people from this world didn't have. I had explored this world when it was still a game and gotten what I thought was a perfect clear, so I knew many things that people in this world wouldn't have known.

That was how I had known about the Song of Friendship and the secret path for friends of the elf tribe.

But of course, it wasn't as if I could tell people this.

If I really did, they would most likely look at me like I was crazy.

At the same time though, I also knew what the green haired elf wanted to ask instead of this question.

There was one thing that the green haired elf wanted to know, which was who I knew.

In short, they wanted to know which elf gave me all of this information. That was because the only way to get this information was from another elf.

They wanted to know which elf I had befriended.

But in reality, I didn't know a single elf.

Seeing that I didn't answer at all, the green haired elf finally couldn't take it anymore. They looked at me and directly asked, "Which elf do you know?"

I couldn't help being surprised by how direct they were.

I knew that elves were direct and didn't like beating around the bush, but wasn't this too much?

Still I looked right at them and calmly said, "Aisha?"

The green haired elf couldn't help knitting their brows when they heard this and they seemed to fall into deep thought.

The name Aisha was a common name among the elves, but the fact that this name had been said by this human felt like the elf that they met wouldn't be normal.

Finally, the green haired elf couldn't help asking with a strange look, "The Aisha you mentioned...was her last name Briar?"

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I wasn't surprised that the green haired elf had asked this, so I just nodded back in response.

After seeing my response, the green haired elf couldn't help looking at me with a strange look.

The look that they gave me, it was as if they were trying to size me up again. It was almost as if they had realized that they didn't really know who I was and they were sizing me up again.

I didn't back down as I looked right back at the green haired elf.

After a while, the green haired elf gave a nod and said, "Since you even have the approval of Aisha, then there shouldn't be a problem."

After saying this, the green haired elf moved back to the other elves without another word.

But I was left there giving a secret bitter laugh in my heart.

That was because...everything that I had said just now was a bluff. I didn't know Aisha at all, I had just relied on my memories of the game.

Aisha, Aisha Bellthorn, that was the person that I was referring to.

She was one of the high elves of the elves race, famous for her strength and her freedom. Even among the elves, it had been countless decades since they had seen her.

So she was considered a legendary figure.

There was a quest in the game that would eventually lead the player to this legendary figure. It involved saving her from a trap that she had fallen in.

After saving this legendary figure, you would have the chance to either sleep with her once as repayment or become her friend. Of course, choosing to become her friend would yield more scenes, but it was quite the hard quest.

Most players chose to just sleep with her once, but the hardcore players chose to complete her quest line. I was one of those hardcore players.

At the end of the quest line, one would be able to find all kinds of information about the elves that would grant them access to the elven villages. At the same time, they received Aisha's personal chant that showed she vouched for this person.

That was what I had used earlier to convince the elves to bring us here.

The problem with using this was that...it would mean that I had created a relationship with Aisha now. If she ever learned the fact that I had used her secret sign like this, she would surely track me down to figure out how I knew this.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that she would kill me if she found out...

I just hoped that I would never meet her in this life.

After being brought into the elven village, we immediately became a spectacle.

After all, it was rare for humans to be walking around in an elven village like this.

At the same time, the members of their group couldn't help looking around with curious looks.

Just like how it was rare for elves to see humans, it was rare for humans to see elves in their natural habitat like this. I think you should take a look at

I think that I attracted the most attention since I was one of the few males of our group. Most of the members of our group were females since those were the ones that Haley and Cecilia chose to come with them.

The few male members were those that were there to lift the cargo.

There were many beautiful elven girls who were pointing at me and whispering. I couldn't help feeling a bit self-conscious, but I also felt a bit flattered with the way that they were looking at me.

I felt two pinches coming from my sides when I revealed that flattered look.

After that, I just walked forward with a bitter smile on my face.

It didn't take long for the green haired elf's group to lead us to the center tree.

We knew that this was the center tree since this one was much bigger than the other trees of this village. At the same time, it was the tree that was right in the middle of all the houses in this place.

When we arrived, there was already another group that was waiting there for us.

This was a group of young looking elves that looked no different from the ones that had brought us here. However, when the green haired elf's group arrived in front of them, they gave a respectful bow to this group.

After the bow, the green haired elf turned to point at me and said, "Elders, this is the one that we were talking about."

As soon as they said this, we realized who these elves were.

Even though they still looked this young, this group was the elders of this elven village.

When it came to these long lived species, it really was hard to tell who was an elder and who was a junior. After all, they all looked to be around the same age.

It was even worse with the elves since they were all beautiful.

There didn't seem to be any signs of aging with them at all.

After the elders heard this, they looked at me as if they were sizing me up.

It didn't take a genius to see the doubtful looks that were in their eyes. Still, I confidently stood there with a calm look on my face in the face of their stares.

After a long period of silence, the elders turned around and started heading into the large tree house that was on this center tree. The one in the middle waved their hand at us and said, "Come, let's talk inside."

The three elves who had led us didn't go forward, or rather, the two blonde ones in the back didn't move forward. Only the green haired elf followed the elders up the tree.

It seemed like she was the only one who was allowed to go with them.

I looked at Cecilia and Haley before waving my hand at the others.

They understood this and they all stayed there in the center of the elven village while I went up with Cecilia and Haley alone.

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We had to climb ropes made of vines to get up into that tree house.

With how high up it was, it really burned my arms and legs by the end of it.

I had been doing some training, but this was just too much...It was like climbing up several dozen stories and using a ladder that was even more straining.

What surprised me more was how easily Haley had done it.

I had thought that she would have struggled the most out of the three of us, but she wasn't even out of breath by the end of it. It seemed like I really needed to rethink my evaluation of her in my mind.

Once we arrived, the elders were surprised to see that it was just the three of us.

The one who had been in the middle and had spoken before looked at me to ask, "It's just the three of you? You're not afraid that we'll do something?"

I looked right back at this elder without any fear in my eyes.

Now that we were closer together, I was able to see her appearance more clearly.

She was a green haired elf just like the one who had led us here, but her hair was lighter than the one that had led us. But that didn't mean that she was any less beautiful than her.

If one looked at the two of them closely, they might even think that the two of them were sisters.

She had beautiful green eyes and fair white skin, but her figure...was more developed than the green haired elf who led us here. It was clear which one of them had lived longer just based on that.

After being in a bit of daze and getting pinched in the side, I cleared my throat and said, "Why would I be afraid? We were invited here as guests of the elven race, so is there a reason for me to not trust you? Or are you saying that I should be worried?"

Hearing this, the elves all couldn't help revealing surprised looks before suddenly revealing wide smiles.

The green haired elder gave a laugh that was like an oriole singing before saying, "Human, you are an interesting one. Most humans would be wary of us, but you act like you're one of us." After a pause, she added, "It's almost like you're one of the elves."

This was a deliberate sentence that she had added on at the end.

I didn't mind it and just looked right at the elders who were scrutinizing me without a word.

Seeing this, all of them gave a satisfied nod.

Finally, the green haired elder said, "Alright, human, let's get to the main point. What is it that you want to discuss with us?"

I turned to look at the green haired elf on the side, but they turned away when I did this. It was as if they were avoiding my gaze.

It didn't take much to guess what had happened.

They had most likely forgotten to report what I had said...but I couldn't blame them since there was something that was far more shocking that had happened. I think you should take a look at

It wasn't every day when the guarantee of a famous high elf was used.

So they must have forgotten to report it in the haste of everything else.

I looked back at the green haired elder and repeated everything that I had said to the green haired elf back at the pond.

As they heard this, the elders couldn't help knitting their brows.

By the end of my story, I just waited to see the reaction of the elders. However, just based on how their expressions had changed while I was telling the story, it didn't seem like it would be good.

After a long silence, the green haired elder took the lead and said, "Unfortunately, we cannot give you an answer right now. We need to discuss this amongst ourselves first since this involves an internal matter. We'll give you an answer another day."

Hearing this, Haley couldn't help revealing an anxious look.

After all, it was her store that needed the wood to be built, so the stalling of these elders would delay that.

This was her dream store that she had wanted for the longest time, so it was painful for her to have it delayed like this.

She was about to say something, but I raised my hand to stop her.

She looked at me with a worried look, but she still held herself back in the end.

I carefully looked at the elders who glanced a bit to the side, as if they were trying to avoid my gaze.

I finally asked in a slow and deliberate voice, "Is there something wrong with the forest?"

When they heard this, all of the elves in the room couldn't help jolting. That included the green haired elf who had brought us here in the first place.

All of them couldn't help looking at me with amazed looks, as if they were trying to figure out how I had known this.

Seeing them act this way, I couldn't help revealing a bitter smile.

Sometimes, the elves could be a bit too forward that they couldn't hide their emotions. This was the same as in the game it seemed...but this did make it easier.

I had already guessed that there had to be something wrong with the forest for the elves to chase away our people. After all, the elves might love nature, but they also recognized that humans needed help from nature to survive.

They allowed humans to chop down wood, not just because it would be hard for them to fight the humans, but also because it helped the forest. They knew that no tree could grow forever, so they needed to cut down trees to let the new saplings bloom.

And we had clearly not chopped more than what should have been allowed, so there had to be a reason why they would stop us.

But what was that reason?

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After a long silence, the green haired elder finally said with a sigh, "This is a matter that we can't discuss with an outsider."

I said with a sly smile, "I don't think that I can be considered an outsider, can I?"

The elders looked at me with strange looks before turning to Haley and Cecilia. The green haired elder said, "What about your companions then?"

I said with the same smile, "They can leave the room temporarily if that is what you want."

The elders knitted their brows to look at me, as if they were trying to figure out if I was being serious or not. Seeing this, I immediately put away the smile and looked back at them with a serious look.

There was a silent stare off for a minute before the elders gave another sigh.

Finally, the green haired elder said, "You really are something else."

I couldn't help revealing a smile when I heard this.

But then before the green haired elder could say anything else, the door to the tree house suddenly opened.

Standing at the entrance was a red haired male elf. This was an elf that was just as handsome as the rest, but his hair was a rare red colour that was different from the rest of the elves. At the same time, he was much more buff and gave off a different feeling from the rest of the elves.

If it had to be described in one word, it would be...dangerous.

That was the feeling that he gave me.

When he appeared, Cecilia immediately put her hand at her waist where her sword was and she moved closer to me.

However, the red haired elf completely ignored her as he walked over to where the elders were.

This red haired elf said, "Elders, why have you allowed these humans into our village?"

He said this without care for the humans that were currently standing there, namely us.

When we heard this, all three of us couldn't help knitting our brows.

The elders also knitted their brows before the green haired elder said, "Apollo, what do you think you're doing? Do you really think that this is a place where you can just enter and ask questions as you wish?"

The red haired elf named Apollo didn't back down when he heard this.

He just held his head up high and puffed his chest out as he said, "I am the captain of the warriors, it is my duty to guard against possible threats such as this." Then after saying this, he turned to look at us.

When he looked at us, one could see the clear disdain that was in those eyes.

Then at the end, he turned his head away and gave a snort.

It was clear that he looked down on us with this.

Cecilia looked like she had something to say, so I quickly moved forward and raised my hand to stop her. Then when she looked at me with an aggrieved and angry look, I just shook my head.

We were guests of the elves, so if we did anything here...it would be perceived as an act of aggression. I think you should take a look at

But I also knew that we would have to take care of this Apollo with how aggressive he was acting towards us.

The elders all knitted their brows even more when they heard this.

The green haired elder especially as she looked at Apollo with a serious and complicated look.

After a long period of silence, the green haired elder finally said, "These humans came here with the Song of Friendship and the guarantee of a high elf. If we can't trust that, then there is nothing that we can trust. So that doesn't excuse your behaviour, Apollo."

When Apollo heard this, he couldn't help revealing a hint of surprise in his eyes.

He had only heard that humans had been brought back to the village, so he had only assumed that they knew the Song of Friendship. He never expected that they would actually be connected to a high elf.

At this, he narrowed his eyes to look at Zwein.

Seeing the way that he looked at me, I calmly looked right back into his eyes.

When Apollo saw this, there was a trace of indignation that appeared in his eyes.

This human actually dared to challenge him like this?

But in front of the elders, Apollo had no choice but to endure.

So he just gave another snort and turned to our group before saying, "I'll be keeping an eye on you. If you dare step out of place, I will be there to stop you."

Without even waiting for a response from me, Apollo walked out of the tree house.

Cecilia really looked like she wanted to run after him and beat him up, but Haley and I were able to stop her in the end.

After another long silence, the green haired elder gave a sigh before saying, "I hope that you will be able to excuse him. Apollo is our head warrior, but he is a bit...zealous when it comes to keeping the peace."

I turned back and gave an understanding nod before saying, "I know that there are different individuals when it comes to different races. Just like you have your own 'difficult' people, we have our 'difficult' people as well."

The green haired elder gave a grateful nod and looked at me with a grateful look when she heard this.

But then she still gave a cough to clear her throat before saying, "Unfortunately, we can't come to a decision about your request today."

I couldn't help knitting my brows when I heard this.

However, before I could say anything, the green haired elder said, "We'll talk about it tomorrow. Right now, you should go and join the feast that is being held to welcome you."

She put a meaningful intonation in the latter half of her words.

When I heard them, I immediately understood what she meant and gave a nod of agreement.

So with this, we all stood up and headed out while being led by the green haired elf.

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When we arrived at the feast that was waiting for us outside, I saw a very funny scene.

There was a clear split between the sides of the feast.

There were elves who were sitting on one side and on the other side...was our group sitting together.

There wasn't any interaction between the two sides and our group wasn't even touching the food that had been prepared. If there had to be a definition for an awkward party, it would be this.

When they saw us come together, they immediately started flocking to us.

However, seeing that the other side was also moving, they started getting wary again.

The two sides stopped and stayed on their own sides, staring at the other side.

Seeing this, I couldn't help giving a sigh. At the same time, I heard a sigh coming from the side.

When I turned over, I saw that it was the green haired elder who sighed along with me.

The two of us revealed bitter smiles when we looked at each other before we separated and headed off to our own groups.

Seeing that we walked over without the elves, they didn't hesitate to surround us this time. The guards were the ones that were on the outside while the rest were gathered around us in the center.

They didn't say anything at first, but it was clear by the looks on their faces just what they were thinking.

However, I stopped all of that by saying, "What are you all doing?"

The moment that they heard this, they all looked at me with a confused look.

I gave a sigh before saying, "Do you not remember why we came here in the first place?"

All of them still had the same confused looks on their faces, but there were a few of them that had hints of recognition on their faces. They were starting to understand what I was talking about.

So I shook my head again and said with a sigh, "We came here to discuss a non-violent resolution with the elf tribe over the logging issue, remember? If you keep acting this wary of them, do you really think we'll get anywhere?"

As soon as they heard this, the rest of the members of our group couldn't help revealing awkward looks.

That was because they knew that I was right.

They had treated the elves as hostiles because of what had happened before, but it didn't change the fact that they were currently on a peace mission.

So the more that they acted this way, the more that they embarrassed Zwein who was their leader.

So after a while, they all apologized with awkward looks.

I shook my head and said, "I know that it's hard to let go of your fears when we're surrounded by powerful elves like this. However, as long as we act like this, we won't be able to accomplish everything." I changed to a more understanding tone as I said, "I don't expect you to completely give up your fear of them since I know that it is impossible, but I just ask that you act professional."

There was a moment of silence that followed after I said this. I think you should take a look at

But then, all of them looked back up at me with determined looks and promised that they would try.

Seeing this, I let out a sigh of relief.

Of course, it wasn't like I was really worried in the first place.

That was because all of the members of this group had been specially chosen for this mission in the first place.

I had gotten to know the people that worked under me...or rather under Baroness Rose during this time, so I had an idea of what kind of personality that they had.

These people had all been chosen because they were those that had an open mind, so they were more willing to accept things compared to the rest.

I knew that they were nervous since it was their first time in an elven village, so I also knew that it would just take a bit of encouragement for them to regain their fighting spirit again.

Well, fighting spirit would be the wrong way to describe it with what goal we had. The better words to describe it were hospitality spirit.

So after gathering themselves, the members of our group split up.

They scattered themselves among the elves and started mingling with them.

At first, the elves were wary of the humans that had approached them, but the festive air of the banquet helped. Plus with the wine that was served, it didn't take long before the elves opened up to the humans.

The members of our group also quickly found that the elves weren't that scary to begin with.

The elves might possess great power, but that didn't mean that they were different from them. They were just like humans where even if they possessed great power, they all had their own personalities and things that they liked.

The humans found that it was no problem talking to the elves once they found what they liked talking about.

For these elves, it was the outside world.

The elves were an isolated race after all, with rare chances to learn about the outside world. Not to mention that all of the elves that lived in this village were young since this was a place to nurture young elves before they started traveling the world.

So these young elves were very curious about the outside world.

Just like how there were different elves, there was also a group of elves...that were hostile towards us.

This was a group led by Apollo that kept to themselves in a corner of the feast.

From time to time, I could feel Apollo's gaze on me and they definitely were not kind.

But I didn't pay too much attention to them since I knew he couldn't do anything right now.

Instead, my attention was drawn by someone else who approached me.

It was the green haired elf who had guided us to the village.