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Chapter 171 Forest Trouble (7)

With this compromise made, they quickly started gathering everyone.

Not a single member that was summoned hesitated or delayed since they knew how important this matter was for the elven village.

There were two schools of thought about taking the humans along though.

One was that they shouldn't be bringing the humans along since all that would mean is more danger for them.

These were the warriors that were led by Apollo, as well as a few of the hunters led by Moon.

The other school of thought was that they should trust the humans and bring them along as helpers.

There were the hunters that were led by Moon, but not all of them. Just the ones that had gone with them this afternoon to search the area and had seen everything that Haley had done.

They had to admit that she was quite handsome when she had answered all the questions that the elders had.

But no matter what school of thought they were, they had no choice but to bring the humans along since both Moon and Apollo endorsed this.

Once they had finished gathering, Apollo took the lead by saying, "We will now head into the forest to find the ones that are responsible for defiling our beautiful forest."

As he said this, his eyes couldn't help turning to our group.

It was almost as if he was saying...that we were the ones that were responsible for all of this.

In response to this, there were a few pairs of eyes that turned to look in our direction.

However, what was surprising was that most people ignored this and kept looking at Apollo, as if they were focused on the mission. It was as if they weren't interested in playing the blame game right now.

But when one thought about how important this mission was for the elves, they couldn't be blamed.

This was the destruction of their home that they were trying to solve, they didn't have time for petty things like this.

After he finished giving his speech, Apollo gave a wave of his hand for everyone to follow before heading out into the forest.

This time, the air around him had also changed.

Unlike before where he was rude and flippant, he now had the determination and seriousness that a head warrior should have.

It seemed that he was the kind of person that acted the way he wanted most of the time, but he got things done when he was needed.

As we headed through the forest, Moon moved closer to our group.

There were also a few of Apollo's warriors that stayed near, but they didn't come as close as Moon and her followers.

After she came close, she said with a sigh, "I'm sorry, this was the only way."

I shook my head and said, "As long as we can accomplish our goal, it's a good method."

As for what she was apologizing for, it was letting Apollo be the leader for this mission.

After all, this was the only way that she could get him to compromise to let them come along.

Moon had grown up with Apollo, so she had a good idea of what kind of personality he had.

He was someone that wanted to stand out and wanted to be the leader, so she used this against him. By offering him the role of leader instead of having to watch over the humans, he had backed down and let her take care of this matter.

But the problem was that he was the leader.

In a situation like this where anything could go wrong, a leader was a very important thing. Especially a leader that would be able to make calm and unbiased decisions.

This was a matter that involved everyone's lives, so an incompetent leader would mean trouble for everyone.

While Apollo wasn't an incompetent leader since he was the head warrior of the elven village, he was far from being unbiased. He wouldn't be able to act impartial when things became tough, so it would be hardest on...the humans.

That was the main reason why Moon had apologized in the first place.

She knew that this would just put them in even more danger.

But I knew that this was the only way.

There was no way that Apollo would have accepted this arrangement if there wasn't anything in it for him, so this was for the best.

I also had something that I was hiding, so in a sense, it was balanced.

Moon still had an apologetic look on her face, but she didn't say anything else. She just made sure that she stayed close to our group while we were moving through the forest.

This was her way of making it up to us.

As long as she was here, then Apollo's subordinates wouldn't do anything.

After traveling for a while, we arrived at the spot from this afternoon.

This was the area where we had found the tracks.

But before going in, the elves took some time to adjust themselves to the area devoid of power. If they rushed into it, they would have all collapsed just like Moon had done this afternoon.

Once we arrived and we showed Apollo the tracks, he had a few choice words for us.

"These are the tracks that you've found? These are nothing more than scratches on the dirt!"

Though the other elves didn't say anything, it was clear by the looks on their faces that they didn't believe this.

Even some of the hunters who hadn't been with us this afternoon had the same looks.

But Moon came forward and said, "I've already checked this and have confirmed that these are indeed tracks."

Since it was Moon that spoke, Apollo's tone softened as he said, "But this is just some markings, it can't mean anything."

Hearing this, Moon narrowed her eyes to look at Apollo before saying, "Then do you have any other clues? If you do, we can follow them."

Apollo revealed a bitter smile for the first time before saying with a sigh, "Alright, we'll follow these tracks."

If it was anyone else, he would have never backed down like this.

It was only with Moon that he would do this.

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The tracks were quite easy for them to follow since they were very uniform.

It didn't take long for the elven hunters to find them and to follow them.

It was so easy that they almost couldn't help feeling a bit embarrassed about not finding them sooner.

However, they all knew that it would have been impossible for them to find it sooner.

After all, not a single one of them would have thought that these scratches on the ground would be the tracks of anything. It was only when they saw the uniform way that these things led somewhere that they believed that these were indeed tracks.

So even if they felt a bit embarrassed, that embarrassment quickly disappeared.

As for feeling inferior to the human who had told them about this, that would never happen.

παΠδαςNovel com As they were following the tracks, there were many who started pulling out maps to also track where they were in the forest. At the same time, they started creating marks on the different trees to mark their way just in case anything happened.

Of course, as elves, they didn't carve the marks in and formed them with .

But marks lasted longer, so it was the better choice to begin with.

As they slowly made their way through the forest, Moon was by our side showing us on the map where we were.

It seemed that it was leading a straight line through the center of the ring of the depleted area zone. It was right in the center as well, as if...it was marking something which just made it seem even more suspicious.

However, no matter how long we went, we weren't able to find anything other than these tracks.

By this time, we were already halfway across the forest and on the exact opposite side of where we started.

It was as if we kept going, we would eventually reach the point where we had started from.

At this point, there were a few people that started having doubts about these tracks and their mutters could be heard from around us.

Apollo was one of those people even though he was the leader.

He kept staring back at us as if he was blaming us for wasting their time, but with Moon by our side, he had no choice but to keep pushing the group forward.

Still, no matter how one looked at it, there was a tense atmosphere around us that just became worse and worse the more that we travelled.

Finally, when we reached three fourths of the way, they couldn't take it anymore.

Apollo suddenly stopped and turned around to look at us. Even if Moon stood there in his way, he walked over and said, "Look at what you've done. We've wasted all this time chasing after these 'tracks' of theirs when we could have been doing something more efficient. This has been nothing more than a big waste of all of our time!"

As he said this, the elves around him couldn't help nodding in agreement since this had been a waste of time, but they couldn't say anything without offending Moon. Apollo was the only one that could speak up for them in front of her.

Moon came forward and said, "This was better than not doing anything at all. Plus, we're not at the end yet."

This time, Apollo didn't back down as he narrowed his eyes to look at her before saying, "Moon, you know that this is all a wild goose chase. Instead of wasting our time playing around with these humans, we should focus on finding a way to solve the problem of the power being drained. You know how important this is."

Moon just calmly said in a firm voice, "We're still not at the end yet."

Apollo looked like he wanted to say more, but then he suddenly gave a sigh and said, "Fine, we'll do as you say. I hope that by the end of this, you'll realize that the humans aren't anything good."

Without waiting for her to say anything, he turned to lead the group forward again. I think you should take a look at pandanusnovel.com

But before any of them could do anything, one of the elves suddenly collapsed.

When this elf collapsed, everyone turned to look at them. The ones that were beside the elf quickly came forward to check on them.

Then after being stunned for a bit, Apollo suddenly turned around to look at us.

He pulled out his bow and notched an arrow that he pointed right at me as he said, "What did you do?!"

I couldn't help taking a step back when I saw the arrow being pointed at me, but then I calmed down and said, "Stop panicking and look carefully. The enemy is nearby."

A vein popped out on Apollo's forehead when he heard this before he shouted, "The enemy is nearby? That's right! The enemy is right in front of me! I'll give you to the count of three to reverse what you've done before I put an arrow in between your eyes!"

When the other elves heard this commotion, they couldn't help acting in different ways.

The hunters that followed Moon just stood there not knowing what to do while the warriors that followed Apollo also took out their bows to point at us humans.

I raised my hand and said, "We haven't done a single thing. The enemy is hiding in the area around us and if we're not careful, we'll all be taken out."

Apollo wouldn't listen as he started counting down.

But before he could shoot his arrow, Moon came forward to raise her bow to point at him.

When Apollo saw this, his chin dropped before he said, "Moon, what are you doing?"

Moon was about to open her mouth to say something, but then she also felt dizzy.

She couldn't stand firmly on the ground and she stumbled forward, as if she was about to fall.

Apollo wanted to help her, but he felt the same thing and he almost fell to the ground as well.

It wasn't just the two of them that were acting this way...it was the entire group. That included the humans.

Even my eyes started to blur as I had no idea what was happening.

I tried looking around to find what was causing this, but the weakness of my limbs and the growing exhaustion that I felt made it hard for me to do this...

Finally, I couldn't help stumbling forward and falling to the ground.

At the same time, most of the others had done the same.

Apollo had forced himself to stand, but it was clear that he wasn't doing better than the rest of us.

The last thing that I was able to see was Moon looking at me with a disappointed look.

It seemed that even she believed that I was the one that was responsible for this...

But I couldn't say anything as my mouth felt like I had just come back from the dentist. All I could do was remember the way that she looked at me in that final moment.

Then the last thing that I heard was...

"I never thought that it would be this easy to trap them all."

Chapter 173 Tied Up

When I woke up, the first thing that I noticed was that I was tied up.

I was lying on the ground and I could feel that my hands and feet were tied up with rope.

It also felt like there was something inside of my mouth that was stopping me from speaking. But the worst part about that was that when I tried to move my mouth, the taste of the thing in my mouth assaulted me.

It was disgusting, it was like rancid trash water that filled my mouth...

So I immediately stopped trying to speak as I tried to figure out what was happening.

Luckily for me, they didn't cover my eyes, so I was able to open them to look around.

Unluckily, I found that I was in a place that was completely pitch dark.

No, it wasn't completely pitch dark since there was a faint light that was coming from one side of this room. It seemed like it was something that lit up the room that was outside that was leaking its glow into this room.

As my eyes slowly adjusted, I was able to see what was around me.

There were many other bodies that were around me that were all tied up just like me. When I looked closely at them, I started recognizing who they were.

It was Haley, Cecilia, and the others who had come with me.

But the problem was that there were only humans here.

It seemed that whoever had captured us, they had separated us from the elves who had been with us.

I couldn't help feeling a bit of worry when I realized this.

Of course, I didn't worry about Apollo and those other warrior elves. The ones that I was worried about were Moon and the hunters who had at least treated us with kindness.

I didn't know how we had been caught like this, but I did want to save them.

I was about to start struggling to find a way out of this place, but then I suddenly heard something.

It wasn't a sound from any of the people in here because they were still unconscious and they all had their mouths covered. It seemed to be coming from the other room where the source of light was.

"It's a shame that we can't do anything with these humans. There are quite a few beautiful ones among them, it'll be a shame to kill them all."

The moment that I heard this, I felt a chill run down my spine.

But then I forced myself to stay calm as I listened to the conversation coming from outside.

"He, he, I know what you mean, but it is what it is. This is the deal that our commander made with that elf, so we have no choice but to follow it."

This time, I deeply knitted my brows when I heard this.

I had already suspected this when that elf had suddenly fallen down, but I had thrown that into the back of my head since I didn't want to believe it. But now that the facts were placed right in front of me, it wasn't as if I had a choice. I think you should take a look at pa1dasnovel.com

So I focused my mind and listened carefully to the voices outside.

I wanted to see if I could get any clues out of them.

"Ha, are we really going to play along with those elves? If it wasn't for them, we would have already found the perfect base here."

"There's nothing that we can do, those elves are quite powerful...but now that they are trapped, it isn't as if they can do anything."

There were two different laughs that rang out after this voice fell.

"They never would have expected that we never intended to keep that deal in the first place. These elves really are fools, they're willing to believe anything that you tell them."

More laughter followed after this was said.

When I heard this, I couldn't help revealing a bitter smile as I felt a bit sorry for the traitor elf.

That traitor never would have expected that they would be betrayed by the demons like this.

However, what were they expecting from a deal with demons?

Demons were cruel and manipulative by nature, so it was their second nature to do things like this.

I really couldn't help wondering who the fool of a traitor was...

After some more laughter, one of the demons said, "Alright, the humans are secured, so there's nothing we need to do right now. Let's go get some food before it's all gone and it's too late for us to enjoy. There's still more things we have to do this afternoon."

The other voice couldn't help saying in a worried tone, "Shouldn't we stay here and watch over the humans? Isn't that our job?"

The first demon said, "Watch over what? Watch over a bunch of sleeping humans? You know how potent the poison that we used is, so there's no way that they'll wake up before tomorrow."

The second demon hesitated and didn't answer right away, but eventually they said, "Alright, let's go get some food before it's all gone."

The first demon gave a laugh and there was a sound that rang out that sounded like playful slapping before he said, "Good kid, let's go."

After that, there were two pairs of footsteps that rang out that kept growing more and more faint, showing that the owner of these footsteps were moving away from this place.

παΠdasNovel.com I didn't move at all when I could hear those footsteps and it was only when those footsteps were gone did I finally start trying to break free of the ropes.

However, no matter how much I struggled, I wasn't able to break free at all.

These ropes were just too hard for me to break free of with my strength alone.

But I knew that I had to break free of these bonds and help everyone escape, or else when the demons came back...bad things would happen.

Chapter 174 Skewered

Seeing that I couldn't break free of the ropes with my strength alone, I started looking around the room for something that could help me break free.

I looked at all the others that were in the room with me, hoping that I could find something sharp to cut these ropes with.

However, I found that every single weapon that we had brought with us had been confiscated. Even the armour that our guards had been wearing had been taken away from them.

It seemed that these demons didn't play around.

They had been very thorough in confiscating the things away from us.

In fact, they might have even been a bit too thorough...

As my eyes adjusted to the light, or rather the lack of light, I was able to see things better. I could see that a few pieces of clothing that were supposed to be on the girls of our group...were missing.

It revealed more of their figure than it should have.

I couldn't help feeling that this was done on purpose by whoever had caught us so that they could take a closer look at their bodies...

At that same time though, I also felt a trace of anger since they had done the same with Haley and Cecilia.

I had already thought of these two as my women, so when there was someone who did something to my women...of course I would be mad.

But I quickly calmed myself down after this.

I knew that this wasn't the time to be thinking about this right now, the more important thing was to find a way out of this mess.

So I gathered myself and started looking around for something sharp to cut this rope.

However, there wasn't a single thing here in this room that I could use.

At the same time, I realized that this place that I thought was a room wasn't actually a room.

When my eyes adjusted and I was able to see it more clearly, I noticed that this place was actually a cave. There weren't any stalactites or stalagmites in this place, but the uneven stone floor and the stone walls around me were more than enough to show that this place was a cave.

But once again, that wasn't relevant to this current situation.

Since I wasn't able to find anything that could help me in the cave around me, I turned to my system.

I didn't know if there would be anything that could help me, but it was better than just lying around here helpless.

I pulled up the system's screen in front of my face and started going through the panels of the system, trying to find something that would help.

There was nothing that could help me in the quest panel, though I really didn't know what I was looking for there. Perhaps I had hoped that the quest information had changed and it would give me some kind of clue, but there was nothing there.

Then I went to the store panel, but that was just another bust since there was nothing currently in the store.

The only thing left after that was the inventory panel, but I really didn't know how a bunch of sex toys would help me in this situation...

That is until I suddenly remembered something.

I could pull the items in my inventory out with just a thought and that included choosing the location that it appeared in. There was a limit to this, but as long as it was around my body...then it would work.

So didn't that mean that as long as there was something that was sharp, I could have it appear in my hand or near the rope so that I could cut it?

When this thought appeared in my mind, I immediately started searching my inventory for something that was sharp...but I was quickly disappointed by what I saw in there.

The system's inventory was something that could only be used to store things that had been given to me by the system. It meant that I wasn't able to put a single thing inside that wasn't related to the system.

Otherwise, I would have put a basic survival kit in there a long time ago. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

Since it was only the things that the system had given me...that meant that this inventory was currently filled with only sex toys.

There wasn't a single thing that wasn't a sex toy in this inventory.

And then the problem with sex toys was...

Since these were things that were meant to be used on the human body, whether they were put inside or used on the outside, they had to be safe to be used on the human body.

That meant that most of these things were...rounded!

There was no sharp edge to any of them, so I couldn't use them to cut myself free from these ropes...

For the nth time, I regretted what kind of system I had...

But there was nothing to gain from regret, so I tried to figure out a solution with what I had.

In the end, my eyes fell onto The Penetrator.

While it was a long shot, I felt that The Penetrator was my only hope in this situation.

The Penetrator's special ability was that it had 99% penetration to anything that it hit.

While this was mainly for blunt force, when blunt force was strong enough...it would be able to break things...such as the rope that was tying me.

So I was hoping that if it could be swung with enough force, it would be able to break through the rope that was tying me.

Once I had this idea, I didn't waste any time in bringing my tied hands together.

Then with a thought, The Penetrator's hilt appeared in my hand. The rest of it appeared and...it was caught on the rope that was on my feet.

Since my hands had been tied behind me and they were pointing down, when The Penetrator appeared in my hand, the dildo bat part of it was pointing down. With the way that it appeared, it got caught in the ropes that were on my feet.

If one looked at this from afar, they would see a very strange sight.

It was like I had been skewered by this very large and very purple thing.

I was like something that would be held over a bonfire and roasted with the way that it was caught in the ropes.

Even though I couldn't see it, I felt very strange just imagining it.

But this was also what I wanted.

παΠδαςNovel com With The Penetrator resting on the ropes on my feet, it would be easy for me to swing at it.

So after making sure that there was no one around, I swung the hilt of The Penetrator down and the dildo bat hit the ropes on my feet.

There was a shredding sound before the ropes on my feet were ripped to pieces. It shattered apart like they had imploded from the inside...

Just how much force was there that this happened?

But there was no time to think about that, so I quickly put The Penetrator away and then brought it out so that my feet were holding the hilt, while the dildo bat was resting on the ropes tying my hands.

Then with my feet, I swung it and shattered the ropes on my hands as well.

Just like that, I was free.

Chapter 175 Detection Ward

Once I was free, the first thing that I did...was rub my hands and feet.

The rope tying them up really was rough and with the rough movements that I made to try and escape from them, it really was hard on my hands and feet.

So I had to rub the rope burns that were on them before doing anything else.

When I was back to normal, I went to check the others.

I saw that all of them were still asleep even with the noise that I had made.

It seemed like whatever they had used to drug them, it really was powerful.

I could have woken them up, but there was something else that I wanted to do first.

While I was going through the system's inventory, I noticed something that I had received recently.

This was an item that I had only just received from the system not too long ago, so I hadn't had a chance to use it yet. However, it was the perfect thing for this situation.

With a thought, there was a small square tile that appeared in my hand.

pandasNovel.com This tile wasn't that big, only being a fourth of the size of my palm. However, there was a strange rune that was drawn on the tile.

After examining the tile for a bit, I brought it up to my lapel and pinned it there.

As soon as it was pinned in place, it felt like there was something that suddenly washed over me. This was a feeling that was similar to being covered in something invisible.

With this, I slowly moved towards the exit of this room, towards the source of light.

When I came up to the exit, I could see that there was a well lit room that was outside of the cave that we had all been tied up in. This place was also a cave, but it was well lit with lanterns and was even decorated with a few pieces of furniture.

It didn't look like a normal cave at all, it was clear that there was someone that was living here...or rather there had been guards here until they left to get some food. I had heard the conversation between them earlier.

There wasn't much in this room other than two more exits that led away from this place.

Even the table that was here was also bare of anything other than a few playing cards.

It seemed that whoever had been on guard here had been taking it very easy...

But I didn't let myself get distracted by this.

Since there was no one else here, then there was no need for me to stay here.

I wanted to get information on the enemies before I did anything. After all, they would have never thought that I would be free and the element of surprise was the most powerful thing.

Looking between the two passages that I could choose from, I really couldn't see any difference.

So I made my choice with...

"Eenie meenie miney moe, catch a tiger by the toe..."

With this tried and tested method, I chose the passage on the left and quickly made my way away from this place.

As I was heading through this passage, I also made sure to leave some kind of tracks that only I would recognize. I found a few pebbles that I left on the ground that I made small marks on.

As for how I made those marks, these were actually the pieces of the rope that I had blown to smithereens.

I slowly made my way through this passage that was also surprisingly well lit with torches placed every so often.

As I made my way through though...I could hear a sound coming from in front of me.

They were a pair of footsteps.

Someone was coming this way!

The smart thing to do was to go back the way that I had come to find a place to hide so that I could avoid the ones that were currently coming this way, but I didn't do that.

Instead, I found a part of this hall that was rather dimly lit and I pinned myself up against the wall, not moving a single inch. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

If one looked at me carefully, it wouldn't be hard for them to find me...but this was what I had chosen to do.

Most people would think that I was an idiot, but I had a plan.

The footsteps came closer and closer and as they did, there were a pair of voices that rang out.

These were different voices from the ones from before, but they seemed to be discussing something that I cared about.

"So the elves are all caught and tied up in the special cave?"

"That's right, I've heard that the only ones who are allowed to approach are the lord commander and his people."

"Well they are our special sacrifices after all."

At this, the two of them suddenly started laughing.

It was at this point that they appeared in my field of view.

They were just like the demons that I had seen in the game before.

These two looked like humans, except that their skin was blue and they had small horns on their heads.

Since they had appeared in my field of view, that also meant that I had appeared in their field of view.

However, even though they should have been able to see me, they didn't look at me at all.

It was almost as if I didn't exist.

They just kept talking amongst themselves as they walked through the corridor, walking right past where I was.

During the time that they had been walking through, I had been holding my breath and it was only when they were gone that I let it out.

I looked down at the small tile that was on my lapel and I couldn't help revealing a smile.

It was because of this tile that those demons who had walked by hadn't discovered me.

This tile was called the Detection Ward and as the name suggested, it blocked people's perception of me.

So as long as I didn't stand out on purpose, this thing would help hide me even if I was in plain sight.

As for why this kind of thing came from a sex toy system...

The description from the system was...

"Sometimes, a little mystery is needed in a relationship."

Simply put, it was to sneak into the bedroom without one's partner knowing and then surprising them.

Of course, with something that was as powerful as this, it could be used for the wrong purpose. So one had to be careful when using this kind of thing.

Or else it would be used for things like sneaking into a couple's room and then...having their way with the wife...

It was definitely something that could easily tear apart a marriage.

He had to be careful with this powerful thing.

Of course, he would never do something like that.

After making sure that they were gone, I continued forward.

I had to find this special room that they had mentioned since that was where Moon and the others were.

Though there was one person that I wasn't looking forward to seeing.

Chapter 176 Separated

The only thing that I could do now was follow this passage to the end and see where it took me.

After all, I had no idea what kind of things were in this place and what was waiting for me ahead, so it was better to follow the path that I was already going.

Those two demons who had just passed me were talking about the elves.

They should have a reason for doing so, so I should be able to find something ahead of me.

After walking for a few more minutes, I finally reached the end of this passage.

At this point, I moved even slower and made sure that there was no one coming into this passage. It was only then that I peeked my head out of the passage to see what was in front of me.

What I saw surprised me.

There was a large clearing that was right ahead of this passage.

It was the end of the tunnel and outside was a large clearing that had some kind of camp in it. There was a large bonfire and around it were a bunch of demons that were eating something.

I couldn't tell what exactly they were eating, but the red colour of the thing that they were eating made it clear that I didn't want to know...

I was also able to see that there were a few cages that were scattered around the clearing.

These cages had been separated so that there weren't too many prisoners in them at the same time.

When I looked more closely at the prisoners in the cage, I found that they had sharp ears and fair skin. It was pretty safe to assume that these were the elves who had been caught along with us.

Since the cave entrance was at the very back of this clearing, I was quite far away from the cages.

If I wanted to see who the ones being kept in the cages were, I would have to get closer. But to do that, it meant I would have to cross this camp that was currently filled with demons.

No matter how one looked at it, that was a suicide mission.

But with this Detection Ward...I might have a chance.

I didn't take this risk right away and slowly moved out from the cave entrance.

There were a few demons that were hanging around the entrance of the cave, so I had to carefully make my way around them. Since I was out of the cave, there were things that I could use to my advantage.

There were bushes, trees, and piles of things that the demons had placed that I could use to sneak around.

Not to mention, there was the Detection Ward that was currently working to block me from their views.

It took me no time to make my way over to the cages.

During this time, I got a better look of the camp itself.

There were several dozen demons that were here feasting around the bonfire and it seemed that what they were feasting on was just a deer that they had caught and roasted. I really let out a sigh of relief when I saw that since I had thought that the thing that they were eating...was something else.

While I was making my way over, I had also heard a few things from the demons, but there wasn't any important information. All of it was mainly them just chatting with each other while eating.

At the same time, I also wasn't able to find any demons that looked different from the rest. It seemed that the lord commander and his subordinates that they had talked about weren't here.

When I finally made my way over to the cage, I found that...the ones that were inside were Apollo and his warriors.

There wasn't a trace of Moon and her hunters here.

For some reason, the elves had also been split up by the demons and put in separate places.

But the ones that were kept here were most likely the ones that would be sacrificed. After all, this was where most of the demons were currently gathered and even had a bonfire set up.

So that meant that it was very unlikely that the traitor was among these elves.

If the traitor had made a deal with the demons, then they would naturally bargain for their safety.

They wouldn't be put in the most dangerous place like Apollo and his warriors.

So could it be that the traitors were actually with Moon's group of hunters?

Or could it be that...

No, I shouldn't be thinking that kind of stuff.

I immediately stopped my mind from wandering around too much and focused on the situation at hand.

since that would just hurt our group.

Without any concrete proof, I wouldn't let myself suspect anyone since that would just hurt our group.

Until we escaped, I had to trust the people that I would be escaping with.

So the first thing that I had to do was go and find Moon's group as well.

I didn't bother contacting Apollo's group at all since I knew that there was nothing that I could do for them.

It definitely wasn't because I didn't want to deal with Apollo right now or anything...

After making my way back over, I found that there was another cave entrance near the one that I had come out of.

It had been hidden behind some demons earlier when I came out of the cave, so I hadn't seen it.

Since it was another cave, then that most likely was where they were keeping Moon and the others.

I need to find them first before planning everything.

I knew that I had some time to work with since the demons had said that we shouldn't have woken up until tomorrow because of the drug that they used. That meant that they shouldn't be doing anything until tomorrow since demons were cruel like that.

They would want us awake as they sacrificed us.

But that also meant that I couldn't take too long.

So without any further hesitation, I went into the other cave entrance.

Chapter 177 Disappointed

This cave was just the same as the other one that I had come from.

It was a well lit passage that led deep into the mountain that I couldn't see the end of, but there weren't any demons here.

So I could quickly move through this place.

Eventually, I reached a room that was very similar to the one that had been outside the cave that our human group had been held in. It was so similar that I couldn't help wondering if I had somehow made my way back to where I was before.

After all, there had been two in that room.

But when I looked carefully, I saw that this was a different place.

The furniture and everything was different.

At the same time, I wasn't able to find the marked rocks that I had left behind, so that meant that this was a different room.

It was also surprising that there wasn't a single guard in this room.

It was just like the room outside the cave that we had been tied up in, there wasn't a single guard here.

It seemed that the demons really didn't have any order among them...

But that wasn't surprising since that was something that I had already known from the game.

After making sure that there would be no one that would interfere with what I was planning on doing, I made my way over to the two other passages in this room.

The first one that I checked seemed to be a tunnel that led to another place, so I ignored that one for now. The other one was naturally the cave that was holding the prisoners.

When I peeked through that passage, I found that this was indeed the case and there were a bunch of figures that were lying on the ground.

All of them were tied up like we had been, but these ones had sharp ears.

Judging by the look of them, it didn't seem like anything had been done to them yet.

I looked over the entire group and it didn't take me long to find the one figure that I had been looking for.

I was about to make my way over, but then I noticed something different about this one figure.

When I looked carefully at it, I noticed that it was...moving slightly.

It seemed that the owner of this figure was already awake and was just looking for a chance to escape.

Since that was the case, that was good for me.

If there was one person that I trusted, it was her.

The owner of this figure was naturally Moon.

So I slowly made my way over since I didn't want to wake up any of the other elves...after all, there was still a traitor here...

When I came over, I saw that she was trying to stay still while thinking of a plan. Her eyes were closed, but she was still moving around as if she was trying to hear what was around her.

I made sure that there was nothing else there before coming up and tapping her on the shoulder.

The moment that Moon felt this, she immediately looked up around her.

However, she wasn't able to find a single thing.

That is until I took the tile off my lapel and revealed myself.

She opened her mouth as if she was about to say something, so I quickly covered her mouth so she couldn't say it in the end.

But that didn't stop her from glaring at me.

After making sure that she wouldn't talk, I slowly took my hand off her mouth.

However, I could still see the look of disappointment in them that confused me a bit.

After taking my hand off her mouth, she asked me, "What are you doing here?"

I was even more confused when I heard this before asking, "What do you mean? I'm here to rescue you."

"Rescue? After you betrayed us and sold us out to the demons?" Moon said in a cold voice.

When I heard this, I couldn't help revealing a surprised and confused look.

Seeing this, Moon's expression relaxed a bit as it was also filled with a bit of confusion.

After all, she had been under the impression that...Zwein and the humans were working with the demons. But the way that he reacted...she started having her doubts.

The two of us took a moment to calm down before I started explaining the situation to her.

While Moon listened to my story, her expression didn't change once.

When I was done, she looked right at me and asked, "Do you swear that this is the truth?"

I couldn't help being a bit taken aback when I heard this, but I gave a firm nod in the end.

Moon hesitated for a minute before saying with a sigh, "Alright, I believe you."

After all, there was a small part of her that did believe this since there was a fact that she couldn't help being bothered by.

Even if the humans had betrayed them...how had they led the demons into the forest?

The forest was filled with traps that they had set up and unless there was an elf guiding them...they shouldn't have been able to make it that deep.

So there had been doubt towards her fellow elves in the first place.

But it was easier for her to blame the humans than to blame her fellow elves, so she had jumped to this conclusion readily.

Still, there was no denying the doubt that had been inside of her...

After taking a moment to calm herself down, Moon said, "Alright, untie me and let's get out of here."

I shook my head as I said, "No, that's a bad idea."

Moon raised a brow and had a confused look as she waited for me to explain.

I said, "This place is filled with demons and you don't even have your weapons, how are you planning on fighting?"

Moon's expression couldn't help turning a bit bitter because she knew that he was right.

The weapons that the elves summoned out of thin air didn't actually come out of thin air. They were stored in the Storage Rings that all of the elves had.

But their Storage Rings had been taken from them, so they didn't have any weapons right now.

Even if they had powerful , that didn't mean a thing since the demons also controlled powerful . Without being at full power, it would be impossible for them to break through the line of demons.

So after a sigh, Moon asked, "Then what do you plan on doing?"

I reached my hand out and showed her the tile that was in my palm before saying, "I can use this to sneak around and find the weapons. I'll bring them back to you and my group and then we'll break out together."

Moon looked down at the tile in my hand and she couldn't help slightly knitting her brows.

After looking at it for a bit, she gave a nod of agreement.

That was because she could sense the power that was coming from this tile.

This tile was without a doubt a powerful item.

Chapter 178 Commander

With this decided, I didn't waste any time as I put the tile onto my lapel again.

The moment that I did, I seemed to vanish from in front of Moon which completely shocked her.

Even though she had been staring at me, I had disappeared without a trace.

She had no idea how this had been done, even if she knew that I used a item. After all, she had never heard of such a powerful and wondrous item before.

After I disappeared, I softly whispered, "I'll be back."

Then I turned to leave.

As I headed off, I heard a whisper from behind me, "I'll be waiting."

With this, I headed out of the room that the elves had been kept in and went back to the room outside.

There were still no guards here, so I went to the other passage that was in this room.

Looking through and making sure that there was no one there, I started making my way through this corridor.

This one wasn't that long and it didn't take much time for me to reach another room.

This room was different from any of the rooms that I had been in before. This one had metal bars in the middle that cut the room in half.

On one side of the room were two different passages, one that I came out of. Then on the other side of the room, behind the metal bars, there seemed to be a pile of something.

When I looked at it closely, I found that it was a bunch of weapons, coins, and some other things.

It seemed that this was where the demons kept all the things that they had collected from their enemies.

When I looked even more closely, I could see a few things that I recognized.

These were the armours and weapons that had been taken from Cecilia and the others.

These were things that I had commissioned with Rose, so I recognized them with a single glance.

So if they were being kept here, it was very likely that the elven Storage Rings would also be kept here.

The only problem was...I didn't have a way to open this and get to the items inside.

There was a gate that was there, but there was also a large lock that was on the gate.

Unless I was prepared to break through with force, it seemed unlikely that I would find a way to open the gate. After all, it was impossible that these demons would just leave the key out in the open for everyone to take.

Even they wouldn't be that dumb.

As I was standing there in a daze, wondering what I should do, I suddenly heard a sound.

παπιδαςNovel.com The moment that I heard this sound, I immediately snapped back from my thoughts and turned my attention to where this sound was coming from.

It was from the opposite side of the room, where the other passage was.

It sounded like a bunch of footsteps.

As soon as I figured this out, I quickly looked around for a place to hide.

Luckily for me, this room was more like a cave than the other rooms. So there were stalactites and stalagmites that were hanging up and down in this room.

I was able to find one that was quite well hidden and went behind it.

With this hiding spot and the Detection Ward, I was certain that I would be able to hide from whoever was coming into this room. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

It didn't take long for them to come through and the moment that I saw them, I couldn't help being surprised.

That was because even if they were demons, they were much more different from the ones that I had seen outside.

These demons were easily a foot taller than the rest of the demons outside. They were so big that they even had to crouch slightly in this large cave.

At the same time, they were much more...handsome compared to the other demons.

One might think that since they were bigger, they would be more muscular than the other demons, but that wasn't the case. Instead of being much more muscular, they were just as slender as the demons outside, but they had much more handsome appearances.

Also, their horns were much bigger, more developed, or they just had more horns than the ones outside.

In short they had overall better physical attributes compared to the rest of the demons.

But the one that had the most handsome face was the one in the center that all of these demons grouped around.

With how he was leading the group, it was clear that he was the one that was in charge.

In fact, if I had to guess, I would say that he was the commander that all the other demons mentioned before.

As they walked by, I could hear bits of what they were talking about.

"The humans were quite the extra find, but it's not a bad thing. If we take the human females back, we should be able to earn quite a bit."

The moment that I heard this, I couldn't help knitting my brows.

Even if I had become a baron by chance, I had been doing this for quite some time now. These were people that were under my rule and people that I cared about, so when I heard these demons talking about them like this, I couldn't help feeling angry.

However, I didn't act on that anger since I knew that there was nothing to gain from it.

If I went out there, I would just be throwing myself to my death.

So I endured and remembered the face of the demon who said this.

The other demons were about to say something, but the commander suddenly stopped and turned to look at the demon who said this. He narrowed his eyes to look at this demon before reaching out to grab his neck.

The demon was lifted up off the ground with a look of panic as he didn't know what he had done to anger the commander like this.

The commander looked at him with the same narrowed eyes before saying, "The humans aren't merchandise, they are sacrifices for the ceremony. If you dare lay a single finger on them before then, you know what will happen to you."

All of the demons gave a terrified gulp when they heard this.

The demon who was being lifted up quickly gave a nod of understanding when he heard this.

Seeing this, the commander threw the demon down onto the ground before turning around.

After the demon was thrown down, not a single other demon dared to help him. They all looked away as if they couldn't see him.

But that one demon that had been targeted didn't dare reveal a displeased look.

He quickly got off the ground and fell back into line behind the commander.

Before the commander could take another step though, he suddenly looked around himself as if he sensed something.

All of the other demons looked around with him, but they had no idea what he was looking for.

After a moment of silence, the demon commander asked, "What is this stench of?"

The moment that I heard this, I felt a chill run down my spine.

Chapter 179 Keys

The moment that the commander said this, I immediately froze.

I didn't dare move a single inch out of fear that I had already been discovered.

The demon commander kept looking around with a confused look. From time to time, he would sniff the air like a dog, as if he was searching for something.

The other demons looked around and tried sniffing as well, but not a single one was able to find what the demon commander was looking for.

Finally, one of the demons suggested, "We are beside the treasury. Perhaps it's the smell of one of the treasures inside?"

The demon commander looked at the demon who spoke. The moment that the commander's gaze fell onto that demon, he immediately shrunk back and flinched. But after taking a deep breath, he turned back and met the commander's gaze.

After all, it wasn't as if he had done anything wrong.

After staring at this demon for a bit, the demon commander finally gave a nod as if he was agreeing to this.

He didn't even bother saying anything to the demon as he turned around.

When I saw this, I couldn't help letting out a silent sigh of relief.

I had thought that I had been discovered, but it seemed like that wasn't the case. However, this did show that the items that I received from the system weren't invincible.

They might be powerful, but there were also plenty of other powerful people in this world.

I had to keep the mentality that there could be all kinds of possibilities in this world and that I wouldn't be able to predict everything. I would have to keep that cautious mentality that I had in the beginning.

In fact, when I looked back on it, I had to admit that I was getting a bit reckless, especially with what happened in Alandal City...

The demon commander started walking again, but he didn't go to the other passage.

Instead, he walked over to the bars in the center of the room and looked at the gate in front of him. After looking at it for a bit, he looked around as if he was looking for something before saying, "Where are the guards?"

All of the demons revealed an awkward look when they heard this.

They all looked at each other, as if they wanted anyone other than themselves to respond to the demon commander. But in the end, not a single one of them was willing to speak.

So the demon commander picked one of them and asked, "I said, where are the guards?"

This time, his voice was a bit deeper and more threatening.

When the demon heard this, he knew that he had no choice. He was stuck with the short end of the stick, so he had to say something.

Taking a deep breath, the demon said in a stuttering voice, "They...

they should be outside at the banquet."

The demon commander narrowed his eyes the moment that he heard this.

When he did, the demon felt like he had been frozen in a block of ice.

But it wasn't as if he could do anything right now...

So he quickly said, "I'll...I'll go get them! I'll be sure to punish them properly!"

But then to all of their surprises, the demon commander waved his hand and said, "It's fine."

All of the demons couldn't stop their chins from dropping when they heard this.

Their fierce and cruel commander was actually allowing the guards to slack off?

Was this the commander that they knew and feared?

However, the commander didn't say anything to justify this which left them even more puzzled.

Instead, the commander said, "Where are the spare keys?"

The demons took a few seconds to react before one of them quickly ran over to one of the stalagmites on the side.

He pressed on the tip and there was a secret compartment that was revealed.

I couldn't see what was inside of that secret compartment at first because of my position, but I saw it clearly when he pulled out the thing that was inside.

It was a key.

When I saw it, the expression on my face turned bitter.

I had thought that the demons wouldn't be foolish enough to leave a key near the door, but it seemed that this wasn't the case.

But then again, this key was hidden by a special mechanism in the knew about the special mechanism and the fact that the key was inside of it, it wasn't as if they would find it that easily.

stalagmite, so it can't be said that it was out in the open. Unless one knew about the special mechanism and the fact that the key was inside of it, it wasn't as if they would find it that easily.

Still...the fact that this key was hidden here...was kind of dumb.

The demon brought the key over to the commander and presented it to the commander with both hands.

The commander just took the key without any fuss and used it to open up the gate.

The demons were about to go in with the commander, but he just lifted his hand to stop them.

Then he walked in alone and picked up something random off the pile.

It didn't seem like it was anything special, it just looked like a normal dagger.

When I looked at it closely, it even seemed like the dagger that Moon had strapped on herself before.

I had never seen her use it, so I didn't know the actual shape of the dagger, but the sheath that it was in looked very similar.

After picking this dagger up, the demon commander came out from behind the bars and stood amongst the demons.

Even the demons had confused looks as they looked at the dagger that the commander was holding. It seemed that not a single one of them knew what the commander wanted to use this dagger for.

But the commander didn't care about that.

The demon commander just held this dagger up in front of his face before revealing an evil smile. This was a true evil smile that made it clear that this person was cruel and vindictive, a smile that a true demon would have.

As he held this dagger, he also said, "Good, I want to see what kind of show that elf will give me."

The demons were even more confused when they heard this, but the demon commander didn't bother explaining anything. The demon commander just gave a satisfied nod before putting the dagger away.

Then the demon commander tossed the key back to the demon that had brought it over to him and said, "Put it back."

The demon almost fumbled the key since he wasn't expecting the commander to throw it at him, but he was able to catch it in the end. As he did so, he let out a sigh of relief.

The commander would pick someone up just for a few words, he didn't even want to imagine what the commander would do to him if he had dropped this key...

So the demon quickly ran back to the stalagmite and put the key back in the compartment before pressing something again to close it.

After that, he ran back to the demon commander's group.

Once he was back, the demon commander started heading towards the passage that I had used to come to this room.

But before he left, he turned back and looked around the room again.

Still, seeing that he couldn't find anything, he didn't look back again as he walked right out of this room with the other demons following him.

Chapter 180 Treasury

I didn't dare move a single inch after this demon commander was gone.

Even though this room was now empty, I was afraid that someone would come back at any moment to catch me in the act...so I didn't dare move until I was certain that no one was coming back.

After several minutes of silence, I finally slowly came out of the hiding spot that I was in.

When I saw that no one was around, I didn't hesitate in making my way over to the stalagmite that the demon had taken the key from.

I knew that if I wasted any more time, it would become more likely that someone would come and catch me in the act.

I didn't waste any time in doing the same thing that the demon had done with the stalagmite, but the problem was that I wasn't familiar with this. So even though I thought that I had pressed in the same spot as the demon, there was no change with the stalagmite.

It didn't seem like what I was doing was having any effect...

So I started looking more closely at the stalagmite, trying to find some way to open it.

I wasn't able to find anything at first until I looked very closely at the stalagmite. When my face was basically right up against the stalagmite, I was able to see...that there was an indentation in there.

It seemed like I had made a mistake, thinking that I would be able to push from any angle and the button would go down.

It seemed that the button to open the stalagmite would only go down when pressed from the right direction.

Basically, it was like trying to force a rectangle through a circular hole.

So my hand went to the opposite side and I pushed down the button.

The moment that the button went down, there was a click sound before the compartment from before opened.

I looked in and saw that there were the keys that were lying there.

I didn't reach in right away as I looked around the compartment, trying to see if there were any traps. However, this was nothing more than a simple compartment, so it wasn't as if there was any space to hide any traps.

I reached in and grabbed the key before turning to the gate.

But before walking over, I looked at both of the passages that were in the room to make sure that no one was coming.

The moment that I opened the gate to the treasury, there would be no turning back. After all, even if I had the Detection Ward, it was impossible to hide the open gate.

So if anyone came in while I was in the treasury, they would surely notice me or know that someone had snuck in.

I didn't know how long I would take in there either, so there was the risk of being discovered at any moment.

I just hoped that everyone would be distracted at the banquet long enough that this wouldn't happen.

After making sure that there was no one coming, I went over to the gate and then quickly used the key to open it. After opening it, I went through the gate and turned back to look at it.

I found that there was also a keyhole on this side, so I closed it without hesitation before turning to the pile of things in front of me.

I had been worried that there wasn't a keyhole on this side, but since there was one then I would of course close the door.

The only problem was that it would be hard to explain the things that were floating in the air as I put them away.

So I didn't waste any time getting the things that I wanted to get.

The first thing, or rather things that I got were the Storage Rings of the elves.

I knew that it was impossible for me to carry all of the weapons that I needed, so I wanted to use the Storage Rings of the elves to help me carry them all. After all, the system's inventory was only for the things that came from the system, so I couldn't put any of these things in there.

Others wouldn't know how to use them, but I was different.

So I didn't have any problems accessing these Storage Rings.

Some of them were small and were already filled with junk, so I ignored them.

There was one that was clearly bigger than the rest and wasn't filled with as many things. As soon as I found this, I knew that this was Moon's Storage Ring.

Since it was big enough and empty enough for me to use, I chose to use this Storage Ring to carry the things. It was actually big enough that I was able to put all of the weapons and armour into them without even filling it up.

By the end of it, the Storage Ring wasn't even half filled when I crammed all of the weapons and armour that we needed into them.

So...I couldn't help looking at the other things that were in the treasury.

I knew that this was risky, but there were many different interesting things here that I just couldn't ignore.

That was because while the demons didn't know what the things that they threw in this place were, I knew. I had played the game that this world was based on in my previous world, so I knew many things that the residents of this world didn't know.

So the things that the demons didn't recognize, I knew with a single glance and I knew that they would help us in the upcoming fight with the demons.

Without hesitation, I picked out a few things that I thought that we would need.

Once I was done grabbing everything from the treasury, I carefully looked back at the room outside the bar.

Seeing that there was no one there, I let out a sigh of relief and quickly made my way out.

Once I had dropped the key back in the stalagmite, I headed in the direction of one of the passages and went into it without hesitation.