

## **Shota 181**

### Chapter 181 Pettiness

This was the passage that was on the opposite side of the room from where I came in.

This was the only passage that I hadn't explored yet, so I wanted to see where this led.

After all, for the plan to succeed, it was best that I knew everything about this place.

So I went down this passage relatively quickly since I didn't know how long I had before the demons did something. The commander just headed out, so they must be about to do something...

I wanted to finish preparing everything before that demon commander did whatever they were planning on doing.

There was no doubt that whatever the demon commander was planning was not good for the elves or the forest.

I followed this path to its end and I was surprised by what I found.

It was the room that I had started in.

When I looked through one of the passages on the side, I saw my group still tied up in the cave.

It seemed like this entire cave was one large semi circle that led out to the front with both passages.

So there was no need for me to keep searching any further.

There were two things that I could do now.

One, I could go and wake up all of the humans and elves and prepare them for the escape.

Or two, I could go outside to where the demon commander was and see what he had planned on doing with Moon's dagger. There was no doubt that he was planning on doing something, but what exactly...was a mystery.

After thinking about it, I decided that it was better to go outside and see what the demons were up to.

While I could get everyone ready, there was the very likely chance that they would be noisy.

After all, when people woke up in a place that they didn't recognize, the first thing that they would do is...panic.

So if I woke them up, there was no doubt that they would make a lot of noise with their panicking.

Before I did that, it was better to see what the demons were doing.

If they were distracted by what they were doing, that would make it much easier for me.

With this decision, I didn't waste any time going through the same passage as before.

Since this was my second time taking this passage, I couldn't be more familiar with the path.

When I reached the end, I quickly hid in one of the shrubs near the entrance of the cave as I watched the demons.

From what I could see, it didn't seem like they were doing anything.

In fact, the demon commander was just sitting there on the side, enjoying the leg of the animal that they had roasted.

Even though he was a cold and cruel looking commander, he was eating like a beast. He took large bites out of the leg like he was a beast himself and there were drops of oil that were dripping down his face.

It really made him look like a completely different person.

But what stopped him was a sound from the cage filled with elves. I think you should take a look at [pandasnovel.com](http://pandasnovel.com)

The moment that this sound rang out, everyone suddenly turned to look in that direction, including the commander. The demon commander even revealed a faint smile when he saw this, which made him look even more dangerous.

The demon commander stood up and walked over to the cage.

[pandasNovel.com](http://pandasNovel.com) He stood there looking down at the elves, waiting for the one that woke up to fully wake up.

From my position, I was able to see some things with the cage, but I wasn't able to see things clearly.

However, I was able to recognize this elf because of one special feature that they had.

It was their red hair that allowed me to recognize them. I only knew of a single elf who had this kind of red hair in the first place.

After that elf fully woke up, they glared at the demon commander in front of them and asked, "What is going on here?"

The demon commander revealed a faint and cold smile as he said, "You should already know what is going on here."

Apollo knitted his brows when he heard this. He narrowed his eyes to glare at the demon commander, but the demon commander wasn't affected by this glare at all.

After a moment of silence, Apollo asked, "Where are the rest of the elves?"

The demon commander ignored this as he pulled out the dagger that he had taken from the treasury before.

He held this dagger up in front of Apollo and asked, "Do you recognize this?"

The moment that he saw this dagger, he immediately recognized it.

After all, this was the dagger that Moon carried everywhere. It was impossible for him not to recognize it with how many times he had seen it.

After a moment of being surprised, Apollo suddenly grabbed the bars in front of him and shouted, "What have you done with her?!"

The way that he suddenly changed even scared some of the demons who had been watching from the side.

However, the demon commander didn't even flinch in the face of Apollo's anger.

Rather, his smile became even wider, almost as if he was feeding on the anger in Apollo's voice.

Then in a teasing voice, the demon commander said, "Who knows?"

Apollo looked like he was about to explode, but the demon commander didn't care about him as he turned around to go back to his food. It was as if he had finished playing with the toy that he had found and he was bored of him.

But Apollo was left in despair from this.

I felt a bit of pity, but not as much as one would think...

It could be considered pettiness, but that was just how I felt after how Apollo treated me.

At the same time though, I couldn't help wondering why the demon commander would do this.

After all, there was nothing to gain from taunting Apollo like this.

It almost felt petty...just like how I was currently feeling.

Chapter 182 Plan (1)

Seeing that there weren't any other moves from the demons, I didn't stay here to watch any longer.

Knowing that they were content with just sitting here and enjoying the banquet, I knew that I shouldn't waste this chance that had been given to me. As long as they were here, then I would be able to talk to the prisoners that had been captured.

So I didn't waste any time heading back through the passage.

The first group that I chose to contact were...the humans.

They would be easier to convince to go along with my plan, so I chose to talk to them first.

After making my way back to that cave, I stood there over the other members of my group who were lying there on the ground.

They were still in the same position as when I left. It seemed that they were still under the influence of whatever had been used to knock them out.

It had to be some kind of special poison that was used with how effective it was, so it definitely wasn't something that could be solved that easily.

It was a good thing that I had already thought of this, so I had collected something special from the treasury just for this.

The demons didn't know what the use of this was, so they had just tossed behind those bars.

But I knew that this thing was a powerful antidote that worked on most poisons.

Not to mention that since it was a flower, a living being, it was something that could be used again and again. It was not something that could only be used once and then it would be useless.

However, I also knew that it was a bad idea to wake everyone up at once...

So I started moving them in the cave.

The flower's pollen, which was the antidote, only had a certain area of effect. This area of effect was actually quite small.

As long as they weren't in that area of effect, the pollen wouldn't reach them and they wouldn't be cured of the poison afflicting them.

So I separated them to only awaken a few of them at a time so that there wouldn't be mass panic.

The ones that I awakened first were Cecilia and Haley.

After separating them from the rest, I brought out the flower and let the pollen from it fall onto them.

Slowly but surely, the two of them started to wake up.

As they opened their eyes, I already had my hands raised. Then the moment that they saw where they were, they opened their mouths to say something, but I had already put my hands over them.

παΠdasNovel com That was the reason why I had raised them in the first place.

The two of them reacted very differently to this.

Haley's eyes opened wide and she was filled with shock when this happened.

But Cecilia's eyes only had that shocked look for a second before they turned firm. They looked like she was about to fight her way out of this. I think you should take a look at [παΠdasnovel.com](http://παΠdasnovel.com)

She had even started opening her mouth as if she was about to bite the hand that was currently covering her mouth.

However, before she could, I came forward to reveal myself and gave them a sign to be quiet.

Both of them were surprised to see that it was me, but after seeing that it was me, they calmed down a bit. Haley's eyes returned to normal while Cecilia stopped trying to struggle.

Though...with the bit of struggle that she had put on earlier...there was a bit of slobber on my hand now...

It really felt strange with this on my hand...

But I ignored it and wiped it off on my clothes after taking my hand off Cecilia's mouth.

There was a moment of silence before Haley suddenly asked, "What is going on here?"

She was a smart person, so when she saw this situation, she knew that something had to be going on. Once she knew that, she didn't waste any time in asking me what was happening.

I looked at her with a look of praise after hearing this before giving a simple explanation.

After all, there was very little time, so I couldn't tell her everything that happened.

The only thing that I could give her was a simple summary of everything.

After she finished hearing this, Haley suddenly fell into deep thought.

Cecilia on the other hand had a bit of an excited look on her face as she said, "So we're going to be fighting the demons?"

A bitter smile crept onto my face when I heard this, but I shook my head in the end before saying, "It's not that simple. If we go in without any plans, then we won't be able to do much." After a pause, I added, "Not to mention, there are still those elves that are being held hostage outside."

Cecilia revealed a disdainful look when she heard this.

While she didn't say anything, it made it clear by the look on her face that she didn't want to save those elves that were trapped outside.

The bitter smile on my face became wider, but I still said, "You know that we have to save them. If we don't then we won't be able to accomplish our goal."



Cecilia's expression didn't change at first, but then she gave a sigh and said, "Alright."

I gave a nod in response, but I knew where she was coming from.

After all, with how Apollo had treated us since the beginning, it made him very unlikeable. If I had a choice, I wouldn't have chosen to save him either...but there was no choice here.

If we were to leave those elves to their fate, then it would be impossible to negotiate with the elven village.

It was at this time that Haley finished thinking and she asked, "What plan do you have right now?"

I gave an appreciative nod to her intelligence and then quickly explained my plan.

Chapter 183 Plan (2)

After I finished explaining the plan to them, we went and woke up the rest of our group.

It was a good thing that I had woken up these two, or else it would have been much more chaotic.

When I woke up the next group, they immediately started to panic when they saw the unfamiliar scenery. With just me alone, it would have been impossible to keep them all silent.

So with Haley and Cecilia's help, we were able to cover the mouths of the ones that went to scream.

If it wasn't for them...it would have been very likely that we would have been discovered with all the noise that would have been made...

Luckily they were here to help me cover those mouths to ensure that there wasn't a sound.

Only when we were sure that they wouldn't make a sound did we wake up the rest of the group.

They all panicked, but there were more than enough people to ensure that they didn't make any sounds.

Since everyone here was awake, there was nothing else for me to do.

So I took one of the Storage Rings that I had and left it with them.

This was the Storage Rings of one of the blonde elves that stuck with Moon.

Since they were so close to Moon, it only made sense that they had a high position among the elves.

The Storage Rings that they had were only second in size to Moon's Storage Ring.

These were big enough to store all the things that they needed, so I left the Storage Ring here. After all, they would still be pretending to be tied up and would only break free at the last moment.

So for now, it wasn't as if they could fully equip themselves with their armour and weapons.

I left the Storage Ring to Haley with instructions on how to use it. She was the smartest one here, so she was able to easily figure this out.

After that, I put the Detection Ward back on my lapel and disappeared from everyone's sight.

As I left, I could see the looks of amazement that they had on their faces.

It didn't take me long to reach the elves. The corridors were completely unguarded since it seemed like all of the demons were outside enjoying the banquet.

When I came back to the room with the elves, I found that Moon was in the same position that I had left her.

She was doing what she could to stay still, but it was impossible for her to completely stop her breathing. When I looked closely, I could see the faint movements that came from her body.

I didn't know why, but it almost looked cute the way that she tried her best.

But I threw this thought out and moved over to where she was.

When I came close, I tapped her on the shoulder which made her jump and give a small cry of surprise.

I quickly took off the Detection Ward and said in a small voice, "It's me, it's just me."

When Moon heard this, she looked at me with a glare.

I couldn't help feeling that this was cute too...but I quickly gathered myself and told her what I had done already.

After Moon heard this, she said, "Then quickly wake up and untie the rest."

I gave a nod before shaking my head and saying, "We can't wake them up all at once."

Moon hesitated a bit before giving a nod.

She had a look of understanding in her eyes which showed that she knew what I was talking about.

So we separated them and started waking the elves in groups.

The first two that we woke up were the two blonde elves that followed Moon closely.

These two followed Moon closely and were very loyal to her, so there wouldn't be a problem if they were woken up first.

As soon as they woke up, they didn't panic and instead started looking for Moon.

When they saw her, their expression relaxed for a second until...they saw me. The moment that they saw me, their eyes filled with hostility.

They both quickly reached for their weapons, but they realized that they didn't have any weapons. So they just looked for rocks that they could use as weapons against me.

Luckily for me, there wasn't anything like that in this cave.

This cave had been completely cleaned out of anything that the prisoners could use to break free, so they wouldn't be able to find anything like that here.

After realizing this, the blonde elves didn't bother looking for anything else and just decided to use their hands against me.

But before they could reach me, Moon suddenly came forward to stand in between us.

Seeing this, the blonde elves said in a soft voice, "Young miss, please move."

Even though they were angry, they had controlled themselves and didn't speak too loudly.

Moon shook her head and then said in a soft voice as well, "It's not what you think."

Both of the blonde elves revealed confused looks when they heard this, but the hostility that they had towards me didn't disappear. They were still glaring at me even though Moon was standing there in front of me.

Moon calmly waited until the two settled down before explaining the situation to them.

After they finished hearing this, the blonde elves still had a bit of doubt on their face. However, they did calm down since it was Moon who was telling them this.

In the end, they were still doubtful, but they were willing to cooperate since it was the only way to help the other elves that were still unconscious.

They could tell that the reason why they were still unconscious wasn't normal, so they would need my help to wake them up.

So we worked together to wake up the other elves, but that was also filled with plenty of drama...

#### Chapter 184 Plan (3)

When the other elves woke up, they naturally looked at me with hostility like the blonde elves had done earlier.

There were some that even wanted to attack me, but Moon and the blonde elves quickly stopped them...Well, the blonde elves had more hesitation and only stepped in after Moon did.

But still, they helped me by stopping the elves from charging at me.

In the end, we were able to wake up all of the elves and explain the situation to them.

They all had doubtful looks on their faces, but in this situation, they had no choice but to play along.

After all, they didn't have any of their weapons and they didn't know what was happening outside. At the same time, there were many other elves of their group that were missing.

Namely, the warriors that were led by Apollo.

If they wanted to save them and escape this place, they had no choice but to trust Zwein for now.

After everyone had settled, Moon asked, "What do we do now?"

I nodded in response to this and told them the plan.

When the elves heard this, they couldn't help knitting their brows once more as they looked at me with skeptical looks, but I didn't flinch under this skepticism. I just calmly looked at Moon and waited for her response.

After a bit of silence, Moon gave a nod in response.

She then said, "That does seem like the best way to handle this, but there's a problem."

She waved her hand at everyone and said, "We don't have any weapons. I don't think that we'll be able to fight our way out like this."

I nodded when I heard this before bringing out the thing that I had in my pocket.

Moon's eyes narrowed when she saw this...since it was her Storage Ring that I pulled out.

She looked up at me with a strange look before reaching out to take it.

But before she could take it, I pulled my hand back.

When Moon saw this, she narrowed her eyes again before asking, "What are you doing?"

I revealed an awkward smile before saying, "Give me one minute first, I just need to take a few things out."

Then I started pulling out the different Storage Rings from Moon's Storage Ring.

I thought that the elves would be happy to see this, but to my surprise, I found that they were all staring at me with narrowed eyes that were filled with hostility. Even Moon was giving me the same look.

After a moment of silence, she suddenly asked, "How do you know how to use these Storage Rings?"

I was confused at first, but then I realized what she meant.

These Storage Rings were the treasures of the elven race and unless one was an elf, they wouldn't know how to use them.

So how did I know how to use them?

That was why they were filled with hostility as they looked at me.

I realized my mistake now, but there really wasn't time to explain...not to mention that I didn't have an explanation for them in the first place.

So I raised my hands and said, "There's no time right now. I'll talk to you about this later."

After a tense moment of silence, Moon finally gave a nod.

The other elves seemed like they weren't willing to accept this, but since Moon had already made her decision, it wasn't as if they could say anything else.

So the elves started taking their Storage Rings.

One of the blonde elves noticed that her Storage Ring wasn't here, so she asked me about it.

"I gave it to my group to use. We needed a place to hide our armours and weapons for now."

As soon as they heard this, all of the elves knitted their brows again.

They looked at me with the same looks as before, but they knew that this wasn't the time, so they went back to their own things.

That blonde elf still asked, "What do I do about weapons? It's not as if I can fight empty handed."

Moon was the one that answered this.

"Your weapons and armour are in my ring."

She took them out for that blonde elf before looking at me with a strange look.

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The blonde elf took this, but she also looked at me with a strange look.

But that also wasn't the end of that since...the other blonde elf's Storage Ring was missing.

"I need that ring to hold a few things for me."

That blonde elf looked at me with that same hostile look, but Moon helped me again.

"He's an ally and he needs it, so just let him use it for now."

The blonde elf had an unwilling look on her face, but she still nodded in response to this.

After she defended me, Moon turned to look at me to say, "But I will need an explanation from you later on how you know how to use our Storage Rings."



I just revealed a bitter smile before nodding in agreement.

With this settled, there was nothing else for me to take care of here.

Since the elves knew what the plan was and what to do, I put on the Detection Ward and headed back to my group.

But before I went, Moon grabbed me by the shoulder and said in a soft voice, "Be careful."

I was surprised by this and caught off guard by how cute she was when she said it, but I still said with a nod, "I will. You be careful too."

She nodded in response to this.

I went back to my group and found that they were already making preparations.

Now all we had to do was wait for the right time.

Time passed and night soon fell.

When I confirmed that it was night outside and the feast was dying down, I went back and asked my group, "Are you ready?"

They all gave signs that they were prepared.

With that, the plan was put into action.

## Chapter 185 Breakout

The first thing that we had to take care of were the guards that were outside the cave we had been put in.

But that was very easy since...they were both asleep.

These guards were completely exhausted after the feast and they didn't think that anything would happen with the humans tied up, so they fell asleep in the room outside the cave.

That was the last mistake of their lives.

When the time came, we slowly made our way out of the room with Cecilia and her subordinates in the lead.

They were all fully equipped with their weapons and armour, so they didn't have a problem taking out the demons.

If the demons were awake, it might have been hard.

The specialty that demons had was that they were filled with powerful mana. With that powerful mana, they would be able to form barriers around their skin that could even resist sharp blades.

It was just too bad that these powerful barriers didn't work when they were asleep.

Well, they worked, but they weren't as strong as when they were awake.

So it took a simple slip of the sword to cut through their necks.

The demons didn't even get a chance to make a sound as Cecilia and one of the knights held their mouths shut as they slit their throats. The demons could only look up to see the humans who had killed them as the light drained from their eyes.

With this, there was no turning back.

Without any hesitation, we headed down one of the passages in this room and soon we reached the treasury.

Before entering the treasury, I put on the Detection Ward and checked it out first.

When I saw the people that were there, I took off the Detection Ward and waved for the rest to follow me in.

The ones that were already here were Moon and her elves.

There were two of them that had dark blood on them, but it was the same with Cecilia and the knight. This was the blood of the demons that we had killed.

After seeing us arrive, Moon came forward and asked, "What do we do now? It's locked."

I didn't answer this question and instead walked over to the stalagmite that held the key.

I pushed down on the top of the stalagmite and the key was revealed.

Then taking this key, I opened up the gate that was in front of us before giving a gesture inviting them in.

Seeing this, everyone looked at me with a bitter smile on their faces before a few of them moved forward.

There was a group that protected the area while a few of us went in to see if there was anything that we could use here.

After all, when I had been here this afternoon, I didn't take everything that had been here.

I had only taken a few things that I thought were useful, but there were still plenty of other things here. There were plenty of things that I didn't know what they did, so I had no reason to take them.

But now that everyone else was here, I wanted to see if they knew what these things did.

It was better to use these things to help us than to leave them here after all.

Haley was the one that had the most fun here.

She was like a child in a candy store as she started going through all of the items that were on the ground. She found quite a few things that it seemed like she wanted to take, but after thinking about it, she left those things there.

That was because she wanted these things for personal reasons and they wouldn't actually help us here.

Seeing this, I patted her on the shoulder and said, "We can come back for these things later."

She looked up at me before giving a nod and then looking back at the items on the ground with an unwilling look.

Moon was the person who was the second most interested in this pile.

She found a few things that caught her attention and she put them into her Storage Ring without any hesitation.

That was the difference between those that had a Storage Ring and those that didn't.

She was able to keep what she wanted in that Storage Ring without a single care since it was a secure place to keep things, that was also out of the way.

Haley looked at me as if she was asking me to do the same.

A bitter smile appeared on my face as she looked at me like this.

I did have a Storage Ring, but it wasn't mine in the first place. It was the one that I was currently borrowing from the blonde elf, so I couldn't just use it as I wanted.

Seeing this, she gave a sigh before turning her attention back to the pile.

It didn't take long for us to find the things that we needed, so we quickly left the treasury.

It would only be a matter of time before the demons sent people to check the cells, so we only had so much time before our jailbreak was discovered.

Before that, we had to get in position to take out the demons, so there was no time to waste.

Since we were done here, there was no reason for us to stay here any longer.

I put on the Detection Ward and disappeared in front of everyone before heading out first to scout the area.

When they heard the signal, which was the sound of a stone dropping, they followed behind me.

Just like this, we made our way to the exit of the cave.

But before leaving this cave, I had to check the situation outside.

As I had expected, all of the demons were just lying on the ground asleep. They had all knocked out from the food and drinks that they had, so this was the perfect chance.

I went back to the rest and told them, "Get ready, we only have a certain amount of time before they start waking up and fighting back."

All of them nodded in response to this.

They knew the plan, they wouldn't make a mistake.

So it was time to get it started.

#### Chapter 186 Fighting Demons (1)

The demons that were outside were all asleep, so it was easy for the elves and the humans to get into position.

Once they were in position, they were just waiting for our group to finish what we had to do.

Before we started attacking the demons, we had to rescue the other elves first.

Otherwise, if the demons woke up and realized that they were being attacked, they would immediately think to use these elves in the cage as hostages. Once that happened, it would be hard for us to save them.

So the group that was heading over included me, Cecilia, and Moon, as well as some of their strongest subordinates.

These two were the strongest fighters and the others were among the strongest out of all our groups, this could be considered the strongest team that we had.

As for why we were sending all of our strongest fighters over, it was because once the demons woke up, they would still send people after the hostages. We needed a strong line to stop them when they did this.

After all, it was impossible to expect these elves to be ready to fight right away.

The elves in the cave had been preparing all afternoon and had regained the strength to fight, but the elves in the cage had been suffering from the poison still, so they would still be groggy after waking up.

They would be in no condition to fight like this.

After making our way over, I didn't wake up the elves right away since that would just make a commotion.

However, we did open up the cage and start untying all of the elves.

During this, Apollo suddenly woke up and was about to create a commotion before Moon stopped him.

I had already seen Apollo waking up earlier, so I knew that the demons must have cured him of his poison. I knew that if we tried to free the elves, he would wake up, so I had given Moon the duty of taking care of him.

When he saw me though, it looked like he really wanted to kill me.

But he held himself back since he knew that this was a dangerous situation and that Moon was beside him.

He reached his hand out as if he was asking for his Storage Ring, but Moon shook her head which surprised him. He looked at her like he was asking her how he should fight without any weapons, so in the end, Moon gave him one of her backup swords.

Apollo had a disappointed look, but he still took it since it was better than nothing.

Since we were all prepared, I gave a nod to Cecilia and Moon.

When they received this nod, they turned back to the elves and humans that were waiting and they gave the signal.

Once this signal was given, the battle began.

The demons were completely caught off guard, so before the battle even fully started, half of them had been wiped out.

The humans used their swords to cut the demons down while the elves rained arrows on the demons.

It was impossible to stop the demons from making noises as they were being killed, so the other demons were woken up by this.

That included the demon commander.

When he woke up, he just gave a simple glance around before shouting, "The prisoners have escaped!"

As soon as he said this, all of the demons entered combat mode, pulling out various weapons and such.

However, their numbers had been cut down by quite a bit. A quarter of them had been killed from the ambush and another quarter of them had been injured to varying degrees.

The demons had outnumbered the elves and humans in the first place, but now...the numbers had been cut down enough that they were about even.

But even then...

The demon commander recognized what the situation was with a single glance, so he shouted, "The elves in the cage! Take them as hostages and force them to back down!"

The demons that heard this hesitated for a second before immediately turning in the direction of the cage.

As we had expected, the demons immediately turned to using the elves that had been captured as hostages.



It was just too bad that we had already expected this and had sent people to guard the cage.

When the demons came charging, Cecilia stood in the front with her knights while Moon and the other elves stood in the back with their bows raised.

When she faced the demons, Cecilia didn't back down at all as she slashed her sword at them.

The demons might have had a barrier around them, but that wasn't enough to protect them against the might of Cecilia's sword.

If it was before, perhaps she might have struggled against these demons.

But after fighting and defeating the Goblin General, as well as fighting all those monsters, Cecilia and her knights had leveled up. They were much stronger and faster than before, so they were able to easily sweep through these demon foot soldiers.

The demons weren't able to take a single attack from Cecilia, falling from slashes of her sword.

Behind them, the elves weren't idle.

Led by Moon, the elves started shooting their arrows at the demons in the back rows of the charge.

These arrows were sharp and accurate, landing on the vital spots of these demons.

While not every arrow from the elves killed a demon, every arrow from Moon did.

Her accuracy and power was far above the other elves, putting her in a class of her own.

With these abilities, she was like a reaper swinging her scythe as she cut down the demons.

The only one who was really struggling in this fight was Apollo.

After all, the sword that Moon had given him was a poor quality sword, so it had snapped in the first collision with the demons.

While he was a warrior, so he was skilled at as well, that didn't matter as much against the demons. The demons were also skilled at and had large mana stores, so the barrier they used easily blocked Apollo's spells.

So in the end, he had no choice but to pick up sticks from the ground to fight with.

However, sticks were sticks in the end and every stick that he used snapped with just a single swing.

Just like this, he was put in a very embarrassing position, but he had no choice but to fight.

Even then, the elves and humans were able to push back to the demons that charged at them.

These demons were just no match for the combined forces of Cecilia and Moon, so they were pushed back under their sword and bow respectively.

But before the demons could retreat, there was a sword that was swung down to cut the demon at the very back.

When they turned around, they found that it was the demon commander.

Seeing this, all of them steeled themselves again to face the elves and the humans.

That was because comparing the two, they were more scared of the demon commander than the elves and humans.

Chapter 187 Fighting Demons (2)

The demon commander wasn't a fool.

Just based on the momentum of the battle, he could tell that they were slowly being pushed back by the humans and elves.

At the same time, there were other humans and elves who were attacking them from the side, slowly whittling their forces away.

If they continued like this, it would be a matter of time before they were choked out and taken down.

So he had to find a way out of this blockade.

In the mind of the demon commander, there were two ways to break free of this blockade.

One was to concentrate his forces and hit one of the weak spots of the blockade. Once they broke through, they would be able to run away and then regroup before deciding on what to do.

But this idea was immediately ignored by the demon commander.

After all, no matter how one put it, this was retreating and it would hurt his pride if he did anything like that.

So the demon commander wouldn't even want to think about this.

That left him with his other choice.

Defeating the enemy leaders and destroying their morale.

Once the enemy's morale was shattered, it was only a matter of time before they were pushed back by the demons. After all, demons were much more powerful than elves and humans by nature, it was just that they were on the losing end now because they had been ambushed like this.

Once they gathered themselves, there was no chance that they would lose.

But the enemy also knew this which was why they were trying to cut their numbers down as quickly as possible by sending their leaders, their strongest fighters to the frontline.

Since that was the case, the demon commander had made his choice.

When the demon commander came forward, the demons that were in front of him cleared the way for him.

When the demon commander came forward, the humans and elves felt the pressure that he brought on them.

This demon commander was definitely powerful enough to turn the tides in their favour.

Seeing this, Cecilia and Moon immediately came to a decision.

Cecilia looked back at Moon and Moon gave a nod before nocking three arrows into her bow.

She didn't shoot them right at the demon commander, but rather raised her bow up towards the sky. She aimed them right up into the sky before letting the bowstring go, sending those arrows off.

The demon commander had looked up to follow the arrows, but then he immediately looked down.

"Clang!"

There was the sound of swords clashing that rang out.

Cecilia had charged forward the moment that Moon had released those arrows, clearing the gap between her and the demon commander in an instant. With all of the demons being distracted by the demon commander suddenly coming out, she was able to run past them without any problems.

As she ran this distance, her sword had undergone a full swing at the demon commander.

But the demon commander had easily blocked this swing with his sword.

He looked down at Cecilia and raised his other hand as if he was about to do something, but then he suddenly stopped.

In an instant, the demon commander jumped back without any hesitation.

As the demon commander jumped back, there was an arrow that landed where he had been standing before.

Cecilia didn't give the demon commander any room to catch his breath as she quickly chased after him after he jumped backwards.

This time, she lifted her sword above her head and brought it down in a large swing at the demon commander.

Since the demon commander had been focused on escaping the arrow, he wasn't able to react to this large swing quickly.

He could only bring his sword up in a haste to block it, but that caused him to not use as much strength as he would have liked.

In the end, the demon commander was still able to block this downwards strike.

However, there was a different problem.

The reason why Cecilia had chosen a downwards strike this second time was to lock the demon commander in place.

With the pressure coming from above, the demon commander felt it was hard to move.

To break free, he would have to gather his strength to push her back.

He couldn't help being surprised by the fact that this kind of power was contained in this skinny frame, but there was no time for him to be surprised.

That was because he could feel a sense of danger from above.

It was another arrow that was falling down.

But with Cecilia locking him in place like this, it wasn't as if the demon commander could dodge out of the way.

It seemed like the demon commander was in a very bad situation.

However, the demon commander suddenly brought up his other hand that had a ball of black energy inside of it.

This ball of black energy quickly gathered before releasing a bright glow that blinded Cecilia. However, Cecilia's sharp senses told her exactly where this ball of dark energy was coming from, so she quickly released the hold that she had on the demon commander.

She pulled her sword back and then jumped back, dodging out of the way.

After being released from Cecilia's hold, the demon commander also jumped back out of the way.

If he had been a second later, then he might have been skewered by the arrow that fell.

There was an arrow that landed right where he had been standing before.

But once again, it wasn't over yet.

There was one more arrow that had been shot.

This time, it was the arrow that fell first before Cecilia charged out at the demon commander.

The demon commander raised his sword to slash out at the arrow, deflecting it away before continuing that swing to meet Cecilia who was charging at him.

Since he had already started the swing, there was more power in this swing than his previous swings.

This one sent Cecilia flying back with the power that it contained, sending her in the center of the demons.

When she landed, Cecilia found herself surrounded by demons.

#### Chapter 188 Fighting Demons (3)

The demons were caught off guard by this since they had been focused on watching the fight between Cecilia and the demon commander.

However, they quickly came back to their senses and raised their weapons to attack Cecilia.

But this moment of hesitation was what had cost them.

That was because the moment that they turned around, the humans and elves attacked them from behind.

The demons had only thought about getting Cecilia, who had landed in their midst, that they had forgotten who they had been fighting just a minute ago.

The humans and elves had also stopped fighting for a bit to watch Cecilia charge the demon commander, but they also had Moon there to keep them in line. They knew what would happen after Cecilia charged the demon commander, so they were all prepared to rescue her at any moment.

The moment that the demons focused on Cecilia, the knights charged forward and the elves covered them with their arrows.

Being hit in the back like this, the demons weren't able to resist at all as they were cut down by the swords and arrows. They just crumpled under their weapons like wheat in front of a scythe.

It took no time at all for them to carve a path for Cecilia's escape.

Cecilia quickly went with them and returned to the line in front of the cage.

After she came back, I quickly asked her, "How strong is he?"

Cecilia revealed a grim look before saying, "Just in terms of physical strength, he's stronger than me. If you add in his ..."

She didn't finish her words, but the conclusion that she drew was definitely grim enough.

All of us revealed downcast looks when we heard this, but then we calmed ourselves and steeled our hearts.

I had already expected this since this was a main quest given by the system. There was no way that this would be easy.

Since that was the case, then I shouldn't hold back any longer.



I pulled out The Penetrator and handed it to Cecilia.

She took it without hesitation before turning to face the demon commander again.

The reason why she didn't have The Penetrator in hand to begin with was because we had wanted to hide this. We had wanted to keep this thing as our secret weapon, but it seemed like that wasn't possible.

The demon commander was already this powerful, so there was no chance of winning without it.

Holding this in hand, Cecilia felt much more confident.

She remembered when she faced the Goblin General and the feel of using this strange looking sword to smash that Goblin General.

She didn't want to admit it, but it was a feeling that was quite addicting. That empowered feeling that she had when she held this strange looking sword, she really wanted more of it.

But she knew that this was only temporary and the best way to become stronger was to make oneself stronger, so that was why she didn't use this weapon all the time.

When The Penetrator came out, the elves and the demons who were sensitive to couldn't help looking at it with strange looks.

It wasn't because of the strange shape that this sword had, but rather because of the that could sense coming from it. It took just a single glance for the elves and the demons to recognize that this was a weapon.

They were more surprised that the humans who had the lowest amount of out of all the races would have something like this.

The demon commander had been silent the whole time since he had been surprised by how well the elves and humans were cooperating, but this took the straw.

He too was surprised by the fact that this human had a weapon like this, but he was more disappointed in his men. They had let this perfect opportunity slip out of their fingers like this.

During the time that the humans had been talking and regrouping, his men could have caught them off guard by suddenly charging.

They had even been focused on switching to that weapon, so there had been the perfect gap...

Yet they just stood there in a daze like fools.

Finally, the demon commander couldn't take it anymore and shouted, "What are you fools doing? Use your to bombard them from afar while forming a line to keep them away!"

The demons were snapped out of their daze when they heard this and they quickly turned back to gather mana in their hands.

When the elves and humans saw this, they had ugly expressions.

After all, the specialty of demons was their power.

They had felt relieved that the demons hadn't used these spells yet, but now...

The demons had actually not used them because they wanted to save their mana just in case, but the demon commander's words woke them up.

If they didn't push through, then they would all die here.

It was better to go all out and break free than to die here without using it at all.

Cecilia immediately made a decision after seeing the demons start to gather their power.

She started charging forward as she shouted, "Charge them and interrupt them before they can finish gathering their !"

The knights were caught off guard by this, but they only delayed for a single second before following up on Cecilia's charge. They had been properly trained by her, so they would be able to follow up on things like this in an instant.

The demons were also surprised by Cecilia's charge, but they didn't worry since they were in an advantageous position.

There was already a line formed to block this charge from her while the demons in the back were gathering their power.

Once she was stopped by the line, then they would immediately rain down spells on her.

They didn't believe that a puny human like this would be able to block the spells that they released.

So they watched as Cecilia came closer and closer.

#### Chapter 189 Fighting Demons (4)

Cecilia could see that the demons were prepared to face her, but she didn't back down at all when she saw this.

Instead, she just brought the strange looking sword in her hand up and prepared to swing down at them.

The demons were caught off guard when they saw that she was prepared to charge at them, but then they couldn't help revealing derisive sneers. It was almost like they thought that she was a fool.

That was normal since she was charging at a bunch of enemies that were prepared to ignore her.

Anyone normal would have thought that this was a foolish thing to do...but Cecilia was no fool.

The demons still had a sneer on their faces when Cecilia's strange sword came at them, but then...that smile disappeared without a trace.

When the strange looking sword slammed into them, they found that they weren't able to put up any resistance at all. It was as if instead of them being the wall, Cecilia was the wall and they were the egg being thrown at all.

The demons weren't able to resist even for a single second as they were blown away, creating a large hole in the line of the demons.

When the elves saw this, they immediately took advantage of this to shoot some arrows through the hole to hit the demons in the back.

These demons who had been gathering their mana for their spells didn't have any defenses, so they were shot down right away by these arrows.

At the same time, the sudden explosion that was the demons being blown away had caused the other demons preparing their spells to lose their concentration.

So in the end, there wasn't a single spell that was released at the humans and elves.

It wasn't just the demons that were shocked by the power that Cecilia showed, even the demon commander's jaw couldn't help dropping. This demon who prided himself in being cool and calm had let his emotions get the best of him.

After all, this was just too shocking!

No one would have expected Cecilia to have this kind of power.

And if she did, why didn't she use this power earlier when she was clashing with the demon commander?

The knights didn't waste the opening that Cecilia gave her and quickly surrounded her to create a hole in the line of the demons.

The other demons around them tried to patch up this hole by attacking the knights, but they found that anyone that came close would be blown away by Cecilia's attack. The knights were just there to protect her while she slammed all of the demons away.

Seeing this, all of the demons revealed bitter smiles as they couldn't believe this.

Weren't they supposed to be the one using this technique?

Why did it suddenly get turned around on them?

The demon commander knew that this situation had gotten out of hand and even if he wanted to do something, it would be impossible with the state that his men were in.

The only way for him to take care of this was to use some drastic measures.

Namely...his hidden trump card.

So the demon commander ignored his men who were being trounced and turned to look at the elves.

He was looking at one specific elf who had also been looking in his direction.

When his eyes met the gaze of this elf, there was a look of understanding that appeared in the eyes of the elf. At the same time, there was a difficult look that appeared in the eyes of that elf.

But in the end, the determination filled it and they made up their mind.

That elf raised their hand and they gathered mana in the palm of their hands.

From a bystander's point of view, it seemed like this elf was about to shoot out a spell to hit the enemy.

However, when one looked at this elf closely, they would see that this elf was facing a certain direction.

Instead of looking at the enemies, this elf was currently looking in the direction of Cecilia and her knights.

If they were to release a spell now...that spell would most likely hit Cecilia and her knights.

But that elf didn't stop gathering mana in their palms.

After a minute, the elf had finished gathering the mana that they needed for this spell and they were prepared to fire it.

However, before they could, they heard a cough coming from behind them.

The elf suddenly jolted when they heard this and they turned around to see...a young human male standing there.

That was right, I was standing behind this elf.

I looked at this red haired elf with their hand raised and their mana gathered with a calm look. It didn't seem like I was accusing them of anything, but the way that I stood there with my arms crossed made it clear that I knew everything.

When the red haired elf saw this, his face suddenly twisted.

After a moment of silence, that red haired elf slowly brought his hand down and ran forward with the stick in his hand.

I kept watching this red haired elf, making sure that he didn't do anything else and it seemed like he had given up on causing mischief.

As for how I knew this...I had been watching the elves in the cave the entire time.

I had been carefully watching to see if I could find the traitor, but there didn't seem to be anything that I could see. So I was almost certain that the traitor that the demons had mentioned before weren't among the elves in the cave.

But that would mean that they were outside in the cage...

That just seemed very strange unless they were trying to blend in by playing the part of the victim.

However, I remembered something after thinking about this.

Why would the demon commander specifically bring out that dagger and taunt Apollo this afternoon?

That seemed a bit suspicious.

Now, my suspicions have been confirmed.

However, it wasn't the time to deal with them right now.

#### Chapter 190 Fighting Demons (5)

When the demon commander saw that the red haired elf wouldn't do what he wanted, he had no choice but to take to the field himself.

He knew that it was impossible for his idiot troops to face this powerful enemy by themselves, so he had no choice but to personally take care of it.

The other few demons that were close to the demon commander, the ones that were stronger than the rest of the demons also followed him.

They had been leading the other demons in taking care of the humans and elves that were surrounding them, but now that the demon commander was personally taking to the field, they had to come and help him.

So it was like this that the most powerful demons were coming forward to fight.

When the demon commander and his subordinates came forward, the other demons immediately created a path for them.

Seeing this, the demon commander looked at them in disdain for their cowardice.

However, he didn't say anything about this since he knew that this was for the best.

With their strength, they would just be a burden if they came out with them.

But that didn't mean that these demons completely retreated.

Since they wouldn't be able to help directly, they would still be able to help indirectly.

The demons moved to the back and started gathering their mana to cast their large spells.

It was just like the strategy from before, but this time the demon commander and the other powerful demons were the ones that were holding the line.

When the demon commander and the other powerful demons came forward, Cecilia also came forward to face them.



She knew that other than her, there was no one else that would be able to take this demon commander on.

The two sides came face to face with each other.

As they stood there, the demon commander suddenly revealed a smile and said, "You're not a bad woman. How about you come to my side? I'll be sure to properly take care of you."

I knitted my brows when I heard this, but then I couldn't help revealing a worried look.

That was because there was a bit of a dazed look on Cecilia's face instead of the angry look that one might expect.

It was clear that there was some kind of that was being used against her.

So I quickly went over to Moon and said, "Help me cast some mind focusing on Cecilia."

Moon looked at Cecilia and nodded in response.

She had also felt that something was off about her, but she didn't know what.

Now that she heard what I said, she realized that the demon commander was most likely using some kind of charm .

With a wave of her hand, there was a green light that appeared around Cecilia.

After that, her eyes suddenly focused and she revealed an angry glare that she pointed at the demon commander. As she gritted her teeth, she said, "You dare use that kind of against me?"

The demon commander slightly knitted his brows, but he didn't say anything else.

He knew that it would be pointless trying to use this again with the elves here, so he gave up on that idea.

At the same time, there was nothing for him to say since he knew that provoking them was meaningless.

He had seen the determination that this female knight had shown earlier, he knew that a few words wouldn't be enough to rattle her.

So the only thing that he could trust in was his own power.

Seeing this, Moon didn't waste any time in nocking five arrows into her bow.

When she pointed it up into the sky, there was a bit of a strained look on her face. It was as if it was hard for her to pull back these five arrows.

However, there was a different reason for that.

That was because these were arrows.

These were arrows that she was able to control with her , so she was able to make them fall on command. At the same time, she would be able to make them fall where she wanted them to fall.

That was how she had been able to delay the arrows that she shot earlier to fall at the right time.

But it was draining on her to use this because it took her mana to control these arrows.

Three was already hard on her and five was definitely pushing her limit, but she knew that this was the final battle and she didn't hold back anything.

These arrows flew out the moment that Cecilia charged forward.

When Cecilia charged, the knights behind her followed her charge.

At the same time, the demons also suddenly charged.

The demon commander was leading the charge while the other demons hung back a bit.

Cecilia and the demon commander only had one target, each other.

They both brought their weapons up and then swung down at each other.

Then when the weapons of the two sides clashed...there wasn't a single second of delay before the demon commander's black sword shattered to pieces.

The demon commander had a shocked look, but he still dodged out of the way at the last second.

As he dodged out of the way, Cecilia's sword slammed down into the ground where he had been standing.

The demons didn't miss this chance as they quickly tried to surround Cecilia.

But the knights weren't idle either as they clashed with these demons.

These knights were also stronger than before because they had also leveled up from fighting the monsters alongside Cecilia and undergoing her training. So they didn't have a problem clashing head on with these demons.

The problem was that there weren't enough of them to keep all of the demons occupied.

One of the demons was able to make their way forward and was able to slash out at Cecilia.

She turned to see the sword of this demon approaching her.