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Chapter 191 Fighting Demons (6)

But right before that sword could touch her, there was an arrow that fell down.

This arrow pierced right through the chest of this demon and pinned him down onto the ground.

The force of this arrow pushed him back and the sword was pulled away with him before he could swing it down on Cecilia.

Cecilia was caught off guard by this sudden arrow falling down, but then she turned back to give Moon an appreciative nod.

Moon gave a nod back before turning her eyes to look at the demon commander.

Cecilia saw this and also turned to focus on the demon commander.

The demon commander had taken the sword from another demon and was now back to facing them.

But this time, there was a wariness to him that they hadn't seen before.

As for the target of this wariness...it wasn't either Cecilia or Moon, but rather the strange looking sword in Cecilia's hand.

He was able to tell that it was all because of this strange looking sword that Cecilia was able to show that kind of power. So if he was able to avoid this sword, he shouldn't suffer like he had done just now.

As he started moving forward, there was a black energy that suddenly surrounded the demon commander.

Neither Moon or Cecilia knew what this was, but they could tell that this thing was dangerous.

So they could only watch to see what the demon commander planned to do.

The black energy swirled around the demon commander before suddenly...entering the demon commander's body.

After it entered the demon commander's body, the already dark skin of the demon commander turned even darker. At the same time, there were these dark veins that suddenly popped out on the demon commander's skin.

It was almost as if there was something that was moving around under the demon commander's skin.

But the pressure that the demon commander released suddenly became much stronger at the same time.

There was also this wild look that appeared on his face that was different from the calm look that he usually had.

However, the demon commander didn't move as he just stood there.

It was almost as if he was adjusting to this new state that he had entered.

At the same time, the other demons started moving away from him as if they were getting out of his way. But when one looked closely, they could see the traces of fear in their eyes.

After he finished adjusting to the state that he had entered, the demon commander let out a long breath.

There was even something that was dark about the breath that he let out...it was similar to the dark energy that had entered his body.

The demon commander didn't say a word as his eyes immediately fell onto Cecilia.

Then before anyone could react, the demon commander suddenly dashed forward, disappearing from sight.

When he appeared again, he was right in front of Cecilia already swinging the sword in his hands downwards.

Cecilia could barely react in time to bring the strange sword in her hand up to block it, but she was slammed down into the ground by the force of this swing. The sword of the demon commander was just a few inches from her neck and the only thing stopping it was the sword in her hand.

But the strength that came from the demon commander...it was just too much for her to handle.

Slowly but surely, the sword of the demon commander was coming closer and closer to her neck.

If nothing was done, she would be cut down by the demon commander.

The other knights wanted to help, but they were suddenly met with an onslaught of .

The demons that had been gathering their mana had finally finished and they were shooting their spells at the knight to keep them away from the demon commander. The knights had no choice but to back down since they couldn't push through these spells at all.

It seemed more and more likely that the demon commander would be able to cut off Cecilia's head like this.

But then, the demon commander suddenly stopped.

He immediately got off Cecilia and jumped back, avoiding the arrow that had fallen out of the sky.

However, he didn't stop after landing.

That was because there were three more arrows that had landed consecutively where he had been standing previously.

These three arrows pushed the demon commander all the way back to where he had been standing before.

Then after that, there was a barrage of spells that came from the elves that covered the knights as they helped bring Cecilia over to the position that the elves had been holding.

When they came back, the elves quickly came forward to see to the wounds of the knights. They knew that they had to depend on the knights to hold the line, so they put aside any feelings they had about them being different races and helped heal them with .

But the knights were mostly fine because these had been low level spells cast to help cover the demon commander.

They weren't hurt that badly by them.

When Cecilia was brought over, I quickly went forward to look at her wounds, but she was fine as well. She had only been caught off guard and there was only a small wound at her neck, but The Penetrator had blocked most of the damage for her.

Moon also came over with a serious look on her face.

After a bit of silence, she turned to the two blonde elves and said, "Iris, Lily, come over here."

The two blonde elves came over with a confused look on their face, but that look of confusion quickly changed to a look of shock when they heard what Moon told them.

"Help me cast the buff spells on Cecilia." Moon said in a calm voice.

But the way that the two blonde elves were looking at her, it was as if she had just suggested something taboo.

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That was because what she had said was indeed taboo for the elves.

The buff that she was referring to was the that drew on the power of the Tree of Life, the representation of the Goddess of Life that the elves believed in.

To use this , they would have to use the leaves of the Tree of Life that they carried around with them along with their .

But the leaves of the Tree of Life were very special items.

These were representations of their goddess, so it could even be considered sacred .

This was not a kind of that the elves used easily on themselves, let alone on a human.

In fact, there had never been a single case of this buff being used on a human before...so while there wasn't exactly a law against it, it was definitely not something that the elves would ever think of doing.

The problem was that this was what Moon was commanding them to do.

Moon would have done it herself, but she was using her to control the arrows to back up Cecilia.

She had already spent quite a bit of her mana with those five arrows and she would only have enough for another arrow or two. She by no means had enough mana to use this buff spell.

She had no choice but to call on these two blonde elves.

The blonde elves had very unwilling looks on their faces, but...they still followed Moon's orders in the end, especially when her glare fell onto them.

They pulled out the leaves of the Tree of Life from their Storage Rings and hesitantly held them in their hands before crushing them into a powder.

After the powder had been formed, they blew this powder over Cecilia.

Cecilia was naturally wary of this powder at first, but seeing the look at Moon gave her, she calmed down in the end and let the elves do what they wanted.

After the powder was blown over Cecilia, there was a green glow that appeared around her.

The two blonde elves started chanting something that almost seemed like they were singing. Their beautiful voices echoed through this space and even seemed to shake the air itself.

This was a power...that almost seemed godly.

But this power was there in front of them.

After a while of chanting, the green light suddenly gave off one bright glow before disappearing without a trace. However, when one looked at Cecilia closely, they could see a faint green outline around her.

It was as if she was surrounded by a faint green glow.

Cecilia looked down at her hands and clenched them before slightly knitting her brows.

It was as if she had sensed something strange.

Then she stood up and threw out a few punches...but these punches were so strong that they created gusts each time her fist went forward.

It was clear that she was much stronger than before.

Cecilia didn't waste any time and picked up the strange looking sword to the side before charging at the demons once again.

She knew that there had to be a time limit to the buff that she had received, so she didn't want to waste any of it.

When the elves saw her charging, they suddenly stopped shooting out their spells.

They had been firing their spells while the two blonde elves had been casting their buff on Cecilia so that the demons couldn't get close and interrupt. This had also kept the demon commander back since even if he was stronger, that didn't mean he was able to take all of these spells head on.

At the same time...the elves were slowly running out of mana with the way that they kept casting spells like this.

When the demon commander saw that the elves had stopped their bombardment, he came to the front of the line again and locked his eyes onto Cecilia.

Even if he felt that the green glow around her was strange, he didn't hesitate for a moment to charge out at her again.

Once again, the demon commander disappeared from sight and when he reappeared, he was already in front of Cecilia.

Cecilia didn't stop when she saw him appear in front of her and instead kept charging forward.

The demon commander was surprised by this, but that didn't stop him from swinging his sword down.

He didn't believe that Cecilia would be able to keep up with his speed in his current state. He could already see the moment of him cutting her head off.

There was a tinge of regret in his heart when he thought this since...he had to admit that the woman in front of him was a fine woman.

Her face and her figure was nice, even by demon standards.

If possible, he would have wanted to take her back with him as a sex slave...but it didn't seem possible.

He could see from the determination in her eyes that she wouldn't break.

Since that was the case, there was no need to show any mercy.

Not to mention, that weapon in her hand posed a threat to him.

The weapon would be more than enough loot for him.

So the demon commander swung down at Cecilia once more, aiming for her neck like last time.

But this time...Cecilia didn't remain idle while he swung down.

This time, her eyes and body were able to keep up with the speed of the demon commander.

With a twist of her body, the sword of the demon commander went right past her and slammed into the ground.

But that wasn't the end of it.

Cecilia had charged forward when she twisted her body, swinging the strange sword in her hand at the demon commander.

The demon commander had been caught off guard by the fact that Cecilia was able to dodge his swing, but he quickly raised his other hand to gather a shield of mana in front of him.

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The barrier that the demon commander had released was one that used all of the remaining mana that he had.

He didn't hesitate in doing this since he remembered what had happened last time when he took a hit from this strange looking sword.

But the problem was...even barriers weren't a problem for The Penetrator.

Whether it was or not, The Penetrator didn't have a problem penetrating through it with its 99% penetration stat.

So the barrier wasn't able to resist for a single second as The Penetrator smashed right through it.

The demon commander clearly didn't expect this to happen since he hadn't moved at all after putting up the barrier.

From the very beginning, he was filled with confidence that he would be able to take care of Cecilia and the rest of the elves once he had activated his trump card. That was a trump card that would threaten his life if he used it too much, which showed just how powerful it was.

So once he was forced to use it, he didn't believe that he would ever be pushed back like this.

That was why he hadn't dodged out of the way when Cecilia avoided his attack the first time.

That was also why he wasn't able to dodge in time when Cecilia suddenly smashed his barrier with The Penetrator.

The demon commander just stalled there, watching the strange looking sword get closer and closer.

Cecilia didn't hold back at all as she used a full swing to hit the demon commander right in the chest.

It was as if something caved in the moment that The Penetrator smashed into the demon commander's chest as he suddenly fell to the ground.

He found it hard to breathe as his chest had caved in from the impact.

The demon commander just laid there twitching on the ground after the hit from Cecilia.

When this happened, there was only silence that filled the air as everyone looked in the direction of the demon commander lying there on the ground with a collapsed chest.

Not a single person could understand what had just happened.

But the facts were there in front of them.

Once the demon commander was defeated, the morale of the demons were completely shattered to pieces and there were a few of them that suddenly ran away. They broke off from the rest of the demons and started running towards the forest.

It was just too bad that they had forgotten that they were completely surrounded.

Before any of these demons could get far, they were filled with arrows that came from all around them.

Even if they were able to dodge one or two arrows, there were many others that followed.

There were just too many elves around them that they couldn't get anywhere.

The demons that were still in the group formation saw this and knew that they wouldn't be able to break free of this place.

Their only choice now was to either fight to the death or...surrender.

So in the end, the demons suddenly dropped their weapons and raised their hands to show that they were surrendering.

The elves all deeply knitted their brows when they saw this, but they didn't put down their bows. All of their bows were still aimed at the demons who had dropped their weapons.

When I saw this, I immediately came forward to stop them.

I went up to Moon and said, "There's no reason to slaughter them all."

Moon had also knitted her brows when she saw the demons surrender, but it wasn't as deeply knitted as the others. Still, it wasn't as if she could just let the demons go after they had invaded the forest of the elves.

So this time, she shook her head and said, "We have to punish them or else the demons will come again."

I went forward and stood in front of her to stop her from going any further.

Seeing this, Moon said in a firm voice, "Move out of the way. We will finish them off and then we can discuss other matters."

But I didn't move out of the way.

Instead, I shook my head and said, "It's foolish to kill them all now. It's better to capture them and get any information you can out of them first."

Moon was about to say something, but then she knitted her brows again.

That was because she had realized that I was right.

Seeing this look on her face, the two blonde elves suddenly said, "Young miss, don't be fooled by his words. Those are just human tricks!"

I looked at them and shook my head while giving a sigh, like I was looking at idiots.

When the two blonde elves saw this, they couldn't help revealing slightly ugly expressions.

They looked like they were about to shout something at me to complain, but I cut them off by saying, "If you kill them, you can feel better about yourself, but...have you thought about how to find the array that they used to drain the power from the forest?"

The mouth of the two blonde elves froze when they heard this.

They just stood there with shocked looks on their faces for a few seconds before their mouths opened and closed a few times. But in the end, they weren't able to say a thing since they knew that I was right.

It was better to keep these demons alive and take care of everything first.

Once they got all of the information out of them, they could take care of the demons however they wanted.

But it just didn't feel right to them to capture the demons instead of killing them.

These demons were the ones that had invaded their homes and had almost destroyed the forest, they were mortal enemies that deserved to be killed!

In the end though, Moon raised her hand and said, "Go and tie them up. Don't let a single one of them escape."

The two blonde elves nodded before giving sighs.

But then, one of them asked in a meaningful voice, "What if they try to run away?"

Moon looked at me this time.

I just calmly said, "If they resist, then there's nothing that you can do."

I knew what the hidden meaning behind these words were, but I knew that this was a compromise that I had to make with the elves.

After all, their rage would be hard for them to swallow, so to force them to keep it in was just going too far.

If there were a few demons that were sacrificed...no, if there were a few demons that chose to run away, then we really didn't have a choice.

It wasn't as if we could let these dangerous demons just run around freely in the forest. There was no telling what kind of things they would get up to if that were to happen.

We only needed a few demons for information, so it didn't matter if a few of them were taken care of.

Hearing this, the look that the two blonde elves gave me became a bit more positive.

They weren't happy about this, but they were willing to settle.

So they went off to help capture the demons with the other elves.

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It didn't take long before the sounds of demons crying out in pain rang out.

There were a few demons that had already been moved into the cave, but the rest of them were just left there in the open.

They had been tied up and a single elf had been placed to watch over them, but that elf acted like they were tired and kept falling asleep.

From time to time, there were demons that tried to escape, but they were taken out by the elves that were hidden in the forest.

This might have seemed like an elaborate play, but the elves were happy doing it.

As for me, I wasn't willing to watch over this, so I went into the cave and ignored them.

What I was more interested in was interrogating these demons and finding out what they knew.

After all, it couldn't be a coincidence that there were more demons that showed up in the kingdom.

First it was in my town and now it was in this forest, it was clear that there was some kind of plot from the demons here. If I didn't figure out what it was, that would mean that the people that I cared about would be in danger again.

So I wanted to interrogate the demons to see what I could learn.

The demon commander had surprisingly survived with a collapsed chest which really was a testament to his will to live and his tenacity. However, he was in critical condition because of the caved chest that he received, so it was unknown if he would stay that way.

For now, I could only interrogate the other demons.

It had to be noted that all of the close subordinates of the demon commander had surrendered right away.

These were demons that were stronger than the others, but they had surrendered right away when their lives had been threatened.

It seemed that demons really cared a lot about their own lives and didn't have the same concept of camaraderie that we had.

When I came into the cave where the demons were being held, I saw that many of them were sleeping.

It still wasn't dawn yet, so it was normal that they would be asleep, but it was surprising to see that they were sleeping so well.

After all, it wasn't like they were out of trouble. They had been captured and were currently being held by the enemy.

If anything, they should be too worried to sleep.

In fact, the elves and human knights that were here guarding them didn't dare let their guard down for a single second...

It created a large contrast, showing the difference between demons, humans, and elves.

I went over to where Moon, Cecilia, and Haley were.

They were currently surrounding one of the demons who had been a close subordinate of the demon commander. However, it was clear by the look on their faces and the relaxed look on the face of the demon that they weren't getting what they wanted from him.

In fact, the demon looked so relaxed that he was even leaning back in the chair and picking his nose.

It was almost as if he was the one in charge instead of the one being interrogated.

I knew that it was impossible for them to get anything out of this demon, so I came forward to take over.

The three of them were at their wit's end, so they didn't mind and just let me have the demon.

When the demon saw me, he couldn't help revealing a sneer before saying, "You think that you can do anything to..."

Before he could finish, I suddenly came forward and took a knife from the table on the side. Without any hesitation, I brought it up to the demon's neck and he immediately swallowed his words.

The demon didn't say anything as he looked at me, but then he revealed a sneer again as he said, "You almost had me. If your eyes didn't waver, I might have thought that you would actually do it."

Then with a taunting laugh, he said, "If you didn't want information from me, you would have killed me already. So I know exactly what I'm worth to you."

When I heard this, I couldn't help slightly knitting my brows.

I had already come to a conclusion about the demons after seeing how the other demons outside acted, but it seemed that this impression didn't apply to all of the demons.

It seemed that I had been a bit biased since just like humans and elves, there were different individuals among races. This demon was clearly one of the more intelligent ones, which was why he wasn't worried.

Since I knew that this wouldn't work, I put the knife down on the table.

When the demon saw this, he said with a sneer again, "I knew it."

Then after laughing at me a bit more, he suddenly said, "I'll give you my demands and if you play along, then I can find it in my heart to..."

Before he could finish, his words suddenly stopped in his mouth as he looked at me.

That was because I had just asked Cecilia to hand over The Penetrator.

When the demon saw this weapon, he couldn't help feeling a bit of fear.

That was because he also knew that it was because of this weapon that the demon commander had been defeated. Even now, the demon commander was laying there with his chest collapsed, which showed just how powerful this weapon was.

After a bit of silence, the demon said, "What are you doing? Do you really think that you can scare me like this?"

I didn't say anything as I signaled for Moon and Cecilia to play along with me.

Both of them were confused, but they nodded in agreement before moving over to where the demon was.

Once they were by the demon, I said, "Turn him around and bend him over."

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Both Moon and Cecilia couldn't help revealing stunned looks when they heard this.

They were confused why I would ask them to do this, but they did what I asked in the end.

The demon was also very confused as to what was happening, but he couldn't help feeling a bad premonition when he was turned around. He was bent over at the waist and his hands were tied up to the chair as per my orders.

He was placed in a way that his butt was pointed up and out towards me.

The demon had been silent during the process, but now...he couldn't hold back anymore as he said, "What are you doing? Do you really think that I'll talk with just this?"

I just revealed a faint smile, but when the demon saw this...even though he was the demon, it was like I had the smile of a demon on my face.

He felt a strong chill run down his spine.

Seeing that he was ready, I raised The Penetrator in my hand.

When the girls and the demon saw this, they suddenly thought that they understood what was going to happen.

They thought that I was going to use The Penetrator to paddle the demon.

The demon revealed a sneer when he saw this and he felt a bit of relief since he had thought that this would turn out much worse. Then he said with that same sneer, "If you think that you can get me to talk with just a bit of pain, then you're wrong! In fact, if you try to hurt me, I promise that I'll never give you the information that you want!"

I just shook my head when I heard this before saying, "It seems like you've misunderstood."

When they heard this, the girls and the demon were all confused once again.

They looked at me with strange looks, as if they were trying to figure out what was going to happen.

I just calmly said to Cecilia and Moon, "Pull off his pants."

When the two of them heard this, their faces couldn't help turning red.

The demon also looked at me from his position with a shocked look before shouting, "Are you trying to shame me?! Do you think that I will let you get away with this!? If you do this, forget about getting any information from me! I'll even go all out to end you!"

I just completely ignored the demon when he said this as I looked at Cecilia and Moon, waiting for them to do it.

Finally, the two of them got over their embarrassment and they slowly pulled off the demon's pants.

The demon tried to struggle at first, but he wasn't able to match Cecilia's strength.

In the end, he was incapacitated and his pants were taken off by the two of them.

But of course, there was still a layer of cloth that covered his lower half.

When I saw this, I said, "Take that off too."

This time, there was only silence that followed after I said this.

Then there was a single word that was said by everyone.

"EH?!?"

All of them looked at me with shocked and confused looks. At the same time, the girls couldn't help revealing blushes on their faces. I think you should take a look at

But I just looked back at them with serious looks, as if I was waiting for them to do it.

Seeing this, they knew that I wasn't kidding and I seriously wanted them to take it off...but it was hard for them to do something like this.

Moon just couldn't do it in the end and she couldn't help covering her face that had a blush on it.

Cecilia had more experience in this field, but...it was still hard for her to do something like this.

Still, in the end, she was able to do it.

When it was revealed, Moon couldn't help peeking through her fingers while Cecilia said, "Isn't this a bit small?"

The moment that she said this, the demon's face filled with bitterness and sadness.

This was the last thing that any man wanted to hear a woman say...

Moon was also surprised to hear this, but then she said, "Isn't it considered big? Or at least it seems that way..."

Cecilia shook her head and said, "Compared to his, it's much smaller..."

The 'his' that she was referring to was naturally mine...

The demon couldn't help looking at me with a bitter look, but the place that he was looking at was strange as well...

Instead of looking at my face, he was looking at my bottom half.

I just gave a cough to calm myself down before moving forward towards the demon.

During this time, I used one hand to hold The Penetrator while tapping it on my other hand as I moved forward.

The demon couldn't help looking The Penetrator as I came closer and he couldn't help asking, "What are you doing?"

I looked at him with the same faint smile as before and lifted up The Penetrator for him to have a good look at it.

Once he had that good look, I said, "What do you think I will do with this thing?"

When I saw the confused look that he had on his face, I added, "Look closely at the shape of this thing and think carefully about what I can do with it."

The demon still had the same confused look on his face, but he followed my advice.

As he looked at The Penetrator, he had the same confused look on his face as before.

But then, that look slowly changed to a look of understanding after seeing what the shape of the tip of The Penetrator looked like.

Then it went from a look of understanding to a look of shock before finally reaching a look of horror.

The demon quickly said, "Wait, you aren't planning to..."

He didn't finish his words, but the horror in his voice was more than enough to show that he understood what I was planning.

So I said with the same smile, "That depends on what you do next."

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The face of the demon completely turned pale when he heard this.

His face fluctuated a few times before a look of resignation appeared on it.

With a sigh, he said, "I'll tell you what you want to know."

I gave a nod in response to this, but I didn't give the order for Cecilia and Moon to put on his pants again. I just held The Penetrator in my hand as I asked my first question to the demon.

The demon hesitated in answering since he had been expecting to be allowed out of this position.

But seeing the calm and serious look that I had, the demon started answering with a bitter tone in his voice.

When I finished questioning the demon, I didn't have Cecilia and Moon free the demon just yet.

I brought The Penetrator a bit closer, or rather, I pointed the tip of The Penetrator towards the demon's behind.

When the demon saw this, he couldn't help panicking as he shouted, "I already told you everything that I know! I swear that I don't know anything else!"

I didn't move at first as I stared at the face of the demon.

After staring at him for a bit, I finally pulled The Penetrator away from the demon and gave a nod to Cecilia and Moon.

They had been standing on the side with blushes on their faces, but for some reason that they didn't understand...their hearts had been beating a bit fast. It was almost as if they wanted to see the scene of the demon getting...by The Penetrator.

When they heard the order, they even couldn't help feeling a bit disappointed.

But still, they quickly put the pants and underwear back on the demon and then brought him back with the rest.

After seeing them leave, I couldn't help letting out a sigh of relief.

I wasn't certain if that would work, but I was just glad that it did.

In fact, I was even more glad that the demon had broken down before I had been forced to use The Penetrator on him. After all, I might have threatened him with it...but it was the last thing that I actually wanted to do.

I definitely didn't want to violate a man with a large dildo bat...

Once Moon and Cecilia came back, we didn't waste any time heading off to the forest.

Moon had also summoned the two blonde elves, some other elves, and Apollo to come with us.

This was a array that was draining the power out of the forest, so we needed the elves that were skilled in to take care of it.

As we headed through the forest, I could feel Apollo's glare burning my back.

However, I chose to ignore it in the end.

After all, I knew that there was nothing to gain from engaging with him now. I think you should take a look at

He had been against me from the beginning, so it wasn't as if doing anything now would change that. At the same time, I had proof of his misdeeds to a certain extent, so it wasn't as if he would do anything now.

As for the reason why Apollo came at all, it was because Moon had wanted him to come.

I had been confused about why she wanted this since I knew what relationship she had with him, but she had brought this up before anything else.

She had stated that she wanted Apollo to come because there were things she needed help with...

It wasn't my place to say anything, though I couldn't help feeling a bit disappointed.

Following the words of the demon, we were able to quickly find the array that was currently causing trouble in this forest.

This array was hidden in a cave not that far away from the clearing, but there was another array that was covering up the cave. If we didn't know about it, we definitely wouldn't have been able to find this cave.

It was because we knew about it that the elves had been using search the whole time.

But even then, it was only because Moon had recovered and used her more powerful search that we were able to find it. The rest of the elves weren't able to detect a single thing when they used their search .

It seemed that this barrier was much stronger than they thought.

After finding it, there was still the difficult matter of figuring out how to stop it and destroy it.

Even if the demon that they interrogated was one of those that were close to the demon commander, it wasn't as if he knew anything about this array. This array was something that the demon commander himself inscribed and maintained, so only the demon commander would know how to turn it off.

There were a few of the elves who suggested that we destroy it completely.

It was an array, so as long as they destroyed a few lines, they would be able to ruin it.

However, Moon and I immediately vetoed that idea.

This was an unknown array and we had no idea what would happen if we messed with it. There was the chance that there were defenses that had been placed, or we could have messed something up with the array, which might cause an explosion.

So before we could figure out what to do with it, it was best not to touch the array.

Though this was bad since it was still running and draining power, it was still better than the alternative.

For now, Moon had the idea of putting up a barrier around it.

While this wouldn't stop the draining effect of the array, it would at least dampen it based on the barrier that she had put up around it.

Just like this, the elves focused on putting up the barrier around it.

During this time, I found that Moon and Apollo had disappeared from the group...

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Apollo was surprised that Moon had called him aside to talk alone, but he still followed her.

As they walked through the forest, he couldn't help feeling a bad feeling.

It was as if he was a cat and his tail had been stepped on...as if he had been caught with his hand in the cookie jar.

So as they walked through the forest, he was already thinking about what he was going to say.

When they finally stopped and Moon turned around, Apollo didn't give her a chance to say anything.

He knew that whatever was happening would be bad for him, so he would need to take the initiative before Moon could even say anything.

Apollo said, "It's a good thing that everything turned out alright, but..."

After a pause, he revealed a serious look and said, "But the things that you've done have really crossed a line."

Moon had a calm look at first, but she couldn't help knitting her brows the moment that she heard this.

Apollo didn't mind this as he continued, "I heard that you used our sacred on the human...You should know what kind of taboo that is."

Moon knitted her brows even more when she heard this.

Apollo couldn't help relaxing a bit when he saw this.

He could tell that she was getting worried when he said this, so he didn't hesitate to keep pushing.

Apollo said with the same serious look, "You should know what will happen to you if the others were to learn about this. The elders won't have a choice but to..."

He left his words hanging, but the meaning behind them was clear.

Moon didn't say anything as she just looked at Apollo with knitted brows.

Apollo felt more and more excited when he saw this.

He had already planned out everything that he was going to say and seeing the reaction that he wanted to see, he knew that his plan was having effect.

So the next thing that he had to do was to push Moon into a corner and then offer her a solution.

But before he could, Moon suddenly raised her hand to stop him.

Apollo was caught off guard, so he wasn't able to say anything, but that didn't matter.

Moon just calmly said, "I wanted to talk to you about something that I found in the demon hideout when I was searching it."

The moment that Apollo heard this, he couldn't help feeling a chill run down his spine.

He was about to say something, but Moon beat him to it once again.

Moon said in the same calm voice, "When I was searching through the demon hideout, I wasn't able to find anything at first." "I think you should take a look at

Apollo's heart was still in his throat, but he did feel a bit better when he heard this.

It was just too bad that this was a deliberate pause from Moon.

She then waved her hand and there were bits of papers that appeared in them.

Apollo didn't react at first to those pieces of paper, but then he noticed something was off about them.

These pieces of paper had faint burn marks on them, as if they had been thrown in some kind of fire.

Moon had been waiting for Apollo's reaction and when she saw the look of recognition that flashed in his eyes, she knew that she had caught his tail. So she didn't hesitate to keep pushing him.

Moon continued in the same calm voice, "I found these when I searched the bonfire outside. It seemed that whoever threw this in the fire had ripped them before throwing them in. However, when I look at them closely, I can see that it used to be some kind of letter."

Apollo's palms were covered in a cold sweat when he heard this.

But he forced himself to act calm as he said in a shaky voice, "Perhaps it was a secret letter from their superiors that they wanted to make sure that no one could read."

Moon just narrowed her eyes to look at Apollo when she heard this.

Apollo couldn't help turning away when Moon's gaze fell onto him.

He didn't know why, but it felt like this gaze was burning a hole in him.

So he couldn't help saying, "What are you staring at me for? It's not like I know anything about this."

Moon didn't answer right away as she just gave a hum sound in response. But then she suddenly said, "When I looked at a few of these pieces, I found that there were still some parts that were intact with full words on them. I looked at them closely and I couldn't help feeling that they were a bit familiar."

This time, Apollo couldn't help looking at Moon with an incredulous look even if she was still glaring at him.

He opened his mouth a few times, but there were no words that came out.

Moon closed her eyes when she saw this, taking this as his admission of guilt.

After a long sigh, she finally said, "I don't know why you've done this, but since we've known each other for so long, I won't make it hard on you. As long as you disappear from the village, I won't say a thing."

Apollo's face twisted when he heard this and it seemed like he was about to snap...but he held himself back in the end since he knew that there was nothing that he could say here.

As long as Moon wanted, she could make his life a living hell.

It had started with Apollo threatening Moon, but now it had become the opposite with Moon holding all of the power.

He could still go through with his threat, but the problem was what she held against him was a thousand times worse than what he held against her.

So with that same twisted look on his face, he turned around and suddenly disappeared into the forest.

Once he was gone, Moon gave a sigh and walked back to where the rest of the group were.

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When Moon came back to the group, they were surprised to find that she was alone.

The warriors that had been woken up in particular couldn't help asking her where Apollo went.

Moon just said, "He had some business to take care of, so he left first."

No matter how they questioned her, she wouldn't say anything else.

So they had no choice but to drop this subject.

But I could see that there was something that had changed about Moon. It seemed that something had happened between her and Apollo when they went to talk alone.

I had an idea of what it could be, but I didn't know how Moon knew...

I was thinking about going over to comfort her, but she then quickly went off with the rest of the elves to take care of the cleaning up process, so I didn't get a chance in the end.

When we had finished cleaning up the demon cave, the sun had already risen.

It was a tiring night, but we had made sure that there wasn't a single thing left in the cave that could cause a problem.

The only thing left to do was to bring the demons back to the elven village and then take care of the draining array.

However, even though everything seemed like it was over...there wasn't a notification that the quest was over. This made me worried that there was something else that would pop up during this time that I would have to deal with...

Even if the demon commander was caught, there was still the reason why they had been sent here in the first place.

That cause hadn't been taken care of yet, so it certainly wasn't over.

But I didn't know just when it would come...

For now, we brought the demons back to the elven village and during that time, I didn't dare let my guard down.

When we arrived, the elves and the elders immediately came out to greet us.

They quickly checked the condition of all the elves, making sure that there weren't any lasting effects on them.

Only after making sure that everyone was alright did the elders summon Moon to the main building with them. They didn't let any of us go with them, but we understood that it was an internal matter of their elven village.

We were shown back to the same house as before and we were allowed to "relax", but it was clear by the elves standing outside that they were keeping us under house arrest.

A few members of our group got uncomfortable seeing this, but there wasn't anything that could be done. So we just patiently waited for the elves to call us.

Half an hour later, the call came.

However, they wouldn't let all of us go.

It was only me, Cecilia, and Haley that were allowed to go to see the elders.

The others wanted to protest, but I stopped them in the end.

We needed to play along so that we could accomplish our goals, not to mention that it was a tense moment right now.

It was better not to stir any waves. I think you should take a look at

When we came into the hall, it was no longer as relaxed as before.

All of the elders sat there with tense looks on their faces while Moon sat there with a calm look.

However, based on the crumple of her skirt...I could tell that it had been quite tense between them.

Once we were seated, the green haired elder said, "It seems that we've involved you in quite the serious matter."

The words seemed relaxed and calm, but there was a deeper meaning behind it.

Both Cecilia and Haley slightly knitted their brows when they heard this, but I raised my hands for them to calm down.

I just calmly looked at the green haired elder and said, "We were quite surprised by this sudden situation as well."

The green haired elder slightly knitted her brows when she heard this.

She looked at the other elders and they all shook their heads in response.

No one said anything as they all looked at us, almost as if they were scrutinizing us.

After a long period of silence, the green haired elder finally gave a sigh and simply said, "We apologize for this."

I gave a simple nod in response.

After everything that had happened, there had been something strange that changed with me.

Since I had been observing during that fight, I had been able to watch the fight carefully.

Because of this, I had developed the ability to detect power.

It was faint at first and I hadn't understood it at first, but then I noticed what was different.

When the elves had cast spells, I had noticed that there was something off about the space about me. It was almost as if there was something extra in the air.

Because of this, I had noticed that there was something extra right now.

It seemed that the elders had done something extra here. They had cast some kind of spell here and based on their reactions, it should have been a spell that detected whether one was lying or not.

My answer just now definitely wasn't a lie.

While I did know that there were demons, there was no doubt that I had been surprised by all of this. Especially the quest that had suddenly appeared.

So the reaction that they got from their spell was that I had been telling the truth.

Seeing that they couldn't find any proof that I was lying, they had no reason for them to doubt that I was working with the demons anymore. Not to mention, they wouldn't want that to be the case since facing the humans and the demons at the same time...would be bad for them.

After confirming this, the green haired elder went onto the next topic.

"How do you know how to use the Storage Rings of our elven race?"

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When I heard this, I revealed a bitter smile.

That was because I was already expecting this question.

So that meant that I had already thought of an answer, it was just that the answer that I had thought of wasn't...that great of an answer. It was actually a loophole that I was taking advantage of, so I was very curious how it would actually turn out.

That bitter smile disappeared from my face and I said with a calm look, "You all should know that I am acquainted with Aisha, correct?"

All of the elders nodded in response to this, especially the green haired elder who had a strange look on her face.

I couldn't help feeling that the green haired elder was more invested in this than the other elders.

At the same time, I could feel an intense gaze coming from behind me.

I knew without even turning around that this gaze came from Moon.

It seemed that the two of them were really interested in Aisha and anything related to her.

So I continued, "When I met with Aisha, she was trapped in a certain place and to help her escape, I had to use something in her Storage Ring. Since that was the case, she had no choice but to teach me how to use the Storage Ring."

The moment that I finished saying this, there were looks from the green haired elder and Moon as if they were waiting for me to keep going.

However, that was all that I was willing to say.

The more vague that I kept it, the more believable that it was since they couldn't do anything to prove that I was telling a lie...

Well, that's not true since there was something that they could do to tell that I was lying.

During the time that I had been giving my explanation, I could feel the around me.

It was the same sensation that I had when I had first come into the room and the green haired elder questioned me about the demons.

They had most likely activated the same spell as before to see if I was lying.

Seeing that I wasn't saying anything else, the green haired elder gave a sigh before turning to look at the other elders.

One by one, the other elders all gave nods in response.

Based on the looks on their faces, it seemed like they had determined that I wasn't lying.

In a sense, I really wasn't lying since I had done this in the past...

It was just that I had done it in the game.

This was the event that one had to do to gain Aisha's trust and open up her quest line in the game. By doing this, one unlocked the chance to eventually reach the elven capital and bring Aisha, as well as other elves in their harem.

It had been a very hard event since it required players to be high enough level and have enough mana to deal with the barrier she was stuck in, so it was considered late game content.

Not to mention, it was supposed to happen five years in the future.

Right now, Aisha was still currently wandering around the continent without a care. It was only four years in the future that she would be trapped inside of those ruins. I think you should take a look at

If one day she found out about this...then there was no doubt that I would be in danger.

So I just prayed that I would never meet her.

But for now, I used her name since that was the easiest way to settle this matter.

And in a sense, I did do this, even if it was in an alternate world.

After confirming with all the elders that I wasn't lying, the green haired elder gave a nod before saying, "Alright, because of the circumstances, we understand that you had no choice in the matter. Since that's the case, we will not hold you accountable for this because of all you've done for our elven race."

I just gave a simple nod in response to this.

I had to admit that really was a convenient thing.

I had assumed that it would be hard for me to explain how I knew how to use the Storage Rings, but they had accepted what I had said all because of this spell that they were using.

It certainly made things much easier for me.

The green haired elder might have dropped this matter, but it was clear by the look in her eyes that she had wanted to keep discussing Aisha.

At the same time, I could feel the same gaze coming from behind me, coming from Moon's eyes.

I didn't know what kind of connection they had with Aisha, but I was certain that there was some kind of connection.

Still, I would never admit anything even if I was beaten to death...

I was just using the knowledge from my previous life to lie to them after all.

I hoped that I would never meet Aisha in this life.

Since that matter had been settled, they finally moved on to the next and final matter.

It was the matter of the array draining power out of the forest.

But before we started discussing this, the elders said that they had a special witness that they needed to bring in before this.

The three of us were surprised to hear this, but we didn't mind, so we waited for the elders to bring this special witness in.

Two of the elders left the building and it didn't take long for them to come back.

But as they were coming back, I could hear some strange noises coming from outside.

These seemed to be the sound of someone struggling against something.

When the door opened and we saw who the elders brought in, we couldn't help being shocked.

It was the demon commander who they were bringing into the room.

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This shouldn't be possible since last I remembered, the demon commander's chest had completely collapsed in.

When I looked at him closely now, I found that there were still bruises and bandages on the demon commander's chest, but it seemed like it had inflated once more. He was no longer in that half dead condition that he was in before.

But how did this happen?

How did the demon commander get healed so quickly?

I turned to look at the elven elders, but their eyes were all on the demon commander, so I had no choice but to turn back to look at him as well.

When I turned back, I saw that the demon commander was currently glaring in our direction.

He had stopped struggling after he looked in our direction and his eyes were filled with the intent to kill.

That look in his eyes...looked like it was especially aimed at Cecilia, but that was understandable.

After all, Cecilia had been the one that had put him in that condition.

The elders brought the demon commander to the center of the room and we all moved to the side to surround him.

Cecilia had also stood in front of the two of us, making sure that nothing would happen if the demon commander were to do something.

However, the demon commander was surprisingly docile.

It didn't seem like he wanted to try and break free at all.

When I looked more closely, I found that there was a green glowing vine that was currently wrapped around his arms.

The moment that I saw this, I understood what was happening.

Others might not recognize this, but I couldn't not recognize this since this was a very special item from the game. This was an item that was considered a godly item in the game, not just because of its amazing abilities, but because it contained the actual power of a god.

This was a vine from the Tree of Life, a symbol of the Goddess of Life that contained her powers.

When one was bound by this vine, they would lose their powers and would be unable to resist.

Since it was a vine that contained the power of a god, unless one had equal power to a god or had power that surpassed a god, they wouldn't be able to break free of this vine.

But since this was an item that contained the power of a god, the Tree of Life wasn't able to produce that many of them. As far as I could remember, there were no more than ten of these vines in the entire world.

So why did a small elven village in the middle of nowhere have one?

It seemed that there was more than meets the eye with this village...

Once the demon commander had been settled, the green haired elder was the one that questioned him by saying, "Tell us how to release the array and we'll give you a painless death."

When the demon commander heard this, he suddenly revealed a wide smile as he said, "Do you really think that I'll talk? At this rate, your forest will be drained of all its power and then there will be nothing left for you. Even if I die, it will all be worth it when our great demon race's plans come to fruition."

When the elves heard this, they all knitted their brows.

But the green haired elder kept her face calm as she said, "You think that we don't have any way of dealing with the array even if you don't tell us how to release it?"

The demon commander wasn't scared by this at all as he said, "I'm sure that you can think of a way, but have you thought about what would happen if you try to forcefully destroy the array?"

After he said this, all of the elves knitted their brows even more.

After a pause, the demon commander continued, "That thing has been draining the energy out of the forest all this time, so there has to be a place where all of that energy is stored. What do you think will happen if all of that energy is released all at once?" "I think you should take a look at

When he finished saying this, his lips suddenly curled into a wide smile before he said, "Boom."

Hearing this, all of the elves deeply knitted their brows.

They had already suspected this when they had investigated the array before, but they had hoped that it wasn't the case.

However, now that the demon commander had given them affirmation that this was indeed the case, they had no choice but to accept this reality.

That meant that they now had to find a way to deactivate this array without damaging it.

At the same time, the longer that they waited, the more energy would be gathered inside of this array. The more energy that was gathered, the bigger the explosion would be.

So they had to deal with this quickly.

They had no choice but to make the demon commander talk, but it was clear that the demon commander wouldn't say a thing.

The elves really didn't know what to do.

However, I wasn't the same.

I already had an idea that had worked once.

I figured that if it worked on the subordinate, it would work on the superior.

So I raised my hand and said, "I might have a solution for this."

When I said this, all of the elders looked at me immediately.

There was doubt in their eyes, but at the same time, there was a bit of hope.

After all, they knew that I had been the one that had brought out the weapon that had defeated the demon commander in the first place.

At the same time, our group had been the ones that had found a clue after all that time of not being able to find a thing.

So they were hoping that I would have some kind of solution.

Seeing them look at me like this, I gave a cough before saying, "If you give me fifteen minutes, I should be able to make him talk."

There was still doubt in their eyes when they heard this, but the demon commander spoke first.

The demon commander gave a loud laugh before saying, "Do you really think that you can make me talk? Even if there were a thousand of you, you would never be able to make me talk."

I looked at him with a smile that seemed like I thought otherwise, but I didn't say anything as I turned back to look at the elders.

When the demon commander saw this, he couldn't help feeling a chill run down his spine, but he still tried to act tough.

The green haired elder looked at the other elders before turning back to give me a nod.

I gave a nod back before turning to the demon commander.

Raising my hands, there was something that appeared in them.

It was The Penetrator.

The others in the room were confused when they saw this, but the moment that Moon, Cecilia, and Haley saw this, they all revealed incredulous looks of disbelief. At the same time, there were bitter smiles that slowly crept onto their faces.