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Chapter 61 Mark Of God (3)

Solista turned around to look at this figure of blue light and gave a nod before saying, "You just missed them."

Then before anything else happened, the figure of blue light raised their hand to grab Solista's face.

Solista shouted out in pain, "Ah, ah, what are you doing?"

The figure of blue light said, "You know exactly what you did wrong and you're trying to get out of it now? Do you really think that you would get away with this?"

There was a bitter tone that appeared in Solista's voice as they said, "Can't you just let it go this once? You know that I wouldn't do this if I didn't have another choice."

After Solista said this, the hand gripping their head increased the grip that they had on it, causing Solista even more pain.

Solista quickly said, "Ow, ow, ow, I get it, I get it! I was wrong, I was wrong!"

The hand gripping Solista's head didn't release, but it at least relaxed a bit so it wasn't causing them that much pain anymore.

The figure of blue light then said, "Did you give him that thing?"

Solista gave a nod before saying, "It was something that our creator prepared for him, so I had no choice but to give it to him."

The figure of blue light fell silent, but in the end, they let go of Solista's head.

Solista fell to the ground and started massaging their skull, but they never looked away from this figure of blue light. After a long period of silence, Solista said, "If you keep acting this way, you might drive him away."

The figure of blue light gave a cold snort when they heard this and kicked Solista in the side of the head before saying, "You can say what you want, but you'll still be punished in the end. She already knows what you've done and she's preparing your punishment right now."

As soon as Solista heard this, they couldn't help trembling.

Then they grabbed the figure of blue light's feet as they said, "You have to help me! I can't survive what she calls punishment!"

The figure of blue light looked down at Solista and after a long period of silence, they said, "If you help me contact him, then I can consider it."

Solista hesitated a bit when they heard this since they had already told him that the gods wouldn't bother him for no reason...and if they helped this figure of blue light do just that, it would be going against what they had said.

But in the face of being punished, they really couldn't do anything.

It seemed like the gods were still going to mess around in his life...

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When the light cleared in front of me, I found that I was back in the priest's office in the church.

I couldn't help stumbling where I had been standing and that caught everyone's attention.

Baroness Rose quickly came forward to support me as she asked, "Are you alright? Did something happen?"

Cecilia didn't come forward like Baroness Rose, but it was clear by the way that she was looking at me that she was also worried about me.

I didn't say anything at first and looked at the cross on the wall. Seeing that I wasn't able to see anything from it, I turned back and said, "No, nothing's wrong at all."

Both Baroness Rose and Cecilia still looked at me with worried looks after hearing me say this.

In the end, Cecilia came forward and took me from Baroness Rose. Then in one smooth move, she lifted me up in her arms and held me in a princess carry.

I couldn't help revealing a bitter smile when this happened.

She saw this and said, "It's quicker this way."

I wanted to say something, but in the end, she was right. It was indeed faster for her to carry me like this, though it would certainly be a blow to my ego as a man.

It was just a good thing that we had dismissed everyone when we came here since we didn't know what would happen. So at the very least, no one would see me being carried by Cecilia like this.

As we were about to leave, the priest suddenly came forward to say, "Wait, can you let me check something first?"

We were caught off guard by the sudden words from the priest, but by the time that we reacted, the priest was already coming closer to us.

He completely ignored Baroness Rose and Cecilia, putting his full attention on me.

The way that he looked at me felt very strange, almost as if he was trying to undress me with his eyes...I couldn't help feeling uncomfortable as he stared at me like this, almost wanting to move out of the way.

But once again, before I could even react, his hand suddenly grabbed my hand.

He lifted my hand up so that he could see the back of my hand and he looked carefully at it.

I was surprised at first, but then I realized something.

The hand that he was currently looking at was the hand that Solista had put the mark on.

When I looked down, I found that there was indeed a mark that was currently on the back of my hand. This was also what the priest was currently looking at.

The expression on the priest's face quickly changed as he looked at the mark on my hand. It went from confusion to surprise, to shock, and finally to worship.

The way that he looked at the mark on my hand in the end, it was almost as if he wanted to rub his face against it...

I couldn't help feeling scared again as this look appeared on his face.

After a long time of muttering to himself, the priest finally said, "This is...this is...this is as the scriptures have described them...This is the Mark of God!"

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"Mark of God?" I couldn't help repeating before asking, "What's that?"

Hearing my voice, the priest was pulled out of his daze and finally remembered where he was.

He revealed an awkward look when he saw that we were all looking at him, but then he explained, "The mark on your hand is named the Mark of God. It is a special mark that only gods give to their chosen ones."

Then without giving me a chance to ask another question, he started pushing us out of his office as he said, "I must report this to headquarters. I'm sorry that I don't have more time to entertain you, I'll come and talk to you another day."

Before any of us could say anything, we were pushed out and the door was slammed behind us.

All we could do was look at each other with shocked and confused looks on our faces.

There were plenty of questions that we wanted to ask the priest, but he just didn't give us that chance...

So with no other choice, we started heading back to the manor.

As we headed back, there was only silence that hung in the air as none of us knew what to say. However, it was clear from the looks on our faces that all of us had many different emotions that we were feeling.

When we came back to the manor, there was still silence that followed until we were sitting down in Baroness Rose's room.

As we sat there, there was an awkward silence that filled the air until Baroness Rose said, "I..."

Before she could finish, I suddenly stood up and kowtowed in front of her.

Both Baroness Rose and Cecilia were caught off guard before Baroness Rose quickly came forward to try and help me up, but I wouldn't stand up even as she pulled on me.

Baroness Rose looked at me with a worried look as she asked, "What are you doing? What's wrong?"

I didn't say anything right away and hesitated for a while. Then I took a deep breath and said, "I need to apologize for something."

Hearing the serious tone in my voice, Baroness Rose was even more taken aback.

But after looking at me for a bit, she gave a nod and sat there waiting for me to say what I had to say.

I hesitated for a long while again since I didn't know how to start, but eventually I took a deep breath and said, "I didn't take the locket for the reason that you think I did."

Baroness Rose was once again surprised, but she held it back and waited for me to explain.

I continued on to tell her about what happened when I found the locket and what feelings I had felt when I found it. Finally, I ended by telling her just why I had taken the locket.

"I didn't take it because I felt the curse from it, I didn't even know about the curse. The only reason I took it was simply because of jealousy...I wanted you for myself and that was why I didn't feel like he deserved to have this."

After I finished saying all of this, I lowered my head and waited for her reaction.

But to my surprise, she didn't do a single thing.

I thought that she would be disappointed or she would be angry, but she didn't reveal any expressions at all. She just sat there looking at me with a calm look on her face, as if she didn't even hear what I had just said.

I couldn't help feeling more and more anxious the longer she stayed silent. I finally couldn't take it anymore and asked, "What are you thinking?"

To my surprise, Baroness Rose suddenly revealed a faint smile as she said, "I'm thinking that it's quite cute how you were jealous."

Once again, I couldn't help being surprised.

I just looked at her with a strange look as I asked, "Is that it? Is that all that you're feeling?"

Baroness Rose said with a nod, "That's right, what else would I be feeling?"

I revealed an awkward look on my face when I heard this. After a moment of silence, I said, "Well...this was an important memento from your ex husband, so aren't you angry that I destroyed it? Also, don't you feel betrayed since you thought that I destroyed it because I did it to dispel the curse when in reality I just did it for my own ego?"

Baroness Rose shook her head before saying with a bitter laugh, "Important memento? That man never loved me and you should know that best since you remember what you were bought for, right?"

I couldn't help jolting when I heard this.

That was right, I was bought as a sex slave to pleasure her...

I just never thought that she would bring it up so bluntly...

It should have hurt her much more than it hurt me.

Seeing the look on my face, she shook her head and said, "You don't need to worry about me. My feelings for that man have long died, so you don't need to worry about that."

A strange look appeared on my face as I looked at her before saying, "Then why did you smile?"

That was the one thing that confused me the most.

Baroness Rose revealed the same smile again as she said, "Well, now I know something very important."

"What's that?" I asked in a confused voice.

"That you love me." Baroness Rose looked at me with that same smile on her face.

When she said it like this, I couldn't help feeling a bit embarrassed, so I looked away from her gaze.

Baroness Rose didn't stop as she continued, "I don't want to be bound my entire life to what that man was, so I've decided to live my life as I wish. That includes living for new loves that I find."

She stood up and came over to me, taking me in her arms as she said, "That includes my new life with you."

She brought her hands to my head and turned it so that I was looking at her before saying, "I love you too."

My chin dropped when I heard this, but seeing the genuinely happy look in her eyes...I knew what I had to do.

So I brought my head forward and placed a kiss right on her lips.

We just stayed like that for a few seconds before finally separating from each other, but now there were blushes on both of our cheeks.

Even though we had done things that were much more intimate than this with our bodies, confessing our love for each other really was something that was new...It was a very warm and fuzzy feeling that couldn't be replaced.

To the side, Cecilia was looking at the two of them with a strange look.

She felt the same feeling as before whenever she saw the two of them getting intimate, but this time...it was a bit different.

This time, this feeling wasn't just aimed towards Zwein...this time, this feeling was aimed at the both of them.

It was almost like feeling like she had been left out.

Chapter 63 What Must Come Will Come (1)

Over the next few days, we continued making preparations for the monster wave.

Cecilia continued making skirmishes against the monster wave, slowly bringing down their numbers.

In the few days that passed, they were able to take out another two hundred monsters out of the total over eight hundred that were left.

From the original over a thousand monsters that were heading towards the town, there were now only over six hundred left.

That was almost half of the monster wave that had been taken care of because of these skirmish attacks.

But now was the hard part.

These guerilla attacks were fights against small groups of monsters that had wandered off, so they never fought a single fight where they were outnumbered. Every single time, it was the humans who had outnumbered the monsters.

Now they would be completely surrounded and outnumbered by the monsters...

Humans were already weaker physically compared to monsters, so they would be even further at a disadvantage.

At the very least, they would have two hundred soldiers that would be able to fight.

Cecilia had always only brought out a hundred with her so that half of their forces would remain in the town. That was just in case they were wiped out, the ones that were left in the town could help those that were still in the town run away to lower the number of casualties.

There would be those that wouldn't run, but at the very least, they would be able to save some of the women and children.

If the women were caught by the monsters...they would be violated to the point where even their parents wouldn't recognize them anymore. It was the same with the children...the monsters violated them regardless of their gender...

Monsters were cruel like that, they didn't discriminate.

No matter how one looked at it, this was a losing battle still.

But at the very least, they would have the walls of the town on their side.

When they fought the monsters outside of the town, they fought in wide open spaces. But if they were to protect the town, they would at least have the thick walls of the town to depend on.

Even if the monsters were powerful, it wasn't as if they could break through the strong walls that the humans had constructed. That was why human towns were safe in this monster filled world in the first place.

From these walls, they would be able to shoot down at the monsters without taking any casualties.

This would help make up for the difference in terms of numbers and strength.

As we stood on the walls, Cecilia and I looked out at the monsters that were approaching with knitted brows.

These monsters would be here soon, so it was too late to escape even if someone wanted to escape. The moment that they tried and left the town, they would be completely surrounded by the monsters outside and killed.

So the only path of survival was to take down these monsters.

All of the other soldiers on the wall were tense, but I could tell that Cecilia's expression was worse than normal.

She might have had a bad look on her face facing these monsters, but it wouldn't be as tense as this. It was clear that there was something new that she was worrying about...

So I couldn't help asking, "What's wrong?"

Cecilia didn't say anything at first, but then she said with a sigh, "It's worse than I thought."

I couldn't help revealing a surprised and confused look before asking, "What do you mean?"

Cecilia was silent for a bit again before saying, "It seems like the scout reports weren't accurate. It seems that this wave is much stronger than we thought."

I looked out at the monster wave spread out in front of the town and I slowly began understanding what she meant by that.

Since I was now the baron, the amount of information that I had access to was incomparable to before. I was able to see all of the scout reports that were sent back, so I had a good idea of what the situation was.

But the scout reports had only stated that there were low class monsters that were a part of this monster wave.

We had thought the same since only low class monsters were encountered by Cecilia when she made her guerilla attacks.

However, that didn't seem to be the case.

Since I had seen them in the game before transmigrating, I was able to recognize them immediately.

Out in the field in front of the town were several middle class monsters that were standing amongst the low class monsters. These were monsters that hadn't been in the scout reports.

There were hobgoblins, direwolves, goblin riders, barghest, and all kinds of other middle class monsters.

These were monsters that were much stronger than the average soldier and even when several soldiers worked together, they would still be defeated. These were monsters that could only be defeated by the knights working with the soldiers of the town...

There were only twenty knights that had been trained in this town and as for these middle class monsters...

There were over two hundred of them.

It was clear what would happen if they were to fight.

But in the end, this couldn't be blamed on the scouts.

The job of the scouts was already very dangerous, especially so since they were scouting out this large monster wave. They wouldn't have been able to approach this wave that easily and they could only scout out the outer regions of this wave.

These middle class monsters had been in the center of the wave, hidden behind the low class monsters, so the scouts weren't able to find them.

But the fact that we were only learning about them now was a very disadvantageous thing for us.

Cecilia said with a tense look on her face, "It seems like it will be a very hard battle."

I could only nod in response to this.

Chapter 64 What Must Come Will Come (2)

After discussing this, I turned around to look at the soldiers that were posted on the wall.

Based on the looks on their faces, it was clear that they too had noticed the difference with the monster wave.

Many of them had gone out with Cecilia on the guerilla strikes, so they knew what kind of monsters were supposed to be in the monster wave. So even if they didn't recognize the middle class monsters, they knew that these were new monsters that hadn't appeared before.

Judging by the fierce look of these monsters, they could also tell that these were powerful monsters...so they knew that their situation was grim.

I knew that this would certainly have an effect on morale.

I turned back to look at Cecilia with an inquisitive look.

She looked right back at me, but this time she had a calm look even though she knew what I was referring to.

She said in a calm voice, "It's just pre battle jitters. They'll get over it."

I raised a brow as I looked at her, but seeing that she didn't say anything else, I decided not to question it.

After all, she was the commander that had seen many fights before. She knew what she was doing and it wasn't my place to overstep.

Cecilia turned back to look at the monster wave and just stared off into the distance for a bit. It was as if she was looking at the monster wave, but at the same time, she was looking at something that was beyond the monster wave.

I couldn't help feeling a strange feeling when I saw her like this.

After a long moment of silence, I asked, "Is there something wrong?"

Cecilia just kept staring off into the distance at first, not saying a single thing until she suddenly said, "I want to talk to you after the battle."

I couldn't help being caught off guard when I heard this, but seeing the serious look that she had, I couldn't help feeling even more confused. Still, I gave a firm nod to show that I understood.

Since she had something to talk to me about, then I wouldn't run away and face it head on.

Cecilia's eyes wavered a bit when she saw this, but then she revealed a firm look again as she turned back to the monster wave.

The two of us just stood there on the wall in silence for a bit before she finally said, "It's time for you to go."

I gave a nod in response to this.

I could also see that the monster wave was getting closer and it was almost time for the fight to begin.

As a non-combatant, the walls weren't a place for me to be.

While I did have the desire to protect the things that were important to me, I knew that if I stayed up here, I would just be a distraction. Too many chefs would turn over the pot, so unless it was necessary, I shouldn't be here.

I turned to look at Cecilia and after a moment of silence, I brought my hand up to her head and patted it as I said, "Be safe."

This would have been a beautiful scene if one looked at it from afar, but...it looked very strange since there was a difference in height here. In this new body of mine, I was quite short...

So to actually reach her head, I had to stand on my tiptoes...

But none of that mattered since all that mattered was what Cecilia thought.

She looked at me with eyes that wavered once again before she said with a nod, "I will."

After another moment of silence, she revealed a smile and said, "I have your special armour to keep me safe after all."

As soon as she said this, I couldn't help being taken aback. At the same time, I couldn't help looking down at her chest.

She had her armour on, so I wasn't able to see a single thing.

However, seeing that I was staring at her chest, Cecilia didn't hide it or turn away like she normally would. Instead, she just stood there and allowed me to stare at her chest, like she was giving me permission to do so.

After staring at it for a bit, I looked back up at her and said, "Don't rely on it too much. Things like these can only do so much for you, you still have to rely on yourself."

Cecilia was surprised to hear such a serious thing from me, but she still nodded in agreement in the end.

She did know that items were only temporary and the only real way to increase one's strength was to increase their personal power.

But still, that didn't mean that she didn't appreciate the power that came from these items.

After another long moment of silence, I took my hand back and turned to leave.

Cecilia also turned around to look back at the monster wave.

We've already said everything that we needed to say, so all that was left was for us to do what we needed to do.

After all, what must come will come in the end.

The job that I was given was to manage the residents of the town.

Since it was a dangerous time, all of the residents had been evacuated to a safe location and they would remain there until the fight was over.

When I arrived, I could see that many people were looking at me with looks of disdain.

I just went over to the guards that had been assigned here with a calm look and asked what the situation was. The guards also couldn't hide the look of disdain that they had, but they still briefed me on the situation.

It wasn't a surprise though, even I knew that I had been assigned here by Baroness Rose to protect me....

But I had also found a secret place that would allow me to keep an eye on the battle. I still had something that I could do when the time came, but I wouldn't bring it out unless I had to.

Chapter 65 What Must Come Will Come (3)

On the wall, the soldiers were all tense as they watched the monsters getting closer and closer to the wall.

But at the very least, they were able to hold onto their bows and point them at the monsters. At the very least, they weren't completely overwhelmed by the large pressure of the monster wave and were still able to fight.

Cecilia gave an appreciative nod when she saw this before focusing on the monster wave again.

Her job was to repel this monster wave, but at the same time, her job was to also ensure that there were as few casualties as possible.

If they lost too many soldiers, then it would leave them vulnerable to being invaded by the other lords around the area. So even if they were to repel the monster wave, they would still have to fight the other lords if they were to become too weakened.

For that, she had asked for the help of the priest.

The priest and several other clerics who could use healing were already standing by, just in case anything happened.

Finally, when the monsters came within the range of their arrows, Cecilia raised her hand.

The moment that they saw this hand go up, the soldiers all raised their bows and pointed it up to the sky. However, all of them only drew back the string and didn't fire their arrows.

They were all waiting for...

Cecilia narrowed her eyes to watch the position of the monsters as they approached. Only when they reached a certain point did she drop that hand and shout, "Fire at will!"

As soon as the soldiers heard this from Cecilia, they immediately shot all the arrows that they had nocked.

These arrows flew high and true, creating a perfect arc in the air before landing on the monsters right behind the first line of monsters in this wave. They pierced right through the skins of the monsters with the momentum of gravity and several monsters fell down right away.

There was still a line of monsters that were charging in front of this line, but the archers that were shooting completely ignored them.

They fired waves after waves of arrows at the monsters that were charging, but not a single one of them cared about the monsters that had made it through the first wave of arrows. They just let that line of monsters get closer and closer to the wall until...

They were within the range of the secondary archers.

These were specialized archery experts who had far greater power and accuracy than these general archers. These general archers could only shoot in a general location, but these specialized archers were able to pick off any monster that they wanted with ease.

It was just too bad that they didn't have enough of them for an entire squad...

Still, these were more than enough to pick off the ones that had made it through the rain of arrows.

It took them no time at all to shoot down that first line of monsters before turning to a few monsters that were still approaching.

These were the monsters that had survived the rain of arrows and had made it out of the area where the arrows were falling down. They were injured, but they were still able to fight.

It was just too bad that their lives were ended by the accurate and powerful arrows that flew through the air. Once those specialized archers shot, they didn't miss.

Seeing the monsters being whittled down like this, Cecilia gave a satisfied nod.

This was all going according to plan.

The first wave of arrows was to separate the frontlines from the rest of the pack so that the specialized archers could pick them off. Then they would pick off the stronger monsters that slowly made their way through.

If they had shot the frontlines of the monster wave, it would have created a blocking force that would have stopped the entire wave. However, by shooting the middle of the wave, they were able to create enough momentum that the monsters were pushed into the rain of arrows while also making it hard for them to stop.

This would force the monsters into the kill box.

As time passed, more and more of the monsters were cut down with the arrows.

By a rough estimate, Cecilia guessed that over two hundred monsters had already been killed with these waves of arrows.

But as time passed, problems did occur.

First, the monsters were slowly coming to a stop and they no longer charged into the area where it was raining arrows.

Second...they were running out of arrows.

The soldiers had been shooting arrows without care, as if they would never run out of ammo, but that wasn't the case. There was only a certain amount of arrows that were available to them and they were slowly running out.

They still needed to save a certain amount of arrows for those specialized archers, or else they wouldn't be able to contribute.

So as the monsters slowly stopped coming into the rain of arrows, Cecilia raised her hand again. As soon as she raised her hand, the archers stopped their shooting and put their bows down.

The rain of arrows came to a stop and the few monsters that survived made their way forward to get shot by the specialized archers.

Cecilia had expected some of the monsters to charge again after seeing the rain of arrows stop, but to her surprise, she found that this wasn't the case. Instead, they all stopped in their tracks before splitting up into different groups.

When Cecilia saw this, she couldn't help knitting her brows.

From the signs from the monster wave just now, she had figured that there was someone who was commanding them. After all, the monsters had stopped charging into the rain of arrows too quickly...

And now that they were splitting up into different groups and from what she could see, each of these groups was led by one or two of the middle class monsters...it was clear that someone was commanding these monsters.

She didn't know who it was, but she knew that there was at least a chain of command here.

This was definitely not a good sign.

Still, she didn't panic as she had already expected this after seeing the large number of middle class monsters in the wave.

She had already expected something like this to happen eventually, so she had also prepared for what they were currently doing.

After seeing that the monsters had split up into different groups that seemed like they were about to approach from different angles, Cecilia gave a hand gesture to her lieutenant beside her.

As soon as this lieutenant received this signal, he immediately gave a nod of acknowledgement before running off to take care of something.

It took him no time to run back with several figures in cloaks and several figures wearing holy robes.

These figures didn't need any instructions as they took their places on the wall, evenly spreading themselves out so that they weren't close together.

Then they all raised their hands, causing flames to gather above them.

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These flames quickly gathered in the air above them before coming together to form giant fireballs.

Once these fireballs had formed, these figures didn't waste any time in bringing their hands down and shooting out these fireballs.

The fireballs made their way through the air and landed accurately on several of the groups of monsters, turning every single monster in that group to a pile of ashes. It didn't matter if they were low grade monsters or middle grade monsters, they were all burnt to ashes in the might of these fireballs.

The ones that threw out these fireballs were ians and clerics that had been summoned by Baroness Rose to be used as special weapons against the monster wave.

But the problem with them was that...they only had enough mana for one shot.

Plus, their spells weren't strong enough to destroy multiple middle class monsters on their own, which was why Cecilia deployed them when these middle class monsters spread out in these groups.

There was no better chance than now to blow them up.

But once again, the problem was that they couldn't fire another shot since they were out of mana.

The only one that still had mana left was the priest, but he didn't fire another spell.

He knew that he had to save his mana for the future, so he backed down.

This would seem like it was firing their too early, but in truth, Cecilia knew better.

She knew that this fight wasn't something that would end quickly, so if she could use these spells to take care of some powerful enemies early, reducing the number of casualties that they would suffer, she wouldn't hesitate to do so. After all, there would be plenty of time for the ians to recover their mana, especially since they had prepared expensive mana potions for them.

So Cecilia didn't hesitate to have them cast their spells when given this opportunity.

After being bombarded by the fireballs, the monsters quickly spread out so that they weren't as packed together as before.

The fireballs that had landed had killed over fifty of them and injured another fifty or so, but the main thing was that most of the ones hurt were those middle class monsters.

The monsters that had been cut down earlier were mainly the low class monsters that had been forced to charge, with a few middle class monsters being shot down by the specialized archers.

So these middle class monsters being taken down was a large boon to them.

But the fact that these monsters spread out so quickly was a disconcerting sign since it showed that there was someone who was commanding the monster wave.

The next thing that the monsters did put even more despair in the defenders.

Instead of charging forward, the monsters moved back a bit so that they were at a safer range before spreading out to look for something. It didn't take long for the monsters that had gone out to come back with a bunch of stones.

There were large stones and small stones, stones of all sizes that were piled up by the ones that were standing in the front of the monster wave.

These were middle class monsters that all had large builds and were quite powerful.

When Cecilia saw the way that these middle classed monsters were lined up with stones at their feet, she couldn't help feeling a bad premonition. It was as if she could already guess what they were planning on doing...

The monsters standing in front picked up the stones off the ground and then...they started throwing them at the city.

With the powerful arm strength that these monsters had, the stones easily flew through the air, creating a perfect arc before landing on the city walls.

It was a good thing that Cecilia had reacted as soon as she had seen the stones being brought over by the other monsters.

As soon as she saw this, she had her men pull out their shields and spread out. With this net that they created, they were able to use their shields to block the rocks that fell down.

But of course, it was impossible for them to block all of the rocks that fell, so there were still some that hit the walls. The smaller ones didn't do as much damage, but the larger ones...started making cracks in the walls.

Seeing this, Cecilia had no choice but to summon her specialized archers.

Though they couldn't hit the monsters with how far they were, they were still able to hit the rocks that flew at them.

They aimed at the large rocks that fell and shattered them to smaller pieces with their arrows, but there were some that were just too big for their arrows to destroy. So instead of the archers shooting them down, the knights came up to cut those large rocks to pieces.

Just like this, they were able to keep casualties down to a minimum.

However, Cecilia knew that it was impossible for them to continue like this.

She could see that the middle class monsters were swapping themselves out as they threw the rocks, so just in terms of stamina, they would run out before the monsters did. It took them much more effort to cut down the rocks than it did for the monsters to throw them.

The archers weren't able to reach the monsters since they had moved out of their range. Even the specialized archers who had a longer range than normal archers couldn't reach them.

The only thing that could reach them were the mages with their spells, but their mana had been spent and the only one that could still cast spells was the priest. However, Cecilia wasn't willing to spend this trump card on this since she knew that there was still a commander to this monster wave.

So after thinking about it deeply for a bit, she finally said, "Saddle up! We're riding out!"

Chapter 67 What Must Come Will Come (5)

It took no time for her soldiers and knights to saddle up.

Half of them were still on the wall defending against the stones being thrown at them and the other half had saddled up with her.

The one thing that they had over the monsters was their speed.

The horses that they had were able to outrun the monsters and they had the cover of the archers if the monsters chased them too close to the walls, so they would be using this advantage to its full potential.

Cecilia was going to lead a cavalry charge to disrupt the monsters from throwing rocks at the walls.

Of course, this was very dangerous since it meant clashing head on with the monster wave. This meant throwing away their advantage of being on the walls and avoiding a physical fight which the monsters had the advantage in.

But there was no other choice.

If they didn't do this, they would be crushed by the flying stones eventually.

Cecilia gave one last look at the men who were going to follow her out before saying with a nod, "I'm proud of you all."

Not a single one of them responded, but they all had determined looks in their eyes.

After all, they knew that many of them would not be returning from this suicidal charge.

Still, they knew that they were doing this for their family, so not a single one of them backed down. Even if it meant death, they would do all they could to keep their families safe.

Cecilia turned back to look at the gatekeepers and gave them a nod.

The gatekeepers looked over the men on horses who were about to charge out with a heavy look on their faces before turning back to give Cecilia a firm nod.

As the gate started dropping, Cecilia took a deep breath as she remembered who she was doing all of this for.

Then as soon as the gate came down, Cecilia grabbed the reins with one hand to whip her horse into action while raising her sword in the other. As she charged forward, she roared out, "Charge!"

The men behind her were all stirred into action when they heard this cry from her and they all started dashing forward on their horses.

All of them gave battle cries as they charged out after her, shouting out so loud that they could even shake the ground under them.

With the speed of their horses, it didn't take them long to reach the monster wave that was heading towards the city.

Of course, since they were on flat plains and with how much noise they made in their charge, it was impossible for them to sneak up on the monsters.

As soon as they came close, the monsters immediately focused on the cavalry that were charging at them. There were quite a few of them that came out from the center of the monster wave to face these cavalry head on.

These were all middle class monsters that were large and powerful, perfect for stopping a head on charge from these cavalry units.

But right before they collided, Cecilia gave the order, "Fire!"

As soon as her voice fell, there were arrows that came from the back of this group of cavalry.

At the back of these horsemen, there were some that had been holding bows that immediately shot at the monsters in front of them.

However, none of these arrows proved to be fatal as these were normal archers that were firing at the monsters. The specialized archers were still on the wall dealing with the rocks.

The arrows just simply bounced off the thick hides of the monsters without even causing a single scratch.

There was a guttural sound that came from the monsters when this happened, almost as if they were laughing from being tickled. However, these monsters didn't stop as they came forward to bear the brunt of Cecilia's charge.

It was just too bad for them that before Cecilia's cavalry could hit them, she suddenly made a sharp turn. Then all of the cavalry followed her sharp turn and they immediately started to run away.

The monsters were a bit confused when they saw this, but after a moment's pause, they started chasing after the cavalry that was running away. Since they had come, they wouldn't let these humans escape!

But not a single one of the cavalry had a worried look when they saw the monsters chasing them.

Instead, they all had looks of anticipation, as if they had already expected this and were even waiting for it to happen.

Once they got far away enough from the main monster wave, Cecilia once again turned her men around and started charging at the monsters chasing them. She led the charge as she charged right into the center of these monsters.

There were hobgoblins and ogres that met her head on, but her sword didn't even stop for a second as they cut right through their thick hides.

While she wasn't able to bisect them like she had done to the weaker monsters, she was still able to cut deep into their flesh. Each wound that she left was a fatal wound, so each slash that she made cut down a monster in front of her.

With each slash, she inspired the men behind her.

It was just too bad that not a single one of these men could match her.

Most of the men couldn't even cut through the thick skin of these monsters and it was only the knights that were able to deal any damage to them.

So other than that one path carved out by Cecilia among these monsters, the rest were all stalled right away.

These middle class monsters had a certain amount of intelligence and they were able to immediately recognize that it was only Cecilia that they had to be afraid of.

So they quickly left some of their members to deal with the rest of the cavalry while most of them quickly came back to surround Cecilia.

But even when she was surrounded by all of these monsters, she didn't show any signs of panic.

She just raised her sword and held the reins with her other hand, moving forward step by step towards them.

Chapter 68 What Must Come Will Come (6)

The first one to charge at her was an ogre, but it wasn't just any ogre.

This ogre's skin was completely blue.

This was a special blue ogre variant that was much stronger than the normal ogre.

But in the end, there was no hesitation at all as Cecilia's sword cut right through the Blue Ogre's club and the Blue Ogre's chest.

It wasn't surprising to see it cut through the Blue Ogre's club since that was just made of regular wood, but the Blue Ogre's hide was as thick as iron armour. It was no easy feat cutting through it without any effort like this.

The momentum carried that Blue Ogre back and it landed on the ground with a large thud.

However, when she was surrounded by monsters like this, there were plenty of monsters to take the place of that Blue Ogre.

In no time, there were two more Blue Ogres that had taken the place of the one that had fallen.

This time, they didn't charge right at her, but rather they went around to her sides. Then once they were there, the two Blue Ogres swung at Cecilia at the same time, trying to sandwich her between their clubs.

Cecilia didn't hesitate at all as she laid back on the saddle of her horse, letting the two clubs go right above her.

Then once she was past the two Blue Ogres, she immediately sat back up. Turning around on her horse, she used one wide swing to cut down both of the Blue Ogres at the same time.

Seeing how easily she had taken down the three Blue Ogres that had charged her, the other monsters started to feel a bit of fear.

They had thought that it would be easy to take down Cecilia since they had completely surrounded her, but now it seemed like that wasn't the case. It seemed like she was more than enough to pose a threat on their lives.

But still, there was something that was even more of a threat to their lives if they didn't take care of her.

So there was only a single second of hesitation before more monsters charged forward.

Cecilia's sharp eyes didn't miss the trace of fear that the monsters had shown before charging her.

She couldn't help thinking to herself, "Why are they so afraid? Or rather, what are they so afraid of?"

As this thought passed through her mind, there was a bad premonition that filled her heart.

But she didn't have time to think this through right now as there were more monsters that were charging at her.

This time, it was a mix of different monsters that came at her instead of just Blue Ogres.

Before, the Blue Ogres had thought that they could overwhelm this small human female with their size and strength, but that plan clearly didn't work. The monsters took note of this and decided to use a different plan.

This time, there were still two large Blue Ogres that came forward, but they didn't charge right up to Cecilia.

Instead, they created a wall around her so that she couldn't escape.

Behind those two Blue Ogres were Barghests and Hobgoblins.

These Barghests and Hobgoblins had methods of attacking other than physical attacks, so they used these to bombard Cecilia while the Blue Ogres restricted her.

The Hobgoblins had spears that they threw while the Barghests released flames from their bodies that came at Cecilia in a wave.

Being completely surrounded by monsters like this, it didn't seem likely that Cecilia would escape.

But with her refined riding skills, she was able to dodge the spears that came flying at her. At the same time, she swept out with her sword, creating a wall of wind that slammed into the wall of flames coming at her.

This collision destroyed the wall of flames and she was able to make her way towards one of the Blue Ogres surrounding her.

The Blue Ogre quickly moved backwards since it knew that it couldn't beat her in a contest of strength.

It was just too bad that the Blue Ogre couldn't beat Cecilia's horse in terms of speed. This was a special horse that had been bred just for Cecilia, so its speed was nothing to laugh about.

It was the one thing that the Lord Baron had insisted on when he had brought Cecilia on as his head knight. Of course, he had thought more about appearance than usefulness, so this wasn't what he had been thinking when he bought that horse.

Still, it was a big boon to Cecilia since it allowed her to have the strength to protect the ones that she cared about.

The Blue Ogre realized that it couldn't run and swung its club at Cecilia.

Cecilia saw this and swung her sword out to meet it. However, this time, she swung up instead of straight forward, which carried the Blue Ogre up into the air.

The Blue Ogre flew right through the air and then landed on the Barghest that had been behind it.

As soon as the Blue Ogre landed, Cecilia didn't waste any time in dashing out of the blockade of the monsters. She went through the small gap that had been created with the Blue Ogre landing on the Barghest, trapping it.

As she ran, it almost seemed like she was completely abandoning the soldiers who had followed her out.

When the monsters saw this, they couldn't help hesitating once again...

After all, even if they were monsters that didn't have any sense of camaraderie, they never expected Cecilia to just abandon her men like this.

But after that moment of hesitation, the monsters started chasing after Cecilia.

Even the ones that had been engaging her men pulled away and started chasing after her.

With them withdrawing, the men were far less pressured by the monsters and were able to catch their breath.

Indirectly, Cecilia had been helping her men.

After dashing out a bit, Cecilia suddenly turned around and swung her sword down at the monsters that were chasing her. They were completely caught off guard by Cecilia suddenly turning around and charging into their lines.

The monsters in front tried to hold her back, but all of them fell with a single swing of her sword. There weren't any of them that were able to stop her.

However, the momentum that she had only carried her so far and soon she was stopped by the monsters in the middle of this group. Once she was stopped, they had regained their positioning and were ready to face her head on again.

It was just too bad that Cecilia didn't have any plans of staying to fight them.

As soon as they had regrouped, she immediately turned around and ran away again, leaving the monsters to stand there with stunned looks.

After being in a daze for a bit, the monsters still decided to chase after her. After all, they had already committed to taking her down, so it would be embarrassing for them to let her go. Not to mention, their lives would be in danger if they just gave up and let her escape like this.

But after they chased her for a bit, Cecilia turned around once again to attack them head on, catching them off guard once more.

The monsters were cut down by her sword and the worst part of it all was that her men had caught up. As soon as they caught up, they started attacking the back of the group of monsters.

While they weren't able to inflict much damage, it was still a nuisance that divided the attention of the monsters.

Like this, Cecilia was able to make it even further before she was stopped.

But this time, she didn't run away again.

That was because the group of monsters had been reduced to a point where it was manageable for her.

There had been fiftyish monsters that had come out to face her and her men, but she had already slain thirty of those monsters all by herself.

With her men distracting ten of those monsters, it was easy for her to deal with the rest all on her own.

Just like this, the monsters realized that they had been completely outplayed by Cecilia.

In short, it was a bait and switch tactic where they were lured into chasing her and whittled down slowly by her.

They realized that now they were the ones being hunted.

But before that happened, there was a roar that came from the main monster wave.

Chapter 69 Last Boss (1)

As soon as this roar rang out through these flat fields, everything froze.

This roar shook everything that was here to their core and it was as if there was something that came from the depths of their soul that froze them.

Even Cecilia wasn't an exception to this.

As every human and monster froze, they all turned to look in the direction of that roar.

They found that there was now a giant armoured goblin who was standing where this roar came from.

As soon as she saw this giant goblin, Cecilia knew...that this was trouble.

But at the same time, she realized who it was that had been guiding this monster wave the entire time.

It was this giant goblin!

That was because she recognized what this giant goblin was.

As the head knight, she had done her study into what kind of monsters were out there and this one...this giant goblin was on the list of monsters that was recommended by all to run from.

This giant goblin was a monster that could be called a disaster and if one was found in any town, they would be destroyed.

If it was the previous her who hadn't received the "special armour" from Zwein, then she too wouldn't have stood a chance against this giant goblin.

This giant goblin was the A Ranked Monster, Goblin General.

Cecilia gritted her teeth when she saw this, but she then quickly turned to take care of the few monsters that were still around her. While they were dazed, it was the perfect time for her to take them down.

After all, if she didn't take them down, it would be impossible for her to focus on the Goblin General.

It took her no time at all to cut down these monsters that were stunned by the Goblin General's roar.

Once they were all taken care of, she turned her attention to the Goblin General that had made its way to the front of the monster wave. She found that the Goblin General was looking at her just as she was looking at him.

It was clear that the Goblin General knew that it was meaningless to send more lackeys at her, so it decided to personally come out and take care of her. But that also showed just how confident the Goblin General was in its own strength.

When she faced this Goblin General, Cecilia knew that she was completely outclassed.

She could instantly tell from the instincts that she had formed over years of fighting experience that in every way, the Goblin General was her superior. Unless something very unexpected happened, it was impossible for her to defeat this Goblin General.

But even when faced with the despair of this reality, she didn't back down.

She just sat there on her horse, looking right at the Goblin General.

As she sat there looking at the Goblin General, she took a deep breath and gathered herself. At the same time, she started thinking about all the things that she had to protect now.

She might not have had these things in the past, but it was different now...

In fact, if this was the past, she might have just tried to escape with Rose alone...

After calming herself, Cecilia patted her horse on the back of the head and said, "Scarlet, I'm sorry, but we'll do our best."

She knew that it would be certain death for the two of them, but she didn't have a choice but to head into battle with the horse.

After all, she knew that it was impossible for her to stand a chance without the speed and maneuverability of her horse. The moment that she took a single hit from the Goblin General, she would be dead.

So with one last pat on the head, she charged forward on her horse.

But of course, she didn't charge right at the Goblin General.

Instead, she swerved at the last second so that she would go around the Goblin General instead of hitting it head on. The Goblin General swung right down at where Cecilia would have been and created a large hole in the ground.

This was a hole that was more than three meters wide and three meters deep, more than enough to show just how much force there was in the sword that it had swung down. Not to mention that this was a sword, so it wasn't even the sword that hit the ground, but rather just the pressure of the wind that it swung down with that created this hole.

Cecilia's brows knitted even more when she saw this, but she didn't allow her to stop for a single second.

She went around to the back of the Goblin General and swung quickly with her sword.

She knew that her advantage would be quick strikes that the Goblin General couldn't guard against, but she found...

That her sword didn't even make a dent in the Goblin General's skin.

She had accurately cut in the gap in the Goblin General's armour and had cut the skin, but it didn't do a single thing.

It was even harder than some of the iron armour that she had cut through before.

Cecilia once again created distance as she narrowed her eyes to look at the Goblin General.

She knew that it was impossible for her to hurt it unless she used her full power, but she needed a bigger opening for that.

So she decided to risk it all.

She dashed right at the Goblin General and decided to clash head on with it.

The Goblin General decided to fulfil her request and swung down at her, but at the very last second, Cecilia dodged out of the way.

This was the large opening that she was looking for.

She used that gap to swing her sword down with all of her strength as the Goblin General's neck.

It hit the Goblin General right in the neck with the full force of gravity, but...

It didn't make a single scratch!

Chapter 70 Last Boss (2)

Cecilia was caught off guard by this and couldn't help being stunned for a second.

Just that single second of being stunned was more than enough for the Goblin General to recover and get an advantage against her. While she was just standing there, the Goblin General brought its sword back and quickly slashed out at her.

Cecilia quickly reacted when she felt this and wanted to dodge, but she saw that the Goblin General's swing was much faster than she had anticipated...

She realized at that moment that just as she had baited the Goblin General, the Goblin General had baited her. It had used less strength in that swing just now so that she would be pulled into a range where she couldn't dodge.

Then it would take care of her with one good swing of its sword.

Seeing the sword coming closer and closer, Cecilia realized that it was too late for her to do anything.

The only thing that she felt was regret over being too confident.

Even if she had become stronger because of the "special armour" that Zwein gave her, it wasn't as if she had become the strongest person in the world.

At this final moment, she accepted her regret and her death.

But if there was another chance, she would hope that she would be able to meet them again.

Fortunately for her, it wasn't her final moment.

As the sword was about to cleave her in half, she suddenly twisted and moved out of the way of the sword slash.

Cecilia didn't understand how it happened until she realized that it was her horse that had saved her. In the end, her choice to go at the Goblin General with her horse was the right one.

Though...it couldn't be considered the right choice for her horse.

Even though the sword didn't cleave her in half, the force of the wind that was generated by the sword swing still caught her.

This was wind that was strong enough to create a three meter wide and three meter deep hole in the ground, so it was like getting hit with a wall of bricks. This was the case for both Cecilia and her horse.

Both of them had the wind knocked out of them as they were sent flying by the wind.

Cecilia was able to land without suffering many injuries, only getting a few bruises from being slammed by the wall of wind and being thrown onto the ground.

But it wasn't the same for the horse.

The horse had taken the brunt of the blow and had been sent flying even further than Cecilia. Even though she had been strapped to it, she was thrown off while they had been spinning in midair, so the horse landed much further away.

At the same time, since it had spun more from being hit with the brunt of the blow, it landed much harder than Cecilia had.

The horse landed right on its leg and that leg snapped cleanly.

It was even so bad that the bone was peeking out of the leg.

After recovering, Cecilia's first thought was of her horse. Not just because she knew that she wouldn't be able to escape the Goblin General without it, but she was worried since it had taken the brunt of the blow for her.

Seeing the broken leg that it had, she knew that she was in the worst case scenario.

There was no way for her to escape and at the same time, she didn't want to escape.

She at least wanted to protect her horse who had even tried to save her at the expense of her own life.

Even though the horse had saved her life, she was still about to give up that life to protect the horse. Though, whether she would be able to do that was a big question mark.

The Goblin General saw Cecilia who was struggling to stand up and it revealed what seemed to be a smile. At the same time, there was a lewd meaning to that smile as it looked at her curves.

This was an H-game world, so of course the setting was that goblins, orcs, and other monsters captured girls and violated them. This Goblin General would naturally be the same, especially in front of a beautiful blonde knight captain like Cecilia.

So instead of choosing to finish her off with the large sword that it wielded, it chose to do it another way. It stabbed its sword into the ground beside it and then came over with hands that were making a lewd gesture.

It was as if the Goblin General was planning on having some fun before capturing Cecilia.

Cecilia could naturally also see the gestures that the Goblin General was making and she couldn't help feeling a chill run down her spine. Her pride would never allow her body to be violated by a monster like this, so she even had thoughts about killing herself before it could reach her.

But her hands holding her sword stopped when she remembered who she was fighting for.

As these thoughts passed through her mind, she revealed a determined look again.

Even if she was going to die, she would at least die in battle.

Even if she couldn't kill the Goblin General, she would do what she could to at least injure it.

After all, while she couldn't cut through the hide of the Goblin General, she would at least be able to stab out an eye or cut through its mouth. It wasn't as if this rock hard hide covered every single part of its body.

The Goblin General slowly made its way over, looking like it had clearly won this fight.

Cecilia's men had tried to rescue their captain, but the monsters had come out to block them. Without Cecilia, they were completely overwhelmed by the monsters and couldn't approach her at all.

The Goblin General came all the way up to Cecilia and stood over her with its hand raised.

With its two meter tall frame, it completely overshadowed Cecilia who was only 1.7 meters tall.

Cecilia took a deep breath when she saw this Goblin General standing right in front of her before suddenly giving a roar. With all of her might, she took a step forward and burst out towards the Goblin General.

Her sword stabbed out accurately right at the eyes of the Goblin General.

It was just too bad for her that the Goblin General moved even faster and was already moving its hand over to grab her sword.

It had no fear using its hand to grab her sword since it knew that she couldn't cut it.

As it was grabbing at the sword, the Goblin General's swept over Cecilia's body in a lewd manner, as if it was already imagining all the things that it would do with her. It was as if it could already see its victory.

But that wasn't strange since Cecilia was outclassed by this Goblin General.

However, before any of that could happen, there was a whistling sound that cut through the air...

Then there was a sudden explosion that came from in front of Cecilia, completely engulfing the Goblin General.