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As for what followed, it wouldn't be something that could be done in just a few days.

The duke would be sending the soldiers that he wanted to be trained as wyvern riders to my territory in the future.

It was there that they would pick out their wyverns and train with them to become wyvern riders.

So before that, there was nothing else that could be done.

Since I was here to visit my in-laws, I spent a week with Veronica and her family.

By the time that we left, the duke was holding me by the shoulder like I was his real son and the duchess was telling us to visit more. It seemed that we had made quite the impression on them.

It seemed that we would have a good relationship with the duke and duchess in the future.

But all things had to come to an end and we returned to my territory.

When we returned, there was something that I had to discuss with Rose.

As we sat down alone in our room, Rose looked at me with a confused look as she said, "What is it? What did you need to talk to me about?"

She had been surprised when I called her to talk alone right after coming back.

At the same time though, there was a trace of worry that filled her when she saw the serious look that I had on my face.

But I didn't speak right away after we sat down.

It wasn't that I didn't know what to say, it was just that I didn't know the best way to put it.

After all, this was a topic that Rose had been avoiding the entire time, so I didn't know how to bring it up.

The longer that I stayed silent, the more nervous Rose looked.

Finally, she couldn't take it anymore and said, "If you have something to say, just say it. Is there anything that we can't talk about between us?"

I was surprised by the tone that she had, so I didn't speak right away.

But after a moment of silence, I said, "After visiting the duke and duchess, I've realized something. That is what I wanted to talk about with you."

When Rose heard this, there was a bitter smile that appeared on her face before she said, "You've realized that I'm not good enough to be your wife and you want to have someone else as your wife? I understand, but I hope that you will allow me to at least remain as your concubine."

My chin dropped the moment that I heard this as I looked at Rose with shock.

I never would have expected her to suddenly say something like this...

But after that moment of being caught off guard, I quickly shook my head and said, "No, no, it's nothing like that at all. I would never think something like that."

Rose just said with a bitter smile, "There's no need to beat around the bush. This is something that I've been aware of for a long time, so there's no need for you to make excuses. I understand that in terms of status, someone like me shouldn't be with someone like you. It was just my..."

Before she could finish, I suddenly raised a hand to put a finger over her lips before saying, "I would never think something like that. I don't care about rank or status, all I care about is you."

There was a touched look that appeared in Rose's eyes, but then she quickly shook her head to say, "No, someone with your status should be with someone better or else others will look down on you. I am nothing more than a disgraced wife of a baron, so..."

Once again, I put my finger over her lips and said, "Is this what you've been worrying about? I'm sorry that I never talked to you about this before."

I stood up and moved over so that I was right beside her before taking her hands and saying, "No matter what happens, I will never leave you. That is how I feel about you. So please don't ever think about things like this."

I never realized that Rose had such thoughts...

She had been so focused on developing our territory that I had almost taken her for granted...

She didn't just do this because she cared about our territory, but rather she was working so hard to show what she was capable of. As I gained more and more prestige, the pressure must have become greater and greater on her to be someone that could match me.

It was my fault for not noticing this and talking to her about this sooner.

Though there was a very touched look on Rose's face, there was still a trace of hesitation as she said, "But...you really should think about your own image..."

I shook my head before coming closer to say to her, "Since the beginning, I've been in love with you. No matter what, I will never let you go."

After saying this, I went forward to hook her chin with one finger and moved closer to place a soft kiss on her lips.

For a moment, it was as if there was nothing but the two of us in this world.

When we separated, Rose finally had the look of confidence restored on her face.

At the same time, there was a very strong blush that appeared on that beautiful face of hers.

Seeing this, I asked, "Do you finally believe me?"

Rose just gave a slight nod before lowering her head in embarrassment.

With a sigh, I said, "Why would you ever doubt me in the first place?"

Rose revealed an awkward look before saying, "You're the one that started talking like that, so I thought...you had brought me here to talk about this."

With a serious expression, I looked at Rose and said, "I would never do something like that."

After a moment of being dazed, Rose gave a slight nod and said, "Then what did you want to talk about?"

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Hearing this, I decided to stop beating around the bush and said, "Your parents, I wanted to talk to you about your parents."

The look of a girl in love that was on Rose's face disappeared when she heard this.

It was replaced with an expression of unwillingness, like she really didn't want to talk about this.

But seeing the serious look that I had on my face, she said with a sigh, "What did you want to talk about in regards to them?"

"Are you embarrassed of me, is that why you've never brought me to meet them?" I suddenly asked.

This time, it was Rose's turn to be shocked.

She looked at me with a look of confusion and disbelief, as if she couldn't understand what I was saying.

But she quickly shook her head and said, "No, it isn't that I'm embarrassed of you. I would never be embarrassed of you."

I just looked at her with a calm look and asked, "Then why have you never brought me to see your parents after all this time?"

Though there was a calm look on my face, there was a trace of being hurt that was in my eyes.

To me, it was clear that she didn't want to bring me back before because I was just a slave that her husband had bought for her. If I was her parents, I wouldn't want my daughter to be with someone like that either.

But after all this time, I had worked hard to slowly increase my status and become someone that she could be proud of.

Even then, she didn't bring me back to see her parents.

After a long silence, Rose finally said, "It isn't that I'm embarrassed of you, but rather I'm embarrassed of my parents."

I couldn't help being surprised when I heard this, but I calmed down and said, "They're your parents, what is there to be embarrassed about?"

Rose gave a sigh as she said, "You don't understand what kind of people they are. They aren't what you think they are and you won't understand the reason why I'm embarrassed of them."

I couldn't help knitting my brows when I heard this, but I still said, "They are your parents, so regardless of how embarrassing they are, don't you want to see them

again? Besides, we've been married for so long and we've never gone to see them once..."

I didn't finish what I was saying, but the question left hanging was more than enough.

Rose looked at me for a bit before shaking her head and giving another sigh while saying, "You don't understand the reason why I'm embarrassed of them. My father...he is an opportunist. He is someone who does whatever will benefit him, so he doesn't have any shame. Even marrying off his daughter to a baron in the middle of nowhere because of his own plans...that was why I wasn't able to ask for their help back then."

Once the flood gates had opened, Rose didn't hold back at all as she poured everything out to me.

All of the frustrations that came from her family, she released onto me.

And it turned out that there was a lot of frustration towards her family that she was holding in her heart.

After a long while, she finally calmed down and said, "I'm sorry, I don't know what came over me."

I just sat down beside her and took her in my arms as I said, "You don't have to apologize for anything. I am your husband, you're supposed to say these things to me."

Rose looked up at me with a surprised look at first, but then she revealed a touched look as she gave a slight nod.

I patted her on the back to show that I understood what she was feeling, but I still had to say something.

"Regardless of how you feel about them, they are still your parents, right? I'm sure that you would want them to know about your marriage and how you're doing. It isn't as if you don't care about them at all, right?"

Rose was surprised again when she heard this, but slowly she gave a nod.

No matter how she tried, she couldn't completely deny that they were her parents and that she did care for them.

They were the ones that had raised her and she had lived with for the first part of her life, so it was impossible for her to forget about them.

In the end, Rose said, "Just give me a bit of time and I'll bring you back to see them. I just have to take care of a few more things first before I bring you back."

I gave a nod with a faint smile on my face.

At the very least, it was a step forward since she was willing to take me back to see her family.

Before this, she wouldn't even mention her family.

So it was a step in the right direction.

Sometimes, we really did forget to talk about these things since we wanted to avoid them. But it was important for us to talk about these things since it wasn't as if they would go away.

It wasn't as if we could just ignore these matters.

It was better to face them head on and to find a solution to them that we could both agree on.

That way, it wouldn't blow up from being ignored for too long.

After we settled this, Rose suddenly said, "It's been a long time since we've been together."

I thought about it and realized that she was right.

Even though I came back with the wyverns, I had been too busy with setting up the wyvern riders that I never had a chance to spend quality time with Rose.

Then there was the trip to Bright Water City to see Veronica's parents.

"Then how about we fix that?" I said with a smile.

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In the end, I never got the chance to go and visit Rose's parents.

That was because we could set a plan to go visit them, there was an announcement from the capital that cancelled any plans that I had.

It was a decree that announced the end of the war.

The four kingdoms that had invaded us had declared their surrender and this had ended the war. After some discussions on the terms of the surrender, our kingdom had accepted the surrender of these kingdoms and had officially won the war.

I was surprised to see the terms in the decree since it was quite generous for us.

The other kingdoms had surrendered quite a bit of land and had even been forced to pay reparations.

A surrender like this seemed like they had completely given up on the war and was begging for mercy from us.

But the second messenger that the fourth prince sent explained to me what had happened.

Simply put, there was one reason why they had surrendered.

Wyverns.

It was because wyverns had appeared on the battlefield.

It wasn't just the wyverns that I had brought to attack the Beirut Kingdom army, it was the wyverns that had appeared afterwards that had sealed the fate of this war. Of course, these wyverns were also related to me.

These wyverns were the ones that I had entrusted to the fourth prince.

He had sent his men over right away and they had been trained strictly, so they could go onto the battlefield as soon as possible.

Then with the guards that had already been trained, they headed off to the battlefield with the Darius Kingdom.

This was the last kingdom that had declared war on our Kite Kingdom and the last army that was still invading our land.

When the wyvern riders appeared on the battlefield, they razed the lines of the enemies with flames.

Working with the army of our kingdom that had been sent to face the Darius Kingdom army, they had been able to defeat them while barely suffering any casualties. The armies of the Darius Kingdom had been wiped out and barely any soldiers had survived, just like the rest of the invaders.

Once the armies of the Darius Kingdom fell, there were no more armies in our land.

The four kingdoms could have sent more soldiers, but they had already sent so many of their troops into our land that they were now barely able to manage their own territories.

It was at this point that the fourth prince sent out the wyvern riders to attack the lands of the four kingdoms.

Since they were wyverns that could fly, they could strike at different parts of the four kingdoms without anything stopping them.

And since they were working with humans, they were able to track the subjugation parties sent by the four kingdoms and leave before they could arrive.

With the wyverns terrorizing their territory like this, the four kingdoms had no choice but to surrender. Especially since they had seen movement from our kingdom's armies like we were about to invade them.

Once that happened, it would only be a matter of time before they lost all of their lands.

So it was better to cut off a piece of meat than to lose everything.

This was how peace was returned to our kingdom.

As for why this messenger had been sent to tell me about this, it was related to why I had to cancel my plans. I was called to the capital for the ceremony to declare the end of this war.

It was also the place where everyone would receive their rewards for their accomplishments during the war.

I certainly didn't have a lack of accomplishments during the war, but there was something that I was worried about.

The number of lives that I had buried during the war definitely wasn't small...

I was worried that I would be held accountable for this...

"Can you not go?" Rose said in a worried voice as we were discussing this.

I shook my head as I said, "I have to go, it's a direct summon from the king."

Angela looked at me with a worried look too before saying, "I can talk to my father, maybe that will help?"

Again I shook my head before saying, "There's a summon for you too, so we have no choice but to go to the capital together."

Angela was surprised when she heard this, so I handed the message that I had received to her.

She saw that there was the signature of both the king and the fourth prince on the message, showing how official this was. Even if she didn't want to go, with her father and her fourth brother both signing this decree, she had no choice but to go.

But this didn't make sense at all.

Why would they summon her to the capital after all this time?

She didn't have anything to do with the victory declaration ceremony this time, so there was no need for her to go to the capital.

Unless...they were planning something.

The start of this war was related to her engagement in the first place, so if they were to call her back...could it be that they wanted to take back the engagement that they had made with Zwein?

Angela couldn't help looking even more worried as this thought crossed her mind.

There was no one that said a thing as we all just sat there in deep thought.

In the end, the only thing that I could do was saying, "For now, there's no use worrying about all of this. I'm the one that controls the wyverns, so they won't do anything to me right now. In the future, they might try to do something, but that won't be before they take control of the wyverns from me."

All of the girls nodded in agreement when they heard this, but they still had worried looks.

With a sigh, I said with a worried look, "We can only wait and see."

Chapter 664 Brother, it's been a long time

Since the summon was urgent, I set off with Angela, Cecilia, and Shaka the very next day.

There were others that wanted to come, but they couldn't since they were busy with their own things.

Since we had the wyverns, we decided to take them to the capital this time since it would allow us to reach the capital much faster. But the more important reason was...to threaten them.

Simply put, it was to make them realize that I had control over the wyverns so they wouldn't do anything to me.

With the wyverns, we were able to turn this multi day trip into just a two day trip.

With the wyverns, the distance between places had really been cut down and it made traveling much easier.

Though there were still some downsides to this.

To make sure that no commotion was caused, we had to take a special route that avoided marked settlements. Though there were certain villages that we couldn't avoid since they weren't marked on maps in the first place.

These were small settlements that were too small to mark on maps, so we didn't know to avoid them.

As we flew past them, we could see the commotion that was coming from below.

It was clear that the people of the villages were panicking when they saw these wyverns flying overhead.

When we arrived at the capital, we made sure to land in a clearing outside of the capital.

But even then, there was someone who was waiting there for us.

That person was someone that we had contacted before coming to the capital, so they knew to wait for us here. After all, this was the place that they had directed us to land in.

It was the fourth prince who was waiting in this clearing for us.

Seeing us land, the fourth prince waved his hand at us with a smile on his face.

When we came down though...that smile soon disappeared from his face as someone jumped down at him.

The fourth prince was able to move out of the way in time, but that didn't mean that he was spared from being chased by that person.

That person was Angela, the princess, his big sister.

"So you're working with dad now to summon me? Tell me, what are you planning?"

I couldn't help being surprised by this gap in Angela's personality, but I quickly came to accept it as what it was. There were just different sides to her and this was one of her sides.

This was her side from when she was with the family that she grew up with.

The soft and gentle side of her was when she was with the person that she loved.

Though I did wish that she would show me some of the other side as well since it would mean that she trusted me more.

No, if I thought about it, she was slowly starting to show this side to me.

As he was running around, the fourth prince turned to me and said, "Brother, it's been a long time since we've met!"

I couldn't help shaking my head with a bitter smile when I heard this.

A long time?

If a week was considered a long time, then I guess it was.

After all, he had been in my town while he was training his men as wyvern riders and even now, he came from time to time to pick up new wyverns.

So it really wasn't that long since we had met.

I knew that he was calling out to me because he wanted me to rescue him, but I was content just watching for a bit. It was my petty way of taking a bit of revenge on the fourth prince for everything that he was putting us through.

After all, his name was on the decree that had been sent to my town summoning me to the capital.

This was not a fact that could be ignored.

But after a while, I said, "Alright, let's stop playing around."

It was only because I said something that Angela stopped chasing the fourth prince, but the look on her face made it seem like she wasn't satisfied with ending things like this. The look on her face made it clear that she still wanted to do more, but she stopped because I told her to stop.

That was the effect that I had as a minimum on her as her fiance.

When he saw this, the fourth prince looked at me with an impressed look, but I didn't care about that.

After all, instead of wanting the fourth prince to look impressed, I would have preferred if he told me what was going on here.

So I just looked at the fourth prince and said, "Brother, can you tell me what's going on here?"

To my surprise, the fourth prince shook his head and said, "We're gathered here to celebrate our victory in the war. There's nothing going on here."

The way that he said this made it clear that he wasn't going to tell me anything.

Or rather, he wasn't going to tell me what I really wanted to know.

It was almost as if he was asking me to not push this matter and just let it go, but I couldn't do that.

After all, this was an important matter that involved my future.

So I said to Angela, "I think that it's been a long time since you've seen your brother. How about you catch up with him?"

Angela's eyes lit up and the fourth prince's eyes sank when they heard this.

The fourth prince looked at me with an aggrieved look, but he didn't say anything else on this matter in the end.

Since he wouldn't say anything, I didn't hold Angela back anymore as I said, "Then let's catch up on our way back. You can take the carriage with your brother while we bring the wyverns in."

The fourth prince had a bitter smile on his lips, but he still led Angela back to the carriage that he had come in.

Chapter 665 In the castle

We flew on the back of the wyverns all the way into the city.

I had planned on finding a place to keep the wyverns, but the fourth prince said that it was perfectly fine to bring the wyverns right up to the city gates.

I found that he wasn't lying about this.

Even when we landed with the wyverns, it didn't seem like the people at the gate were worried at all. With the way that they looked at us, it was as if they were already used to seeing wyverns.

Though there were some that were looking at Joan.

After all, she was a wyvern that was different from all the other wyverns.

With the fourth prince leading the way, we easily passed through the gates and arrived in the capital.

It was then that I understood why they hadn't been afraid of us.

It was because they were already used to seeing wyverns and by that, I meant it literally.

There were a bunch of wyverns that were behind the gate.

It seemed that the fourth prince had been keeping the wyvern riders in the capital when they weren't out and about, so the people of the capital had slowly adapted to the presence of wyverns.

Though they would still run for their lives if they were attacked by wyverns, they wouldn't judge a book by its cover and be afraid of wyverns right away.

So that meant that there was a place for us to leave our wyverns while we headed into the capital.

This was a place that the fourth prince had built to take care of wyverns while they were in the capital, so they would be receiving a five star treatment. As we were leaving, I could see that some of the wyverns were getting washed down by the people that were there with looks of enjoyment on their faces.

For these wyverns, it must be like they were having a spa day.

I could see that even Joan was relaxing instead of missing me like she normally did.

Sitting in the same carriage as the fourth prince, I looked at him with a faint smile on my face.

That was because the fourth prince looked completely different from his usual well dressed appearance. His hair was messy and there were a few creases in his clothes, like he had just been tossed around.

I wasn't worried that anything inappropriate happened, I knew that this was just the way that siblings communicated with each other.

It was a method of communication where the fist was used.

But now that I was in the carriage, Angela calmed down and sat by my side.

I looked at the fourth prince for a bit before asking, "Where are we going?"

The fourth prince had been the one that summoned me and Angela to the capital, so we were leaving everything to him. He said that he would take care of everything in his second letter to me, so it wasn't me just imposing on him.

The fourth prince opened up the window of the carriage and pointed at a large building outside before saying, "We're heading there."

I was surprised because the building that he was pointing at was the castle in the center of the capital. There shouldn't be a reason for us to go there since the ceremony wouldn't be for a few days.

The fourth prince saw the look on my face and he said with a smile, "There's someone who wants to meet you. I'm just the one that brings you there."

A person in the castle that wanted to meet us, there were only a few people that came to mind.

But the worst part was that the few people that came to mind were all people that we didn't want to meet.

Especially the one that I thought was the most likely candidate.

I glared at the fourth prince as this thought passed through my mind, but he just looked back at me unfazed with a smile on his face. It was as if no matter what I did, he wouldn't tell me what I wanted to know.

Since that was the case, I just sat in silence while thinking about all the things that could happen.

Angela also had knitted brows on her face this entire ride.

After arriving at the castle, the fourth prince led the way in without any hesitation.

The guards that were there saw us and just let us pass without a single fuss.

In fact, they even bowed to us respectfully as we walked by.

The fourth prince and Angela, who was the princess I could understand, but it seemed like they were bowing to me respectfully as well. Was there a reason for them to bow to me respectfully like this?

The fourth prince didn't explain a thing as he led us through the castle.

I didn't know my way around the castle, so I had no idea where we were.

But when I looked over at Angela, I found that the frown on her face had become even deeper.

I knew that there was something wrong.

So I asked her, "What's wrong?"

Angela was silent for a bit before saying in a worried voice, "This is the way to my father's room."

As expected, the fourth prince had brought us into the castle to meet the king.

For the king to meet us before the ceremony, it was very likely the thing that we had been worried about was about to come true.

This was where he would cancel the engagement between me and Angela and then try to find a way to take control of the wyverns from me.

I just couldn't believe that the fourth prince would help him with this...

No, it seemed right that the fourth prince would help him with this.

This was just how the fourth prince from the game was...

When the fourth prince stopped, we were standing in front of a pair of large doors that seemed like they were fancier than any other doors that we passed.

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As he stood there, the fourth prince turned back to look at us as he said, "Well, as you may have already guessed, we're here to meet our royal father. Are you ready to go in?"

Angela and I looked at each other before I turned back to the fourth prince to ask, "Can you tell me why we're here before we go in?"

But...the fourth prince just shook his head and said, "It's better if I don't. I think that you'll understand soon why you're here."

Both Angela and I deeply knitted our brows when we heard this.

No matter how we looked at it, it didn't seem like this would be a good thing for us.

It seemed very much like this was a trap.

I couldn't help looking at the fourth prince with a betrayed look as this thought passed through my mind.

He could see the look on my face, so he said, "What's wrong? It's not like anyone is going to die, right? This is supposed to be a happy occasion."

Both of us gave bitter laughs in response to this.

The fourth prince looked even more confused, but he didn't mind it as he reached out to the door in front of us. As he twisted the handle, he said, "Well, there's no turning back now. So let's just go in already."

Once again, Angela and I gave bitter laughs when we heard this.

It was true, there was no way that we would be able to leave now that we were here.

If we did try to leave and the king found out about this, he would surely punish us.

With how many people saw us as we entered the palace, it was impossible for us to hide the fact that we had come here today.

So there was only the path forward for us...

We followed the fourth prince through the door and into the room.

When we entered the room, we found that the king was waiting there on one of the sofas with a tea table in front of him. On that tea table was a fresh pot of tea and some desserts.

Seeing us come in, he waved his hand at us with a smile on his face and said, "Come, come, sit down. You came at just the right time, I just finished brewing the tea."

I couldn't help being a bit taken aback when I saw him acting like this.

After all, the only times that I had seen the king was in the courtroom where he had the full prestige of a king behind him.

Now...he just seemed like a normal middle aged man.

No, it was impossible for someone of his status to be just a normal middle aged man.

I could still see the royalness coming naturally from him, but he did seem much more relaxed compared to before.

The fourth prince didn't hesitate as he walked over, but the king just pointed at the chair on the side before he could sit down on the sofa.

The fourth prince looked at the king with a bitter smile on his face, but the king didn't care as he pointed at the chair again.

So in the end, the fourth prince had no choice but to sit down in the chair on the side.

He didn't even reach for the tea since he saw that there were only three cups in the first place. It didn't seem like there was a place set for him since there wasn't even a cup for him here.

Once the fourth prince sat down, the king turned back to me and Angela and waved his hand at us as he said, "Come, come, sit down already." After waving his hand, he gestured to the couch that was in front of him on the opposite side of the table.

I looked at Angela and she looked at me, but neither of us had an idea of what was going on.

But the king had already called us over, so we had no choice but to sit down.

After sitting down, neither of us did anything as we looked at the king. It was as if we were waiting to see just what he was planning to do.

When he saw us staring at him like this, the king said with a smile, "I would offer you some tea and cakes, but it doesn't seem like you're interested. So instead, let's talk about why I've called you here."

Both of us were surprised that he would be so direct with this, but we didn't let our guards down as we waited to see what he had to say.

The king just took a sip of his tea before calmly saying, "Well, as you may have already guessed, I've called you here to discuss the terms of your engagement."

Angela suddenly stood up and said, "I won't let you break this engagement. You already agreed to it, so I won't back down even if you strip me of my title as a princess and exile me from the royal family."

I looked at Angela with a surprised look since I never thought she would be so passionate about this.

But I was even more surprised to find that it wasn't just me who was surprised.

It was also the fourth prince and the king who were looking at Angela with surprised looks.

It was as if they had never expected her to suddenly speak up like this.

After a long silence, the king asked, "Who said anything about breaking the engagement?"

This time, it was Angela's turn to be surprised as she looked at the king with a surprised look along with me. Both of us tried to figure out what the king meant by this, but we just couldn't figure it out.

The king saw these looks and shook his head with a faint smile before saying, "I never called you here to break the engagement, I called you here to discuss how to proceed with it."

Chapter 667 Can you repeat that again? (2)

Angela and I both looked at the king as if we couldn't understand what he had just said.

After all, neither of us had expected him to say this.

After a long moment of silence, Angela slowly asked, "Royal father, could you please repeat that again? I don't think that I heard you clearly."

The king just revealed a smile as he calmly repeated, "We need to discuss how to proceed with your engagement. After all, an engagement is an engagement, there is still a wedding that follows."Nôv(el)B\\jnn

Angela's eyes lit up when she heard this before she excitedly said, "You agree to this wedding?"

The king said with the same smile, "Why would I not agree to it? I was the one that set the engagement in the first place, so why would I go back on my own words? Do you really think so little of your own father?"

Angela quickly shook her head when she heard this, but then she couldn't help saying, "It's not that I think little of you, royal father...It's just that with the war over, it doesn't seem like this engagement would really benefit you or the kingdom..."

Her voice trailed off in the end, but it was clear what she was trying to say.

However, the king didn't seem offended at all as he still had a smile on his face.

He just looked right at Angela and said, "Silly daughter, what is more important to me than your happiness?"

There was a trace of being touched that appeared in Angela's eyes, but she said, "Is that so?"

There was a clear tone of doubt that was in her voice.

The king held his heart this time and leaned forward as he said, "To be mistrusted by my own daughter like this, it seems like my daughter doesn't have much respect for me."

Angela didn't really seem to care about what the king said as she just looked at him with narrowed eyes. After staring at him like this for a bit, she said, "Stop playing around and just tell me."

The king sat back up again and looked at Angela with a serious look as he said, "My darling, your happiness really is the most important thing to me. I trust your eyes for men since you're my daughter, there's really no need to doubt your father like this."

Angela's expression slowly changed before she said in a soft voice, "I'm sorry."

The king revealed a faint smile as he stood up and came over to pat her on the head as he said, "Your happiness really is the most important thing to me."

The fourth prince on the side added, "Though it does help if the one that you chose controls over a thousand wyverns."

Both the king and Angela glared at the fourth prince when he said this.

He just looked back at them with a teasing smile, as if he wasn't afraid of what would happen.

It seemed that even though they were from the royal family, the relationship between them was quite good that they were able to joke with each other like this.

But thinking about it...the first prince, the second prince, and the rest were all part of the royal family as well, but they didn't get along the same. Just what was different about those other princes that they didn't grow up the same way as the fourth prince?

I really had no idea what the dynamic of the royal family was.

After they finished with their moment, both of them sat down where they had been sitting before.

The king was the one that spoke first as he said, "Since it is your wedding, we naturally have to make it as big as possible."

Angela nodded in agreement at first, but then she couldn't help saying, "Is it really necessary to make it big? Is it possible to just hold a small ceremony with some close acquaintances?"

The way that she said this made it clear that she didn't want to make this big.

The look on her face also made it clear that she didn't want to turn this into a show.

This was her wedding after all, it wasn't a show just for everyone to enjoy.

She knew that she had her duty to the kingdom as the princess, but she really didn't want to be turned into a show.

But this time, the king shook his head and said, "We have to do it like this, that is our duty to the people as the royal family."

Angela looked disappointed, but she nodded in agreement in the end.

She knew that this was one of the few things that couldn't be changed and she had already accepted it since she was a child, so she could only accept it now.

Though her disappointment wasn't just from this.

It was also because the king had said earlier that her happiness was the most important thing to him, only he was going against that now by going against her wishes.

The king continued by saying, "After the wedding, we'll announce that I will be stepping down from the throne and your new husband will be taking over."

There was only silence that followed after he said this.

Both Angela and I couldn't help revealing strange looks that seemed like we hadn't processed everything that he had said just yet.

But that couldn't be blamed on us since the latter half of his words really were just too shocking for us to process.

We looked at each other and we could see that neither of us had an inkling of an idea of what the king just said. So we just looked at each other in a daze for a while.

That was until Angela suddenly turned back and asked the king, "Royal father, what did you just say? Could you repeat that again?"

The king gave a nod before saying, "I'll be stepping down from the throne and giving it to your husband."

Silence, pure silence.

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The king just sat there as if he hadn't heard Angela ask this.

Angela and I just kept staring at the king as we waited for an answer that never came.

So Angela finally couldn't take it anymore and asked, "Royal father, can you please repeat..."

Before she could finish, the king said, "There's no need for you to keep asking this. You didn't hear it incorrectly. I said what I said."

With this confirmation, we couldn't help being even more shocked by this.

After all, this meant that the king wasn't joking when he said that he would step down from the throne and give it to Angela's husband...which meant me!

Why would he do something like this?

If there was someone that should take the throne, it should be the fourth prince, right?

After all, the fourth prince's power was already much greater than all of the other princes. That was especially so after he obtained the wyverns that I had given him.

This was one of the reasons why I had given him those wyverns in the first place.

I had wanted the fourth prince to consolidate his power so he could take the throne, so what happened in the game wouldn't happen this time.

I had to admit that the fourth prince had won me over with everything that he had done and I was sincerely supporting him to take the throne.

Could this be the reason why the fourth prince had caused that coup in the game?

Was it because the king had already planned on giving the throne to someone else all along?

I slowly looked at the fourth prince and found that he was watching all of this with a calm look on his face.

I would say that I had gotten quite good at reading the fourth prince after everything that we had been through. I could see that the look on his face wasn't a fake calm expression, but a real calm expression.

It was as if he had already expected the king to say this.

But if he did, did that mean that he was really alright with giving up the throne?

If he did, did that mean that he was in on this all along?

Wait...the fourth prince had signed the decree that had called me and Angela to the capital, so he should have been in on this all along.

Why?

Just what did the fourth prince gain from all of this?

I couldn't help rubbing my temple as my head started to ache from thinking about all of this.

I just couldn't make sense of any of this...

It seemed like Angela also couldn't make any sense of this as she said, "Why? Why would you do something like this?"

She turned to look at the fourth prince and said, "Isn't fourth brother the best candidate for the throne? Royal father, shouldn't you make fourth brother the crown prince instead?"

The king and the fourth prince looked at each other before shaking their heads at the same time.

Both of them gave sighs at the same time, but the king said, "Let me explain everything."

The king took a deep breath before saying, "To put it simply, this has been our plan this entire time. This is not something that we came up with on a whim, this was something that has been developing for over five years now."

Both Angela and I couldn't help revealing shocked looks when we heard this before confused looks appeared on our faces.

The king gave a nod and said with a smile, "I'm sure that you're very confused about all of this, so let me explain. To put it simply, it was because I had discovered that the princes had all started forming their own factions and had completely forgotten that they were brothers. It was because they were all fighting their family for the throne that I developed this plan in the end."

Once again, the king gave a sigh as he said, "It is all my fault for letting things get this far...If only I had been more strict with my children and prevented them from being seduced by others, then perhaps I could have saved the relationship of our family."

Angela couldn't help revealing a sad look when she heard this.

I already knew that the relationship in the royal family wasn't simple, but it seemed that there was even more than met the eye.

It seemed that the relationship was so bad that even the king had to step in and do something."

The king took a deep breath again before saying, "I had no choice but to step in since our kingdom would have been ruined if I didn't. If I had left things as they were, our kingdom would have fallen into a state of civil war after I stepped down from the throne, so I had to do something. I couldn't let generations of hard work of our ancestors be ruined by these trouble children."

He turned to look at the fourth prince and said, "So I asked for old fourth's help. He is the only one that isn't seduced by the allure of the throne and only cares about helping the people of our country. He is the only one that knows what is best for our country."

The fourth prince gave a nod before saying, "Our plan was to create a powerful rival for all of them and gather them together before taking them down in one fell swoop. I was to become the villain that all of them gathered against before taking them all down together. That is why I've been raising my power all this time."

The king gave another sigh as he said, "I've wanted old fourth to take the throne after that, but he said that he couldn't since his hands would be too stained with blood to do so."

The fourth prince just shook his head with a bitter smile as he said, "I've done many things that can't be spoken about to help our royal father. I don't deserve the throne."

Chapter 669 Can you repeat that again? (4)

The expression on the fourth prince's face made it very clear that he was filled with regret over what he had done.

But the look in his eyes made it clear that he knew that what he had done was for the best.

If he hadn't done this, it would be unknown what would have happened to their kingdom.

So in the end, he knew that he had done what needed to be done and wouldn't go back on what he had done in the end.

But that didn't mean that I didn't think that he was still the better candidate for the throne. Rather, it made me even certain that he was the better candidate for the throne since he was the one that truly cared about the kingdom and knew what was the best for the kingdom.

If someone like him was on the throne, then the kingdom would surely enter a new age of prosperity.

It shouldn't be someone like me who had nothing to his name that should be on the throne.

I wanted to say something, but the fourth prince cut me off by saying, "This is the plan that we've laid out all this time, it's already too late for us to go back. We can only finish this plan and do our best for the people of the kingdom."

I looked at him with a look of pity when I heard this, but the fourth prince shook his head before saying with a smile, "Don't feel sad for me, this is already the best ending for me. After all, the original plan would have resulted in my death."

It wasn't just me who was shocked to hear this, Angela was also shocked when she heard this.

After all, it seemed like she didn't know anything about this plan either.

The fourth prince saw the looks that we gave him and he explained, "In the beginning, we were afraid that the person that big sister married wouldn't have enough prestige to take the throne. So to counter that, I would have organized a coup and then tried to take the throne from our royal father. The one that would have stopped me in the end would be the one that big sister chose and then that would have given them the prestige to take the throne."

As soon as he said this, I couldn't help revealing a very complicated look.

That was because this was the last piece of the puzzle that I needed.

The plot in the game, I realize now that it was only the tip of the iceberg...

Why had the fourth prince started his coup to try and take the throne?

It was all because of this plan that he was currently talking about.

So it turned out that behind the noble plotline in the game was another plotline like this that the players never learned about.

If they had done different things, would they have found this secret plotline involving the fourth prince?

As this revelation hit me, I started to realize that perhaps...the knowledge that I had brought to this world on the game that this world was based on wasn't as useful as I thought it was.

I had thought that I had perfectly cleared the game and learned everything that I needed to know about the game, but it seemed that there were many secrets about the game that I didn't know yet.

It seemed that there were secrets that no player had ever discovered about this game...

Did the developers intentionally put these things in the game or was it a result of coincidence that these things were in the game in the first place?

I couldn't help feeling smaller and smaller as these revelations hit me one by one.

The fourth prince had been looking at me with a strange and confused look when he saw the daze that I was in, but he still gave a cough before saying, "Anyway, since Brother Zwein already has his prestige from the war, there is no need for me to put my life down to pave the way for Brother Zwein to take the throne. This really is the best ending for me."

With a sigh, he said in a voice that almost seemed sad, "Perhaps now I can finally achieve my dream of living a normal life."

I looked at him with a complicated expression when I heard this.

The fourth prince saw this, so he said with a smile, "Of course, I knew that this isn't possible since there are still many things that we have to do for our kingdom."

With a bow to me, he said, "So if you are willing, I hope that you will allow me to serve as your prime minister for the time being."

I was surprised to see the fourth prince acting like this, but I quickly shook my head as I said, "No, no, I haven't even agreed to take the throne yet."

The king and the fourth prince looked at each other with bitter smiles before turning back to look at me. The king just calmly said, "There's no going back now, everything has been set into motion. If you do not cooperate with our plan, then all that is left is chaos for our kingdom. Eventually, it will even lead to the complete collapse of this kingdom that our ancestors built."

I was completely caught off guard by these words from the king.

I just looked at him with narrowed eyes for a bit before suddenly saying, "That's a threat, isn't it?"

The king gave a knowing smile without saying a thing.

When I turned to the fourth prince, I found that he had the same smile on his face.

These two knew exactly what they were doing and they felt no shame about it...

Perhaps it was because this was the only option that they had...

The straw that broke the camel's back was Angela.

She turned to look at me and put her hand on my arm with a pleading look.

Even though it was clear that she wasn't willing to accept all this, she knew that she had no choice. It was the duty that she had to the kingdom and her family that compelled her to try and convince me to accept this.

In the end, I had no choice but to say with a sigh, "Fine."

Chapter 670 As a father

The king and the fourth prince both revealed wide smiles after they heard this.

I could only shake my head with a bitter smile on my face.

After all, this was my first time encountering a situation like this. This was the first time that I heard of someone being threatened into becoming a king.

Taking the throne and becoming a king was something that many people dreamed of, but here I was being forced into taking the throne because of their plan. I really didn't know how to feel about all of this.

I could see that Angela was feeling the same about this based on the look on her face.

But the king didn't give us time to process this in the end.

It seemed that there was something else that he wanted to discuss with us...or rather with me.

Narrowing his eyes to look at me, the king suddenly asked, "What are your intentions towards my daughter?"

The only thing that I could think of as he said this was...

"Isn't it too late to be asking me this!?"

After all, we're already engaged, so it wasn't as if there were any other intentions that I could have for her. We were going to get married and there wasn't anything else that would happen.

Well, unless we were going to break the engagement...

Was this what it was about?

He wanted to break the engagement in the end?

Angela seemed to think the same thing, but she was less reserved than me.

This was her father, so she didn't hold back at all as she narrowed her eyes to look at the king and asked, "What are you doing asking this now out of all time? Isn't it too late for this? Or are you regretting your decision and want to cancel your plans?"

The way that she looked at the king almost made it seem like she had lost all respect for him.

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There was a complicated expression that appeared on Angela's face when she heard this.

She just looked at the king with this complicated look on her face for a bit before slowly giving a nod.

I also understood how the king felt in this situation.

He had no choice but to go along with this, but he would still want to act as a parent when his daughter was being married.

So I looked back at the king with a serious look and said, "I've already decided to marry your daughter, so I promise that I will never do anything to hurt her and devote myself to her."

Though I couldn't help feeling a bit awkward since for someone like me who came from a world with monogamy, I was currently a scumbag who was seven timing. But in this world where polygamy was legal, I shouldn't be feeling this way.

I had already slowly come to terms with this and it was no more than a small matter in the back of my mind now.

Seeing me look straight at him and say this, the king gave a nod of approval before saying, "As expected of the one that my daughter has chosen." Then with a smile, he said, "I've made sure to raise her well ever since she was young. I made sure to tell her all about what kind of men she should associate with and what kind of men she should avoid, so I do trust her eyes."

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Angela had been planning on stopping him since she felt that he was embarrassing her, but when he said the latter half, she couldn't help revealing a touched look.

This was her father and he was saying his true feelings, so of course she would be touched by his words.

But that was where it took a turn.

After praising Angela for a bit, the king suddenly gave a sigh and said, "Though I can be proud of my daughter, I can't say the same about my sons."

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The fourth prince couldn't help touching the back of his head in an awkward fashion when he heard this.

Then the king turned back and said with another sigh, "But the other sons...I really don't know what to say as a father. No, the only thing that I can say is that I failed them as a father, which is why they turned out like that in the first place. The only thing I can do now is walk this path to the end and take responsibility as their father."

The king suddenly stood up and walked over to a cabinet that was in this room.

He moved to the side of the cabinet and pressed a secret button in it, revealing a secret compartment.

He pulled something out of that secret compartment, which turned out to be a bottle of wine and some glasses.

After sitting back down, the king didn't hesitate in opening that bottle of wine and pouring out cups for all of us as he kept complaining about his other sons.

It seemed that this wine was the king's secret stash for when he wanted to complain.

But since he had already poured the wine for us, we had no choice but to drink with him and listen to him complain. Though I did stop Angela from drinking too much since I found that this stuff was quite strong.

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