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General Gardner's eyes immediately fell onto this group as soon as they came in.

As expected, he didn't recognize a single person in that group.

No, there were two that he recognized.

It would be impossible for him to not recognize these two since they had been deeply ingrained in his memories as the ones that had captured him.

It was Duke Zwein and the fourth prince.

After this real jury came in, they sat where the fake jury had sat before and didn't say a thing as if they were waiting for something.

The king gave a nod to them before saying, "Let the trial begin."

General Gardner's face twisted when he heard this.

From the very beginning, it seemed that he had been dancing in the palm of their hands as he made a fool of himself. He had thought that he would be able to easily get out of this, but now...

Since the fourth prince and Duke Zwein were on that jury, it should mean that there was something else that they were planning.

That was what he was worried about.

The defense attorney also knitted his brows, but he patted General Gardner's hand and looked at him as if he was telling him to trust him. General Gardner gave a nod in response, but there was still a worried look in his eyes as he looked forward.

After the king said this, the prosecutor came forward to put a packet of papers in front of each of the members of the jury. Once he finished, he stood in front of them and said, "Please take note of these numbers. This is a record of all the prisoners of war that could have been captured, but was executed by the general. This is a war crime of the highest level, so I hope that everyone will recognize the severity of this crime."

The defense attorney knitted his brows before saying, "Objection! This is clearly misleading the members of the jury with his words!"

The king waved his hand casually as he said, "Overruled."

The defense attorney knitted his brows even more when he heard this, but he couldn't say anything since the king had already spoken.

The only thing that he could do was reach his hand out towards the prosecutor as if he was asking for something. But to his surprise, he found that the prosecutor actually ignored him.

In cases like this, the evidence should be offered to the defense as well so they could cross examine it, but the prosecutor actually ignored him.

The defense attorney made another objection, but it was once again overruled by the king.

When this happened, the defense attorney revealed a very ugly expression.

At this point, even a fool could tell that they were targeting him and General Gardner.

There wasn't a single thing that was fair about this trial, it was all designed to make General Gardner seem as guilty as possible.

There was a moment where the defense attorney had the urge to just leave, but he knew that this was impossible. Not only would they have to fight the royal guards that had gathered because of the king, it would be impossible to repair their reputation if they ran.

So the only thing that they could do was endure this humiliation and find a way to reverse this trial.

It was just too bad that there really was nothing that they could do.

Once the prosecutor finished showing these things, he turned to point at General Gardner and said, "Other than these war crimes, there are other crimes that General Gardner has committed. We will be exposing all of these crimes one by one and I hope that you will see that he is not someone who is worthy of his position."

The defense attorney immediately said, "Objection! We are here to discuss the crime of treason, how could we bring other matters into this?"

But once again, the king just said with a casual wave of the hand, "Overruled."

The prosecutor turned to look at General Gardner and the defense attorney before revealing a smug smile.

The way that the prosecutor looked at the two of them, it was almost as if he was daring them to do something.

This really pushed the buttons of both the defense attorney and General Gardner.

This pushed him to the point where he couldn't take it anymore as he raised his fist and slammed it down on the table to say, "You say that this is a trial, but you haven't even given us the chance to speak! You call this a fair trial?"

The prosecutor didn't answer this time and instead turned to look at the fourth prince.

The fourth prince gave a nod before standing up and saying, "Of course this isn't a fair trial. Why would you think that you would be given a fair trial?"

General Gardner was shocked to hear this before turning to look at the crowd around him.

He had hoped that at least one of them would be on his side, but he found that all of them had a calm look on their faces even though the fourth prince had admitted to rigging the trial. It was as if they had all been aware of this from the very beginning.

This shocked him even more since he had heard them speak up for him when he walked in...

It turned out that this had all been a ploy to make him let his guard down so that it would come as a bigger shock when everything was revealed.

At this point, he realized that he was nothing more than a fool who had been completely manipulated by the fourth prince...

But there was something that he still didn't understand.

"Why?" General Gardner asked through gritted teeth.

The fourth prince looked at him for a second before sitting back down and giving the spotlight back to the prosecutor without answering this question.

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The prosecutor didn't care at all about the questioning gaze that General Gardner had as he pulled out something from the stack of papers that he brought.

It was a single piece of paper, but he held it in front of himself as he started reading what was on it.

It was a list, a list of all the crimes that General Gardner had committed.

General Gardner had a calm look on his face at first, but that expression slowly started to change when he heard what the prosecutor was saying. The crimes that were listed at first didn't seem that serious at first, but it was slowly becoming more and more serious as the list went on.

These were crimes that were on par with treason...

But it didn't seem like General Gardner was going to deny it...

The look on his face made it clear that the prosecutor had hit the nail on the head with this list of crimes that he was accusing General Gardner of. Even if he wanted to deny it, there was nothing that he could deny since he was in this sham of a trial.

For them to bring it up at this point, it was clear that they already had the evidence on all of these crimes.

General Gardner just had to see if he could find a way out of this...

When he was done, the prosecutor turned to look at General Gardner and asked, "Is there anything that the defendant wants to say in response to these crimes?"

The defense attorney was about to say something, but to everyone's surprise, General Gardner suddenly reached out to stop him.

The defense attorney looked at General Gardner with a confused look, but he shook his head as if he was telling him to stand down for now. So even if the defense attorney had an unwilling look on his face, he didn't say anything in the end.

The prosecutor had a surprised look on his face as he looked at General Gardner, but seeing that he didn't say anything, he just continued by pulling out more pieces of paper from the stack on his table.

Each one of these pieces of paper was evidence of the crimes that he had accused General Gardner of.

At this point, it was just the prosecutor accusing General Gardner of crimes.

When he was done, the evidence that was against General Gardner was damning.

The things that General Gardner had done...it was amazing that he hadn't been caught.

It was only possible for him to get away with this because of the status that he had as the general.

If it wasn't for that, there would have been no way that he would have gotten away with all of this.

Any one of these crimes was already worth a death sentence on its own after all.

After the prosecutor finished saying everything he had to say, he looked at General Gardner and said, "Is there anything else that you want to add to this?"

General Gardner didn't say anything as he just looked at the fourth prince.

With the way that he looked at the fourth prince, it was almost as if he was challenging the fourth prince to make his move.

The fourth prince revealed a faint smile when he saw this, but he didn't do anything.

After all, it wasn't his turn to do anything.

He would leave this to the king since this was how they had divided their roles in the first place.

Seeing that General Gardner didn't say anything, the prosecutor turned to the king and said, "I rest my case."

After the prosecutor sat down, the king didn't even bother asking the defense attorney for his defense as he turned to the jury to say, "What is your judgement?"

The fourth prince was the one that led the jury in saying, "Guilty."

The king gave a nod in response to this before turning to look at General Gardner to say, "In the face of this overwhelming evidence, we hereby strip the former general of his rank and his noble title. In addition, we sentence the general to be sent to the Beirut Kingdom for his execution at the hands of the Beirut Kingdom's court of law."

Both the former General Gardner and the defense attorney revealed surprised looks when they heard this before former General Gardner started laughing.

Seeing him laugh like this, everyone looked at him with a confused and concerned look, as if they were afraid that he had lost his mind.

After all, he was certainly laughing like he had lost his mind.

After laughing for a while like this, the former General Gardner suddenly stopped laughing and looked at the fourth prince to say, "So you're offering me as a tribute to

those other kingdoms? Just because I was the one that killed all of those soldiers? You think that will be enough to appease them?"

The fourth prince just had a calm look on his face when being questioned by the former General Gardner like this.

Seeing how calm the fourth prince was, the former General Gardner actually became angrier as he said, "What if I'm not the one that killed all those soldiers in the first place? What if I was just using that incident as a way to increase my own fame? What would happen if that was the case?"

The fourth prince didn't say anything, but the others that were in the room couldn't help slightly knitting their brows.

Seeing this, the former General Gardner didn't hold back as he said, "Not to mention, I wasn't the one that slaughtered the armies of the other kingdoms, so what are you planning on doing about that?"

No one said a word in response to this.

The former General Gardner ended by saying, "You think that the other kingdoms are that easy to fool? If you want to appease them, you'll have to send the one who actually did all of this."

After saying this, his eyes fell onto me.

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As soon as the former General Gardner's voice fell, everyone looked at me along with him.

I could see the strange looks that were cast in my direction, but it seemed that there were quite a few people that seemed to agree with him.

After all, they knew about the things that I had done and I had even received the nickname of butcher by the populace.

If we were talking about the people that were most hated by the people of the other kingdoms, I would certainly be at the top of that list.

So what he was implying was technically correct.

It was just that...

Seeing that no one said anything, the former General Gardner took this as a sign that they were contemplating it, so he continued by saying, "If you want to really appease

the other kingdoms, even someone as uncultured as me can see who you should really be sending. I swear that I'll do all that I can for the kingdom if you send the one that you should really be sending to the other kingdoms."

He was even making an appeal at the end to show what he was capable of doing to ensure that he would be able to get out of this alive.

It really was interesting to see how shameless this former General Gardner was.

It was just too bad that he had no clue at all as to what the real situation was.

He was nothing more than a fool dancing on the palm of their hands.

Neither the king or the fourth prince said a thing as they turned to look at me, almost as if they were considering what the former General Gardner said.

All of this gave the former General Gardner more confidence until...

"Are you done playing around?" I suddenly said this to the fourth prince and the king.

The former General Gardner was shocked to hear this, but he was even more shocked when he saw smiles appearing on the faces of the king and the fourth prince.

It was almost as if...they had been playing with him just now by giving him false hope.

The fourth prince said, "Brother, you should know that it's rare that we get a chance to do this. So we have to take advantage of this while we can."

The king nodded in agreement before saying, "Is it that wrong to have a bit of fun?"

There was no response to this other than the shocked looks on the faces of the crowd.

All of them looked at the king and fourth prince with this shocked look, as if they couldn't believe that the two of them would say something like this.

Though it was more the tone of their voice that they were more shocked by...

The way that they talked to Duke Zwein, it was almost as if they were treating him as family.

They had heard that Duke Zwein was engaged to the princess and that there was a wedding being planned, but they had thought that this was nothing more than a marriage of relations. There were even some that thought the relationship between the king and the duke would be tense because of the situation with the wyverns.

With the duke holding all the power over the wyverns, the king would surely have some strong feelings towards him.

But now it doesn't seem to be the case.

Was this just an act or...were they really this close?

The nobles didn't know, but they didn't dare take any risks.

As for me...I knew that they were doing this on purpose.

They were showing their support for me for the future since I would need even more support from the nobles in the future for their plan.

The former General Gardner had been in a daze when he heard this, but then he slammed his fist down on the table in front of him.

Even if he was a coward and a suck up, he was still someone that had spent time in the military, so it wasn't as if he was weak.

When he slammed his fist down, the table that was in front of him split in half and then shattered to pieces.

After slamming his fist down, he said, "You think that you can take me out like this? If I'm going down, I'll take one of you with me."

As soon as his voice fell, both the former General Gardner and his defense attorney charged forward at the jury.

Their targets were...Duke Zwein and the fourth prince.

It seemed that they were planning on sacrificing their lives to take the two of them down.

But before they could do anything, there were cloaked figures that suddenly appeared.

Even if the former General Gardner and his defense attorney had combat experience, that didn't mean that they were strong. They were only strong compared to normal people, but they couldn't take on these cloaked figures.

That was because these cloaked figures were the elite guards that were under the fourth prince.

The moment that they appeared, they took no time at all to subdue the two of them.

They could only lie there on the ground, looking up at the jury in front of them without being able to move a single inch. They were just firmly pressed down on the ground and being restrained.

The only thing that they could do was look up at the fourth prince and me with eyes that were filled with hatred, but I didn't care at all.

From the very beginning, I had been planning on throwing him away like this.

After all, I knew that this situation would come up after the war.

That was why I had let this former General Gardner take the credit for killing the Beirut Kingdom army.

Looking down at him, I said, "You should have learned from your mistakes of the past and just accepted your fate, but you chose to make things worse for yourself."

The former General Gardner bit his lip before saying, "There won't be a good ending for you."

I just said with a shrug, "That is not for you to decide."

Chapter 694 Strange report

A week passed since that sham of a trial.

The former General Gardner and several of his loyal subordinates were handed over to the Beirut Kingdom as punishment for their war crimes.

But knowing that there was the possibility that things could go wrong, we had to take precautions as well.

So the former General Gardner and his men were all...executed ahead of time and only their heads would be sent to the Beirut Kingdom.

Although this would cause a bit of displeasure from the other side since they would want to execute these people themselves, there was no other choice. We wouldn't let anything go wrong, so we couldn't let the former General Gardner and his men go to the Beirut Kingdom alive.

As for their families, they were also executed and sent along with them.

Cutting the roots as well, that was the only way to ensure that it was safe.

If we didn't do this, there was no knowing what would have happened.

Along with this, the nobles that had been summoned as part of the fake jury had also been executed.

They were nobles that had their corruption found by the fourth prince, so we were using this chance to catch them all in one fell swoop. We wouldn't let any of them escape from our net.

Just by taking care of all of them, the capital had become much cleaner.

There were still nobles outside of the capital that weren't as clean, but it wasn't as if we could get rid of them all right away. These nobles held important positions outside of the capital, so it was impossible to kill them all right away.

If that did happen, then it would mean the collapse of the kingdom since there would be too many gaps to fill.

The biggest threat right now was Duke Yuletide, but it wasn't the time to take him down yet.

We still had to stabilize the core of the country before taking him down.

So that was why I had spent the past week in the castle.

In fact, most of my time had been spent in the king's study with the king, going over the reports that he received.

Even if I had the fourth prince taking care of things for me, that didn't mean that I would be able to escape taking care of certain things. There were things that only the king was able to do after all, so there would be things that I would have to take care of myself and couldn't leave to the fourth prince.

I was shadowing the king to learn these things.

Today was another boring day of going through reports, though if it was anyone else that was here, they definitely wouldn't be thinking the same thing. After all, these reports were highly classified reports.

These were reports that were supposed to be only seen by the king and his trusted ministers, but I was allowed to read them since I was shadowing him.

These were reports on the important details of our kingdom, such as reports on the economy, the military, and our food supplies. If any of these were to fall in the hands of the enemy kingdoms, there was no doubt that we would suffer a huge loss.

So of course it was not something that should be shared casually.

But here I was with access to all of this with a bored look on my face.

As I read through the reports, I suddenly found something that caught my attention.

This wasn't a very important report, it wasn't even one that should be considered classified.

This was just a report that had been added in because of how strange it was, so someone thought that the king should know about this.

It was a report about the situation in a country that was further to the north of us.

This was a small country that wasn't even considered a kingdom, but rather a dukedom since it was so small. At the same time, it was a country that had three other different countries between them and us.

So what happened in this country shouldn't have mattered to us at all.

But I found it very strange, so I couldn't help picking up the report to have a closer look at it.

When the king saw me reading the report so intensely, he couldn't help feeling strange, so he asked, "What is it? Is something wrong?"

I shook my head in response as I said, "There's nothing wrong in particular, but this seems strange."

"Strange?" The king repeated before reaching his hand out towards me.

I just passed him one page of the report while keeping the rest of myself.

That one page was the general summary of the event while the rest of the report went into further detail about it.

But basically, this was a report about a rumour from this country.

It was a rumour that seemed to stir the entire country with the way that it spread.

There was a forest on the edge of that country and lately, there have been animals that have been dying there. These animals would suddenly cough up black blood and die in the middle of nowhere.

It seemed like some kind of illness, but the doctors hadn't been able to find anything.

Even the magicians that checked these animals weren't able to find anything wrong with them.

So they could only conclude that the animals had died of some kind of natural death.

But the people that lived in the area surrounding the forest insisted that this was the work of a dark god that was sealed deep in the forest. They said that the seal on the dark god was weakening, which was why these creatures were dying.

It would only be a matter of time before the dark god was unleashed, so they begged the duke to send for someone to seal this dark god again.

"Isn't this just a bunch of superstition? Though the fact that these animals are dying these unnatural deaths does seem strange." The king said aloud, but I didn't react.

That was because I had been in deep thought this whole time.

All of this seemed familiar to me...

Chapter 695 I need to go

It suddenly came to me.

I suddenly realized why this place seemed familiar.

It was because this place was the location of a certain event in the game that could be considered a major event.

The only thing was...this event should have happened at least twenty years in the future. This was not an event that should have happened at this stage of the game.

That was why I didn't immediately think of this event right away.

This was supposed to be an end game event, but it was happening now out of all times...

It really was something that was completely unexpected.

However, that didn't mean that there were only demerits to this. There were also benefits that I could gain from this, as long as I played my cards right.

The only problem was...

"Your majesty, there's something that I need to discuss with you."

The king was surprised to hear this.

It wasn't that he was surprised by what I had said, but rather he was surprised by the tone that I addressed him with. After all, in the past few days, we had gotten closer and I had slowly gotten used to calling him 'father in law'.

So for me to suddenly call him 'your majesty', it must mean that I had something serious to discuss with him.

After a moment of silence, he slowly gave a nod before calling for someone else.

In less than a quarter of an hour, the fourth prince arrived in the study as well.

The king had called for him since he knew that whatever I had to say would be an important matter, so it was best if the fourth prince was also here to listen and give his advice.

When we sat down, I said, "I need to go to this country."

Both the king and the fourth prince were taken aback when they heard this.

They didn't answer right away after recovering from their shock and simply looked at the report again.

The way that they looked at this report, it was as if they were trying to figure out what I thought was so important about it. However, it was clear by the confused looks that were on their faces that they had no idea what I had seen.

In the end, the fourth prince just asked, "What is so special about this place?"

He knew that there was no need to beat around the bush when it was just us. There was nothing that we needed to hesitate over when it was just the three of us.

I gave a nod before picking out one piece of paper and showing it to them.

They looked down to find that it was the one part of the report that was about the deceased animals. It was the one part of the report that described the black blood that the animals spat out and the strange way that they just collapsed.

Once again, the two of them revealed confused looks when I put this in front of them, but they waited for me to explain.

They knew that I wouldn't bring this out for no reason.

After putting this down, I said, "See the strange way that they are dying? That is an indication that something is about to be unsealed. That is why they are dying like this."

The two of them revealed very confused looks on their faces when they heard this as they couldn't understand what I meant by this.

The fourth prince suddenly asked, "How do you know all of this?"

I didn't answer right away, but then I said, "You might not believe me, but I've read about this situation before. It is like the villagers have said, there is indeed something that is sealed there that is causing this. So I need to go there and deal with this before that thing is released into our world and wreaks havoc."

Both the king and the fourth prince raised a brow as they looked at me.

I could see the doubt that was in their eyes, but that doubt didn't last long before the fourth prince simply asked, "What is sealed?"Nôv(el)B\\jnn

I hesitated once again before saying, "A former demon king."

Both of them revealed shocked looks this time when they heard this.

Slowly, the two of them knitted their brows as if they were thinking about something. At the same time, I could see that there were traces of doubt in their eyes over this matter.

I didn't blame them since I wouldn't believe it either if it wasn't for the fact that I already knew about this from the game.

After a long period of silence, the two of them started looking at me as if they wanted to question me about something.

I didn't need to hear it to guess what they were thinking.

They wanted to question why I knew something like this.

It seemed that the doubt had disappeared from their mind, but they were naturally curious why I would have this kind of information. After all, this kind of information was not something that could be easily obtained.

I shook my head as I said, "I can't tell you right now why I know this, I just need you to trust me."

The two of them were naturally surprised to hear this, but they eventually nodded in agreement.

The fourth prince gave a sigh before saying, "Then how are you planning on getting there? It's not as if you could pass through the surrounding countries easily, let alone going through the country that is between us and that dukedom. At the very least, it'll take three months to go there and back if you take a horse carriage."

"I was planning on going by wyvern." I said in a calm voice.

The fourth prince looked at me like I was crazy.

He didn't just look at me like I was crazy, he even said it to my face, "You're crazy! You're going to start another war like this!"

Chapter 696 Diplomatic mission

I didn't need to ask to know why he thought this.

The biggest problem with this was the wyvern itself.

That was because the wyvern was what had ended the war.

That meant that the wyverns had left a deep impression on all of the other countries.

If wyverns were to suddenly show up in their borders, there was no doubt that they would immediately think that war was being declared on them. They would think that our country would be using the wyverns to invade them.

But that was also because of who I was.

If I didn't have my current status, then I would be able to fly across the different borders without a problem since I would be traveling alone. A single wyvern passing by wouldn't be considered a threat and would be considered a natural thing.

It was just that if a pack were to appear, they would assume that it was an intentional invasion.

After all, only our nation was able to control wyverns like this.

So if wyverns were to suddenly appear in their territory, they would immediately think that our nation was involved in this matter.

So that was what the fourth prince meant by starting a war.

Yes, traveling by wyvern would be equal to starting a war, but...

It was also the only way that I could travel to make it in time.

This event was one with a time limit, so I had to arrive in that country before a certain amount of time passed. The signs that were already there meant that the current time limit was a month and a half, so I couldn't wait three months to get there by horse carriage.

With the wyverns, it would only take me a week to reach that country.

I looked at the fourth prince and said, "I'm sure that you can think of some way to make it work. This is something that needs to happen, so I'll trust in your abilities as my future prime minister."

Though it sounded nice, I was simply throwing all my problems to the fourth prince and letting him think of a solution.

The fourth prince naturally knew that as well, so there was a bitter smile that appeared on his face when he heard this.

He looked at me with that bitter smile, but he didn't reject me.

I could see it in his eyes that his thoughts were forming, so he did have some idea of what to do.

The king just remained silent as he waited to see what we would come up with.

This was his way of showing his support for us as his future successors.

After a long silence, the fourth prince finally said with a sigh, "We'll turn this into a diplomatic mission."

The king and I both raised a brow to look at the fourth prince as we didn't understand what he meant by this, but we didn't say anything as we waited for him to explain.

The fourth prince didn't say anything at first as it seemed that he was still gathering his thoughts.

After a while, he said, "We still need to show the other countries our power after the war, while also starting to restore the relationship that we once had with them. After all, we can't just completely ignore them since these four countries surround our own. We have no choice but to maintain our relationship with them...so we need to send a diplomatic group to each country. While at the same time, we need to show our might with our wyverns."

As he said this, his eyes slowly lit up as he looked at me, "You would be the perfect fit for this role of diplomat."

I was surprised since I never thought that I would be sent as a diplomat.

After all, there was my moniker that was there.

I was known as a butcher after all the killing that I had done, so I thought that I would be the one that would be the least welcome in these countries.

But the fourth prince was saying something completely different.

The fourth prince gave an excited nod as he said, "As long as you fly with your wyverns to these countries and impose your might on them, they will have no choice but to accept the current relationship."

With a bitter smile on my face, I realized that he was basically using me as a threat.

But there was also something that I had to ask, "Are you sure that we should be doing this? Won't this breed further hatred between our countries if we suppress them like this?"

With a faint smile, the fourth prince said, "You would think so, but that isn't the case. After all, without a bit of fear, there isn't any respect. So unless we give them something to fear, they will never put down their pride and negotiate with us properly. It's all about the carrot and stick."

I slowly gave a nod even though I didn't really agree with this, but the fourth prince had never been wrong about these kinds of things before.

Since he was saying that this was the way we should do this, then I wouldn't doubt him.

But there was still a problem that had to be addressed. Nôv(el)B\\jnn

When the fourth prince calmed down, he said, "The only problem with this is that it will take some time before you will be able to reach that dukedom. You will have to pay your respects to all of the different countries beforehand, so it will take some time."

I slightly knitted my brows when I heard this, but I didn't reject it right away.

Instead, I asked, "How long will it take?"

The fourth prince slowly said, "A month, that is the minimum that I can bring your schedule down to. Any shorter and we risk offending the different countries."

I didn't answer right away as I fell into deep thought.

In my head, the timing for the event quickly ran.

A month...that would be tight, but it was definitely doable.

So I slowly gave a nod as I said, "Alright, that works."

The fourth prince let out a sigh of relief before saying, "Alright, let's start planning this."

The king just watched with a smile on his face as he thought to himself...

"The future of the kingdom is secure."

Chapter 697 Is that who I think it is?

Since this was urgent, I set off the next day.

It was also so that no one would be able to make any moves that would hinder us.

If we gave them enough time, there was no doubt that the nobles would do something so that they would be able to exert their influence on this mission. Whether that was sending their own people or sending presents for the other countries that would have secret messages.

In short, there was nothing good that would come if the nobles were to get involved.

So we would be leaving first and announcing this afterwards.

There were spies of nobles that were able to see us leaving, but they weren't able to stop us.

The ones that came with me were my own knights that were led by Cecilia which also included Shaka.

At this point, Shaka had been with me long enough that he could be considered one of the subordinates that had been with me the longest, even though he wasn't actually my subordinate. However, there was never an order from Shadow Garden for him to go back, so he never went back.

As well, there were guards that were sent by the fourth prince and the king.

These were elite guards that had served the two of them for years, yet they were sending them to protect me.

That was more than enough to show how important I was to the both of them and I couldn't help being touched.

Angela had also wanted to come along, but she was the last person that I could allow to come.

So in the end, we packed up our wyverns and headed out from the capital.

In just a single day, we were able to reach the border of our kingdom.

That was just how fast traveling by wyvern was.

Those that were traveling by wyvern for the first time were naturally shocked by how fast we went, but they quickly came to accept it. That was just how well trained they were.

We could have gone past the border today, but we wanted to wait until tomorrow to reach the capital of the Beirut Kingdom which was our first destination.

If we were to arrive in the middle of the night, that would surely be inconvenient for everyone. So instead of scheduling our arrival for the middle of the night, our arrival would be at noon instead.

That would also give the Beirut Kingdom side to prepare since our message should have reached them today.

We settled in one of the towns that were near the border.

When we arrived in that town, we naturally caused a large commotion with our wyverns, but the reaction wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. Instead of people freaking out over the fact that wyverns were landing, many of them looked excited and even approached the area where we were landing.

It was as if they all wanted to get a look at the wyverns.

It seemed that the fourth prince had been hard at work during this time to spread the news of the wyverns under our control.

But then again, this was a town that was near the border to the Beirut Kingdom.

This should have been a place that should have been near the frontlines of the war.

I could still see that there was a lot of damage in this place from the war.

As such, they should have already seen the wyverns that had come to the border to threaten the Beirut Kingdom previously.

So it only made sense that they were used to seeing wyverns.

We left the wyverns in a stable that had been built near the gate, which was specifically built for wyverns.

Like I had suspected, this town had hosted wyverns before when they came to end the war, so they were equipped to host our wyverns.

The lord of this place wanted to invite us to a banquet, but we rejected this since we would be setting off early in the morning. When he saw the orders that we had, the lord had no choice but to back down since these were orders from the king.

But he made sure to set us up in the nicest inn that was in this town, which was still quite bad compared to the inns of the capital.

Still, it was a good enough place to get some proper rest.

As well, there was something that I had to deal with.

While we had been traveling, I had taken the time to get to know the guards that the fourth prince and the king sent. We would be working together, so I wanted to get to know them so I could work better with them.

But as I was talking to the guards sent by the fourth prince, I couldn't help noticing something strange...

There was one that I seemed oddly familiar with...

Well, I was familiar with most of the guards that the fourth prince sent since they were the ones that had gone with me when I went to take care of the wyverns. They were the ones that were the most familiar with their wyverns, so they would be the best to threaten the other kingdoms with.

At the same time, they could be considered the ones that knew me best since they had known me the longest, even if that wasn't much longer than the others.

Still, the one that I was oddly familiar with seemed to know me even better than them.

It was almost as if we were close enough to be called 'brothers'...

"Is that who I think it is?"

This was what I couldn't help saying to myself during this entire time until I finally decided to confront this person.

That person had an awkward stance when I confronted him, but eventually he took off his cloak.

"What are you doing here? You're not supposed to be here!"

I hate driving people to the airport.

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Chapter 698 The one who snuck along

"Surprise..."

That was what this person said in an awkward voice when he took off his cloak.

Seeing him standing there in front of me, I couldn't help looking at him with a very strange look before saying, "You have to go back."

"Eh? It's already too late for that." This person said back to me.

"Don't give me that. What will happen if the kingdom collapses while you're gone?" I said in an agitated voice.

This wasn't an exaggeration, this was a fact since the person who was standing in front of me was the fourth prince.

I don't know why he would do something like this, he had actually snuck along with our group.

It was just a good thing that I found him before we actually left the kingdom or else it definitely would have been troublesome. It wasn't an exaggeration to say that there were many things that couldn't run in this kingdom without the fourth prince.

There were many things that the king had delegated to the fourth prince, just like how he had delegated things to me. However, the things that he entrusted the fourth prince with were vital things that had to be done to ensure that the kingdom ran properly.

If these weren't done, it would only be a matter of time before the kingdom collapsed.

So before that happened, we had to send the fourth prince back.

"Eh?" The fourth prince said again before saying, "It won't collapse just because I'm not there."

I shook my head and said with a sigh, "It will, that's how important you are to the kingdom."

The fourth prince revealed an embarrassed look when he heard this which made me feel very strange. It wasn't a good kind of strange, it was a bad kind of strange like the cells of my body were rejecting this very intensely...

After acting this way for a bit, the fourth prince calmly said, "No, it really won't since I didn't leave without leaving someone behind to take over for me."

I was surprised to hear this since I never heard of anyone that could replace the fourth prince.

The fourth prince said with a smile, "I have a body double that I've been preparing for some time now. Of course, this is a secret, so you can't tell anyone about this."

I looked at him with a strange look, as if I couldn't believe that he would tell me something like this that easily.

The fourth prince just had a smile on his face as he continued to say, "He can take care of business for me and people won't even realize that I'm gone. But it's not as if this is a permanent solution since he is just a replacement. As long as I'm not gone for more than half a year, it should be fine."

Half a year, that was how long the fourth prince had prepared for his own disappearance.

As expected of a man who was supposed to be the main villain of the noble arc, it was as if he had already planned everything.

But there was something else that I couldn't help thinking about.

If he had a body double, then did that mean that he might have actually survived in the game?

Could it be that the fourth prince that had been killed in the game was nothing more than a body double?

No, he wouldn't do something like that.

After spending quite a bit of time with the fourth prince, I felt that I had a good grasp of his personality.

I knew that he wasn't someone that would abandon his people like that just to escape on his own. Even if he was forced to do it by his subordinates, he would come back in the end to save them.

So the fourth prince should have died in the game...

The fourth prince could see that there was a strange look on my face as I looked at him, so he asked, "What's wrong? Why are you looking at me like that?"

I realized what I was doing, so I shook my head and said, "It's nothing, don't worry about it."

The fourth prince raised a brow as if he was suspicious of me, but he didn't say anything else.

I knew that it would be impossible for me to bring him back now without causing a commotion, so there really wasn't a way for me to reject him.

Not to mention, I found out that he actually brought a trump card.

The king had actually written an order for me to bring the fourth prince along.

He stated that he was worried, which was why he wanted the fourth prince to come with me just in case anything happened.

These two had colluded behind my back to make me bring the fourth prince along...

I had no idea what they were thinking, but they had to have their reason for doing this.

But there was still something that I had to comment on.

"How are you planning on following me? You could be considered quite the famous person and easily recognized, so wouldn't they immediately recognize you if you came with me?"

Even if this game was set in the middle ages, there were things like magic that could project images.

Even without magic, there were still those that could draw quite well, so images were quite easily sent around. Though that was mainly because of this world's basis being from one of those games.

It was a way to easily collect CGs...

So the fourth prince's face was quite well known since he was an important character.

Even without that, he would be known by the other royals and nobles since they would have met him before.

So it wasn't as if he could just follow me into the other kingdoms like this.

The fourth prince revealed a smile as he said, "You don't have to worry about that, I have my ways."

I raised a brow in doubt, but I just waited to see what he would do.

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Chapter 699 Beirut Kingdom

We set off early the next morning and in the afternoon, we arrived in the capital of the Beirut Kingdom.

When we went to the border, there was a panic.

When we arrived in the capital, there was a panic.

It seemed that no matter where we went, as long as we had these wyverns with us, it would cause a panic.

But that couldn't be blamed on the people of the Beirut Kingdom.

Wyverns could be considered a deep trauma for them after what had happened during the war.

They could still remember the sight of the wyverns flying over them, releasing their flame breaths down on them. It was the sight of hell on earth as everything had been burning.

If it wasn't for the fact that they had held back, the wyverns might have even burned the entire capital to the ground.

So unlike our own kingdom's capital, everyone stayed far away from the wyverns when they arrived.

Whether that was in the Beirut Kingdom capital or the border.

All of them were afraid to greet us, but there were those that came to greet us since they had no choice but to greet us.

The ones that welcomed us didn't seem like they were of low ranking.

When they introduced themselves, we found out that it was the prime minister that had come to welcome us.

Of course, it wouldn't be the king that would come since they still had their pride as the ruler of this country. But for the prime minister to come showed that they at least showed us quite a bit of respect.

The one that they came to greet was me.

I was surprised that they chose to greet me, but I found that was because they knew who I was.

I didn't think that they would know who I was, but it seemed that I had amassed quite a bit of fame in these other countries. Or it was better to say that I had amassed quite a bit of infamy with how they looked at me.

There were traces of fear that were in their eyes, along with some people that looked at me with hatred.

I wasn't surprised to see this since I had been the one that had slaughtered the entire Beirut Kingdom army. Even if we had sent the former General Gardner as a scapegoat, I knew that it was impossible for the higher ups of the Beirut Kingdom not to know about my involvement.

As nobles of the Beirut Kingdom, there was also no doubt that their troops and their relatives would have been a part of the army that I destroyed.

So it was only natural that they would feel hatred towards me.

But it wasn't as if they could do anything to me.

If they were to try anything and I were to escape, there was no doubt that it would be the end for their Beirut Kingdom.

Right now, the Beirut Kingdom is in a very weak state with all of the troops that they lost. This was the case with not just the Beirut Kingdom, but the other three kingdoms that bordered ours.

If they were to start an international incident, there was no doubt that none of the other kingdoms would support them.

When that time came, they would be annexed by our kingdom.

The only reason we didn't do it sooner was because our kingdom was also weakened by the war. If we were to take over the Beirut Kingdom territory, it would mean bordering even more kingdoms which would create even more tension.

So right now, these four kingdoms are being used as buffer zones by us.

After recovering from his surprise, the prime minister came forward to say, "Duke Zwein, it is an honour for our Beirut Kingdom to welcome you to our capital."

As he said this, he reached his hand out towards me as if offering a handshake.

However, I could see from the look in his eyes...that was the last thing that he wanted to do.

It was clear that he was also one of those that had lost relatives in the war, most likely at my hands. It was very likely that he wanted nothing more than to kill me as well, but of course he would never get that chance.

I just calmly took his hand and said with a smile, "It really is my honour to be here. I never thought that I would get a chance to visit this place after what happened."

There were a few people that revealed looks of rage when they heard this since they could understand the provocation that was hidden between my words.

I was basically saying, "I never thought that I would be able to visit this place after the devastation I caused."

Though it wasn't really me who caused that devastation, as it was the fourth prince that sent the wyvern riders to attack the capital.

But they knew that I was the one that controlled the wyverns, so they blamed it on me.

The prime minister also reacted when he heard me say this, but it seemed like he was able to control his emotions better than the others as he forced a calm look on his face and said, "It really is lucky that you were able to come here."

There were a few more introductions that were made, but I didn't really care about remembering their names. This was supposed to be a short visit to threaten them, it wasn't as if I was here to become their friends.

In the future, they would want nothing more than to kill me, so it was better not to get too familiar with them. The more they knew about me, the more information that they would be able to use against me.

When it came to introducing our side, there weren't many people for me to introduce since most of the ones that came with me were guards.

Though there was one that I did have to introduce.

"This is Count Navar."

This was a person that hadn't been with our group until late last night.

Chapter 700 Pitiful

When I introduced this person, I couldn't help feeling nervous.

After all, I had no idea if they would be able to see through this or not.

The prime minister and the others from the Beirut Kingdom had surprised looks on their faces when they heard this since they didn't recognize this person.

They had expected to recognize everyone that came as part of the diplomatic mission, but they didn't recognize this person.

However, that didn't stop them from treating them properly.

They were here as part of the diplomatic envoy from the Beirut Kingdom, so they had no choice but to treat them well even if they didn't know them.

So it didn't take long before the prime minister and the other officials started greeting Count Navar in a friendly manner.

I was still nervous watching all of this, but as time passed, I knew that they weren't doing this because they were trying to figure out who he was. They were doing this because they had no idea who he was, so they were treating him as a normal member of the diplomatic envoy.

Of course, this person that had joined us all of a sudden last night was the fourth prince.

When I had asked him how he would disguise himself, he had suddenly taken out a badge that he put on his chest.

When he did, I saw the fourth prince disappear and he was replaced with the appearance of Count Navar.

This badge that he had used was a magic item, one that I recognized since it was a common item in the game.

It was a normal Disguise Badge which could be found in the mid game which was used for sneaking into places.

A normal game wouldn't need an item like this, but a game like this one...

Well, there were many things that needed the ability to disguise oneself.

There was even the option of disguising oneself as someone else and sneaking into the room of one's lover for that kind of play. That was just how much freedom the game had, which really was one of the main reasons it had become so popular.

Though it was a mid game item, it was something that could be seen through as long as one was strong enough.

It seemed that there was no one that was strong enough in this Beirut Kingdom, which was disappointing.

After we finished greeting each other, we were brought to the castle where the king and the rest of the court were waiting for us.

When we arrived, the first thing that I did was greet the king with a slight bow.

When they saw this, everyone who was in this throne room knitted their brows.

"Your majesty, it is an honour to visit your Beirut Kingdom. I am here on behalf of our Kite Kingdom to extend our courtesy and deepen the relationship between our two kingdoms after our rocky past." I said in a calm voice without a care for the glares that were coming from all around me.

The king of the Beirut Kingdom also looked at me with slightly knitted brows at first, but those quickly relaxed.

He knew that he couldn't say anything even if I treated him without respect since this was a matter of his entire nation's safety. He had no choice but to swallow this injustice even if it hurt his pride.

The king of the Beirut Kingdom took a deep breath before saying with a faint smile, "Duke Zwein, it is our Beirut Kingdom's honour to host you. I have long heard of your fame and have long wished to meet you."

After saying this, he turned to the side and waved his hand for a girl to step forward.

This was a beautiful girl who looked to be in her early teens, who had barely stepped into puberty, so her figure wasn't as full as it could be. But with her long flowing red hair and green eyes, she was without a doubt a beauty in her own right.

She looked very familiar to the king who also had the same red hair and green eyes.

After this girl stepped forward, the king said, "Duke Zwein, since you aren't familiar with our kingdom, I will have my daughter show you around. I hope that you will have a pleasant stay in our..."

Before he could finish, I suddenly raised my hand and said, "Your majesty, unfortunately I won't be able to have a chance to enjoy the company of the princess. My stay here will be short and during this time, there is something that I must do."

The king was surprised to hear this, but he said with a nod, "Please, tell me what you need to do."

I took out a scroll and unfurled it before saying, "I am here on behalf of our kingdom to perform an inspection of the mines and farms of your Beirut Kingdom. I hope that you will not mind this."

After saying this, I turned the scroll that I was holding around so that they could see the seal that was on it.

When they saw the royal seal that was on it, they had no choice but to accept that this was indeed a decree from the king of our Kite Kingdom.

At that, they all revealed ugly expressions.

That was because...there was nothing that they could do to refute this.

All of this stemmed from the fact that they were behind on their war reparation payments.

So the moment that I brought this up, their plots had come to a stop.

Their idea of using a honey pot on me in the form of the princess and the daughters of the other nobles, as well as the other plots that they had for me were all stopped with this one move.

This was a move that the fourth prince had come up with last night.

He had even brought a copy of the royal seal that we could use freely to make more decrees when we wanted.

As expected of the main villain of the noble plotline...

So as I looked at the ugly expressions that were in front of me, I couldn't help feeling that they were pitiful.

They tried to take on the fourth prince and failed miserably.