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After passing through the border, I thought that we would get a chance to rest up since it was already getting quite late.

But in the end...

Those hopes were completely dashed as we were picked up again by the wyverns and carried off towards the capital.

It was a good thing that it was late and the skies were dark, which allowed us to hide the wyverns. If it wasn't for that, I was certain that we would have caused quite a large commotion flying across the Dwarven Kingdom with the wyverns like this.

There was no doubt that an international incident would have been raised.

It would be strange if the dwarves didn't think that we were invading them because of this.

But with the speed of the wyverns, we were able to make it past all the different towns and villages that were along the way without being spotted.

The only problem was that when we arrived in the capital, the sun was already rising.

That meant that the moment that we approached the city, there were alarms that were raised in response to our arrival.

I could see in the distance that the dwarves were arming themselves and were lining the walls of the city. They were all heavily armoured and it looked like they were prepared to fight to the death against these wyverns that were approaching their city.

I knew that this was very bad for us, so I said to Cecilia, "Slow down! Stop heading towards the city! Land outside and send someone to the capital to inform them of our arrival!"

But I found that...Cecilia wasn't listening to me at all.

Sitting beside Cecilia was Elsa who had come along with us and it seemed like the two of them were discussing something.

When we were just outside of the range of the arrows that could come from the city, Elsa suddenly took a crystal out of her pocket and spoke into it. The moment that she spoke into it, her voice was enhanced and broadcasted to the city.

I was surprised to see this since I never knew that there was such a magic item before.

This definitely would have been something that I could have used before...

"It's us! Drop your weapons now and let us in! Big brother, if you don't, I'll tell everyone what happened when we were five!"

As soon as they heard this, all of the dwarven guards on the walls revealed confused looks. There were some that still held their bows and pointed them at us, but it seemed like most of them had stopped looking at us with hostility.

It didn't take long before a familiar dwarf appeared on the walls.

He seemed to have the same crystal that Elsa had and he brought it up to say, "Everyone, stop! They aren't enemies!"

Then when all of the dwarven guards on the walls lowered their weapons, this dwarf said, "Land in the square in the center of the town, that's the only place that's big enough!"

After that, the dwarf didn't forget to add, "If you dare say a single word about that, I'll make sure that you pay! I don't care if you're my sister, I'll go all out against you!"

The one that was on the walls with the crystal was naturally the Dwarven King, the big brother of Elsa.

He had been leisurely heading to the walls when he suddenly heard what Elsa had said.

The moment that he heard it, he immediately ran to the walls.

That was because he recognized the tone that she had said this in, he knew that she would have seriously done it if he didn't give this order. That was the last thing that he could allow to happen if he wanted to maintain his prestige as the Dwarven King.

I could see that the Dwarven King was panicking, so I poked my head out the carriage and asked Elsa, "What happened? What did he do?"

Elsa looked down at me and said, "He peed his pants in the middle of the night. Mom even spanked him and hung his sheets out in front of all the neighbours for it."

A bitter smile appeared on my face when I heard this.

It was no wonder the Dwarven King had done all of this to avoid having this story being spread.

There was no doubt that he would have lost all his prestige as the Dwarven King if Elsa had made this story public.

The wyverns quickly flew over the city walls and then landed in the city square that had been emptied for them.

Waiting at the edge of the city square was the Dwarven King and a bunch of dwarves.

There were quite a few armoured dwarves that were there, but it seemed that they were there just to be safe. They didn't seem like they wanted to attack us at all as they just stood there on the side as the Dwarven King came forward.

As soon as the Dwarven King came forward, he said, "What do you think you're doing? Do you know how much of a commotion you've caused with this stunt?"

Though he was saying this to Elsa, it seemed like he was looking at me.

It was almost as if he was saying with his eyes, "How could you let her do all of this?"

A bitter smile crept onto my lips when I saw this before I looked back at him like I was saying, "I can't stop them, they're crazy."

The Dwarven King was surprised to see this look, but he was even more surprised by what Elsa said next.

"Enough of that! Move out of the way and clear a path to the Earthen Temple! We need to go there right away!"

The Dwarven King was completely taken aback when he heard this, but then he shook his head and said, "No, this can't be allowed. We can't just let outsiders..."

"When he was five, my brother..."

The Dwarven King immediately ran forward to stop Elsa before saying through gritted teeth, "Alright, let's discuss this..."

An exasperated look appeared on his face as soon as his voice fell.

Chapter 742 Mark of Earth

Five minutes later, we were sitting in one of the restaurants in the square.

The Dwarven King had wanted to go back to the castle, but Elsa didn't seem to want to waste any time at all, so she demanded to speak there in the square. But in the end, that just couldn't be done since it was too open and there was no knowing who was listening.

In the end, I had to step in.

I knew that the Dwarven King was just doing what he had to do and I couldn't just remain passive, so I forced them to listen to him.

Well, I couldn't force them to listen to him since they clearly wanted to rush to the Earthen Temple, so I could only force them to compromise.

That was how we ended up in this restaurant.

The first thing that the Dwarven King did after sitting down was order a drink for himself.

He didn't care about anything else and just ordered a drink.

As soon as the mug came, he didn't hesitate to down the entire drink like it was water.

Though I had already seen dwarves do this kind of thing quite often during my stay in the Dwarven Kingdom.

I knew that a drink like this might as well have been water for the Dwarven King.

After that drink, he gave a sigh and said, "Alright, now that I've settled down, tell me why you're doing all of this."

Elsa had an impatient look on her face the entire time and the only reason why she didn't blow was because I had told her to compromise. But now that the Dwarven King had asked this question, she wasn't planning on holding back.

Or at least that had been her plan, but I raised a hand to stop her the moment that I saw her like this.

I shook my head at her before turning to the Dwarven King to say, "We need to enter your Dwarven Temple to do something. I hope that you will let us in."

The Dwarven King narrowed his eyes to look at me as if he was judging me before he shook his head and said, "I've already said it before, this is our dwarven sacred ground, it isn't a place that we can let anyone in at will."

Elsa looked like she was about to blow when she heard this, but I stopped her once again before saying to the Dwarven King, "I understand, but there really is an important reason for this."

The Dwarven King once again looked at me with those narrowed eyes for a bit before slowly giving a nod and saying, "Alright, I know that you wouldn't be doing this unless you had a very important reason. The least I can do is hear you out and see what you have to say for yourself."

I said with a nod, "Thank you."

Then I brought my hand up onto the table to show the Mark of God before preparing to speak. However, before I could even say a word, I saw that the looks on the faces of the dwarves had completely changed.

I didn't understand why they were looking at me like this with these expressions, I could see that they were looking at the mark that was on my hand.

I had only brought it up since I thought that since this was related to the sacred temple of the dwarves, this mark would have some sway. I just never expected to create such a large reaction with them.

After a long silence, the Dwarven King said, "The Mark of Earth, it's the real Mark of Earth. But why would it appear on a human?"

I was confused when I heard this before saying, "Mark of Earth? Isn't this the Mark of God?"

The Dwarven King didn't say anything at first, but then he slowly said, "The Mark of God is what you humans call it, but we call it the Mark of Earth. This is the mark that the gods give to their chosen ones...but for it to appear on a human in this generation...It seems that we are not lucky enough..."

I was even more confused when I heard this, but I didn't get a chance to say anything as the Dwarven King suddenly said, "Alright, you can access the Earthen Temple."

I was caught off guard when I heard this before asking, "Are you sure? Weren't outsiders not allowed in the Earthen Temple?"

The Dwarven King revealed a bitter smile before saying, "You have the Mark of Earth and you want to call yourself an outsider? If anyone belongs in the Earthen Temple, then it's you."

But after a momentary pause, he added, "But it'll be just you alone." He turned to look at Cecilia and the others, "We can't let other humans in the Earthen Temple. I hope that you can understand that."

I didn't mind, but it was clear that Cecilia had something else to say.

So I just gave her a look that seemed to say, "This is the easiest way to get what you want."

When she saw this, Cecilia hesitated a bit before backing down.

The reason that she and Elsa had done all of this was just to get me to meet the God of Earth as soon as possible.

So in the end, she could make a bit of a compromise.

Seeing that they agreed, the Dwarven King said, "Alright, let's go to the Earthen Temple."

I gave a nod in response in a calm manner, but deep down, I was certainly surprised.

I was surprised since I never thought that things would progress this smoothly just because of the Mark of God, or rather the Mark of Earth as the dwarves called it.

As I thought about it, I realized that the dwarves must have more information about this Mark of God that I didn't know about.

After all, the Dwarven King had said that it appeared on a human in this generation.

There was quite a bit of information from these words...

Chapter 743 What are you two doing here?

True to his word, the Dwarven King brought us to the Earthen Temple.

The wyverns were left in the square that we landed since they were just too big to come with us, but my group came along.

Even though the Dwarven King had said that they wouldn't be allowed into the temple, they still came along as if they wanted to protect me.

One might think that the Dwarven King would feel offended by this, but the dwarves weren't as close minded as humans. The Dwarven King didn't take this as them thinking that they wouldn't be able to protect me.

Rather, the Dwarven King took this as a display of their loyalty that they wanted to follow me as far as they could.

The dwarves really didn't think as deeply as humans, but that was because they couldn't be bothered to.

One might think that this would make them easier to take advantage of, but that wasn't reality. The dwarves had a strong intuition that allowed them to see through most attempts to harm them.

Of course, it wasn't as if they were omnipotent and could see through everything.

So there were still things that they fell for since it wasn't as if they could do everything.

When we arrived at this Earthen Temple, I couldn't help being surprised by the appearance of it.

As the name suggested, this place was actually made completely out of earth. But it wasn't made of stone as one might have thought, it was actually a building that was made completely out of dirt.

Though the dirt temple didn't look that bad.

It was made out of dirt, but it had been built in such a way that it looked like a real temple.

Not to mention, with how there was this sheen to it, it seemed like the dwarves had tempered it in such a way that it might not have been weaker than a temple made of stone. It seemed that the dwarves weren't just skilled at working with ores, they were also skilled at building with dirt.

No, it should be that they were skilled at anything that required their hands to build anything.

When we arrived, that was when the Dwarven King put his foot down and stopped Cecilia and the others from following me in.

The surprising thing was that he had even stopped Elsa from going in with me even though she was a dwarf. Even when she started threatening him with the same embarrassing story as before, he still didn't allow her to go in.

"This is the business of the one that possesses the Mark of Earth. This is his private business and none of us should go in with him."

All of us were surprised when we heard the explanation that he gave, especially me since I didn't think that he would trust me this much to let me in this sacred temple of theirs without anyone watching.

But I could tell that half of this came from the mark that was on my hand, only half came from his trust in me personally.

This explanation was enough to convince everyone in the end, so they allowed me to head in alone.

As I went in, the Dwarven King said from behind me, "Be careful."

I was a bit surprised to hear this, but he didn't say anything else as he stood there with a serious look on his face.

It was almost as if he knew something that I didn't...

However, it didn't seem like he was planning on saying anything else.

So I just went into the temple with this and approached the altar that was at the very front of the temple.

As I stood there in front of the statue of what should be the God of Earth, Terra, I raised my hand with the Mark of God on it towards this statue and said, "I need to see you."

There was only silence that followed after I did all of this.

There wasn't the same flash of white light as before, there wasn't even a reaction from the Mark of God as I held my hand up.

Could it be because I had never met the God of Earth Terra before that he didn't react?

My Mark of God was from Solista after all and I didn't know what the relationship between the gods was anyway, so it might be possible that the two of them didn't get along.

It might be because of this that Terra refused to see me.

So I just stood there with an awkward look on my face while holding my hand up towards the statue.

As I was debating whether I should leave or not...the flash of white light appeared from the Mark of God.

This white light became stronger and stronger until it suddenly released a flash just like before.

This flash of white light blinded me and I wasn't able to see anything but white, but I didn't panic because of this. That was because this was just like what had happened before.

This was what had happened when I had been pulled into the divine realm of Solista.

Since it was happening in this Earthen Temple, then that should mean that I was on my way to see Terra.

While there was a part of me that was confused about the delay, I didn't think too much about it since it had worked out in the end.

Or at least that was what I thought until I saw who was there in front of me.

When the white light faded and I could see what was in front of me, I was completely caught off guard.

It was the same world of white as before, but there were also the two same figures as before.

One figure of white light and one figure of green light were standing there in front of me.

As I looked at the two of them, I said, "What are you two doing here?"

Chapter 744 Lazy god

The two that had appeared in front of me were of course Solista and Vivrum.

I didn't expect the two of them to suddenly show up like this since this was supposed to be where I met Terra, but here they were in this white space.

Solista said in a confused voice, "Why didn't you expect to see us? You came to see gods, are we not gods?"

Vivrum nodded in agreement after Solista said this.

I couldn't help revealing a bitter smile that also had a strange look to it.

That was because the moment that Solista had said this, it almost seemed as if she was like a jealous girlfriend who had caught me with someone else...

I realized my mistake as soon as I thought that since I remembered that the gods could read my thoughts. But to my surprise, it didn't seem like Solista reacted at all to that thought.

I thought that it was quite rude to think of her like that, but it didn't seem to faze her at all.

It seemed that she really was a god as she wasn't bothered by something small like this.

So after giving a cough to calm myself down, I said, "It isn't that I don't want to see you here, it's just that I didn't expect to see you here. After all, the place that I came from

wasn't a place that was under your dominion. I thought that I was here to see Terra and not you two."

Both Solista and Vivrum nodded in response to this as if they could understand where I was coming from.

But then Solista said, "You are meeting him. He's been here the entire time."

I was immediately caught off guard by her saying this before looking around for the god that Solista was referring to. However, no matter how I looked around the area, it didn't seem like he was there.

All I was able to see was white space and nothing else.

It really seemed like there wasn't a single thing here.

So after looking around for a bit, I turned back and said, "What do you mean? I don't see him at all."

The way that the two of them stood there, it was almost as if they were smiling at me though I couldn't see their true appearances because of the light that surrounded them.

Solista raised a hand and pointed downwards.

When she did, it was only then that I saw that there was something lying on the ground there.

This was a figure of light just like the two of them, but this one was a figure of brown light.

With the way that this brown figure of light was lying there, it was almost as if he was sleeping. With the way that he was lying on his side and had one hand holding up his head, it seemed like he was just napping here.

However, I couldn't help finding this strange.

He was a god, did he really need to nap?

Solista said with a bitter laugh, "He's special, don't use him as a judge of all the gods. This idiot likes to slack off and will never respond unless he's prompted by the rest of us. That's why we had to come here and pull you into his divine realm or else he never would have spoken to you."

Vivrum just put her head in her hand after Solista said this.

It even seemed that she was giving a helpless sigh after hearing this.

I slowly looked down at the brown glowing figure that was on the ground with a strange look.

Then all of a sudden, Solista raised her foot and kicked that brown figure of light on the back of the head.

When she did, that brown figure of light's head slipped out of the hand that was holding it and fell right to the ground. With the force of the kick that she landed, he actually went forward and landed right on his face.

"Who is it? Who's bothering my nap?"

That was the first thing that this brown figure of light said after being kicked to the ground like this.

He didn't even ask who was attacking him, he just cared about who was disrupting his nap.

Solista shook her head with a sigh before saying, "See? This is just the kind of god that he is."

"I resent that."

That voice came from the brown glowing figure that was still on the ground.

I found that the brown glowing figure hadn't even turned himself over and was still just lying there on the ground, as if he wasn't going to flip himself over. It was almost as if he was getting comfortable in the position that he was in.

In that position, the brown glowing figure said, "I'm a very busy person since I manage all the ground in this world. It's a large world, so there's a lot for me to do."

Solista gave a disdainful snort as she said, "The land can take care of itself and it does. The only time that you have to interfere is when you have to after a large accident."

The brown glowing figure didn't even bother arguing as he simply said, "My job is to supervise and not get involved directly, so I'm busy supervising."

"You were just sleeping." Solista said in a straight voice.

"I was meditating." The brown figure of light on the ground replied without missing a beat.

"Ah, so that's the kind of god he is." That was my only thought when I saw him like this.

"I resent that!" The brown figure of light on the ground said again before finally getting up.

When he did, he looked at Solista and Vivrum before saying, "Oh, it's you two. What do you want with me? Did something big happen again?"

Solista just pointed at me as she said, "Not me, he's the one that's here to see you."

Chapter 745 It's that simple?

The brown figure of light followed Solista's finger and looked at me.

When he saw me, there was a moment of silence before he said, "Oh, it's you. I've been waiting for you."

I was very confused when I heard this.

After all, the brown figure of light was saying this almost as if he already knew who I was.

Well, he should know who I was since he was a god. Or rather, it should be said that it was easy for him to find out who I was since he was a god.

But the way that he said this was different from just knowing who I was.

It was almost as if...he was someone that was close to me. Like he was someone that knew me from something else.

But no matter how I thought about it, it didn't seem like I knew him...

However, there was denying the way that he was acting around me...

Before I could ask anything, Solista suddenly gave a cough that cut us off.

The brown figure of light looked over at her before awkwardly scratching his head and saying, "Right, we weren't supposed to be talking about that."

Even though I couldn't see their appearances, it was pretty clear that Solista was glaring at the brown figure of light at this moment.

When I sneaked a peek at Vivrum, it almost seemed like she was doing the same thing.

I didn't understand why the two of them were acting this way, but I knew that there had to be something that they were hiding from me.

Still, if they weren't going to tell me anything, there was nothing that I could do about it.

The brown figure of light just stood there for a bit as if it was feeling awkward before saying, "Alright, let's forget about all of that."

The way that he said it was almost as if he was too lazy to bother with this anymore.

So he turned back to me and asked, "What did you come here for?"

I couldn't help shaking my head with a bitter smile when I saw the brown figure of light acting like this, but I still gathered my scattered thoughts and said, "I'm here to receive your blessings."

"Oh is that it?" The brown figure of light said before coming forward to stand in front of me.

He looked at the mark that was on my hand before looking at my forehead.

After looking at me like this, the brown figure of light said, "You two really are just doing whatever you want, aren't you? You've already basically claimed all the important spots and now you just want me to put my mark wherever?"

Solista stepped up behind the brown figure of light and slapped him on the back of the head before saying, "Just do it already and stop complaining."

The brown figure of light shook his head and while I couldn't see his appearance, I could tell that there should have been a bitter smile on his face when this happened.

It seemed that this poor god was being bullied by the other gods...

"It's not that I'm being bullied, it's just that I know better than to do something futile."

The way that he said this really seemed like he was just making an excuse to himself...

This time, Terra didn't give an excuse.

But I could see the way that he was looking at me, almost like he was feeling betrayed.

I wanted to think something, but I also knew that the other gods would be able to hear my thoughts. So I held myself back in the end and just let him feel this way.

Terra only took a moment to recover before coming forward and reaching for my other hand.

The Mark of God was only on one of my hands, so that meant that I had another hand for him.

I didn't resist at all as he took my other hand.

When he held my hand, there was a brown light that came from him before it faded away.

Once it faded, he let go of my hand and moved back.

I looked down and found that there was a mark that was similar to the mark that Solista had given me. However, this mark had a different colour to it and there was what seemed to be a different design.

I wanted to say something, but then I felt like there was this strange energy filling me.

This was a strange feeling as if there was something crawling around inside of me.

Eventually, that feeling settled and there was no other strange feeling that came from inside of my body. It seemed like everything was settled once that feeling disappeared.

But there was something different about my body..

I gripped my hands together and it felt like I was stronger than before.

Once that feeling was gone, Terra gave a nod in my direction before lying back down and saying, "Alright, you can go now. Let me get back to my nap."

"That's it? It's that simple?" I couldn't help asking this when I heard him say this.

Terra looked up at me after lying down and asking, "What else did you expect? I already gave you my mark, so you've already accomplished your goal. Did you expect some kind of trial? Please don't make me do that."

Solista once again kicked Terra on the back of the head after he said this, but she turned to me and said with a nod, "Yes, it really is just that simple. There's nothing else that you need to worry about, just wait for your body to adjust."

I looked at the three of them with a strange look.

Yes, three of them.

Even though she hadn't said anything, Vivarium was still there watching over everything.

It was clear that they knew something that I didn't know and they didn't seem to be willing to tell me...

But before I could ask anything, Solista waved her hand at me and said, "Alright, it's time for you to go back."

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When the white flash of light disappeared, I found that I was back in the Earthen Temple, standing in front of the statue of Terra.

There was a bitter smile that crept onto my face when I saw this statue.

After all, I had seen the real Terra and...I could say that this statue didn't seem similar to him at all.

While I didn't see his face, I had definitely seen the way that he acted and I knew that he didn't match this statue at all. This statue was of a serious and aloof looking god, not the one that I had actually seen.

Though I'm sure that no one would believe me if I were to tell anyone about this.

So I just shook my head with that same bitter smile on my face before walking out of the Earthen Temple.

The moment that I came out, I was immediately swarmed by those people who had been waiting outside for me.

It was Elsa, Cecilia, and the Dwarven King who led this group.

As they surrounded me, they all asked me different things, but the gist of it was that they wanted to know what had happened inside.

I just simply raised my hands and showed them the two marks that were on them now.

The moment that they saw this, they all revealed shocked looks.

The Dwarven King was the most shocked, but he was also the first one to recover as he quickly came forward to grab my hand.

The hand that he grabbed was the one that had the mark that Terra had given me.

As he looked at it, he slowly said, "This mark, it really is as the books described them..."

I was a bit confused when I heard this, but the Dwarven King didn't wait as he started pulling me into the Earthen Temple. As he did, he said, "Come with me, there's something that I need to show you."

However, I didn't follow him this time.

To the Dwarven King's surprise, he found that he wasn't able to pull me anymore when I suddenly stopped. It was also a surprise to me since I didn't think that I would be strong enough to stop him like this.

The Dwarven King immediately turned around and asked, "What's wrong?"

I looked at the others of my group and said, "They can't come with me. Can't you just bring it out to show me?"

The Dwarven King hesitated a bit, but he eventually gave a nod before heading in with a group of dwarves that were in robes.

This group of dwarves in robes were the ones that were in charge of this Earthen Temple.

So they were similar to the priest of the church in my town.

It was just that they had a much higher position since they were in charge of the religion of the dwarves that worshipped the God of Earth, Terra. Their positions should be compared to the pope and cardinals from the human religion that worshipped Solista that the priest of my town was from.

Though comparing the two, the religion worshipping Terra was definitely smaller.

After a while, the Dwarven King and those dwarves in robes came out carrying something.

This thing seemed to be some kind of large rectangular box that contained something.

When they brought it out, they placed it in front of me and then opened the lid to reveal what was inside.

It was a staff.

It was just a simple staff that didn't seem to have any decorations on it.

The only thing that was different about this staff was at the very end of it where there was something that seemed to be a ball of dirt. It was strange to see a ball of dirt on the staff, but it seemed that it had been compacted enough that it didn't break apart.

After placing this box in front of me, they all just looked at me as if they were waiting for me to do something.

I just looked at the staff that was there inside of the box before slowly reaching my hand out towards it.

The hand that I reached out was naturally the hand that had Terra's mark on it.

When I grabbed the staff, the mark suddenly lit up with a brown light.

Seeing this, the Dwarven King revealed a look like he had already expected this.

But the dwarves in robes behind him...they suddenly dropped to their knees and started praying.

I knew that they weren't praying to me, but rather to the mark that was glowing on the back of my hand. Still, it was awkward for me when there were people on their knees in front of me praying.

I turned to the Dwarven King and asked, "So, what is this all about?"

The Dwarven King didn't answer at first as he looked at the staff that was in my hand, but he eventually said, "This is a relic that was left to us by the God of Earth, Terra. It's said that it contains magical powers, but it's not something that can be used by mortals. Only those that have been blessed by the God of Earth, Terra can use it."

I gave a nod in response before focusing on the staff.

I could feel a connection coming from it through my hand, so I decided to see what I could do with it.

Waving the hand that held the staff, the ball of dirt at the end of the staff suddenly started to glow with the same brown light that was coming from the back of my hand.

As it did, the ground underneath me started to move.

It was only a bit of movement at first before it formed a platform under me.

I didn't know what I was supposed to do with this staff, so I had left it up to the staff to show me its powers.

It turned out that it had the power to move the earth, which should have been expected.

I was about to say something, but I felt a strong wave of powerlessness fill me before I suddenly started falling forward.

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As I fell, I felt myself falling into a soft embrace before my eyes closed and I lost consciousness.

When I woke up again, I found that I was inside of a simple looking room that didn't have much other than the essential things that a room should be decorated with.

Then when I looked around, I found that I wasn't alone in this room.

I found that it was completely filled with people that seemed to be looking at something.

I started to sit up and that was when I attracted their attention.

When they turned around, I saw who was in the room with me.

Though there were a few people that I had already recognized because of the height.

It was the Dwarven King and my group, along with the dwarves in robes that were in charge of the Earthen Temple.

Seeing them, I realized where I was.

This should be one of the rooms inside of the Earthen Temple since the walls were completely made of dirt. In fact, all of the furniture in the room was also made of dirt.

I had thought that the furniture was a strange colour, but that turned out to be because it was made of dirt.

The first ones that came over to my bedside were Elsa and Cecilia.

The two of them immediately came over to my sides and started looking over my body as if they were trying to see if there was anything wrong with me.

A bitter smile crept onto my lips when I saw this, but I didn't stop them since I was already used to this.

This was something that they always did when something happened to me.

I had already learned from experience that it was better to just let them do what they wanted instead of trying to fight it.

So I just let the two of them examine my body as I turned to look at the Dwarven King who was standing nearby.

While they were examining me, I asked, "What happened?"

The Dwarven King shook his head with a bitter smile before saying, "I don't know. You were the one that suddenly fainted after using the Staff of Earth."

Then after a pause, his smile became even more bitter as he said, "It took us quite a bit to calm down the two beside you right now. If it wasn't for the fact that we noticed that you were just asleep, they might have already razed the city with those wyverns of yours."

It was clear that he was complaining to me, but there was nothing that I could say in response to this.

So all I could do was change the topic by saying, "Where's the Staff of Earth now?"

The Dwarven King slightly knitted his brows when he heard this before looking at me as if he was trying to figure out why I was asking this. But in the end, he turned around to look at the dwarves in robes that were still gathered around something and said while pointing at them, "It's over there."

I looked over and found that the dwarves in robes seemed to be talking about something.

There were some of them that seemed to be praying while some of them were discussing something.

At the same time, I could see that there were some traces of brown light that was coming from the gaps in their stances. It seemed like there was brown light that was coming from the area that they were surrounding.

This brown light was just like the one that had come from the mark on my hand when I held the staff.

The Dwarven King saw the way that I was looking at them, so he turned and said, "Bring it over already."

The dwarves in robes seemed like they didn't hear him at first, but eventually they brought it over when the Dwarven King spoke up again.

They just completely ignored him as they brought the staff over to where I was.

It seemed like they wanted to see what would happen if I were to take the staff again.

However, I could see that the brown light that I saw before was coming from the staff that they were bringing over.

Specifically, it was coming from the ball of dirt that was at the top of the staff.

It seemed that this ball of dirt was glowing like it contained some kind of special power.

As for what this power was, it should be the power of Terra, the God of Earth.

As the staff was brought over, I could see that the mark on my hand was also starting to glow.

It was almost as if the mark on my hand was reacting to the Staff of Earth when it came near.

The eyes of the dwarves in robes lit up the moment that they saw this and they wanted to bring the staff closer. However, there were two people that stopped them from approaching in the end.

It was Cecilia and Elsa.

The two of them clearly weren't taking any chances as they didn't want to let anything strange approach me.

But it was clear that the fervor of the dwarves in robes wasn't normal.

So in the end, the Dwarven King backed them up and stopped these dwarves in robes from approaching me with the staff.

The dwarves looked like they had been betrayed when they saw this and they still insisted on bringing the staff over.

In the end, they had support from a source that they never expected.

"Let them bring it over. I want to take a look at it."

Everyone looked at me with surprised looks when they heard this before revealing uncertain looks.

It was clear that they didn't want to let this happen, but they couldn't stop me if I insisted on it.

So the dwarves in robes brought the staff over to me and presented it to me.

Taking hold of the staff, I realized what the problem was.

This thing...had terrible mileage.

Chapter 748 Terrible mileage (2)

The moment that my hand took hold of the staff, I could feel a sense of weakness come over me.

It wasn't as strong as the wave of weakness that had knocked me out earlier, but it was a feeling of something being drained out of me.

I could feel that there was something inside of this staff that seemed to be taking this energy from me. It just wasn't as strong as the feeling that had knocked me out earlier.

It seemed that while this staff was powerful, it wasn't adjusted so that people could use it.

Thinking of the one that it was linked to, it made sense...

He seemed like a god that would neglect things like this...

Forgetting that he needed to adjust it to the power level of the one that was using it, so that they wouldn't faint from using it.

But then again, when I thought about it...

The Dwarven King had said that this thing couldn't be used by normal people, there had to be a reason for this.

If it couldn't be used by normal people, then there should be something that stopped it from draining the power of normal people. That should be the reason why others weren't able to use it.

So most likely the mark from Terra was necessary to even activate it.

Did that mean that the fault with this didn't lie with Terra, but rather with me?

Did it mean that I was just too weak to use this thing?

There was a part of me that still wanted to blame Terra for this, but I knew that it wouldn't be the case.

It was just that for me, it would have terrible mileage since I just wasn't strong enough to use it properly.

These thoughts quickly passed through my mind and I didn't tell anyone about this since...I didn't want to embarrass myself.

After holding it for a bit, I handed the staff back to the dwarves in robes and turned to the Dwarven King to say, "Alright, that should prove it, right?"

The Dwarven King slowly gave a nod before saying, "It seems that you really had a reason for all of this, but you had to admit that this was a situation that was a bit hard for me to deal with."

As the Dwarven King said this, he slowly looked over at Elsa with a complicated look.

I could see this, but once again, I didn't respond.

The only reaction that I had to this was the bitter smile that appeared on my face.

After the Dwarven King shook his head and gave a sigh, he said, "Now I know what to do."

He turned to the dwarves in robes and said, "Give it over to him."

I was caught off guard by these sudden words from the Dwarven King.

The dwarves in robes also seemed like they were hesitant over this, but they eventually listened to the Dwarven King and brought the staff back beside me.

I looked at the Dwarven King with a strange look as I said, "What are you doing? Is there a need for me to hold it again?"

The Dwarven King just said with a smile, "Who said that I want you to just hold it? I'm telling you to take it with you."

The dwarves in robes revealed bitter looks on their faces when they heard this.

They had already been suspecting this, but now that the Dwarven King had actually said it, they had no choice but to say something.

"Your majesty, this is a relic that was left to our temple by Lord Terra. It isn't something that we can just give to others at our own discretion, that would be..."

Before the one that seemed to be the pope of the religion could finish, the Dwarven King said, "Even if you keep it, what would you do with it? Are you saying that you could use this Staff of Earth when no one else has been able to?"

The dwarves in robes looked at each other with awkward looks on their faces as if they didn't know what to say.

After all, they couldn't deny this accusation from the Dwarven King.

There was indeed not a single one of them that had been able to use it and they had even forgotten about it.

Before they had brought it out, the box had been kept in one of the storage rooms of the Earthen Temple. It was a relic that had been completely forgotten and wasn't even taken care of by them.

Though it didn't really need to be taken care of since it was a relic with the power of a god.

It wouldn't get dirty even if it was left alone.

Seeing that they didn't say anything, the Dwarven King said, "Instead of leaving it here to rot away, it's better if we give it to someone that can actually use it."

The dwarves in robes didn't accept this that easily as they said, "As long as we pray hard enough, I'm sure that we can use it."

Then the pope looked at me, or specifically at the mark that was on my hand and said, "As long as we can have a chance to observe the mark Lord Terra left on this human, I'm sure that we can figure out how to use the Staff of Earth. So I ask your majesty to ask this human friend to stay here for a bit for us to study him."

The Dwarven King shook his head with a sigh before saying, "You know how ridiculous that sounds, right?"

The dwarves in robes slowly revealed awkward looks after the Dwarven King said this.

There was even a look of shame that appeared on their faces as they realized what kind of requests they were making.

The Dwarven King just shook his head again before ignoring them and turning back to me to say, "Alright, from now on, this Staff of Earth is yours. I hope that you will use it properly."

I gave a nod even though a part of me didn't want this thing because of the terrible mileage that I had with it.

But it was a relic...so I did want it in the end.

The best part was that it was free!

Chapter 749 A shocking offer

After that incident in the Earthen Temple, a day passed and we were brought to the castle.

I rested up after being drained by the Staff of Earth and I was able to move again.

However, there was still a drained feeling that filled me as I now carried the Staff of Earth on my back.

There was no need for me to do this, but I discovered something after recovering from being drained by the Staff of Earth.

It was that my mana pools were much larger than before.

It seemed that by draining myself of all my mana, I was able to increase the size of my mana pools.

Well, I had already discovered this before, but it seemed like the effects were much better when I used the Staff of Earth.

Was it because it was a relic from a god?

That was the only explanation that I could think of.

As for why I was carrying it on my back, I found that it also had an effect of increasing the size of my mana pool just by the natural draining effect that it had. Just carrying it on my back and letting it use my mana like this also increased the size of my mana pool.

Though it was less prominent than letting myself be completely drained by the Staff of Earth.

Still, it was better than collapsing and creating a scene.

This would allow me to slowly become stronger by building up the size of my mana pool.

Perhaps one day I'll be able to use the Staff of Earth without falling unconscious.

As for the reason why we were in the castle now, that was because there was something that I had to discuss with the Dwarven King. It was something that I had wanted to discuss a long time ago, but I never got the chance to discuss it with him.

I had also left this matter with Elsa, but she hadn't been able to find a way to talk to her brother about this.

Or rather, it was hard for her to bring it up since she couldn't find a way of bringing it up without seeming suspicious.

But after this incident, it seemed like the perfect time to bring it up.

"I want to give you some wyverns." I said without any hesitation when we sat down.

The Dwarven King looked at me with a shocked look as if he didn't know how to respond to this. He just kept looking at me like this as if he was trying to figure out if I was being serious or not.

When he saw that my expression didn't change at all, he simply asked, "Why?"

In a calm voice, I said, "Well, you should already know about our kingdom's situation with the wyverns, right?"

The Dwarven King narrowed his eyes to look at me for a bit before slowly giving a nod.

This was something that most countries should have information on since this was a matter of national security. If they didn't know about these wyverns and they suddenly showed up on their doorsteps one day, they could only blame themselves for what happened.

So of course the Dwarven Kingdom also knew about the wyverns.

But their response was more mild than the other countries just because of the alliance that they had formed with our Kite Kingdom.

That didn't mean that they still weren't wary of the wyverns.

It was a personal alliance that the Dwarven King had formed with me and I was only a duke of the Kite Kingdom.

The dwarves knew that humans could change their plans whenever, so it wasn't as if they would sink all their eggs into one basket.

But now that I had made this proposal, the Dwarven King just had no idea what to make of it.

It could be a trap or it could be a genuine offer.

There was no telling what was real based on just the information that he currently had.

Before he accepted this offer, the Dwarven King had a few more things that he needed to ask.

Seeing him nod in agreement, I continued by saying, "You should already know that I'm the one that controls the wyverns."

I once again paused to wait for his reaction.

The Dwarven King was surprised, but it was more that he was surprised that I would actually tell him this rather than being surprised by what I had said. After all, this was information that would be considered basic, so it wasn't strange if he already knew about this.

A nation survived on information gathered and a nation that wasn't able to collect this basic kind of information wouldn't be considered a proper nation.

It would be a nice piece of meat that would be torn apart by the other nations around it.

So of course the Dwarven King would already know about this.

After looking at me for a bit, he once again gave a nod in response.

But still he didn't say a thing as he waited to see what else I had to say.

So I calmly continued by saying, "Since I'm the one that controls the wyverns, I'm the one that can decide who I want them to follow. As such, I want to choose people that I can trust. I hope you understand what I mean."

The Dwarven King didn't seem to react at first when he heard this, but he eventually revealed a touched look as he said, "I'm honoured that you would think of me this way, but you should know that..."

He didn't finish his sentence, but it was clear what he was implying.

I gave a nod in response since I had already expected this.

While I didn't know much about the politics of the Dwarven Kingdom, I had my experience with what happened before. I knew at the very least that there was the chance that someone might try something.

So I just calmly said, "Unless I give the order, they will not follow anyone that I do not permit. I hope that you will choose your people wisely."

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The Dwarven King couldn't help knitting his brows when he heard this before looking at me with a gaze that seemed like he was questioning me about this.

I just looked at him with a calm look as if this would give him his answer.

After a long silence, the Dwarven King said with a nod, "Alright, I can do that."

But after another pause, he added, "However, you have to at least tell me why you are doing this. Otherwise, I can't trust a deal that seems too good to be true." Then after another pause, he said, "You have to see it from my position. I am responsible for everyone in my country and I can't just risk their lives like this."

This time, I no longer remained silent.

I understood the Dwarven King's position and I knew that it would be impossible to convince him unless I said something.

Not to mention, I didn't want to completely leave him hanging like this.

He was someone that I considered a friend, so it wasn't as if I wanted to make things difficult for him.

There were just a few things that I couldn't tell him, but beyond that...it wasn't as if I had to leave him completely in the dark.

So I said, "I'm doing this because I want to build allies that I can trust."

The Dwarven King deeply knitted his brows when he heard this.

He just looked at me with a look that was very uncertain, as if he could tell that this was something very big. But at the same time, it didn't seem like he was against what I was about to say.

It almost seemed like he wanted to support me.

The problem was that without enough information, he couldn't judge how dangerous this would be for his people.

If it was just him alone, then the Dwarven King wouldn't mind taking a risk for his friends.

But if it meant risking the lives of all the dwarves in the Dwarven Kingdom...

Naturally this was not a risk that he could take.

I could see that as well, so I continued by saying, "There will be a change in the Kite Kingdom soon and I hope that you will help us when the time comes. That is why I want to give you these wyverns to help us create a powerful ally."

The Dwarven King deeply knitted his brows since he had already expected this, but this still wasn't enough information for him to accept this.

I knew that as well, so I gave him the last piece of information that I could give him.

"I'm marrying the princess of the Kite Kingdom, you should already know that. It means that I'm quite close to the current royal family. At the same time, you should know that the fourth prince calls me brother. So it isn't as if there's a bad relationship between me and the royal family of the Kite Kingdom."

The Dwarven King deeply knitted his brows once more when he heard this.

There were naturally many questions that he wanted to ask after hearing this, but...he knew that this should be all that I was willing to say.

Anything more would have completely exposed my plans and put not just me, but also him in danger.

So he didn't ask anything else even though it was clear that there were other things that he wanted to ask.

After a long silence, the Dwarven King said, "Alright, I'll trust you this one time."

The way that he said it almost seemed like he was doing me a favour, but I knew that this was just his way of saving face for himself.

If he didn't say it like this, it would seem like he was only doing this for me and he couldn't do that as the king. He had to at least pretend that it was for the good of the Dwarven Kingdom that he was doing this.

This was his bottom line as the Dwarven King.

I revealed a faint smile when I heard this, but I gave a nod in response before reaching my hand out towards the Dwarven King and saying, "Consider it repayment for the Staff of Earth."

The Dwarven King was surprised by this before suddenly breaking out in laughter.

After laughing for a bit, he wiped the tear from his eye and said, "It seems like you've already figured everything out, haven't you? You've even come up with an excuse for me."

I just revealed a smile without saying anything.

But after a while, I still said, "If it wasn't for this business with the Staff of Earth, I really wouldn't have known how to bring this matter up. I can only say that I'm grateful that this matter happened or else I might not have been able to bring this up."

The Dwarven King revealed a bitter smile before saying, "Then should I be saying that it's my luck to give up the relic of my people?"

I just smiled at him without saying anything.

The Dwarven King shook his head once more and gave a sigh, but he didn't keep pursuing this matter.

After all, the Dwarven King knew that if he kept talking about this, he would be the one that suffered.

The smile on my face slowly disappeared as I revealed a serious look and said, "From now on, we'll be in a secret alliance. I hope that this will work out for us."

The Dwarven King gave a nod at first, but then he said, "Don't worry, I will never betray a friend. I hope that you will be the same."

I gave a nod before reaching my hand out to him and saying, "Of course not, I would never betray a friend as well. I hope that we will be able to keep this relationship going for a long time."

The Dwarven King took my hand and nodded in agreement when he heard this.