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We stayed in the Dwarven Kingdom for two more days.

It was both for me to recover from being drained by the Staff of Earth and to hash out the details of the wyverns being sent to the Dwarven Kingdom.

The plan was to have the dwarves come to our kingdom to pick up the wyverns and then they would work for us as carriers. They would be part of the caravan that regularly transported ores from the Dwarven Kingdom to our kingdom, though they would be under the control of the Dwarven Kingdom.

Until it was time to reveal their true identities, they would be working for the caravan.

This was how we would be able to keep the secret alliance under wraps until it was the right time.

After receiving the mark in the Earthen Temple, I wasn't certain if my problem had been solved. However, that didn't mean that there was no change at all in my body.

With the new mark, I found that I was much stronger than before.

It was as if my muscles had suddenly become much stronger after receiving my mark.

I had first noticed this when the Dwarven King hadn't been able to pull me along that day. But later, I found that I had become strong enough that I was able to last a few seconds in an arm wrestling match against Cecilia.

If it was the past, I wouldn't have been able to last even a single second.

My hand would have been pinned down as soon as it started.

But this time, I was actually able to stop her for a few seconds before she pushed my hand down.

This showed that my body was stronger than before, though I didn't really understand why that was the case.

Still, that meant that my body had changed in some way.

It was possible that the situation down there had also changed.

That would all depend on my experiments with my wife, which I was very excited to get to.

I could have done with Cecilia while we were in the Dwarven Kingdom, but both of us chose to abstain until we were back. She wanted us to do it all together as well since she didn't want to leave the other two out.

That was why I actually supported her this time in heading back with the wyverns.

I wanted to get back as soon as possible.

But it didn't go the way that I wanted to.

When I arrived at my town, there was a group there waiting for me and it wasn't the group that I had expected.

Instead, it was the fourth prince who had a smug look on his face when he saw me.

But the fourth prince wasn't alone.

Angela was there with him with a bitter smile on her face.

At the same time...there was a group of royal guards that were surrounding the fourth prince that looked like they were ready to make a move at any time. It seemed that they were here to pick me up and they weren't afraid to use force if they needed to.

I was naturally surprised to see the fourth prince here with all of these royal guards, but I quickly found out that they had a good reason for this.

Simply put, we had made too much noise on our trip to the Dwarven Kingdom.

They were here to escort me to the capital to receive my punishment.

There was even a royal decree that had been sent to make sure that I went with them.

If need be, they could use force to take me in, but it was clear that the royal guards didn't want to do that. After all, in front of them were a bunch of wyverns that I controlled.

It was terrifying to be facing all these wyverns like this.

I had to admit that they were quite brave that they didn't run when faced with all these wyverns.

Naturally, I didn't want to start a war between me and the royal family, so I wouldn't forcefully break my way out of this.

Not to mention, I'm sure that the king had a reason for doing this.

Namely, it was to appease the nobles that must have complained because of the incident that we caused.

So I chose to go with the fourth prince to the capital.

As we entered our carriage, he looked at me and asked, "Did you have fun?"

I could see the aggrivement that was in his eyes and the betrayal that was in his voice. After all, I had let him be taken back to the capital instead of going back to the capital with him.

I was the only one that escaped all the work that was left in the capital.

With a faint smile, I gave a shrug as I said, "I had no other choice, this was something that I had to do for my future."

The expression on the fourth prince's face changed after he heard this.

He slowly looked down at my crotch which really was a strange feeling. Having a man stare at my crotch like this definitely wasn't something that I wanted to experience, so I closed my legs and gave a cough.

The fourth prince looked back up at me and asked in a cautious voice, "Did it work?"

I shook my head to the fourth prince's surprise, but he was even more surprised by the answer that I had for him, "I have no idea."

"Huh? What do you mean you have no idea?" The fourth prince was very confused when he heard this.

I just casually reached my hand out towards the fourth prince and he slowly reached out to take it. Then all of a sudden, I squeezed my hand and the fourth prince said, "Ow!"

The fourth prince pulled his hand back and rubbed it before saying, "What are you doing?"

I just calmly said, "This is the change that happened with my body, but I'm not sure if 'that' is fixed."

The fourth prince looked down at my crotch again before slowly giving a nod.

Seeing him like this, I reached my hand out towards his hand again and he quickly pulled his hand back.

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Chapter 752 Punishment?

It took only two days for us to reach the capital in the end.

We were traveling by carriage at first, but it seemed like it was just too slow for the fourth prince, so he decided that it was better to travel by wyverns.

The wyverns naturally came with us since that was just how it went now that my knights had become wyvern knights.

The royal guards on the other hand...

When we landed, there wasn't a single one of them that didn't throw up from traveling by wyvern.

The ones that had been chosen to become wyvern riders by the fourth prince were his elite guards, which were different from these royal guards who worked for the king. The royal guards were some of the most powerful knights in the kingdom, but the fourth prince had listened to me and chosen his own guards to become wyvern riders.

Though in the future, when I took the throne, I felt that it would be necessary for the royal guards to get their own wyverns. After all, they would be the most powerful knights of the kingdom and they would be under my control, so I could trust them with the wyverns.

Until then, they wouldn't get any wyverns.

Though it wasn't bad for them to get experience riding wyverns right now.

As soon as we arrived in the capital, we were led to the castle.

There were royal guards who had been waiting at all four gates for our arrival, so they immediately surrounded us and brought us to the castle.

Though before heading to the castle, they looked at their companions who were throwing up with looks of sympathy.

They could see just how much their companions had been through on this trip, so they felt sorry for them.

Since we were being escorted into the castle by these royal guards, we naturally drew a lot of attention.

There were many whispers that came from around us, but the one theory that they had that stood out the most was...

"Is that a criminal?"

Why would they immediately default to thinking I was a criminal?

Just because I was being escorted by all of these royal guards, did that automatically mean that I was a dangerous criminal?

Hmm, maybe that did make me seem like a criminal a bit, but I resent that stereotype!

When we arrived at the castle, there was a part of me that was worried about being punished because of the commotion that I had made. At the same time, I could see the way that the nobles that I passed looked at me.

The expression on their faces made it clear that they expected something to happen when I met the king later.

It was as if they were expecting me to be punished for what had happened.

Then it seemed like the king really was angry about what happened?

For now, I kept calm as I didn't want to get in my own head, but the atmosphere of the entire castle seemed like I would be punished.

When I arrived at the king's study, I found that he was just sitting there at the desk waiting for us with a stern look on his face.

The fourth prince went over to the side of the king while Angela stood beside me.

Once I was standing there in front of his desk, the king slowly said, "Well, do you want to explain yourself?"

A bitter smile appeared on my face since this was the worst way that he could have started this. After all, he didn't state what I should be explaining for, so I had no idea what he wanted me to say.

Basically, he was using this method to see what else I could have done during my absence.

I just calmly said, "I took a detour."

The fourth prince looked at me with a trace of admiration in his eyes.

However, the king just slapped his palm down on the table and said, "Do you think that's funny?"

I looked right at the king with a calm look in my eyes, not showing any signs of being shaken by his actions.

The king kept staring at me for a bit before suddenly giving a sigh and asking, "At the very least, did you manage to fix that problem?"

After saying that, he looked down at my crotch just like the fourth prince had done before.

A bitter smile appeared on my face when I saw him do this before turning to look at Angela.

She turned her head away with an awkward look when she saw this and she didn't say anything to explain herself.

I did send her to the capital to explain what had happened, but she didn't need to give such a detailed explanation, right?

It wasn't as if the whole world needed to know about my infertility issues!

Shaking my head with the same bitter smile, I said, "I don't know."

The king raised a brow before asking, "You don't know? What does that mean?"

I said with a sigh, "It's not as if this is something that could be known unless it's tested first and I didn't have time to test it before I was brought here."

The king and the fourth prince both revealed awkward looks when they heard this.

I just continued by saying, "For now, my body has changed a bit, so it feels like there's been some change with me."

"Changes?" The king asked in a doubtful voice.

This time, the fourth prince spoke up by saying, "I've seen it myself, he's much stronger than before. I'm certain that something must have changed about his body during this time."

The king looked at me with one raised brow as if he was still doubtful of this.

But there really wasn't anything that I could say in response to this and I wasn't able to give a live demonstration of this, so I changed the topic by asking...

"Am I going to be punished?"

Chapter 753 Dig out the roots

The king raised a brow when he heard this, but he didn't say anything.

He just looked at me with this brow raised for a bit before saying in a whimsical voice, "Should I punish you? You're the one that suddenly ditched all your work to cause this large commotion for a 'detour'...that was what you called it. You didn't tell us anything about this 'detour' and just headed off on your own."

The way that he said this, it was almost as if he was teasing me about this which made a bitter smile appear on my face.

But I didn't say anything as it seemed like he was avoiding the issue by talking about these things. It was as if he was trying to keep me in suspense for as long as possible, though I didn't understand why he would do that.

It didn't seem like there was anything for him to gain from this.

After teasing me for a bit, the king suddenly revealed a serious look as he said, "The nobles are calling for me to punish you. Since the day that we received the report of the wyverns flying to the Dwarven Kingdom, they wanted me to punish you for provoking the dwarves and endangering our relationship with them."

He narrowed his eyes to look at me before saying, "They are even saying that they want to try you for treason for trying to start another war between our country and the Dwarven Kingdom."

I gave a nod with an understanding look, but there was still a trace of bitterness on my face.

I knew that the nobles weren't thinking about the kingdom at all, but rather they were thinking about their own benefits. So the reason why they wanted to punish me was to restrain the power that I currently had in this kingdom.

If there really was a war, all they would do is hide in their territories again or even switch sides if they felt that it was necessary.

But still, I did have to be punished for this.

Angela suddenly stepped forward and said, "If anyone should be punished, it should be us. We were the ones that forced him to go there in the first place and we were the ones that forced him to take the wyverns. So we'll take the punishment in his place."

When he heard this, the king looked like he had been punched in the chest.

With a sigh, the king said, "It's true that when a daughter finds love, she doesn't care about her family anymore."

The fourth prince nodded in agreement as he said, "It really does seem to be the case, royal father."

The two of them were acting like what Angela had said didn't matter.

They were saying this like they were just chatting instead of discussing something serious.

Angela remained silent at first since she wanted to respect the two of them and since there was nothing to gain from losing her temper over this. But seeing that neither of them were taking this seriously, she couldn't take it anymore.

She slapped her hand down on the table and said, "What are you two talking about? This is serious."

The king shook his head with a bitter smile before saying, "Darling, you're worrying too much. From the very beginning, we had no intention of punishing either of you. There's no need for you to care about what the other nobles were saying, all that matters is that..."

He slowly looked at my crotch again before saying, "All that matters is that an heir can be born."

There was a blush that appeared on her face when she heard this.

I just shook my head with a bitter smile before saying, "You took it a bit too far."

I had already guessed that this was the case earlier with how the two of them were acting, but Angela had reacted before I was able to say anything.

So in the end, it ended like this.

Angela turned to look at me with an angry look before saying, "You knew?"

I shook my head quickly before saying, "It was just a hunch, I wasn't a part of this at all."

She narrowed her eyes to look at me before slowly giving a nod. Then she turned back to glare at her father and her brother once more.

The fourth prince suddenly broke this tense moment by saying, "But of course, even if we don't punish him, this does give us a unique opportunity to dig out the roots once and for all."

I was caught off guard by what he said before suddenly narrowing my eyes to look at him.

After looking at the fourth prince like this for a bit, I asked, "Are you sure about this?"

It was the king who answered by saying, "It's been a long time since we've cleaned up the court. People have become complacent and it's something that should be done. Not to mention, it'll be the right time since I'll be stepping down soon."

Both Angela and I were surprised to hear this, but we were surprised for different reasons.

She was surprised since that meant that we would be married soon.

I was surprised since I never thought that the king would abdicate so soon.

Or rather, I didn't want him to abdicate so soon.

It wasn't a good thing for him to abdicate soon since that meant that I would have to take the throne which was what I didn't want to do.

But it didn't seem like anyone would be able to talk him out of this based on the look on his face.

So I turned to the fourth prince and asked, "What's the plan?"

Since it was inevitable, it was better to get involved in the plan from the beginning than to be dragged along by them.

The fourth prince revealed a sly smile as he said, "Well the plan is..."

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Chapter 754 A talk about the fourth prince

The discussion about the plan lasted for a while and when it was over, the sun had already set.

Since the sun had set, it meant that it was time for dinner.

So all four of us headed to the royal dining room.

This was one of the parts that I enjoyed about staying in the castle.

The royal castle was the home of the royal family, which meant that it was a place where the best resources of the nation were gathered. That meant that the best cooks were gathered here to make meals for the king and his guests.

The dishes that were brought out always made me feel like my tongue was melting when I bit into them.

No matter what, I was already determined to keep these cooks and give them even more funding when I took over as king.

This was something that I had decided the first time I had their food.

As for the mood during dinner, it wasn't the mood that one would think would be present at a dinner for royals. Instead of being on edge and guarded against each other, we were just casually talking with each other like it was a normal family meal.

That was how relaxed we were with each other.

Though if any of the other princes had survived...it would have been different.

During this dinner, there was an interesting topic that was brought up.

It was brought up by Angela who had been silently eating her food the entire time.

Before she brought up the topic, she turned to look at the fourth prince with a sly look.

The fourth prince couldn't help trembling as he felt that something was wrong, but he wasn't able to stop her from saying what she said.

Angela suddenly turned to the king and said, "Royal father, now that my wedding has been decided, what about my little brother's wedding? It seems like his partner still hasn't been decided on yet."

The king was surprised to hear this, but he gave a nod in response before turning to look at the fourth prince with a serious look and asking in a worried voice, "That's right, old fourth. What are you planning to do about that? I've already asked you about this

many times, but you've always avoided giving me an answer. If you don't give me an answer today, don't think about leaving."

An awkward and bitter smile appeared on the fourth prince's face when he heard this.

He slowly turned to me with a look like he was asking me for help, but I just looked at him with a smile on my face.

That smile made it clear that I wasn't planning on helping him.

Rather, the smile made it clear that I was on the opposite side.

It was my petty way of getting a bit of revenge on the fourth prince for everything that he had already put me through.

Though it would be a lie to say that I wasn't interested in whether the fourth prince did have someone in his heart.

That was because I knew that there was someone that had the fourth prince in her heart.

After a long silence, the fourth prince said, "I'll be too busy with work for stuff like that. There's still so many things that we have to do, so it'll be hard for me to think about that."

The king shook his head as he said, "No, no, a family is something important. It's something that motivates you to work even harder and it's something that can provide comfort when you're feeling down. You should build your family as soon as possible."

The fourth prince had another awkward look appear on his face when he heard this.

Angela didn't back down either as she said, "Your older sister is about to get married and you're still alone, don't you think that this is embarrassing?"

There was an awkward silence that filled the air as the fourth prince didn't say anything in response to this.

With the look that was on his face, it really seemed like he wanted to be anywhere but here.

So I took a deep breath and said, "Well, what about people that you already know? I'm sure that there are those that are interested in a handsome young man like you."

The king raised a brow before turning to look at me to ask, "Who? Are you saying that there's people that old fourth is close to?"

Angela glared at me before pouting her lips to say, "Why didn't you tell me sooner?"

An awkward smile appeared on my face before I opened my mouth to say something.

But before I could, the fourth prince suddenly stood up and said, "This is my business, please don't interfere in it."

All three of us were surprised by the fourth prince's sudden outburst.

We looked at him with strange looks, but it seemed like he wasn't willing to say anything else on this matter.

However, I could see that there was a different look in the fourth prince's eyes when he said this. It was almost as if he had already come to a decision on what he would do.

It was almost as if...he already knew who he wanted to be with.

So a smile crept onto my face as I said, "You should know that you shouldn't keep them waiting for too long. It's not fair for them to keep waiting for that long."

The fourth prince was taken aback to hear this.

But after his expression changed a few times, he just gave a simple nod.

With that, I was satisfied since I had received my answer, but Angela was still confused.

Since she couldn't get anything out of the fourth prince, she turned to me who seemed to know the answer.

But before she could ask anything, the king suddenly said, "Alright, that's enough. You should know when to back down."

Angela was surprised once again, but she gave a nod in the end.

It seemed like even the king knew about the bond between men and that some things shouldn't be said out loud.

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Chapter 755 Finally punished

Two days later, the nobles were all gathered in the throne room.

I was also brought there, but it was different from before where I was allowed to move freely.

I was accompanied by two royal guards who seemed to be stopping my every action. It was as if they wouldn't allow me to move a single inch other than where they were allowing me to stand.

I was brought forth in front of everyone like this

When I came into the throne room, I could see the way that the nobles were looking at me.

It was clear that they were happy to see that I was being escorted by the royal guards like this.

Once all of the nobles arrived and I was brought forth in front of the king, the king suddenly said, "I'm sure that you have an idea of why we have been gathered here."

The nobles nodded in agreement before turning to look at me.

The king also narrowed his eyes to look at me before saying, "Do you have anything to say in your defense?"

I looked up at the king and then said, "I did what I did because it was an emergency. Everything was done because I had no other choice."

The nobles knitted their brows when they heard this before looking at the king with a worried look. It was as if they were afraid that the king would actually be convinced by the words that I said.

However, the king gave a snort before saying, "You almost caused a war and you're saying that you had no other choice? It's clear that there were other things that could be done. However, it's also clear that you are showing no signs of remorse at all over your actions. Since that's the case, there's no need for me to show you any mercy."

The nobles were completely caught off guard when they heard this, but then they quickly revealed excited looks since this was what they had been waiting to hear the entire time.

They had been worried that the king would let Duke Zwein go since he was his future son in law and because of the power that he controlled, but it seemed like he wasn't planning to.

In that case, it meant that they would be able to...

When I heard this, I knitted my brows as I said, "With the things that I've done for this kingdom, you are seriously planning on punishing me?"

The king gave a snort before saying, "All men in this kingdom are bound by the laws, there's no one that is above the laws."

I laughed at him before saying, "And you are the man who creates all the laws. So you're saying that you're even restrained by your own laws?"

The king didn't say anything in response to this.

The nobles all had worried looks when they heard this.

Though this was the situation that they wanted to see, the way that it was developing was not a good sign for them. After all, the way that they had wanted to see this go was the king punishing Duke Zwein and reducing his power a bit.

But with the way that the two of them were clashing, it almost seemed like it was developing into something that they were afraid of.

It seemed like Duke Zwein might even consider...

After a silent showdown between the two of them, the king said, "Your punishment will be that you will be brought to the punishment mine on the border and made to do hard labour for a month."

Everyone took a cold breath when they heard this.

After all, not a single one of the nobles had expected the king to give this kind of punishment.

This was a strict punishment that was given to serious offenders, not someone who would soon become their son in law.

But many nobles quickly revealed sly looks after hearing this.

This might be a sign that the king was going back on his decision to marry the princess to Duke Zwein...

This might be a sign that Duke Zwein was losing influence with the king and was being deposed from his position.

This was just what the nobles wanted to see since Duke Zwein was in a very terrifying position for them.

However, there was still a matter that was concerning for them.

It was about a certain thing that Duke Zwein controlled...

As if prompted by them, I suddenly said, "What if I don't want to? What can you do about that?"

All of the nobles felt a chill run down their spines the moment that they heard this.

This was what they were afraid of...

Before any of them could say a thing to me, the king slammed his fist down on the armrest of his throne and said, "How dare you say such things to me! Do you even know who you're in the presence of!"

The nobles once again trembled when they heard this.

But I gave them something to be more terrified of, "Do you think that you'll be able to control the wyverns without me? The moment that you try to do anything to me, who knows what will happen?"

Yes, the nobles were worried since I was the one that controlled all of the wyverns.

If I did something to them, then with how many wyverns were in the kingdom...it would be a complete disaster.

The nobles wanted to convince the king to calm down after hearing this, but the king suddenly raised his head to laugh into the sky. After laughing for a bit to the confusion of the nobles, the king said, "Is that supposed to be a threat?"

Before I could say anything, the king gave a snap and the fourth prince walked in.

The moment that I saw what was in the hands of the fourth prince, I said in a shocked voice, "Where did you get that?!"

Chapter 756 Turnaround

The nobles were all shocked by my reaction before quickly looking at what the fourth prince had in his hand.

It was a small round and smooth white stone that didn't seem like anything special, but to anyone that had the ability to sense it, they would be able to feel the magic energy fluctuations coming from this stone.

It was clear that this wasn't just any normal stone.

After the fourth prince came out, he didn't say any word until he was right up beside the throne. Then holding up the stone, there was a roar that came from outside of the castle.

This roar was powerful enough to fill the entire throne room, showing just how loud it really was.

There was no doubt that this would have caused chaos outside, but no one really cared about that right now. At this moment, all eyes were focused on the stone that was in the hands of the fourth prince.

The fourth prince brought the stone down and said, "You never thought that we would find it, right?"

I gritted my teeth and wanted to take a step forward, but the two royal guards suddenly brought down their spear to stop me. They held their spears crossed in front of me, preventing me from moving.

The eyes of the nobles lit up when they saw this as they could guess what this stone was.

Even if they weren't certain, they already had some ideas of what this stone was.

The fourth prince confirmed these guesses by saying, "That's right, it's the Wyvern Stone."

The nobles looked even more excited when they heard this.

Naturally they had heard the rumours of this Wyvern Stone, it was what had caused that large commotion in the capital not that long ago. Though many of them thought that it was just a rumour that was used to lure the princes out of the city for them to be slaughtered.

Now it turned out to be real and the fourth prince was holding it.

Based on the rumours of the Wyvern Stone, they knew that this thing had the power to control the wyverns. They knew that this was the thing that Duke Zwein had used to build up his power.

If the fourth prince had it now...it meant that they most likely took it from Duke Zwein when he wasn't looking.

It was no wonder the king suddenly decided to act like this.

Since Duke Zwein had lost his Wyvern Stone, he had lost the power that could cement his position. Without the Wyvern Stone, there really wasn't anything that Duke Zwein had to his name.

That was why the king was no longer cordial with the duke and was punishing him like this.

Everyone knew that once the duke left the capital, he would most likely never return.

There weren't many eyes in the mine on the border, so there's no telling what could happen when no one was watching. There were some things that shouldn't be said in this world...

But the nobles were all happy about this.

They had felt that Duke Zwein was a threat to them with how quickly he had risen up.

There was no doubt that he would be a thorn in their sides if he was allowed to live.

The king just ignored all of the nobles as he looked down at Duke Zwein, but then he suddenly looked up and said, "Before we sentence him, I wish to seek the counsel of my ministers. If there's anyone that wishes to speak up for him, speak up now."

There wasn't a single person that spoke up.

There were a few people that looked like they wanted to say something, but they kept their mouths shut in the end.

The king's eyes swept over them and he gave a nod before saying, "Now, if there's anyone that wishes to condemn the duke, speak up now."

This time, it wasn't as quiet as before.

There were some that immediately spoke up and called for the death sentence for crimes that had never been listed before.

There were some that only spoke up after everyone else spoke up, but their words weren't as harsh as the first ones to speak. It was as if they were still hesitating over something.

Finally, the king raised his hand and said, "Alright, I have heard your voices and will send the duke to two months of hard labour at the mine on the borders. If there's anyone else that has anything to say, then speak up now."

This time, no one said a thing.

They all knew that the king had already made his decision and he was only saying this out of ceremony.

There wasn't anything that they could say to actually change his mind.

Speaking up now would actually hurt them.

The king gave another nod before turning to the fourth prince to say, "You will lead the wyverns to escort the duke to the mine on the border. This will be an opportunity, so do not waste it."

All of the nobles immediately reacted when they heard this.

They knew what the opportunity the king mentioned was.

Now that the fourth prince had the Wyvern Stone, this would be their way of showing that the wyverns were now in the hands of the royal family. If the nobles wanted anything to do with the wyverns, they would have to listen to the royal family.

It was a way of establishing the might of the royal family.

So the nobles all started planning on how to treat the royal family in the future.

After all, those were wyverns!

Everyone wanted the power of the wyverns for themselves.

The fourth prince bowed his head before saying, "Your son obeys."

Then when he looked up again, he turned to look at me to say, "Brother, it seems like this will be our final trip together. I hope that you will try to enjoy it at the very least."

I just glared at the fourth prince as he said this.

Chapter 757 Paraded

After the punishment was decided, the fourth prince didn't waste any time.

With a snap of his fingers, there were several more royal guards that suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

The nobles were naturally surprised by the appearance of these royal guards, but they weren't afraid of them. Rather, the ones that had spoken up the most against me were all looking at me with looks of schadenfreude on their faces.

The royal guards quickly surrounded me and made sure that I wasn't able to do anything.

Just like this, I was led out of the throne room and made to walk out of the castle where there was a carriage that was waiting for me.

Seeing this, I had a grim look on my face.

This wasn't the normal kind of carriage that a noble would take, but rather this was a carriage that was clearly for transporting something. The carriage was nothing more than a cart that even had bars all around it that seemed like it was keeping something in.

This was clearly a cart for transporting prisoners.

The royal guards used their spears to 'guide' me into the prisoner cart.

Though it was more like they were forcing me into the cart rather than guiding me.

Once I was in, the fourth prince personally sat down in the driver's seat of this cart and grabbed the reins to the horses. With a flick of his wrist, the cart started moving forward.

The nobles that had followed after us were shocked to see this, but the ones that didn't like me had even stronger looks of schadenfreude on their faces. It was as if they wished that they could be driving the cart themselves with the expression that was on their faces.

But the fourth prince didn't let anyone approach as he had the royal guards surround the cart.

It was a parade.

They were parading me down the streets of the capital to show everyone that I had been captured.

The citizens that were walking through the streets were confused by what was happening at first, but it soon became clear to them what was happening. However, the moment that they saw that it was me who was in the carriage, there were some strange looks that were shot in my direction.

It wasn't strange in the way that they didn't like me and wanted to throw stuff at me.

It was strange in the way that they all seemed worried about me.

There were many people that turned up on the path that the cart traveled to the gate of the capital.

These people all had worried looks as they looked in my direction.

It even seemed like there were some of them that wanted to charge forward to help me if it wasn't for the fact that the royal guards were here.

But as more and more people showed up, it seemed like more and more of them were prepared to come forward to save me.

The nobles that had followed us from the castle to enjoy my trip through the capital saw this as well, so they immediately sent people forward to stop those people.

I was very confused why the people of the capital looked at me this way until I heard a few things from the crowd.

"Isn't that Duke Zwein? The hero of our kingdom?"

"Right, he's the one that saved us from the invasion of the other four kingdoms. He's a hero that saved the citizens of this kingdom, how could they treat him like this?"

"Don't you see who it is that's driving the cart? It's the fourth prince. It has to be a battle of power between the royal family and the duke..."

"But wasn't the duke supposed to marry the princess? Why would they suddenly fall apart like this?"

"What else could it be? The royal family must fear the power that the duke holds, so they don't want to see him rise any further. They must have found a way to take the power of the wyverns from him and must be suppressing him now...that's most likely why the wyverns were roaring earlier."

"Shh...do you not want to keep your heads anymore? Do you know what talking about this kind of stuff will bring?"

"But your wife and children were also saved by the duke..."

The nobles immediately cracked down on the ones that said the things near the end.

It seemed like they were threatened by these people and were afraid that the fourth prince would react to these words, but the fourth prince was solely focused on driving the cart. It didn't seem like the fourth prince was reacting at all to what was happening around him.

However, I couldn't help knitting my brows a bit because of this.

Because of the actions of the nobles, there were small clashes that started breaking out between the guards and the commoners.

The commotion that this caused continued to increase the noise around us until it completely drowned out everything.

Unless someone was right up beside us, they wouldn't have heard what we said...

So I took this chance to ask the fourth prince, "Was all of this really necessary?"

The fourth prince's expression didn't change at all as he still had that serious look on his face. But even with that serious look, he said in a playful voice, "If we don't put on a show, they won't believe that it's real. This is necessary for what is about to happen. If we don't do this, they'll never actually believe that this is real."

I still slightly knitted my brows as I said, "But the people..."

The fourth prince's voice became a bit darker as he said, "Don't worry, I'm noting down everything. They will receive their just desserts when the time comes, they won't be able to get out of it."

I just gave a sigh before sitting back in the cage and watching all of this happen.

I would enjoy it when these nobles received the punishment that they deserved.

Chapter 758 Showcase

When we reached the gates, the crowd that gathered had reached its peak.

The area around the gates was completely surrounded by people, so much so that the guards at the gates even had to come out to help out with crowd control.

It took a while for them to keep the crowd away so that the cart could continue forward.

As for outside the gates...the entry into the capital had been completely stopped for this matter. With how serious this was, it was better for them to suspend all entries until this matter was over.

The travelers that were waiting outside were naturally angry about being made to wait, but they soon realized that this was something serious when they saw the cart. There were many of them who recognized who I was, just like the people of the capital.

Many of them also reacted the same way as the people in the capital did, but they didn't do what the people in the capital did since there were just too few of them. Not to mention, the soldiers of the nobles were still here and at this point, they had even drawn weapons.

No one was going to risk their lives just to try and save me.

Or at least not when they met me for the first time.

Though it was clear that many of them seemed disappointed by what was happening.

At the same time, there were some that directly turned around and started heading off in different directions.

It seemed that these people had given up on going into the capital and were heading off to different places. They were most likely going to sell the information that they had witnessed firsthand to different places.

With all the different people that headed off, it would only be a matter of time before this matter spread all over the kingdom.

But the fourth prince didn't stop them.

The nobles naturally didn't stop them, they even looked like they were happy about this. It was like they wanted everyone in the kingdom to see my shame.

Though they didn't know that they were dancing in the palms of the fourth prince.

Once we were out of the capital, the fourth prince stopped the cart.

The nobles were all confused when they saw this, so one of them who had been chosen as the representative came forward to ask, "Your highness, why did you stop? Is something wrong?"

The fourth prince didn't answer this question as he reached into his pocket to take out a round and smooth white stone.

When the nobles saw this, all of them couldn't help taking a step back.

After all, they all recognized this stone and knew what this stone was.

If the fourth prince was taking the stone out at this time...

There was a roar that rang out through the air before several large figures suddenly appeared.

That included my wyvern, Joan.

She was the one that was leading the rest of the wyverns as they came down to where the cart was. However, they didn't land on the cart and landed in the area in front of the cart.

Once they landed, they bowed their heads to the fourth prince.

Though Joan did cast a small look to me that no one else noticed.

The fourth prince stepped forward to pat Joan on the head and whispered something in her ear that no one else could hear before getting on her back.

With a pat of her head, Joan suddenly flew back into the air and landed over the cart that I was in. Her claws came down to grab the side of the cart while the royal guards released the horses that were attached to the cart.

Then in one swift move, Joan lifted the cart off the ground.

The nobles were shocked to see this, but they quickly understood what happened.

The representative of the nobles came forward and asked the fourth prince, "Your highness, is it possible to borrow a wyvern or two? We wish to come along and see the fate of this traitor to the kingdom firsthand."

The other nobles nodded in agreement after he said this.

But the fourth prince just narrowed his eyes to look at the representative of the nobles before saying, "Don't you still have things to do for the kingdom? Or are you telling me that you're trying to skip out on your work?"

The nobles all revealed awkward looks when they heard this.

They had gotten so caught up in this matter that they had forgotten about their duties.

It was only when the fourth prince scolded them that they finally remembered that they had other things that they had to do.

So they had no choice but to back down in this matter.

Though as they left, they gave me one last look of schadenfreude as if they really enjoyed this.

I just ignored them as I laid there in my cage without any expressions.

They thought that I was being strong, but it was anything but that.

They didn't know what was really going to happen to them.

The fourth prince didn't waste any time after that and headed off with several wyverns that had his personal elite guards on them.

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The first stop that we made was a town.

It was a small town that was near the capital and it wasn't getting late yet, but the fourth prince stopped here.

The nobles of the town came out to greet him when he landed, but they were shocked to see the cage that I was in.

There were some that were happy about the situation and there were some that seemed disturbed after seeing me sit there in the cage like this.

But when I saw all of this, I understood what the goal of the fourth prince was to land in this small town.

A showcase.

I was being made into a showcase to properly sell our plan so that the enemies would buy it...

A helpless look appeared on my face when I realized this, but the nobles just thought that it was me feeling helpless about my current situation.

Chapter 759 A moment of respite

As we passed through this town, there were some nobles that suggested that they clear out a space so that the fourth prince could make a speech in front of their citizens.

Of course, that would also include showing off me, who was sitting in the cage.

They wanted to bring down my prestige as much as they could and to make sure that everyone knew that I had fallen this far.

They wanted to kick me when I was down.

It was clear that the nobles in this town were not on my side.

It was clear that these were nobles that disliked me, whether it was for personal or professional reasons.

But that was the reason why the fourth prince chose to bring me here in the first place.

He wanted to show my predicament off to these nobles to help sell our cover. At the same time, he wanted to make preparations for when we took down these nobles since this plan was also targeting them.

In the end, the fourth prince said, "No, there are still other places that we have to go before today ends. I just came here to show you all the plight that Duke Zwein is in and I hope that you will..." After a pause, the fourth prince revealed a sly look as he said, "Help me spread the news of this."

The nobles had looks of understanding slowly appear on their faces before they all nodded in agreement with smiles on their faces.

As soon as they heard this, they knew what the fourth prince was asking of them.

He was asking them to help spread the news even further so that my reputation would be ruined even more.

He was basically telling them to help destroy me, which was what they wanted to do in the first place.

So the nobles naturally agreed to this without any hesitation.

With that, the fourth prince had Joan pick up the cage once more and headed off to the next town.

Just like this, we made our way to three different towns and one city, only stopping in the city since it was getting late.

The fourth prince was given a residence by the nobles of the city and it was there that I was finally let out of the cage.

The nobles had wanted to keep me in the cage, but the fourth prince just simply said, "Do you want him to escape? By leaving him outside in a cage, you're making it easy for him to escape. Instead, it is better to keep him in the residence with all of my guards keeping watch."

The nobles were surprised by this, but they realized that the fourth prince was right.

Being in a cage outside was too dangerous since it was too dark and the space was too open. There was anything that could happen during this time that could allow the prisoner to escape.

It was better to keep the prisoner in a place that was enclosed and filled with guards than to keep them outside.

The nobles wanted to offer their own guards to keep watch over Duke Zwein as well, but the fourth prince completely rejected their offer in the end.

Since the fourth prince rejected, there was nothing that the nobles could do other than leave their guards nearby to watch over the residence in case anything happened.

But the fourth prince didn't care about that.

Once we were inside of the residence, that was when I finally had freedom.

The chains that were locking up my hands were taken off and I was able to wash up before meeting the fourth prince in one of the bedrooms.

"So, how did it feel to be a prisoner like that?" The fourth prince asked with a teasing smile.

A bitter smile crept on my face as I shook my head and said with a sigh, "It definitely is an experience. I'm not sure if I would want to experience something like this again though."

But when I thought about it, it wasn't as if this was the first time that I had been treated like this.

The first time was when I had arrived in this world, I had been put in the dungeon by the baron after he bought me for his wife.

That was how I had arrived in this world and I was experiencing something like this again...It really was a strange feeling.

Still, it wasn't as if I was actually a prisoner.

After sitting down and resting for a bit, I asked with a serious look, "How do you think this will go? Do you really think it'll all go as planned?"

The teasing smile disappeared from the fourth prince's face as he revealed a look of deep thought.

After a moment of silence, he said, "There shouldn't be a problem. I've already made sure to take care of all the things that could go wrong and I've even taken precaution against things that no one would expect. So in the end, it should be fine."

I looked at him with narrowed eyes for a bit before slowly giving a nod.

There still seemed like many things that could go wrong with this, but at the very least he seemed confident.

So far, nothing had gone wrong, so it wasn't as if I could say anything.

Though I did feel like it wouldn't turn out as simple as the fourth prince thought it was.

For now, I just sat back on the couch that I was on and relaxed.

The fourth prince saw this and said with a smile, "What's wrong? Are you that tired?"

With a bitter smile, I said, "You can try being in a cage and telling me how it feels. This is the only downtime that I'll have during this time, so I'll make the most out of it."

The fourth prince gave a nod with a faint smile, but he didn't say anything.

Chapter 760 The real destination

Over the next few days, I was dragged to several other towns and cities.

The visit to each town and city went the same way where we were greeted by the nobles and I was shown off to them.

The reactions from the various towns were different, but at the same time, there were similarities between them.

The first town was the one that had the strongest reaction as almost all of the nobles were against punishing me. But in some of the other towns, it was clear that there were nobles that weren't certain about this.

These nobles didn't seem like they supported my capture like this, but they also didn't have enough power to stop this.

These were nobles that were strong enough to be considered powerful in their own territories, but this was a decree that came from the king. Not to mention, the fourth prince was also here escorting me to the mines where I would be punished.

If they were to do anything to help me, there was no doubt that they would be punished as well.

So even if they didn't support it, they had no choice but to pretend that they didn't disagree.

Though it was clear by the looks in their eyes that they didn't support this.

I made sure to take mental note of these nobles for the future.

They were most likely the ones that the fourth prince would spare.

Though it was also possible that they just didn't feel this way towards me and were still committing certain crimes, so the fourth prince would still be cleaning them up. Still, they made a good impression on me since they didn't instantly judge me.

Like this, we made our way to the western border where the mines were located.

However, it wasn't as if the mines were our final destination in the first place.

From the very beginning, there was a certain place that we were heading towards.

It was a city that was on the western border.

No, to simply call it a city on the western border wasn't doing it justice.

It was the largest city in the western part of the kingdom and it was a city that was ruled over by a duke.

Since it was the capital city of the west, it was naturally...Vayne City.

This was the territory of Duke Yuletide and the Yuletide Family.

They were the target this time.

We had come up with this entire plan just to take care of Duke Yuletide and the Yuletide Family since they were the last obstacle that had to be cleaned up before I took over the kingdom.

This was a family that had been plotting against the royal family for all these years and had remained hidden all this time. If I was to allow this family to continue to exist during my reign, then there was no doubt that they would become a problem in the future.

So I had to take them out here and now before I took over the throne.

When we arrived in Vayne City, we were surprised to find that...

"Your highness, is this really all necessary?"

That was the first thing that Duke Yuletide said when he saw me in the cage.

The fourth prince knitted his brows when he heard this before saying, "Are you saying that you wish to defy the royal decree?"

Duke Yuletide didn't panic in the face of these accusations and calmly said, "No, of course not. I'm just saying that there's no need to treat Duke Zwein like this, right? He is the hero of our kingdom, the one that saved us all during the war. Someone like this shouldn't be treated in such a manner, right?"

With the way that he said this, we might have actually believed that he was concerned about me if we didn't know what kind of person he really was.

But what surprised us even more was that it wasn't just Duke Yuletide who was acting this way.

The other nobles of the city all seemed like they were willing to speak up to me, even though they shouldn't have had the status to speak up for me. They should have been too afraid of the royal family to speak up for me like this, yet here they were all supporting Duke Yuletide.

It seemed that he really had quite a bit of power in this Vayne City that he could get these nobles to support him like this. Especially when the other side was the royal family.

The Yuletide Family had really built up their power well over the generations...

That was what made them troublesome to deal with.

Or at least they would have been troublesome if we didn't find something that we could use against them.

It was their hidden secret and where most of their power lay, which was why we were certain that we could deal with them.

It was also the reason why the fourth prince had come up with this plan.

The fourth prince just silently listened to all of the protests of the nobles with a calm look on his face. It was as if he wasn't bothered at all by the words that they were saying.

But in reality, it was different under the surface.

The fourth prince was filled with disdain towards these people as he thought to themselves, "What hypocrites. They sell themselves to the Yuletide Family and betray the kingdom, yet they can speak of loyalty to the kingdom like this."

Finally, the fourth prince said, "Are you all done?"

The nobles were surprised to hear this from the fourth prince.

Duke Yuletide slightly knitted his brows before asking, "Your highness, is there a problem?"

The fourth prince just calmly said, "This isn't a matter of who has a reputation as a hero or not, this is simply an enforcement of the laws of the kingdom. We must show that no one is above the laws, not even those at the top or else anarchy will spread through the kingdom. Do you understand?"

Duke Yuletide was a bit caught off guard when he heard this, but he eventually said with a helpless sigh, "Yes, I understand."