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Though Duke Yuletide said he understood, the things that he did showed that he was thinking the opposite.

After meeting us at the gate, we were led to his manor where he would be hosting us.

Along the way, we didn't meet a single person.

It was as if in this large Vayne City, everyone had disappeared.

There wasn't a single person who was walking in the streets, it even seemed like the streets had been completely cleaned up of any traces of people with how barren it was.

The fourth prince knitted his brows before asking Duke Yuletide, "What is the meaning of this?"

Duke Yuletide just calmly said, "The people have better things to attend to, so they aren't here."

The way that he said this made it sound natural, but it was clear that he had a hand in this. It was clear that he had made sure that not a single person would be here as I was transported through the city.

If one didn't know better, they would have thought that he was completely on my side with how much he was doing to help me keep my prestige.

If I didn't know what he was truly about, he might have fooled me.

But I knew that this was clearly just nothing more than a ruse.

There was something that he wanted from me, which was why he was putting on this charade in the first place. He was doing all of this just so he could build up rapport with me.

Once he did that, he would surely try to use that rapport to get what he wanted from me.

I wasn't going to let myself be fooled by him, but at the very least, I should play along.

Seeing that there wasn't a single person in the street, I turned to give Duke Yuletide a grateful look.

A faint smile appeared on his face as he gave a nod to me before he went back to having the same expressionless look on his face.

The fourth prince narrowed his eyes to look at Duke Yuletide for a bit before saying, "I don't know what you're playing at here, but do you think that this will end well for you?"

Duke Yuletide just looked right back at the fourth prince and calmly said, "I don't know how this will end, but I can't just abide silently by this."

The fourth prince gave a snort before saying, "Very well, do what you want. Just know that I've remembered this."

Duke Yuletide gave a simple nod before leading the way forward to his manor.

When we arrived, it was already getting late, so the fourth prince and his men were led inside. Duke Yuletide had prepared a banquet for them to enjoy after their long journey.

For once, the fourth prince actually agreed to this.

At the same time, the fourth prince didn't give the same argument as before where he wanted to keep me close and confined. This time, the fourth prince agreed to leaving my cage right in the center of the manor where the duke's men would guard me.

He didn't even bother leaving a single one of his men behind as he allowed the duke to take charge of guard duty.

It might seem like the fourth prince was being negligent, but it was just him setting a trap for the duke. The duke didn't mind this since he had a trick up his sleeve that he could pull.

It was because of what he would use to set off the trap.

Since my cage was left right in the center of the manor yard, it was quite easy for me to break out of if I wanted to break free.

There were guards that were standing around me, but it didn't seem like they were that motivated to do their jobs.

This was even further proven when they were suddenly knocked out.

There was no resistance at all from the guards, it was as if they wanted to let the people who knocked them out knock them out. It was clear that the guards and the people that were here were on the same side.

These people surrounded the cage and after a few seconds, they pulled out the key for the cage.

Well, it wasn't the real key since this key was kept by the fourth prince and it would be impossible for them to steal it. So it was clear that this was some kind of replica that was made.

The only problem was how could they make a replica so soon...

Unless there was some kind of internal leak...

Or that would be the case if the fourth prince hadn't already planned for this and had leaked the key himself. That was the reason why they were able to make this key.

"Sir Zwein, please come with us. We are breaking you out." The leader of these people said this to me.

I looked at this person before saying, "And why should I go with you?"

The leader wasn't surprised since he knew that no one would just go with someone that they were meeting for the first time. So instead, he pulled out a token before saying, "This is the token of my master. He hopes to meet with you."

Seeing this, I gave a nod before standing up to follow them.

This was what I had been waiting for, even though I had no idea just what kind of move that person would make.

The last move I would have expected was a direct break like this, but they must have their reason for doing this...

The token that the leader had shown was the token of the Yuletide Family.

That meant that these people worked for Duke Yuletide.

It was no wonder the guards allowed them to knock them out that easily.

They must have already planned everything.

After breaking me free of my bindings, these people quickly took me away from the manor and into the streets of Vayne City.

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Naturally, this escape wasn't missed by those that were inside the manor.

An hour later, the fourth prince found out that the prisoner was missing and he flew into a rage.

"How could you let him escape?" The fourth prince said as he pointed his finger in Duke Yuletide's face.

Duke Yuletide his head down as he said, "I'm sorry, your highness. I never expected him to suddenly make a break for it. I'll be sure to punish the guards that let this happen."

Though he said this, it was clear that he wasn't actually planning on doing anything like that.

The fourth prince narrowed his eyes to look at Duke Yuletide before saying, "I don't care what you have to do, find him! I'll give you three days to find him or else you should know what will happen."

Duke Yuletide slightly knitted his brows when he heard this, but he still gave a nod in the end.

After all, there was no denying that this was his fault.

The fourth prince just looked at him for a bit longer before turning around to head back inside.

Duke Yuletide was surprised to see this so he asked, "Your highness, where are you going?"

The fourth prince stopped and looked at Duke Yuletide to say, "Where else would I be going? I'm going back to enjoy myself."

Duke Yuletide was even more surprised when he heard this, but he didn't let that surprise show on his face. After a moment of silence, he said, "Then please enjoy yourself, your highness."

The fourth prince gave a nod before heading in without turning back once.

When Duke Yuletide was left alone there, there was someone that came up to him.

This was the captain of the guards that had been in charge of watching over the cage.

When he came over, he bowed his head and asked, "My lord, what should we do now?"

Duke Yuletide didn't answer this question as he turned to pat this captain on the shoulder before saying with a smile, "Good job. You can leave the rest to me."

The captain of the guard was surprised, but he quickly gave a nod before turning to leave.

Once Duke Yuletide was alone again, he stroked his chin and said to himself, "Strange, why would he act this way?"

The person that he was referring to was the fourth prince.

The fourth prince that he knew wouldn't act this way since he was someone who was very serious about the things that he did. There was no way that someone like him would have just ignored this break out to go back to partying.

He would have surely sent his men out to find the prisoner who escaped and captured them regardless of the cost.

It wasn't just the rumours about the fourth prince that Duke Yuletide had this impression of the fourth prince, it was also his own investigations into the fourth prince.

Duke Yuletide had full confidence in his information network since this was something that had been developed for many generations now.

So he was certain that the fourth prince was up to something.

"How should I go about this?" Duke Yuletide said to himself.

If he didn't nip this problem in the bud, it might develop into something that was bad for him...

So it seemed like it should be better to take some kind of action.

After being lost in thought for a bit, Duke Yuletide suddenly gave a snap.

When he did, there was a dark clothed figure that suddenly appeared behind him. It was as if this dark clothed figure had just appeared out of nowhere.

After appearing, that dark clothed figure bowed down to Duke Yuletide and said, "My lord."

Duke Yuletide didn't respond to this and just simply asked, "Has the package been secured?"

The dark clothed figure gave a nod before saying, "They've already taken the package to that place and are just awaiting your instructions. There are no problems on that side at all."

Duke Yuletide gave a nod, but he didn't say anything else as he was lost in thought again.

After a long time, he finally said, "Perhaps I should provoke that side a bit to see if I can get some information. Even if I don't get any information, I should be able to gain a few things by making this move."

Then with a satisfied nod to what seemed to be himself, Duke Yuletide said, "Go cut off the head of the captain of the guard and present it to the fourth prince."

The dark clothed figure just simply gave a nod before standing up to leave.

This dark clothed figure wasn't surprised at all by the cruelty that Duke Yuletide was demonstrating since he was already used to it.

Once the dark clothed figure left, Duke Yuletide stroked his chin again for a bit before saying, "Now that all the pieces are in my hands, it's all about how I play them. With this, I should be able to accomplish the generations long wish of my family."

A smile slowly appeared on his face as he said this.

If there was anyone there to see that smile, they would have been shocked.

This was different from the friendly smile that Duke Yuletide normally had on his face.

This was the smile that a villain would have.

No, it was even beyond that.

This was the smile that a psychopath would have.

This was just the pressure that came from generations of expectations placed on him, causing him to be pushed to the brink.

But it was all about to end with this.

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When the blindfold was removed from my eyes, I found that I was in a luxurious room.

This was clearly a room that was designed to show off wealth and provide comfort, but the problem was...

Where was this?

"My lord, if you please, we have prepared a bath for you."

I was surprised by this voice that suddenly rang out.

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Turning around, I found that there were two maids that were waiting there along with two dark clothed people who had their faces hidden.

With the way that the maids had been waiting there, it was as if they had been waiting there the whole time just to serve me.

But I shook my head in the end and said, "No need. I'll talk to your master first."

The maids were surprised to hear this before looking at the two cloaked figures as if they didn't know what to do.

To be fair, the two of them were quite beautiful. They were definitely beauties that would have been able to make heads turn just by walking down the street.

However, they weren't at the same level as my wives, so it wasn't as if they could do anything to me.

In a way, having beautiful wives was a good way to build up resistance to beauty.

So I wasn't taken aback by them like they thought would happen.

For a brief second, I could even see the two of them looking at me with a strange look.

They were so confident in their appearance that...they even looked at me as if they were wondering if I swung the other way.

I really didn't know where they gained this confidence from.

Perhaps it was because they were big fish in a small pond and they had never gone far enough to see people more beautiful than them.

Either way, it didn't matter to me.

What mattered was that one of the black clothed figures said, "You'll do that after you wash up. The boss is a clean freak and he won't talk to you unless you clean yourself up first."

A bitter smile crept onto my lips when I heard this.

I looked at the black clothed figure with that bitter smile and asked, "Really? Do I have no other choice? It seems like this is something that can't be delayed."

But to my surprise, the black clothed figure just shook his head and said, "I've already told you, the boss won't talk to you unless you clean up."

To be fair, I was guite dirty since I had been traveling in a cage for several days.

Even if I was let out of the cage at night, it wasn't as if I could clean myself up or it would have seemed suspicious.

So I understood that they felt that I was a bit dirty.

I went along with it and took a bath, though I didn't allow the maids to follow me to help me.

They were clearly disappointed and they still looked at me with the same look, but they listened to what I said and left me alone. It seemed that I had some sway since they felt that it was important enough to bring me here in the first place.

But as for what this place was...

When I finished bathing and changed into new clothes, the two dark clothed figures came to pick me up again.

Though I couldn't see their faces since they had masks covering them, I could tell by the way that they were looking at me that they were impressed with what they were seeing.

One of them even whistled and said, "I guess it's true that clothes do make a man."

I shook my head with another bitter smile before saying, "Are we here to chat or are you going to bring me to your master?"

The two of them looked at me for a bit before nodding in agreement.

After turning around and walking off, one of them waved their hand at me to follow them.

I just hesitated for a second before following them out of the room that they had left me in.

After coming out, I found that this was a luxurious manor that was in the center of Vayne City.

As for why I knew this was Vayne City, that was because I could see a familiar manor in the distance. This was a manor that I had seen not that long ago.

It was the duke's manor.

That meant that this place wasn't even that far from the duke's manor where the fourth prince and the others were, but they felt safe enough to stay in this place. This just went to show how much power that they had that they felt safe enough to stay in a place like this that was right under the nose of the fourth prince and his elite guards.

They led me down a hall to what seemed to be an office.

The two dark cloaked figures stopped at the entrance and opened the door for me before gesturing for me to go in alone.

The two of them were just standing there at the door as if they were going to keep guard.

As for what they were keeping guard against...it was hard to tell.

Was it against an enemy or was it to make sure that I didn't run away?

I didn't know, but there was nothing for me to do other than go into this office.

After entering, I saw that there was a similarly black clothed figure that was sitting at the desk in this office.

They were just sitting there with a casual manner to them, but there was also a pressure that came from them even though they sat there doing nothing.

This was a natural kind of pressure that came from a person that held a high position or commanded a lot of power.

So there was no doubt that this person was a leader in this place.

This person just gestured for me to sit down in the seat in front of him.

After a moment of hesitation, I went forward to sit down across this person.

There was a moment of silence before they said, "Your grace, I'm sure that you're wondering why we've brought you here. First let me introduce myself, I am the head of the Snake Syndicate."

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The moment that I heard this, I slightly knitted my brows.

The black clothed figure who was sitting there in front of me didn't say anything, but I could see by the change in the look in their eyes that they seemed proud of this.

But they seemed to have misunderstood something.

This reaction from me wasn't because I was surprised by the fact that they came from the Snake Syndicate, it was surprise from the fact that they would suddenly admit something like this.

At the same time, I knew that I had to be in some kind of danger for them to suddenly say this.

After a long silence, the black clothed person said, "I'm sure that this comes as a shock and you must be confused why you've been brought here, but let me explain it for you. It's very simple, you no longer have a path forward with the royal family turning against you, so we want to work with you."

The way that they said this made it very clear that they wanted something from me.

But I already knew that from the moment that they went that far to break me out.

Then to my surprise, the black clothed person reached up and pulled their hood and mask off, revealing their face. This was a face that was very forgettable, a face that one might have seen many times on the street.

In short, this was the perfect face that one could have as someone who worked in this line of work since it was so easy to forget.

It made sense that this person was in charge of the Snake Syndicate.

As for what the Snake Syndicate was, it was one of the largest crime organizations in the kingdom.

The reason why they had never been caught before was because they operated like their namesake, a snake. They would separate themselves at multiple different levels and if they were ever caught, they would shed their skin by cutting off the ones that were caught.

So until now, they had been able to operate without anyone ever touching their foundations.

In fact, no one knew who was even at the head of the Snake Syndicate.

That was until my last trip to Vayne City.

Shadow Five had been able to discover something quite amazing by accident.

That was that the Yuletide Family were the ones that were in charge of the Snake Syndicate.

That was why I wasn't surprised by the fact that he was the head of the Snake Syndicate, I was surprised by the fact that he would admit it that easily.

The Yuletide Family had never associated with the Snake Syndicate and had done a lot to suppress it just to seem like they weren't associated with them. So for this person to admit that they were from the Snake Syndicate, especially when we were this close to the duke's manor...

That was just like admitting that the Yuletide Family was connected to all of this.

The head had been waiting for me to say something, but he saw that I didn't say a single word, so he said, "I'm sure that this is a lot for you to take in, but know that we are short on time here. There's a lot to do and so little time, so please make a decision quickly."

I narrowed my eyes to look at him before saying, "What are you proposing?"

The head was a bit surprised to hear this instead of an answer, but he remained calm as he said, "You don't get to ask anything right now. There's only two ways that this will go, you can either say yes or no."

I didn't say anything in response, which prompted him to push further by saying, "One way will end in your death later and one way will end in your death now. So what will you choose?"

Looking into his eyes, I said with a calm smile, "Then kill me now. Unless I know what I'm getting into, there's no reason for me to agree. I would rather die a quick death than struggle without any hope."

The head was completely taken aback when he heard this.

It was clear that he didn't expect to hear this.

He looked at me for a moment as if he was trying to figure out if I was being serious or not, but then he suddenly gave a laugh before saying, "Good, good, I knew that I liked you for a reason."

After laughing for a bit, he calmed down and said, "Fine, we can talk. I like someone that I can work with instead of an idiot who only knows how to follow orders."

With a more serious look, he said, "What we're trying to do is take control of the wyverns from the fourth prince. I'm sure that there's something that you can do about it as the person that once controlled them, right?"

I narrowed my eyes before saying, "They took the stone from me, what can I do about it?"

The head revealed a smile as he said, "You don't need to worry about that, we can get the stone back for you. The only thing you have to worry about is how to use that stone to take control of the wyverns."

I narrowed my eyes even more as I said, "I'm sure that this won't be all that you're looking for. After all, giving me control of the wyverns again has no benefits for you."

The head gave a nod as he said, "That's right. We'll only do this if you give us control of two thirds of the wyverns before we do anything else. If you try anything, we'll kill you and take the stone back before you can even do anything. I'm sure that you won't doubt that we have the capability to do that."

"Ho, two thirds? Aren't you generous?" I said in a teasing voice.

The head didn't react to this at all as he stood up and said, "Come with me. There's someone I want you to meet."

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I hesitated for a second, but eventually I stood up and followed the head out of this office.

It wasn't as if there was anything for me to do if I were to stay in this office, so it was better to go along and see what they were up to.

The head led me out of this office and to another room that was near the center of the manor.

I found that the office that we were in before was an office that was at the edge of the manor. The one that we had just come to was one that was right in the center, near the entrance of the manor.

It was clear that this office was the main office of this manor.

Once we were here, the head suddenly stopped right outside of the door of this office and stood there.

The way that he acted was just like how the other black clothed figures had acted previously.

The way that he was acting, it was clear that he was the subordinate of whoever was inside this room.

It was surprising to see that he was willing to act as a subordinate, but I could already guess who was inside the room because of this. But at the same time, I couldn't help being even more surprised since I never thought that person would come himself.

Perhaps it was just a proxy of that person?

After he stopped, the head opened the door for me and turned around to say, "He's waiting for you inside."

With the door open, I was able to see who it was that was waiting there for me.

It was exactly who I thought it was...

Sitting there at that desk was Duke Yuletide, but I couldn't help being surprised by the fact that it really was him.

I never thought that someone like him would do something like this.

No, it was better to say that I was surprised by how resolute he was on this matter.

Since he was willing to show himself in this place, it was clear that he had already made up his mind and knew what he wanted to do. That meant that if I were to go against him...it would most likely end up in my death.

Seeing that I was just standing there, Duke Yuletide waved his hand at me with a friendly smile on his face and said, "Duke Zwein, come over and let's have a talk."

The way that he said this was almost as if he was friends with me.

But there was a tone that was in his voice that almost made it as if I had no other choice. It was almost as if...if I were to disobey him, he might give the order to cut me down right away.

As if to enforce this, the head looked at me with a smile while his hand went to his waist.

Under his dark clothes, I could see that there was something that looked to be a sword that was at his waist. It seemed that if I were to disobey, he might really pull out that sword and cut me down on the spot.

So I had no choice but to go along with them.

To my surprise though, the head closed the door after I entered the room so that it was only Duke Yuletide and me in the room.

It was as if they were trying to hide what I was about to discuss with him.

But it didn't seem like they were afraid that I would do anything to Duke Yuletide when we were alone.

Though I knew that the reason why he wasn't afraid was that I didn't have any weapons and because...he had people watching over this room. They would be ready to stop me the moment that I tried anything.

That was why he wasn't afraid.

With the duke's position, there was no doubt that he would have some elite guards that were secretly guarding him out of sight.

So they would be able to stop me if I were to try anything.

After coming into the room, Duke Yuletide gestured to the chair that was in front of the desk and said, "Please, sit and let's have a talk."

The way that he said this was just like before.

It was clear that he wasn't giving me any choice in the matter.

It was either sit down or I would be taken out right away.

So I sat down in front of him and just narrowed my eyes to look at Duke Yuletide, as if I was trying to figure out what he was up to. Though in reality, there wasn't much for me to figure out since I could already guess what he was thinking.

The only thing that I really wanted to know was where he got this confidence from that he wouldn't fail.

After all, if he didn't have this confidence, there was no way that he would have shown himself to me like this.

What was giving him this kind of confidence?

Seeing that I didn't say anything, Duke Yuletide didn't seem to mind as he said, "I'm sure that you wouldn't want to waste any time, so I'll be straight with you. I want to take over this kingdom and I need your help to do it."

I narrowed my eyes even more after hearing this.

Duke Yuletide didn't seem to mind this at all as he just waited to see how I would respond.

After a long silence, I asked, "Why are you doing all of this?"

Duke Yuletide revealed a smile as he said, "It's all because of the royal family. They were the ones that robbed my family of everything that we were supposed to have."

It was like a dam had been released once he started talking about this.

Duke Yuletide started complaining about all the things that the royal family had 'done' to his family, even though it was clear that some of these things were nothing more than his delusions.

But from this, I could tell that the reason he was talking to me in the first place was because...

He felt a sense of resonance with me.

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Resonance...

Yes, it was a sense of resonance that could be heard from his voice.

That was because he felt that his family had been betrayed by the royal family all this time, so now that he saw me who had also been 'betrayed' by the royal family like this, he felt that we were similar.

That was why he went as far as revealing himself like this.

He was confident enough that he would be able to convince me to side with him against the royal family, which was why he wasn't afraid to show himself like this.

This was not something that I had expected when the fourth prince and I came up with this plan, but this was definitely something that I could use. After all, the trust gained from a misunderstanding was the best way that something could turn out.

It meant that I wouldn't have to do a single thing to gain the trust of this person who I wanted the trust of.

That would without a doubt make things much easier.

The problem was that I couldn't just be lured in that easily or else it would seem suspicious.

So I had to at least pretend that I was against this.

When he was done with his rant, Duke Yuletide clearly had a satisfied look on his face as he said, "You and I are the same, we were both betrayed by the royal family of this kingdom. There's no need for you to be loyal to those that would throw you away like this."

He reached his hand out towards me as he said, "I'm offering you the chance to stand on the right side of history. I'm offering you the chance to take what you deserve."

I looked down at the hand before looking back up at Duke Yuletide with an emotionless look on my face. I didn't say a thing as I just kept looking at him.

Duke Yuletide didn't seem offended by this as he kept looking at me with that same smile on his face.

Finally, I slowly said, "And what do you have to offer me if I do this? It isn't as if there is any guarantee that I'll be free after this, so there's no real reason for me to help you. After all, I'm dead one way or another."

Duke Yuletide once again didn't seem offended when he heard this as he just calmly said, "What if I say that I'll give my word?"

I gave a disdainful laugh before saying, "Do you really expect me to just trust your word? I'm not that foolish."

Duke Yuletide gave a nod before saying, "Of course not, I don't take you for a fool either. I know that this is a big matter that I'm asking of you, so what do you need to trust me?"

I narrowed my eyes to look at him before saying, "A written deal. I need evidence of this so I can use it against you if you try to do anything to me after this."

A teasing smile appeared on Duke Yuletide's face as he said, "You're not afraid I'll kill you and take it back?"

I just calmly said, "Do I have any other choice in this matter?

Duke Yuletide gave a nod before saying, "Well, at least you're cautious, I'll give you that. Though, you are right that you really don't have any choice on this matter."

Then in a more serious voice, he said, "I can give you some leeway. Since we are birds of a feather, as long as you're willing to submit to me, then I'll leave you as my second in command. I'll even let you marry my daughter when the time comes if that will make you more assured."

I narrowed my eyes again before saying, "The only thing that I want is to live in peace on my territory with my wives."

Duke Yuletide gave a casual nod when he heard this, but then he slightly knitted his brows as if he realized that something was off.

He narrowed his eyes to look at me before saying, "Are you including the princess among those wives?"

I looked right into his questioning eyes and gave a nod.

Duke Yuletide knitted his brows even more when he saw this.

In his plan, he had wanted to kill off every member of the royal family that had doomed his family to live the life that they were currently living. That naturally included the princess who was a part of the royal family.

But now...

Duke Yuletide just looked at me with the same look on his face, as if he was pressuring me. Only this time, I didn't back down at all as I looked right back at him with the same firm look on my face.

In the end, he gave a sigh and said, "Fine, just her. But that's only if she's willing to step down as the former royal family and give the title to me publicly."

I gave a nod in response to this before saying, "Then I'll work for you."

Duke Yuletide gave a satisfied nod when he heard this before saying, "You're making the right choice."

I didn't say anything in response to this, but Duke Yuletide didn't mind as he continued by saying, "Now tell me about this Wyvern Stone. I want to know everything about it."

I gave a nod before saying, "The Wyvern Stone is a special stone that can assert dominance over wyverns as long as it is used in the right way. That's why people have never been able to use it before I found it. However...the fourth prince tricked me and took the Wyvern Stone for himself."

Duke Yuletide stroked his chin before saying, "Then will you tell me how to use the Wyvern Stone?"

With a bitter smile, I asked, "Would you still need me if I were to tell you?"

Duke Yuletide shook his head with a smile, without hiding a thing.

Then he said, "Alright, let's talk about how we'll get it from the fourth prince and then how you'll use it to take care of them."

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Chapter 768 Hunting trip

For the first time in a while, I was finally let outside.

I was surrounded by several men in dark clothes that all belonged to the Snake Syndicate. They looked like they were there to protect me, but there was no mistake that they would have cut me down at any moment if they were even the slightest bit suspicious of me.

They had been sent by Duke Yuletide to make sure that I did what I was supposed to do.

As for what that was, there was a reason why I had been brought to the forest like this.

Simply put, I was here to accomplish our goal of taking the Wyvern Stone.

Why the Wyvern Stone would be here, there was a simple reason.

The fourth prince had suddenly proposed a hunting trip, which was why they would soon be arriving in this place.

Duke Yuletide had certainly been surprised that the fourth prince would suggest a hunting trip at a time like this, but it was also the perfect opportunity for him to accomplish his goals.

So he accepted and arranged everything related to this.

He wanted to make sure that the fourth prince wouldn't be able to do anything on this hunting trip.

Which was why he thought the fourth prince had arranged this hunting trip in the first place. He thought that the fourth prince wanted to bring him into the woods to do something to him.

But he would turn this around on the fourth prince.

That was what Duke Yuletide was thinking.

It was just too bad for him that the fourth prince was fully aware of this.

After all, the fourth prince had one spy that Duke Yuletide never would have suspected.

With my perfect acting, Duke Yuletide was fully convinced that I was on his side.

He never would have suspected that I was feeding the enemy information from the inside.

All of it was going from Shadow Five to the fourth prince.

So this was going to be where this all ended.

Duke Yuletide's plan was that he would find a way to distract the fourth prince so that I would be able to take the Wyvern Stone.

The reason why I was the one that was going to take the Wyvern Stone was because he thought that I was the only one that could use it. So he wanted me nearby to stop the wyverns just in case anything happened.

After all, if the wyverns weren't stopped even if the stone was taken, then it would all be meaningless.

In the face of the might of the wyverns, Duke Yuletide wouldn't be able to do anything even if he controlled the Snake Syndicate.

So the only thing that he could do was try to take the Wyvern Stone and control the wyverns before anything else happened.

The only thing was...

He never told me what his actual plan was.

Duke Yuletide had only said to wait for the signal and then come out to take the Wyvern Stone, but he had never told me what the signal was. So I was just left standing there with these thugs while feeling awkward.

It was very quiet in this forest and other than the sounds of nature, no one else said a thing.

It was clear that everyone else was tense as well.

That was until there was a sudden sound that came from the distance.

It wasn't a loud sound, but it was clear that there was something over there that was coming over to where we were.

That was when the dark clothed thugs suddenly made me hide in the bushes.

I wasn't able to see much, but I was eventually able to see a group of horses coming down the path that we were hiding near. Sitting on one of the horses was the fourth prince.

Beside the fourth prince was Duke Yuletide.

With the way that the two of them were interacting, it seemed like they were having a good time. However, not a single person bought this since they all knew that it was impossible for them to just be having a good time like this.

The group that was behind them was clearly tense.

That included both the fourth prince's people and Duke Yuletide's people.

Suddenly, Duke Yuletide's horse stopped in the middle of the road near where we were and he got off the horse.

He waved his hand at the fourth prince and then moved to the side while holding his stomach.

It was as if he was saying that he needed to use the washroom.

But as he walked over, he shot a look at our group as if he wanted us to do something.

I didn't know what he wanted, but the thugs around me did.

So they had me move closer to the fourth prince.

Was that really their plan?

Faking a bowel emergency and then having me run forward to grab the Wyvern Stone?

This seemed like a plan that any idiot could come up with no matter how one looked at it.

It didn't seem like something that Duke Yuletide would employ...

But it seemed that this wasn't the only thing that Duke Yuletide had prepared.

All of a sudden, there was a loud rustling that came from the bushes on the other side.

While everyone was turning to look in that direction, there was a roar that cut through the air. This was a powerful roar that could even pop eardrums if one was right beside the thing that gave this roar.

Then the bushes parted to reveal a large bear charging through it.

Everyone was surprised since they hadn't sensed the bear at all, but the fourth prince's men didn't hesitate to move in to stop the bear.

Duke Yuletide's people also moved, but they didn't go as forward as the fourth prince's men.

If I had to guess, this was most likely the signal that Duke Yuletide wanted me to take.

So I stood up and started moving towards the fourth prince.

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When Duke Yuletide was finished talking to me, I was escorted back to the same room as before.

The two maids were still there as if they were waiting to serve me.

They just stood there at attention as if they were waiting to cater to my every whim, but I could tell that there was a trace of disdain that was in their voice. It seemed that before I had arrived, there was someone that had told these maids some things.

If I had to guess, it was most likely the two black clothed figures that had escorted me back.

I could see that as they were leaving, they said a few things to the maids.

The way that they spoke to the maids showed that there was some kind of connection between them, as if they already knew each other before this.

At the same time, it was the kind of ambiguous connection that went beyond just being friends.

If I had to guess, the two of them were most likely intimate with these two maids.

That might be the reason why these two maids had even been chosen to serve me in the first place.

They were most likely using me to raise their own position, only to find that it might not be useful at all since I didn't have any power at all. They most likely found out that I was just being used by Duke Yuletide, so they were looking at me with disdain.

Though in reality, this was all just a ruse, so I didn't care what they thought.

Once the two black clothed figures left, the two maids turned back to me as if they were prepared to serve me.

However, I wasn't in the mood to entertain them, so I sent the two of them away.

The two of them didn't seem to mind.

In fact, they even seemed happy to leave.

It was as if they were planning on having some fun before turning in for the night, so they were most likely looking for the two black clothed figures.

I didn't really care about that since I wasn't interested in the two of them in the first place.

But that did raise an issue...

That meant that there were other guards that were watching over me.

After all, it was impossible for the duke to just leave me alone even though we had come to an agreement. There were all kinds of things that could suddenly come up, so he wouldn't be reckless or dumb enough to just leave me alone.

There was no doubt that he would assign someone to watch over me.

If it wasn't the maids or the two black clothed men, then it would be someone that was hidden that was watching over me.

That would be a big problem.

After all, I was certain that the fourth prince would send someone to contact me during this time to make sure that I was alright and to pass some information to me. Only when we maintained contact would we be able to properly plan things out.

But with the factor of these hidden guards, it was hard to say if the people the fourth prince sent would even be able to find me. Or even if they did find me, it would be hard to say if they would be able to reach me.

After all, I had no idea just how skilled the people that Duke Yuletide posted were.

It was possible that they might be even more skilled than the fourth prince's people in this matter.

But it turned out that this was an empty worry in the end.

I waited for half an hour and it seemed like nothing was going to happen, so I turned off the light and headed to bed.

That was when I found that there was a dark clothed figure that appeared.

However, it wasn't just any dark clothed figure that appeared. It was one that I was familiar with.

It was Shadow Five.

After she arrived, she shook her head at me and brought a finger up to her lip as if she wanted me to keep quiet.

I was confused why she was acting this way, but I was sure that she had her own reasons, so I stayed quiet.

During this, she moved around the room and placed what seemed to be a few pieces of metal on the walls around us. Only after she finished putting these things on the wall did she say, "Alright, we can talk now. Tell me everything that happened."

I had questions of my own that I wanted to ask her, but hearing the urgency in her voice, I just told her about everything that happened.

When I finished, I asked her, "What is the fourth prince planning on doing?"

Shadow Five didn't answer right away as she just stood there in silence for a bit.

But then she suddenly said, "Perfect, this is going exactly as his highness planned."

I was surprised to hear this, but I didn't get to ask any other questions as Shadow Five suddenly said, "Just keep playing along as I report everything back. I'll have more information for you tomorrow."

Then before I could say anything, she suddenly went to take those pieces of metal off the wall.

I didn't know what those pieces of metal did, but I was certain that it was used to keep others from hearing us. So as she was taking them down, I didn't dare talk out of fear that I would give up her position.

But I still looked at her with a look that made it clear that I had guestions for her.

It was just too bad that Shadow Five wasn't in any mood to listen to me.

She disappeared as quickly as she appeared, so the only thing that I could do once she was gone was give a sigh of disappointment.

I would have to wait until tomorrow like she said.

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Chapter 769 A ruse all along

When the dark clothed figures saw me stand up and move towards the fourth prince, they had no choice but to come out as well and follow me.

Though they walked in a calm manner to blend into the chaos, their hands were on their weapons.

They didn't let their guards down for even a single second as they were prepared to fight their way out if things went south. Though it was clear that the first person that they were prepared to kill if things went wrong was me.

We just casually walked forward towards the fourth prince.

It didn't seem like anyone noticed what we were doing as we approached the fourth prince.

The guards around us were all focused on the bear that had appeared out of nowhere.

"Stop it!"

"Protect his highness!"

"Don't let it get close to his highness!"

These were the things that were said by these guards as they were focused on the bear.

It seemed like everything was going according to plan until...we suddenly reached the fourth prince.

The dark clothed thugs didn't go with me as I approached the fourth prince since they were afraid of alerting the fourth prince. So instead, they were hiding nearby just in case anything happened so they could act at any moment.

I walked right over to the fourth prince's horse without anyone doing a single thing.

Even though there were still elite guards that were standing near the fourth prince, they didn't seem to stop me.

But then all of a sudden, the fourth prince turned to look in my direction.

With the way that he was looking me right in the eyes, it was clear that he was looking at me.

When the dark clothed thugs saw this, they all trembled with fear. Even a fool would be able to tell that they had been discovered and the plan had failed.

So there were some of them that raised their daggers, as if they were preparing to throw them.

Since they had failed, they could only do the other thing that they had been ordered to do.

They would clean up all remaining evidence and take care of Duke Zwein.

However, they never got a chance to do that.

As the fourth prince looked at me, I didn't say anything as I calmly moved forward towards the fourth prince on his horse. Even though the fourth prince noticed me, he didn't say a thing and the guards didn't do anything.

When I was right by the fourth prince's horse, the fourth prince suddenly reached his hand down to me and said with a smile, "Brother, it's been hard on you."

I gave a nod before saying, "You'll have to make it up to me once this is over."

With one quick pull, the fourth prince brought me up to his horse and I sat there behind him.

All of the dark clothed thugs were shocked when they saw this as their brains just couldn't process what had happened. Not a single one of them could understand what they were seeing.

Their eyes were seeing this, but they just couldn't understand what was happening.

After standing there in a daze for a bit, a few of them still reacted in the end and raised the daggers in their hands. They had no idea what was happening, but they knew that they wouldn't be able to go back if they didn't do something about this.

So they were planning on taking down Duke Zwein before anything else just to cover their bases.

It was too bad that the guards that were near where they were hiding suddenly turned to look at them.

With the way that they were looking at them, it was as if they had already known where they were in the first place. The only reason that they didn't do anything was because they wanted them to have a false sense of safety.

Before they could throw their daggers, they were cut down by the elite guards of the fourth prince.

These were elite guards of the fourth prince and they were thugs that were employed by the Snake Syndicate, there was no comparison between the two.

"It's over, finish them off." The fourth prince suddenly said after pulling me onto his horse.

The moment that he said this, all of the fourth prince's elite guards suddenly turned around to face Duke Yuletide's men. At the same time, there were roars that came from above them as large shadows were cast on the ground.

There were a bunch of wyverns that suddenly appeared in the air.

Duke Yuletide's men couldn't do anything as they were completely outmatched by the elite guards of the fourth prince.

It wasn't that they hadn't been trained enough, it was that they were completely outclassed when it came to gear.

Even if Duke Yuletide didn't spare any expense, it wasn't as if they were able to get the best gear. After all, the best gear was something that money couldn't buy. It was something that could only be obtained when one knew people.

That was the case with the fourth prince.

Or rather, it was the case with me.

With the dwarves in my town, we had been supplying the fourth prince with weapons and armour forged by them. The elite guards were wearing these rune enhanced weapons and armour, so there was no way that they would lose.

At the same time, the wyverns in the sky shot their flames down on the formation of Duke Yuletide's men.

So in the end, they couldn't do a thing as they were completely overwhelmed.

It was at this moment that Duke Yuletide suddenly came back from the forest.

With the way that he was panting, it was as if he had suddenly run back after noticing what had happened.

When he came out, he immediately asked the fourth prince, "Your highness, what is going on here? Is there some kind of misunderstanding?"

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The way that Duke Yuletide was acting was as if he was treating all of this as some kind of accident.

It was as if he was trying to sweep everything under the rug.

He went even further with this as he pointed at me and said, "Your highness, I found that this is all the tricks of this fugitive. Please hand him over to me so I can punish him for the things that he's done to my men."

He didn't even hesitate to throw me under the bus, while also trying to get me back so he could continue with what he was about to do.

But the fourth prince just shook his head with a helpless smile before saying, "Do you still not get it?"

Duke Yuletide trembled when he heard this, but he still said with a fake confused look, "Your highness, what do you mean? Isn't this the criminal that you were looking for? What is there to understand?"

The fourth prince gave a shrug before ignoring Duke Yuletide and saying to his elite guards, "Kill them all, there's no need to spare a single one."

Duke Yuletide trembled even more when he heard this before saying, "Your highness, what is the meaning of this? My family has dutifully served the kingdom for many generations and this is how the kingdom repays us?"

At this, the fourth prince revealed a smile as he looked at Duke Yuletide.

Duke Yuletide couldn't understand what was happening, but he knew that this smile wasn't a good smile.

It was like the smile of the devil as it was aimed at him.

The fourth prince just looked at Duke Yuletide like this for a while, but during this time, the sounds of people being slaughtered didn't stop. During all of this, Duke Yuletide's men were being cut down by the fourth prince's elite guards

Duke Yuletide couldn't take this anymore, so he roared, "Answer me!"

The fourth prince gave a shrug and spread his hands to the side as he said, "Don't you already have an answer in your heart?"

Duke Yuletide's face turned very ugly when he heard this, but he didn't lose faith as he said, "Do you think that the people of the kingdom will accept this? You're turning the nobles against you like this!"

Though he said this, Duke Yuletide's eyes were moving around.

It was as if he was looking for some way to escape this place.

The fourth prince didn't mind this as he said with a serious look, "Do you really take me for a fool? Do you think that I don't know anything?"

Duke Yuletide revealed another confused look when he heard this.

The fourth prince just continued by saying, "The Snake Syndicate, did you really think that we didn't know a single thing about what you've been doing?"

Shock filled Duke Yuletide's face the moment that he heard this.

He opened and closed his mouth a few times before suddenly revealing a bitter smile and asking, "How did you know about this?"

The fourth prince turned to me and said, "Didn't you already reveal everything to him?"

Duke Yuletide immediately narrowed his eyes to look at me after hearing this before saying, "You? You betrayed me to save yourself?"

I shook my head with a faint smile before saying, "Betray? You say that like I was working with you all along."

"Ha, what else could it be considered if not that? You were going to betray the royal family just for your..." Duke Yuletide's words trailed off as he slowly turned to look at the fourth prince.

It was as if the pieces of the puzzle were fitting into place and he was slowly realizing something as he looked at the fourth prince.

Then in a slow voice, he said, "From the very beginning?"

The fourth prince just gave a simple nod as he said, "Did you really think that he was our prisoner at all? Why would we suddenly have a falling out now after everything that's happened?"

"But the Wyvern Stone..." Duke Yuletide said in a voice filled with disbelief.

The fourth prince took out the 'Wyvern Stone' and then dropped it onto the ground before having the horse crush it with its hoof.

The Wyvern Stone was crushed to dust, but the wyverns overhead were still acting the same way.

It was clear that crushing this stone had no effect on them.

So from the very beginning, the Wyvern Stone didn't exist.

When it was put this clearly, it was impossible for Duke Yuletide to delude himself any longer.

It was clear what the situation was.

All of a sudden, Duke Yuletide suddenly broke out into laughter before saying, "So you've been planning this all along? When did you find out?"

I just calmly said, "Last time when we came during the war. Did you really think that we wouldn't notice your treachery? Did you think that we didn't know about the Yuletide Family's intentions to rebel?"

Duke Yuletide's face twisted when he heard this.

He looked at me with a look that was filled with hatred, as if he wanted to rip me to pieces.

But I just looked calmly right into his eyes, as if I wasn't bothered by this at all.

Finally, Duke Yuletide's expression relaxed, but that wasn't a good thing.

After all, if he were to feel relaxed at this moment, it could only mean that he still had a trump care that he felt that he could rely on.

The fourth prince also noticed this, so he said, "Guards, protect us!"

The elite guards suddenly moved in between us and Duke Yuletide while raising their guards.

There was a reason why they were the fourth prince's elite guards.

But Duke Yuletide didn't seem to care as he reached into his breast pocket to pull out a dark stone.

He raised this stone up above him before saying, "It isn't over yet! You haven't won yet!"