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## **Chapter 771 Summoning Crystal**

After he pulled out this dark stone, Duke Yuletide raised his other hand up to his mouth.

However, he didn't seem to do anything after that.

With the way that he was just standing there, it was almost as if he was hesitating to take this final step.

Both the fourth prince and I knitted our brows when we saw the dark stone that he took out.

While I had no idea why the fourth prince was looking like this, I had this worried look on my face since I could feel the magic energy coming from this dark stone. It was clear that whatever this dark stone was, it wasn't a normal item.

It was clear that this thing was some kind of magical item that must have some kind of shocking effect if Duke Yuletide thought that it would be able to save him from this situation.

It was just that I had no idea what this was.

That was until the fourth prince suddenly said, "Where did you get this thing?"

When Duke Yuletide heard this, the hesitant look on his face was replaced with confidence again.

He had been hesitating over using this thing since there was a dire consequence that came with using it. However, if the fourth prince recognized it and knew what this thing was, then he would have a chance to avoid using it.

After all, if he could just use this thing to bluff his way out of this, that would be good enough for him.

If he didn't need to actually use it and was able to threaten them into letting him go, that would actually be the best case scenario. After all, that would mean that he would have some kind of leverage to protect him and his family as they escaped from this kingdom.

As long as they still had the Snake Syndicate, it was possible for them to rise up in another kingdom.

That was what Duke Yuletide thought.

So he lowered the hand that was in front of his mouth and lowered the hand that was holding the dark stone high up.

He didn't bring it all the way down and just held the dark stone in front of him as he said with a smile, "You recognize this?"

The fourth prince didn't need to say anything, but he still said with a nod, "That's a Summoning Crystal, isn't it?"

I was surprised since I had heard of these Summoning Crystals before. However, it was only in the flavour text of the game and wasn't in the game itself since the Summoning Crystal would have been too broken of an item.

I had also heard online that while this game was still in testing, the Summoning Crystal had been considered a broken item that was immediately taken out by the developers.

So I knew that the Summoning Crystal that the fourth prince mentioned wasn't a normal thing.

I narrowed my eyes to look at the dark crystal in Duke Yuletide's hand after the fourth prince said this.

Duke Yuletide gave a satisfied nod before saying, "It's good that you recognize this thing." Then his eyes suddenly turned sharp as he said, "Since you recognize it, you should know just how dangerous this thing is."

He raised it up a bit higher before saying, "If I were to unleash this thing, what do you think will happen to everyone here?"

Both the fourth prince and I knitted our brows when we heard this.

I turned to look at him and I found that he was looking at me as well.

It was clear that both of us were hesitating on what to do in this situation.

However, I could see that there was a trace of a plan that was in the fourth prince's eyes when he looked at me. Unlike me who didn't have a single idea, it seemed like the fourth prince had some idea of what to do.

Well, since that was the case...

I didn't believe that the fourth prince would make a bad decision in a situation like this.

So I just suddenly gave him a nod as if I was agreeing to whatever he was planning to do.

The fourth prince was surprised to see this and he even looked at me as if he was confirming whether I was really supporting what he was planning to do.

In response, I just gave another nod of agreement.

I had no idea what to do, so I trusted the fourth prince in this situation.

I was certain that he would have the same idea as me in a situation like this.

But...

After seeing this nod, the fourth prince turned to look at Duke Yuletide and said, "Men, take him down! Don't mind the Summoning Crystal and just focus on taking him down! We will not let him escape today!"

I looked at the fourth prince with a shocked look on my face when I heard this.

At the same time, Duke Yuletide revealed a very ugly expression as he saw the fourth prince's people moving towards him.

He knew that it was impossible for him to bluff his way out of this situation, so Duke Yuletide once again lifted his hands up. One hand was in front of his mouth while the other one was held high up above him.

Seeing him like this, I couldn't help revealing a bitter smile.

It seemed that this time, the fourth prince and I were not on the same page.

I thought that the fourth prince would think of some way to take Summoning Crystal away from Duke Yuletide before he had a chance to use it, but it seemed that this wasn't the case.

The fourth prince was just planning on using brute force to take Duke Yuletide down which would most likely be the most costly move.

It was just that it was too late to stop it.

When Duke Yuletide saw the fourth prince's men coming closer, he suddenly bit into his finger and there was blood that came out. After that blood came out of his finger, he raised that hand up to where the Summoning Crystal was and dabbed his finger on it, leaving his blood on the Summoning Crystal.

**Chapter 772 Eh, this is...**

The moment that his blood made contact with the Summoning Crystal, there was a dark energy that suddenly came from the Summoning Crystal.

At the same time, there was a strong aura that came from it that made the fourth prince's elite guards stop in their tracks. They were waiting to see what was going to happen with this Summoning Crystal instead of trying to stop it.

The fourth prince saw this and shouted at them, "What are you doing? Stop him before the summoning ceremony is over!"

The elite soldiers were surprised to hear this, but they once again started moving towards Duke Yuletide.

Or at least they would have if it wasn't for a voice that suddenly rang out.

"Who dares to awaken me from my slumber?"

This was a powerful voice that seemed to shake the air itself when it rang out.

When everyone heard this, they couldn't help taking a step back from the pressure that this voice naturally gave off. It was as if just being able to hear the voice made it hard for one to do anything.

But Duke Yuletide seemed to be filled with joy when he heard this.

He laughed out loud as he said, "Great lord, I summon you to crush my enemies and save me from this situation!"

The dark energy around the Summoning Crystal seemed to grow even stronger after Duke Yuletide said this before the voice once again rang out.

"Do you understand the consequences of summoning me?"

Duke Yuletide slightly knitted his brows when he heard this, but then he said with a firm nod, "I'm willing to pay the price as long as the lord can help me this once."

A loud laugh came from the Summoning Crystal before the same voice said, "Very good, very good. Your offer is accepted and I will come to your aide."

Duke Yuletide had a look of absolute confidence when he heard this before saying, "Thank you, my lord."

The fourth prince had an ugly look on his face when he saw this and he even said, "Stop him!"

It was just that it was already too late as everyone had been too stunned to do anything.

The dark energy coming from the Summoning Crystal was getting even stronger and even the ground started to shake from this. It seemed like there was something big that was about to happen.

Cracks suddenly formed in the ground, but it didn't form randomly.

They formed in such a way that they were gathered on one spot.

It was as if there was something that was about to pop out of the ground from that one spot.

It was a pair of horns that came out of the ground first before the rest of the head came out. However, just the size of these things was shocking.

This head was as big as a boulder when it came out of the ground in front of Duke Yuletide.

He almost couldn't help falling over from the ground cracking and shaking under him. If he really fell, it would have been bad for him since he most likely would have landed in the crack in the ground near him and fallen into who knows where.

This head was followed by the rest of the body.

Soon, it was revealed to be a giant demon that came out of the ground.

When this giant demon appeared, all of the fourth prince's elite guards couldn't help taking a step back. It was partly because of the pressure that the giant demon put on them and partly because the ground beneath them was cracked.

The fourth prince's expression had turned even uglier when he saw this.

However, my expression wasn't as bad as his.

Rather, I was quite calm as I stared at the giant demon that had appeared out of the ground.

The way that I looked at the giant demon, it was as if I didn't feel anything towards it.

The fourth prince saw this and asked, "Brother, should we have the wyverns launch an attack at this demon while it's still coming out of the ground?"

I looked at the fourth prince and asked, "Is there a need for this?"

The fourth prince had a very alarmed and confused look on his face when he heard this before slowly asking, "Shouldn't we stop this while we can?"

"Eh? This is...not that bad though. There's no need to panic like that, is there?" I said in a surprised voice.

The surprise that I felt wasn't comparable to the surprise that the fourth prince felt.

Or rather, it was better to say that the fourth prince was in complete shock when he heard this. He looked at me with complete shock and confusion as he tried to understand just what I was planning to do.

However, it was clear by the look on his face that he had no idea what was happening.

I just calmly looked at him and said, "It's just a Demon Count, it's not as if this is something to worry about."

"Just..." That was all the fourth prince was able to say.

The demon that had appeared out of the ground cut him off by saying, "Oh, so you can tell that I'm a Demon Count? It seems like there's someone that knows about demons here."

The demon narrowed his eyes to look at me for a bit before saying, "Human, I am the Demon Count Mephisto. Are you saying that you're able to deal with me easily?"

His eyes and voice turned cold as he said, "Aren't you looking down on me a bit too much?"

The elite guards, the fourth prince, and even Duke Yuletide felt a chill run down their spines when they heard this.

It seemed that this demon Mephisto didn't hold back at all when he said this.

It seemed that he had really been insulted by this comment.

But I just looked right back at him and said, "Is a Demon Count really worth being scared of?"

## **Chapter 773 No, how is this possible?**

Mephisto seemed even more insulted when he heard this as he slapped his tail on the ground.

When he slapped his tail on the ground, the ground once again shook and even more cracks formed.

The cracks that formed forced the fourth prince's men back even more since they would have fallen into the cracks if they didn't move back.

Just the fact that this slap of his tail alone was enough to create these cracks in the ground showed just how much power Mephisto possessed. This was not the kind of power that normal people could think of facing.

Even those that had the support of the powerful wyverns wouldn't be able to do that much to this even more powerful Demon Count Mephisto.

So all of the fourth prince's men couldn't help feeling worried.

When Mephisto saw the humans acting this way, he had a complacent look on his face as he said, "Do you really think that you can do anything to me?"

While the fourth prince's men and the fourth prince looked worried about this, I just looked at him calmly and said, "I'll give you a chance to leave while you still can. If you don't, then don't blame me for what's going to happen next."

Mephisto was taken aback when he heard this and looked at me with a surprised look, but then he revealed a frown as he said, "Human, are you really trying to tell me what to do? Do you really think that I won't kill you right now?"

At this, there was a dark energy that suddenly surrounded Mephisto.

This was a dark energy that seemed to swallow all light that came in contact with it.

It was a kind of dark energy that seemed to be at the peak of all dark energy.

This just went to show how Mephisto was at a completely different level from other demons.

As expected of a Demon Count.

However, there was still a calm look on my face as I looked at Mephisto, seemingly feeling no fear at all at the power that he demonstrated.

There was a strange look of surprise with a trace of wariness that appeared on Mephisto's face.

That was because he couldn't see through this human at all.

There was this strange feeling that was coming from this human that Mephisto just couldn't understand. It was this feeling that made him feel wary as he didn't know what this human was planning to do.

Demons were naturally able to see through humans and manipulate them.

If they couldn't see through them, there were only a few possibilities.

Not a single one of these possibilities was a good thing for him.

After a moment of silence, Mephisto decided that...it was better for him to end things here.

He didn't like the way that this situation made him feel, but there was an easy way for him to end this. After all, he was much stronger than everyone else that was here, so it would be easy for him to take them all out.

The only way that he might even be in the slightest bit of danger was if he let his guard down against the wyverns, but he had been paying attention to them the entire time. They wouldn't be able to catch him off guard.

Once he came to this decision, Mephisto raised a finger and gathered the dark energy around him in a single point.

With the way that he was pointing out with this finger, it seemed like he was planning on shooting out some kind of attack.

The fourth prince immediately knitted his brows when he saw this because...he could see that this finger was pointed at him.

No, when he looked at it a bit closer, he could see that the finger was pointed at the person sitting on the horse behind him.

Still, it wasn't as if he was about to abandon the one that he called his brother for his own safety.

The fourth prince raised the reins and wanted to move the horse forward, but he found that there was no response from the horse at all. When he looked down, he found that the horse was in a state of complete shock.

It seemed like no matter what he did, he wouldn't be able to get the horse out of this state of shock.

So there was only a single thing that he was able to do.

The fourth prince suddenly turned around and reached out his hands as he said, "Brother, get behind me!"

At the same time, one of the wyverns came down from the sky as if it wanted to take this blow for the two of them.

This was Joan.



During all of this, I had been looking at Mephisto with a calm look on my face even though he was pointing this finger of death attack at me.

There was no fear or worry at all on my face as I looked right at him which unnerved Mephisto.

So he no longer hesitated and released that beam from his hand.

It was too fast for Joan to land in time, so it was coming right at me in the end...or rather, it was coming for the fourth prince.

However, before it was able to hit us, there was some strange movement that came over the beam of dark energy. It seemed to suddenly bend before twisting in on itself. It was almost as if it had suddenly collapsed because of some kind of external pressure.

The beam never reached us as it just collapsed and disappeared on the spot.

The fourth prince had his eyes closed, but he eventually opened them when he felt that there was nothing happening.

He turned to see that there was nothing there before asking, "What happened?"

I just smiled without saying a thing, but it was different for Mephisto.

There was a shocked look on his face as he said, "No, how is this possible?"

## **Chapter 774 We're on different levels**

Mephisto couldn't help taking a step back after he said this before revealing an embarrassed look.

It was the embarrassment that came from having been forced back a step like this by someone he considered a lowly human. It was a blow to his pride as a powerful Demon Count for something like this to happen.

So he couldn't hold back his anger that came after the embarrassment as he suddenly raised his tail and whipped it out at the fourth prince's men in front of him.

They were far enough that they weren't hit directly by the tail whipping at them, but the shockwave that came from this tail whipping out was enough to force them all back. If they hadn't braced themselves before it happened, then they might have even been picked up off the ground and tossed away.

That was in a situation where they were wearing full armour, so they weighed far more than usual.

That was more than enough to show how much power was in that tail whip.

If it had actually hit them, then there was no doubt that it might have smashed them to pieces.

All of the fourth prince's elite guards couldn't help giving a gulp when they realized this and they all took another step back.

The fourth prince let out a sigh of relief when he saw that his elite guards were still fine, but then he said, "Spread out! Don't group up for him to hit you like that!"

"No need." I suddenly said, cutting the fourth prince off.

The fourth prince looked at me with a surprised and confused look, but I had already jumped off the horse and was walking towards Joan who had landed on the ground in front of me.

Once I was on her, we immediately flew up into the air and I said, "All of you, stand a bit further back."

The fourth prince's elite guards were surprised and confused as well when they heard this, but they listened to me in the end and moved back. That was because the fourth prince had already told them before this that they should listen to me during this time.

The orders that I gave them should be considered direct orders from him and they should obey it, unless they had already received a prior order from him. In that case, they should follow whichever one that they felt was correct.

He didn't even force them to follow his orders, that was how much he trusted me.

As I moved forward on Joan, there were other wyverns that followed us.

However, I stopped them from coming with us since I knew that it would be too dangerous for them.

The ones that were on the wyverns were Cecilia and her people who had been hiding amongst the elite guards of the fourth prince. They had only taken action now because they knew that I would be here, but I stopped them from following me.

That was because I was the only one that could take care of this Demon Count right now.

When Mephisto saw me approaching him without any fear, he couldn't help revealing a strange look.

That was because the last time that this happened, the beam of death that he shot had been taken care of without any problems. He couldn't help fearing what would happen this time...

But he also stopped himself from feeling this way since he was filled with even more embarrassment at having felt this way.

Mephisto gave a snort, almost as if he was calming himself before saying, "Human, you dare go against me?"

I didn't say a thing as I had Joan slowly fly closer to Mephisto.

She didn't even fly right at him, but rather it was like she was floating over to him slowly like it was a procession.

Mephisto knitted his brows when he saw this since it almost felt like he was the one that was waiting for Zwein to come over.

This made it feel like he was the one that was subordinate and Zwein was the superior.

This was not a feeling that he enjoyed, so he roared out, "You think that a lowly human like you can do anything in this situation? You should know your place, human!"

He raised his finger again as if he was about to shoot out another beam of death, but I raised my finger at the same time as him and the dark energy that he had been gathering suddenly collapsed. The dark energy just folded in on itself, almost as if it was bowing in prostration before disappearing without a trace.

Mephisto hadn't seen this before, but now that it had appeared in front of him, he couldn't help being completely shocked.

"Just what are you?" He couldn't help saying in a shaky voice.

After all, this was something that he had never encountered before.

In his world, he had always been the one that was at the peak and there was no one that was above him. So he had always been the one that had been above all others.

He had never felt this feeling of being below someone before.

That was the feeling that he felt after the dark energy had folded like that.

He knew what was happening.

It wasn't an accident that his attack had been stopped just now, there was a very simple reason why.

It was because the dark energy that he used had felt that there was a stronger demon here.

The demons cared only about strength and the weak obeyed the strong, so that was why Mephisto's demon energy had suddenly acted that way.

I just calmly looked at him and raised my finger to point at him, which made Mephisto tremble even more.

As he trembled like this, I just simply said, "It's because we are on completely different levels."

Then bringing my finger down, Mephisto suddenly fell face first to the ground.

## **Chapter 775 You're the same**

Mephisto had a look of absolute shock on his face as his face was planted on the ground.

He tried to push himself off the ground, but he found that he wasn't able to push off at all. It was as if there was some kind of invisible pressure that was pressed down on him that prevented him from moving.

No, even before that...it was as if there was some kind of prestige about the other side that made him unable to fight back.

It was as if he himself didn't even want to resist the pressure that was on him.

For a Demon Count like Mephisto to feel that way, there was only one explanation.

It was that there was a higher ranked demon that was on the opposite side of this pressure that was forcing him to submit.

But no matter how he looked at this human, he didn't seem like any kind of higher ranked demon. No matter how he looked at him, it was clear that this person was nothing more than a lowly human.

How could a lowly human possibly make him feel this way?

After dealing with Mephisto, I turned back to look at Duke Yuletide and asked, "Is there anything else that you have to save yourself with? If you do, you should use it while you still have the chance. Don't regret it later, thinking that you should have done something while you could have."

Duke Yuletide looked at me in shock when he heard this.

The expression on his face twisted and he looked like he had swallowed something disgusting, but he didn't say anything in response to this.

If he really did have something else, he would have already used it.

So the only thing that he could do now was hope that Mephisto still had another trick up his sleeve.

Seeing the way that he looked at Mephisto, I knew that there was nothing left up his sleeve.

So it seemed like it would be time to completely crush his hopes.

I turned back to Mephisto, who trembled when he saw me looking in his direction.

With the way that he was looking at me, it was almost as if he was hoping that I would forget about him.

I lifted my finger that had been pointing out the entire time and Mephisto felt like he could stand up again. However, the pressure had only been relieved enough that he was able to lift his head to look up at me.

It was still impossible for him to completely stand up just yet.

He looked at me with a terrified look and with the voice that he had regained, he asked, "Just who are you?"

I shook my head as I said, "That isn't what you should be asking. I think you would rather want to know what I am, right?"

Mephisto's eyes opened wide when he heard this.

Though he didn't say anything, the expression on his face made it clear that this was indeed what he wanted to ask. He just couldn't figure out how this human was able to suppress him like this.

But I just said, "That's not something for you to know."

Mephisto slightly knitted his brows when he heard this, but instead of wasting time trying to say anything else, he said, "Just let me go then. Since we come from the same source, there's no need for you to do this."

With a faint smile, I stepped forward a bit and spoke in a voice that only the two of us could hear, "When did demons let each other go?"

His eyes opened wide as he said, "So you're really a..."

Before he could finish, I brought my finger down again.

The moment that my finger came down, the same pressure fell over Mephisto and he could no longer speak.

I raised my other hand and pulled out a sword from my Storage Ring.

I jumped off Joan and landed beside Mephisto, raising the sword as I landed.

Mephisto looked at me with a look as if he was asking me not to do this, but I didn't listen at all.

The runes that were on the sword lit up before I brought the sword down on Mephisto's neck. There was no resistance at all as his head was severed from his body, turning a few times in the air before landing on the ground.

However, there wasn't a single drop of blood that came from the corpse.

It was as if there was no blood at all in his body with how dry his neck was.

But after that, the head and the body suddenly dissipated into black energy that disappeared without a trace.

The fourth prince slowly came over and asked, "What happened?"

"It was an avatar. It wasn't his real body that was summoned, but rather his avatar, so he's not really dead." I said in a calm voice.

"He's not dead?" The fourth prince asked in a worried voice.

I just gave a simple nod in response.

The fourth prince deeply knitted his brows and looked at me with a worried look, but I said, "Don't worry, if he comes back, I have my ways of dealing with him."

That was right.

I might not have had a way to deal with demons before, but now...I didn't fear them at all.

That was why I had shown no mercy to Mephisto just now.

There was still a trace of doubt in the fourth prince's eyes, but he eventually gave a nod to show that he understood before turning to look at Duke Yuletide who had collapsed onto the ground.

There was a look of absolute shock on Duke Yuletide's face as if he couldn't believe what had just happened.

I saw the fourth prince looking at the duke, so I said, "It's time for you to suffer the consequences of your actions."

The fourth prince nodded in agreement before sending his elite guards forward to capture Duke Yuletide.

Duke Yuletide didn't resist at all since he knew that he had been completely defeated, but it didn't seem like he had lost all hope yet.

## **Chapter 776 The fate of the duke (1)**

The duke and the remainder of his men were captured.

It didn't seem like the fourth prince had planned on capturing them at first since he wanted to completely decimate the forces that the duke controlled, but now it seemed like he was too tired to care.

It seemed like he had been completely exhausted by his encounter with the Demon Count Mephisto that he didn't care if there were a few remnants.

After all, it was impossible for the duke to do anything with these remnants.

We put them all in binds and then put them in the cage cart that the fourth prince had prepared. These were actually nearby the area that we had been in, showing that the fourth prince already knew everything that the duke had been planning.

I couldn't help revealing a faint bitter smile when I saw this since I had no idea what the duke was planning.

The fourth prince had kept me in the dark the entire time.

The duke was allowed to travel in the same carriage as us, but he was naturally tied up so he couldn't do anything.

We sat there in silence for a bit before the duke finally asked, "How did you find out? Not just the Snake Syndicate, about my family's intentions to betray the kingdom."

He turned to look at me before saying, "It's certainly not because of you alone. To prepare all of this, you must have known all of this before I told you anything."

The fourth prince just looked at me as well before saying with a smile, "It was my brother here that found out your family's intentions to betray the kingdom."

Though he didn't say anything else, it was clear by the way that he looked at me that there was something else that he wanted to say.

For example...

"Though he hasn't told me how he found out about this either."

I had just asked the fourth prince and the king to trust me in this matter, so I had never actually explained anything to them.

It wouldn't have been strange if they had rejected this, but they had listened to me in the end and had gone along with me, taking down one of the four dukes of the kingdom. It certainly shouldn't have been easy since it was one of the four dukes, one of the four highest ranking people in the kingdom.

Duke Yuletide looked at me with a surprised look and looked like he wanted to ask me more.

However, I didn't let him ask anything as I said, "You must be wondering what will happen to you now."

Duke Yuletide immediately knitted his brows when he heard this before looking at me with narrowed eyes. It was as if he was trying to judge what I was planning to do by asking this all of a sudden.

I just calmly looked at him and said, "First off, your family has already been apprehended."

There was an ugly look that appeared on Duke Yuletide's face when he heard this before he said, "You better not have hurt them!"

The way that he said this almost made it seem like he wasn't a man that had been pushed to the edge. The way that he said this was almost as if he still had some kind of hope.

I wasn't surprised since I guessed that he must have something else that he was clinging to, which was why he had been so calm as he sat there in the carriage with us.

That was why I was even saying all of this to him.

I wanted to break his hope so he wouldn't try anything later.

I just calmly looked at Duke Yuletide and said, "They're a family of traitors, what they get is what they deserve."



Duke Yuletide's face became even uglier for a bit, but then his expression relaxed a bit as he said with a sigh, "My daughters didn't know a single thing. At the very least, can you spare them?"

I was surprised to hear this since I thought he would never beg for mercy like this, but...it seemed that he was a father in the end.

He wasn't certain what would happen, so at the very least, he wanted to make sure that his daughters didn't suffer no matter what happened.

I could understand this since I had witnessed another father who cared very much for his daughter firsthand. I knew how deep a father's feelings for his daughter could be...

I looked at the fourth prince and saw that he seemed to be thinking the same thing.

So exchanging a glance with him, I finally said, "We'll keep that in mind later on at the trial."

Duke Yuletide gave a simple nod as if he understood before his expression became serious again.

No, it was better to say that his expression became determined, almost as if he was determined to keep his daughters from harm.

It seemed that he had resolved himself to do all that he could to protect them, which meant that he was going to go all in with the cards that he thought he still had.

One might consider this a backfire, but I didn't mind since there was still plenty to talk about.

I just calmly continued by saying, "The duke's manor and all of your assets have already been seized as per the laws of the kingdom. You and your family will stand trial for your crimes of treason."

Duke Yuletide just gave another simple nod since this was all expected.

This was the basic sentence that could be given for a crime of this manner.

It wasn't something to be surprised by.

Duke Yuletide just focused on what would be coming next.

As he expected, I continued by saying, "We have already raided the hideout of the Snake Syndicate. We have captured all of your associates and seized all of the assets that were hidden in that manor."

## Chapter 777 The fate of the duke (2)

There was a calm look on Duke Yuletide's face when he heard this.

It was completely different from when I told him about what had happened to his family and his manor.

It was almost as if he wasn't bothered at all by this even though this should have been the core of his power.

However, I did understand why he would be feeling this way.

There was a reason why the Snake Syndicate had never been caught even though it had been operating in the kingdom for so long.

They were a group that had many different leaders and had many different branches. Even if there was a branch and a leader that was caught, there would be others that could replace them.

It was even the case for Duke Yuletide who should have been the one that was in charge.

That was the reason why he was so calm in the first place.

He believed that even if he was taken to prison, the Snake Syndicate would eventually rescue him. He believed that as long as he was alive, there would be other branches of the Snake Syndicate that would come for him.

As for the reason...It was simply because he was someone irreplaceable to the Snake Syndicate.

The things that he held would be crucial to their survival and as long as he didn't talk, they would want to get him back in one way or another.

After all, if he were to talk, it would mean all of them being buried with Duke Yuletide.

That was just the power and information that he had as the leader of the Snake Syndicate for so long.

So even if the branch that he worked most closely with and used to control most of the other branches was destroyed, even if the one that had been working for him for many decades now had been caught, he wasn't worried at all.

Duke Yuletide knew that the structure of the Snake Syndicate would come through for him.

I of course also knew that this was what he was thinking, which was why I had deliberately paused at this moment.

I wanted to build up his hope before crushing it.

Seeing that he was ready, I said, "But that isn't the only hideout of the Snake Syndicate that we've found."

A trace of surprise appeared in Duke Yuletide's eyes, but he quickly forced himself to seem calm as if this didn't bother him at all. However, there was also a trace of worry that appeared in his eyes.

The duke was a smart person, so it wasn't as if he couldn't understand what I was implying with these words.

I gave him a moment to let all of this set in and to make him even more nervous before saying, "There were many different hideouts that we found out about and we sent our people to take care of them at the same time. By now, they should have all been taken care of."

Duke Yuletide kept pretending like he was calm, but it was clear that the trace of worry in his eyes was growing. It seemed like he just couldn't hold himself back when he heard this.

Duke Yuletide opened and closed his mouth a few times as if he was trying to figure out what he wanted to say, but eventually he just said, "Is that so? What do you think you will accomplish by telling me all of this?"

I just calmly looked at him and said, "I thought that you should know."

Duke Yuletide slightly knitted his brows when he heard this, but he didn't say anything else in the end.

It looked like he had wanted to say something at first, but eventually he seemed to stop himself from asking it. It seemed like he had come to terms with this and knew that it was better to ask about this.

Or...it could be said that he was just too scared to ask about this.

It was clear that there was a part of him that wanted to know, but he didn't let himself ask since he knew that the answer might not be what he wanted to hear.

So he didn't ask to let himself hold onto hope.

Even if that hope was faint...

Instead of asking about this, Duke Yuletide asked, "What are you going to do to me?"

This was the one thing that he was the most concerned about since he had no idea where they were even heading. Though he had some idea based on the direction that they were currently moving in.

It seemed like they were heading back to Vayne City.

I didn't say anything at first, but then I said, "You're being brought to Vayne City so we can pronounce your crimes to your subjects and then state your punishment to them."

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"Ha, you want to parade me around like they did with you?" Duke Yuletide teased me.

I just calmly looked at him with a smile and said, "Well, it seems like you do understand."

Duke Yuletide was surprised to hear this since he didn't think that I would be able to quip back at him so easily. He thought that he had hit a sore spot, but it seemed that he was completely wrong.

But when he thought about it, he realized that this made sense.

After all, he had just been pretending to be a prisoner all along, so it wasn't as if there was anything for him to be ashamed of.

Unlike Duke Yuletide who was now a real prisoner...

It seemed like Duke Yuletide had actually hurt himself with this quip as he quickly fell silent.

Still, there was nothing wrong with a bit of silence right now.

Perhaps silence would be just the thing that he needed to think of a plan to save himself.

Though when Duke Yuletide thought about it, he realized that there was just too little information...

Just what was waiting for him in Vayne City?

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## **Chapter 778 How the mighty have fallen**

When we arrived back in Vayne City, it had completely changed.

The guards that were at the gate had been changed to a group that I was familiar with.

It was a group that I didn't expect to see so soon, but here they were.

It was General Killock and his men.

I knew that the fourth prince had moved his people to take control of Vayne City during this time, but I never thought that he would move an entire army. But I quickly found out that it wasn't the army that had been moved in.

It was just a small group composed of General Killock and his men that had come to take Vayne City.

As for how they had done it with so few people...it was because they were wyvern riders.

As General Killock was one of the few that had followed me during the war and one of the trusted aides of the fourth prince, naturally he was high up on the list of people that would be chosen as wyvern riders.

He and his men were among the first batch that had been sent to me...or at least they would have been in the first batch if it wasn't for the fact that we were still at war during that time. The names of General Killock and his men were among those that would have been the first batch, if not for the fact that he was busy with the war.

But after the war, they had come right away to claim their wyverns.

All of them were men of war and had excellent skills, so it didn't take long for them to become wyvern riders.

Of course, it wasn't just wyvern riders along that would be enough to take a city.

To prepare for this, the fourth prince had already snuck many people into Vayne City under the nose of the Yuletide Family. They had been waiting the whole time for this day where they would have the chance to act.

When they acted, Vayne City stood no chance.

They had infiltrated into the guards of the city, near those in important positions, and many other key positions.

So the moment that General Killock and his men showed up on their wyverns, Vayne City almost immediately surrendered.

There were one or two leaders in the guards that were loyal to Duke Yuletide and the Yuletide Family, but they were quickly taken care of. The spies that the fourth prince had snuck into the city weren't just spies, but also those that could take care of business secretly when needed.

So those that were loyal to Duke Yuletide and the Yuletide Family were immediately taken out before they had a chance to cause a commotion.

With that, Vayne City immediately fell to the fourth prince's men.

As we came in, General Killock greeted us with a wide smile on his face, but that surprised me. After all, he shouldn't have known about our ruse in the first place and should have thought that I was still a prisoner.

But to my further surprise, he said, "I knew that it was all a trick. I knew that his highness wouldn't miss how valuable you are and do something that burns the bridge after crossing like this."

It seemed that General Killock had a good intuition and a deep loyalty to the fourth prince, but one thing that surprised me was his trust in me.

At the very least, it seemed like I had made a good impression on him during our time together in the war.

I thought that he would be terrified of me after everything that happened, but that didn't seem to be the case.

After the greetings were over, we brought Duke Yuletide in.

When General Killock saw him, he immediately spat at him before saying, "It seems like the mighty have fallen."

Duke Yuletide narrowed his eyes to look at General Killock before looking around the area.

With the way that he was looking around, it was almost as if he was looking for any signs of his people in the city. However, he found that there wasn't a single person that he recognized in this place.

It seemed like his city had been entirely taken from him and there was nothing that he could do about it.

He took one look at the wyverns and gave a sigh.

That was just the power that wyverns had, even a powerful gated city like this couldn't do anything in the face of these wyverns. Though he was a bit surprised that there wasn't more destruction in the city.

He had expected far more destruction than there actually was.

General Killock glared at Duke Yuletide a bit longer before turning to the fourth prince to ask, "Your highness, what should we do about him?"

The fourth prince didn't answer as he waved his hand at one of the spies that he had sent into Vayne City. When they came over, he asked them, "Has that been prepared?"

The spy replied with a nod, "It's all been set up and it's ready to use at any time."

The fourth prince said with a satisfied nod, "Very good. Go and gather the people, come tell me when everything has been gathered."

The spy nodded before heading off.

After that, the fourth prince went over to Duke Yuletide and simply asked, "Give us the information that you have on the Snake Syndicate and I'll go easy on you."

Duke Yuletide was surprised to be asked this.

It was clear that he didn't expect to be asked this, but he quickly revealed a smile as if he had gained some kind of handle on the fourth prince.

"Do you think that I'll really tell you? But if you want to know, then you'll have to offer..."

Before Duke Yuletide could finish what he was going to say, the fourth prince said, "Well, I tried to offer you the easy way out. You can't blame me for what happens next."

Without caring for Duke Yuletide's reaction, he calmly walked away.

## **Chapter 779 You, you monster!**

Duke Yuletide had an uncertain look on his face after the fourth prince just ignored him.

He knew that the fourth prince was planning something and he had no idea what it was, so he couldn't help feeling more and more worried.

There was the reputation that the fourth prince had and Duke Yuletide knew that his enemies didn't get off easy. So now that the fourth prince had captured him and his family, what would he do?

There was a good fifteen minutes that passed before the spy from before came back.

When he did, he went right over to the fourth prince and saluted to him before saying, "Your highness, it has been prepared."

The fourth prince just gave a simple nod before turning to the guards surrounding Duke Yuletide.

He waved his hand at the guards and said, "Alright, bring him along."

They nodded in agreement before forcing Duke Yuletide to follow the fourth prince.

As he followed, Duke Yuletide had a worried look on his face.

Before this, he had been trying to remain as calm as possible. However, it seemed that he wasn't able to remain calm any longer after everything that the fourth prince said to him.

It seemed like he was finally cracking under the pressure of all of this.

He really wanted to know what the fourth prince had in store for him.

However, the fourth prince had a calm look on his face as he led Duke Yuletide through the streets of Vayne City.

As they walked through the city, there were some people that recognized Duke Yuletide and started to follow the procession. However, they weren't able to approach since the elite guards of the fourth prince kept them away.

Duke Yuletide couldn't help feeling more and more uneasy seeing the number of people that were following them.

After all, it wasn't as if he had a good relationship with the people of his city.

He...could not be considered a good lord...

The fourth prince led Duke Yuletide all the way to the square where there were already a bunch of people gathered. When the people that followed the procession came into the square, they joined the crowd and completely filled up the square.

The number of people that were in the square had now reached a scary number.



Duke Yuletide however wasn't paying any attention to this.

What had caught his attention when he came into the square was the stage that had been set up in the square.

There wasn't much that was on the stage other than a pillory.

It seemed like a place where one would show off criminals...

With the crowd that was gathered and the stage that had been set up, Duke Yuletide was beginning to slowly piece together what he thought the fourth prince's plan was. To bring him here at this time, it was very likely that he would place him in the pillories in front of everyone.

The fourth prince just ignored the way that Duke Yuletide looked at him as he brought Duke Yuletide onto the stage.

The crowd immediately recognized Duke Yuletide since he was someone that they all knew, but many of them were confused about who was leading Duke Yuletide up. That was until some of the merchants in the crowd recognized the fourth prince and started spreading his identity.

The crowd was soon filled with whispers, but the main thing that everyone was asking was...

"Why is the fourth prince here and why did he have the duke locked up like this?"

After bringing Duke Yuletide up to the stage, the fourth prince stepped forward to say, "The duke here has been arrested on counts of treason and he will be standing trial later on."

"Si!" A cold breath came from the crowd as shock quickly filled them.;

It was clear that they never expected the first words from the fourth prince to be this.

However, there were many people that seemed like they were a bit happy to hear this.

It was clear that Duke Yuletide was not a good ruler for this city.

It was only because of the power that their family received at the founding of the kingdom that they even had this power in the first place.

Once the fourth prince waited a bit, he continued by saying, "So before we bring the duke here to the capital to stand trial, we have a little punishment prepared for him. This is a special punishment that I'm giving him with my right as the fourth prince, so I hope that everyone will not mind how small it is."

The fourth prince gave a nod to the guards near the pillory and they opened it up.

Duke Yuletide looked a bit relieved when he heard this since he had already expected this to happen. But he also heard the fourth prince say that he would bring him to the capital for trial, so he knew that the fourth prince wouldn't kill him.

What was a bit of humiliation compared to the chance of survival?

In the end, he would just take this and turn the other cheek.

Or at least that was what Duke Yuletide thought would happen.

However, it wasn't him that was brought over to the pillory.

The guards that were watching over Duke Yuletide just kept him there in place.

Instead, there were some other guards that left the square as if they were going to pick something up.

Duke Yuletide looked confused at first when he saw this as he had no idea what was happening, but the expression on his face quickly changed. The moment that he saw who the guards were bringing in, there was a look of shock and panic on his face.

He looked at them for a bit before turning to the fourth prince to say, "You, you monster! How dare you involve them!"

The reason for this large reaction from him was because the guards had come out with his wife and daughter.

## **Chapter 780 You think I wouldn't?**

The guards didn't stop even though Duke Yuletide made that outburst.

They just followed the fourth prince's orders and brought the duke's wife and daughter up onto the stage.

When they saw everyone that was there, the two of them started trembling in fear.

The only one that they could turn to was Duke Yuletide since he was the only one that was on their side. Both of them immediately looked at Duke Yuletide with looks as if they were begging him for help.

Duke Yuletide had a look like he wanted to rip the fourth prince to pieces after seeing the way that his wife and his daughter looked at him.

However, the guards were restraining him and wouldn't let him move at all. So it wasn't as if he could do a single thing physically.

The only thing that he could do was say, "What do you want?"

The fourth prince stopped talking to the crowd and turned to look at Duke Yuletide after he heard this. With a calm smile on his face, the fourth prince said, "I've already told you what I wanted and I've told you not to regret the chance that I gave you earlier."

Duke Yuletide felt a chill run down his spine when he heard this.

Even though the fourth prince was smiling at him, it was more like the smile of a devil more than anything. He didn't know what to say in response to this, but it didn't matter what he would have said.

The fourth prince didn't wait for Duke Yuletide to respond anyway as he turned back to look at the crowd.

He even took a step forward so he was right in front of the crowd as he said, "To punish the duke for the crime of treason that he's committed, we will punish his wife and daughter."

Duke Yuletide immediately felt another chill run down his spine when he heard this.

It wasn't just that, it was almost as if all of his limbs went numb the moment that he heard this.

As for the duke's wife and daughter, both of them revealed looks of terror before they started begging for mercy. Before this, they had kept their mouths shut to a certain extent in hopes that Duke Yuletide would save them.

But now that the fourth prince said this, they didn't hold back at all to throw him under the bus.

They stated that everything that was done was all Duke Yuletide's fault and that they had nothing to do with it. They said that if anyone should be punished, it should be him since he was the one that committed the crime.

Duke Yuletide felt even more numb when he saw his wife and daughter selling him out like this, but there was nothing that he could say in response to this. After all, he knew that it was all his fault in the first place since he wasn't able to protect them.

He was indeed the one that had followed his family's footsteps in trying to get revenge on the royal family for all of the injustice that their family had suffered.

So he was the one that dragged them into this...

Duke Yuletide felt like he had been completely drained of all energy, but he still had to speak up in this situation.

At the very least, he felt that he was responsible for protecting his wife and daughter.

So Duke Yuletide suddenly said, "Stop that already! You already said that we would be standing trial, is this how the system of law works in this kingdom? If you were to do anything to them, do you think that people will just let this slide? After all, if you do this once, there's no telling what you might do in the future. Even if that isn't the case, this won't be what the other nobles will think. Do you really want to turn all of the nobles against you like this?"

Duke Yuletide might seem like he was rambling, but there was some logic in the words that he was saying.

If the fourth prince really were to do this, it would turn out the way that Duke Yuletide had stated it.

But the fourth prince just calmly turned to look at Duke Yuletide before saying, "Do you really think that I won't do this?"

Duke Yuletide had a look of disbelief as he once more felt a chill running down his spine.

That was because he could tell that the fourth prince was absolutely serious based on the expression that was on his face. It was as if he didn't care a single bit for what Duke Yuletide said.

The only thing that he cared about were a few certain words from Duke Yuletide.

These would be the words that would not only decide his fate, but also the fate of his wife and daughter.

These were words that would be related to the Snake Syndicate.

After staring at Duke Yuletide with this serious look for a bit, the fourth prince ignored him as he turned back to the crowd with the same smile as before as he said, "Now, since we are a civilized group, we won't give them a serious punishment."

The duke's wife and daughter let out a sigh of relief when they heard this, but it was too early for them to relax.

Duke Yuletide was different since he could hear the sinister undertone that was in the fourth prince's voice.

He knew that the punishment wouldn't be as simple as he made it out to be.

The fourth prince had given a deliberate pause as if he wanted to instill this false hope in the duke's wife and daughter.

However, once they had that look of relief on their faces, he continued by saying, "Their punishment will be simple. They will be locked up in this pillory for seven days in this square."

This did seem like a simple punishment, but everyone was certain that the fourth prince's punishment wouldn't be that simple since they gathered them all here. This seemed like it was just too simple...

The kicker came with what the fourth prince said next.

"They will be left here without any supervision."