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When the trials were over, there was only one thing that was left.

The executions.

Most of these trials had ended in the verdict of a death sentence, so naturally these needed to be executed.

The fourth prince decided to hold these as public executions since he wanted the public to see the fates of these corrupt nobles and criminals. There were many people in the crowd who cursed these people and threw things.

It was clear that they had suffered in some way because of these people being executed.

In a way, this was the fourth prince's way of letting these people vent the feelings that had been dwelling inside of them the entire time.

He was punishing these people even further by putting them through this treatment.

But that didn't matter to us since we didn't go and see the executions.

The way that we acted was as if we had completely washed our hands of these things.

That was because there were other things that we needed to take care of.

"Go away for a while."

That was what the fourth prince said to me during our meeting after the executions started.

This was a meeting that didn't just have me and the fourth prince, it also had the king and Angela here as well. Both Angela and I seemed surprised by what the fourth prince said, but the king seemed like he already knew this.

After looking at the fourth prince with a confused look for a bit, I asked, "What do you mean? There's still plenty of things to do here, I can't just leave, right?"

The fourth prince shook his head and said, "No, it's better if you leave right now."

I was even more confused when I heard this.

The fourth prince didn't explain as he turned to Angela to say, "At the same time, it's best if we delay your wedding for a bit."

This time, Angela wasn't able to sit still.

She immediately knitted her brows to look at both the fourth prince and the king.

It was clear by the look on her face that she wasn't happy, but she was giving the two of them a chance to explain.

The fourth prince and the king revealed bitter smiles when they saw this, but they did explain it.

"With everything that's happening, it's just not a good time. Before we can do anything like that, we still need to settle things in our kingdom. So we need you to hide out during this time so that no one will get any ideas."

I understood why they were doing this, but I was worried that...

In the end, it seemed that my worry wasn't necessary as it seemed that Angela understood.

She was a member of the royal family, so of course she would understand.

However, it wasn't as if that stopped her from being unhappy about this.

So she narrowed her eyes to look at the fourth prince before saying, "How long?"

The fourth prince was surprised to be asked this.

He looked at the king and the two of them exchanged glances as if they didn't know what to say.

In the end, the fourth prince just shook his head and said, "I don't know. It could take a few weeks, it could even take a few months. In short, this isn't something that can be done that easily."

This time, Angela didn't take it as well.

She pouted her lips as she glared at the two of them before saying, "Make it happen faster."

The two of them had surprised looks on their faces before revealing bitter smiles again. The fourth prince just said with a serious look, "This isn't something that can be rushed,

it's something for the benefit of the entire kingdom. This must be something that is done carefully and properly."

When he became serious like this, Angela no longer responded.

It was clear by the look in her eyes that she understood what he was saying, but...she was still unhappy because of it.

The fourth prince knew that there was nothing that he could say to her, so instead he turned back to me to say, "For now, you should go back to your territory. It's out of the way and a place that you control, so it should be safe."

I looked at him for a bit without answering before asking, "Plus it'll be a long time before I'll be able to go back?"

The fourth prince didn't say anything, but the look on his face made it clear.

Once I came back this time, it would be time for the wedding.

But along with the wedding, there was something else that had been planned.

The coronation.

The king had been planning to step down as soon as I married Angela, which meant that the moment that we got married, I would be taking over as the new king.

As the king, it was expected that I stay in the capital and take care of state matters.

It was expected that I wouldn't be able to leave unless it was for important business.

So in a sense, this was the last trip that I was getting before I was chained to the capital.

In a sense, this was like the last trip that I would have as a free man.

Because after this, I would only be able to act when the benefit of the kingdom needed me to act.

Since the fourth prince didn't say it out loud, I didn't force him.

I had already accepted this fate, so it wasn't as if I would back down now.

But I was grateful that he was giving me this chance to settle everything before settling down as the king of this kingdom.

There were certainly things that I wanted to settle before this and there were people that I wanted to bring back to the capital with me.

This trip would be the perfect chance to take care of everything.

Chapter 792 Sick

Since I had been allowed to leave, I didn't waste any time and headed out the next day.

The past period of time had been rather stressful for me with everything that had happened, so I certainly could use some time to rest and relax.

That was why I was quite happy when we were heading back to my territory.

Right, we...

It wasn't just Cecilia and the others who came with me, but also Angela who was going back with me.

It seemed like this was the fourth prince's way of making it up to her.

So all of us headed back to my territory for some rest and relaxation and if possible...I wanted to have some private time with my wives.

It was just too bad that I didn't get a chance for this.

"This is bad, this is bad."

That was the first thing that Rose said to me when I arrived.

I was completely caught off guard by her sudden words, but I went forward to take her by the shoulders before saying with a calm voice, "What's wrong?"

When she heard this, she looked at me and then buried her head in my chest before saying, "It's my father, I received a message about him."

I was surprised since I thought the two of them weren't on speaking terms, but the fact that she had received a letter...it was very likely that there had been some kind of change with her father.

I could understand why she was worried if that was the case.

No matter how bad the relationship with her father was, he was still her father in the end.

It was only natural that Rose would be worried about her father if something happened.

But I couldn't show any signs of worry with how worried she was, so the only thing that I could do was...

I held her more firmly by the shoulder and raised her head to look into her eyes before saying, "No matter what happens, I'm here for you. There's nothing that we can't face together."

Rose was surprised when she heard this before she simply said, "Thank you."

I tapped her on the forehead and said, "What are you thanking me for? This is just how it is when you're married."

I gave her another minute to calm down before saying, "Alright, what happened with your father?"

Rose revealed a complicated look before heading over to the table to pick up a piece of paper that she brought back for me.

I was surprised, but I started reading the letter that she handed me.

It turned out that this was a letter from her mother and it was about her father.

Her father had fallen ill and her mother was asking her to come visit.

As I read this, there was only one thing that I could think of...

"Wasn't this too much of a coincidence?"

I knew that thinking this would be rude towards Rose and her family, so I didn't say it out loud.

However...

"I know what you're thinking. This came at just the right time after everything that has happened, so it seems like they might be playing some tricks." Rose gave a sigh before continuing, "I won't lie, I thought the same thing as you when I received this letter, but..."

She didn't finish her words, but it was clear what she was thinking.

It was her family after all...

Even if it was a lie, it was hard for her not to be worried.

Plus, there was the chance that this wasn't a lie.

But as a smart person, she could figure out why her family would do this if this was a lie, so there was a part of her that didn't want to go.

That was what was causing the strong internal conflict inside of her.

I shook my head with a smile before saying, "They're family, so let's just go."

Rose was surprised to hear this.

She looked at me like there was something that she wanted to say, but seeing the way that I looked at her, she wasn't able to say a thing. The expression on her face turned to a look of gratitude, but she didn't say anything.

After all, there was no need for words.

With that, it was decided that we would be visiting the territory of Rose's parents.

Though this would go against the fourth prince's wishes of having me in a safe and isolated place, this was what I had to do for her.

Once this was decided, it was time to break it to the others who thought that I would be staying here for a while.

But to my surprise, all of them supported this.

It seemed like Rose had gotten quite close to the other girls during this time and all of them showed their support.

Though it did help that most of them had complicated relationships with their own families in the first place...so it wasn't as if they couldn't sympathize with her.

They knew what it was like to be in her situation.

All of them agreed that we should go and all of them agreed that they shouldn't go.

This was a private family matter, so it was for the two of us to handle instead of them butting in.

During her absence, Angela would be running my territory for her.

Though by this time, Rose had already had a good system in place to take care of everything if she were to ever leave, so there wasn't much that Angela needed to do.

But she was from the royal family for a reason.

She had been trained on things like this since she was young, so she was easily able to step into Rose's place and take care of the territory without any problems.

The rest of them all promised to work with Angela while we were gone, except for one person.

Cecilia was coming with us as a guard since this was also where she grew up.

Rose insisted on her coming, so Cecilia came with us.

Chapter 793 Rose's plan

When we left, we took the wyverns.

I wanted to go with a horse carriage, but it seemed like Rose wanted to travel by wyvern.

Though I felt that this might be a bit too much for her parents.

At the same time, it was better to keep a low profile since the fourth prince told me to keep a low profile.

However, for some reason, Rose seemed insistent that we take these wyverns.

It wasn't as if she had never ridden on the back of a wyvern before, so I couldn't understand why she was so insistent on going by wyvern.

At the same time, she was insisting that Cecilia ride with us, so the three of us were together. There was no one else that was allowed on the same wyvern as us as everyone else flew on their own wyverns around us.

When we were in the air, Rose finally told me why she insisted on all of this.

"When we get to my father's territory, these will be our roles."

Both Cecilia and I were surprised by these words from her.

After all, before we left, she seemed like she was worried about her family and now...it seemed like she was plotting against her family. It was as if the side of her that she showed before was all fake.

Rose could see the way that I was looking at her, so she said, "It's just that I've calmed down and gathered myself. I was worried earlier, but you assured me that it'll all be fine, so I'll believe that."

I was surprised again at how much she trusted me, but I didn't say anything as I just gave a simple nod in response.

Rose continued by saying, "Besides, now that I've calmed down and thought about it, I know that there's one thing that I want to do. Just in case this is all a trick, I want to make sure that I don't have any plans at all. I don't want to regret anything, so I'll make sure that I can make things go the way that I want."

Seeing the way that she said this and the look in her eyes, both Cecilia and I were a bit afraid of her.

But it wasn't as if we couldn't understand what she was feeling.

So the two of us fell silent and listened to what Rose had to say.

"The division of roles will be..."

The expression on our faces slowly changed as we listened to her plan.

First it was surprise, then it was shock, and finally we had serious looks on our faces.

I just looked at Rose with this serious look for a while before asking, "Are you sure about this? They are your parents after all."

Rose just looked at me with a calm look like she wasn't bothered by this before saying, "If they really do this, then I won't take this lying down."

Seeing her like this, I just shook my head with a faint smile and said, "Alright, I'll support you no matter what you do."

There was a bright smile that appeared on her face as she came forward to hug me and put her head in my chest. As she laid there in my chest, I heard a soft voice say, "Thank you."

I was sure that this all must be hard for her, so the only thing that I could do now was give her my support.

Cecilia also came forward and said, "I'll support you too."

The way that she said this seemed a bit too enthusiastic, but this couldn't be blamed on her.

After all, there were her feelings for Rose along with her feelings for me.

This was a matter that involved both of us, so it was something that she was doubly entangled with. This gave her double the reason to do her best in supporting both of us.

The three of us just stayed like that for a while as we enjoyed the scenery from way up in the air. The land beneath us seemed so far away, but it was a beautiful scene when staring at it from above like this.

It really made the world seem small, especially when the people down there looked as small as ants.

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Three days later, we arrived in the territory of Rose's father.

This wasn't because it was far away, but because...she wanted to catch him off guard.

She didn't send a letter as soon as we left our town and since we left on the wyverns, she was certain that the person that her father sent to watch the town wouldn't know. At the same time, she had someone send a letter by horse when we came close to her father's territory.

So we had actually been waiting nearby for the letter to arrive.

That way, we would be able to catch them off guard.

When we arrived, there were people that came forward to point their weapons at us.

They naturally didn't expect us, so naturally they would point their weapons as the wyverns that suddenly appeared. However, it was very clear that they were very scared of our wyverns.

These soldiers were nothing more than simple guards in the middle of the countryside that had never seen any real action. They couldn't compare to the soldiers on the frontline that had seen all kinds of warfare.

Not to mention, even those soldiers on the frontline would be scared when they saw wyverns arrive.

So it wasn't strange that they had this reaction when they saw us.

Rose stepped forward on Joan's back and said, "Who do you think you're pointing your weapons at? I am Duchess Rose, the count's daughter! I was told that my father was ill and I even sent a letter stating that I would be visiting! Are you saying that I'm not welcome?"

Since they were soldiers that worked for the count family, they had naturally seen Rose's portrait before and recognized her.

When they saw her, none of the soldiers knew what to do.

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The soldiers just looked at each other in a daze in response to Rose's accusation.

It was a good thing that the captain of this group was able to react in the end.

He quickly came forward and gave a bow before saying, "My lady, we've never heard of any of this before. If you would just give us a bit of time, we'll go and confirm this with our superiors, as well as bring your family over to see you."

Then after a pause, he boldly said, "If you would come with us, we could also bring you to see your family right now."

Rose gave a snort before saying, "Is this how my family will treat me? Perhaps I should just leave then?"

The captain trembled when he heard this before quickly shaking his head and saying, "My lady, we would never do something like that. It's just that..."

Before the captain could finish, there was a group of horses that rushed over.

When they came over, the one that was in the lead came right up to Joan and the person riding on it jumped off before saying, "Sister, what are you doing here?"

Rose narrowed her eyes to look at this handsome red haired young man who stood there. She just stared at him in silence for a bit before finally saying, "Henry, didn't you and mother send me a message saying that father was ill? Because of that, I dropped everything and rushed back to see father."

The one she called Henry was surprised to hear this before saying, "Sister, if you were coming back, you could have sent a letter, right? If you're going to come like this, we at least need to know to stabilize our hearts."

Rose gave a snort before saying, "I did send a message. Are you saying that you didn't get it yet?"

As if on cue, there was someone else on horseback that suddenly came over.

When they saw the wyverns, they only seemed a bit surprised as if it was their first time seeing wyverns. However, they didn't seem like they were surprised that there were wyverns here.

After riding over, that person jumped off their horse and stood in front of Henry, giving him a bow before saying, "Young lord, there's an urgent message for you."

There was a bitter smile that appeared on Henry's face as he took it before saying, "Why didn't you bring it sooner?"

The person that brought it over said with a bitter look, "My lord, it just arrived..."

Henry just gave it a simple look before throwing it back to the messenger.

With a bitter smile on his face, he turned to look back up at Rose before saying, "Sister, you can't just arrive before sending a message like this."

Rose gave a shrug before saying, "I sent the message and you're just receiving it, is that my fault?"

Henry slightly knitted his brows before asking the messenger, "Why did it take so long to arrive?"

The messenger still had the same bitter look as he said, "The messenger came by horse, so it just arrived at our town not long ago."

Henry realized what the messenger meant by this, so he turned back to look at Rose with the same bitter smile before saying, "Sister, you're sending someone on horseback to send a message...Of course they won't make it before the wyvern."

Rose gave a shrug before saying, "You wanted me to send a wyvern?"

Henry trembled when he heard this, but he quickly shook his head and changed the topic by saying, "Sister, why are you in such a rush anyway?"

Rose narrowed her eyes to look at Henry before saying, "Weren't you and mother the ones that wanted me to come back quickly? Weren't you the ones that said that father was ill?"

Henry was caught off guard when he heard this as if he didn't expect her to say this, but then he said, "Right, father is...well, he was ill. It's just that he's better now."

Rose narrowed her eyes even more to look at Henry before saying, "Since that's the case, then there's no need for me to stay any longer."

Henry was once again caught off guard when he heard this before he quickly stepped forward and said, "Sister, since you're here, why not come and see mother and father? It's been so long since you've visited, I'm sure that they would love to see you."

After that, he turned to look at me and said, "I'm assuming that you must be Duke Zwein. We would love to have you visit as well. This is our first time meeting, but you can be sure that we support you and your marriage to my sister."

The way that he said this seemed much more friendly than how he talked to Rose.

It was clear that he was much more interested in me than he was in Rose, which meant that our suspicions had been confirmed. They were doing all this just to get me to come to their territory.

As for what their goal was...

I didn't get to answer as Rose suddenly said, "So is that the only reason that you want to invite us? In that case, there's no reason for us to stay." She turned around and said to me, "We're leaving."

Henry revealed a shocked look when he heard this since he never expected Rose to react like this.

Then there was a look of panic that appeared on his face as he didn't know what to say next. It wasn't as if he could use force to make them stay since the other side had wyverns.

Even if all his men tried, they wouldn't be able to do a thing.

But we didn't leave in the end as I grabbed Rose by the shoulder and said, "Wait, let's not be hasty. Your brother is inviting us to meet your parents, I think that we should at least go."

Chapter 795 For the wyverns

Henry and the rest of his men were shocked to hear this.

After all, they never thought that I would suddenly speak up for them.

In the first place, we weren't even related other than me being married to Rose.

His own biological sister was treating him that way and here I was speaking up for him.

It really was a strange feeling seeing this...

But Henry remained silent as he waited to see what would happen next.

Rose narrowed her eyes to look at me and the two of us just looked at each other for a bit before she finally lowered her head to say, "Alright, we'll listen to you."

Henry was even more shocked when he saw this.

After all, he knew what kind of personality his sister had, so he knew how she would have normally responded. It definitely wouldn't have been how she responded now...

However, he quickly gathered himself and said, "Then shall we head to the city?"

There were many things that he didn't understand, but there was one thing that he did understand. Instead of dwelling too deeply on one thing, it was better to just go along with it and slowly figure out what was happening.

Not to mention, this was a situation where he had some form of control.

After all, they were the hosts here and they were the ones that it seemed that Duke Zwein wanted to meet. So they should be able to sway him to a certain extent as long as they didn't go overboard.

Rose narrowed her eyes to look at Henry again, but she calmed down when I patted her on the shoulder.

After seeing the gaze from me, she lowered her head and moved behind me as if she was completely submissive.

Henry had a visible shocked look on his face when he saw this, but he quickly calmed himself down and led the way for them.

As they led the way, as we flew on the back of Joan, Rose and I exchanged a look.

This was a look that made it clear that all of this was planned.

From the very beginning, these were the roles that Rose had laid out for us.

She wanted me to be the one that seemed like I was in charge so they would focus their attention on me.

As for why she wanted that...

It was because she knew that her father and brother were men who didn't think much of women. She had seen it growing up in that house, they were people that didn't think that women were capable even though this was a world where gender equality was quite good since women were able to take any jobs they wanted.

It was just that these two were rare misogynists, so they looked down on women in the first place.

That was how Rose had been raised, so it was a wonder how she had turned out the way that she did.

Though if one thought about it...the more that one was taught one way, the more that they would want to do things another way. Perhaps that did explain why Rose turned out the way that she did.

When we arrived in the town, Henry awkwardly asked us to keep our wyverns outside of the gates.

After all, this was one of those towns that hadn't had to build facilities for wyverns yet.

They were far away from the frontlines and this was a relatively safe area, so the wyverns had never come here before.

But it was clear by the materials that they were stockpiling that they were prepared to build these facilities at any time.

This actually made things easier for me since now I knew exactly what they wanted from me.

If it wasn't the wyverns, why else could it be?

In that case, I knew what cards I held and how to play them.

It would be easy to deal with them.

I could see that Rose had the same look in her eyes as me when she saw these materials piled on the side.

After leaving the wyverns, the only ones that came with us were Shaka and Cecilia.

Even though this was a personal matter, I had Shaka come since he was the strongest person that I knew that could act as my guard. If things went wrong, I needed a one man army like him.

As for Cecilia...

"Isn't that Cecilia?" Henry suddenly asked after Cecilia dismounted her wyvern and opened up her helmet.

Because she had been in full armour and was riding on the wyvern before, Henry hadn't actually recognized her. However, the moment that he saw her, he immediately went to greet her.

The way that he greeted her was even more enthusiastic than when he greeted me or Rose.

The look in his eyes also made it clear that he had other intentions.

So before she could answer, I said, "Cecilia is our guard, which is why she came with us."

Henry was surprised that I answered for her before saying, "Oh, I never thought that you would still be with Rose after all this time. It seems like the two of you really are close."

Once again, I answered for her by saying, "It's not that they're just close, she's serving as the captain of our knights right now. So it's only normal that she's with us as we travel."

Henry gave a nod before saying, "Still, it's good to see you..."

Before he could finish, I added, "But then again, it would be strange if I didn't bring my wife back to see her hometown."

This time, there was a much stronger reaction from Henry as he looked at us in shock. After a long moment of silence, he asked, "What did you just say?"

I looked at him with a smile as I said, "I said that it would be strange if I didn't bring my wife back to her hometown."

"Your wife? You mean my sister?" Henry asked in a slow voice.

I just calmly said, "Yes, your sister is my wife, but I have more than one wife. Cecilia is my second wife, along with the head of our knights."

Henry looked even more shocked when he heard this before turning to look at Cecilia.

Cecilia didn't even care about how he looked at her as she made her way over to where Rose and I were. She just stood beside me, as if she was using this to prove what I said.

Henry's face twisted when he saw this.

There was a clear look of anger and hatred, as well as a look of betrayal that appeared on his face. It was clear that there were other feelings that he had for Cecilia, but that wasn't strange with how beautiful she was.

It was just that she was my wife now, so...I wouldn't let anyone do anything to her.

In a colder voice, I asked, "Brother in law, is there some kind of problem?"

Henry slowly came back to his senses when he heard this and that look disappeared from his face, but there was still a trace of anger and hatred in his eyes as he looked at me.

But he said, "No, no, of course not." At that, he revealed a smile and said, "I was just surprised to see an old childhood friend."

Gesturing forward, he said, "Shall we? Our parents are waiting for you."

I narrowed my eyes to look at him before giving a nod.

But in my mind...I already thought about how I would take care of him in the future.

Nobody would lay a finger on any of my wives.

Chapter 796 Count Amboise

The manor that they lived in was like the manor of the other nobles that I had met.

It was clear that they cared very much about their appearance with the size of their manor.

Though walking through their town, it didn't seem like their management of their people was that bad. It seemed that there was a balance between caring about their people and putting on appearances.

So they weren't the worst nobles that I had met and they weren't the best.

They were right in the middle, they were just considered normal.

When we arrived at the manor, there was a beautiful woman that came forward to greet us.

This beautiful blonde haired woman looked just like Rose even if she had blonde hair and even though she seemed a bit older, she seemed more like a sister rather than a mother.

Right, a mother.

That was because this was Rose's mother, Lily.

Both the mother and daughter seemed to be named after flowers, was it some kind of tradition or was it something else?

Though that really wasn't something that I should be thinking of.

When Rose's mother came down, the first thing that she did was take Rose in her arms and give her a big hug.

Judging by the wide smile that was on Rose's face, it seemed that she was happy to see her mother as well. It seemed that the two of them were quite close with how long they hugged and even though they eventually separated, she didn't move that far away from Rose.

That was until her eyes fell onto Cecilia.

With a wide smile, she stepped forward to take Cecilia in her embrace as well.

Based on Cecilia's reaction, it seemed that she was quite close with Rose's mother as well.

Of course, that wasn't strange since Cecilia was Rose's childhood friend in the first place.

It wasn't strange that her mother would know Cecilia and would be close to her.

It was only after she greeted the two of them that she finally turned her gaze to me.

When she looked at me, she changed into a completely different person.

Gone was that free spirited appearance that she had before, now she looked like a proper lady as she greeted me.

"Duke Zwein." She said with a slight bow before continuing to say, "It's an honour to meet you."

I gave her a gentleman's bow before saying, "Madame, it should be my honour. I want to apologize for not coming sooner. We should have come after the marriage to greet you and father in law."

Lily was surprised to hear this, but she then gave a satisfied nod before saying, "I'm sure that you were busy during this time. I have heard many tales of your accomplishments, so I'm sure that it must have been hard for you to find the time to come."

I just said with a smile, "Mother in law, there's no need to act like this. You can speak to me without all this etiquette."

"Is that so?" Lily asked before suddenly changing back to the appearance that she had before. With a wide smile, she said, "I really don't like being like that anyway, so it's better if we can talk informally."

My lips twitched when I saw this since I never thought that she would change back into a different person so easily...

But I didn't let this emotion show on my face since she was still my mother in law and I didn't want to leave a bad impression on her.

After watching us for a bit, Rose suddenly said in a worried look, "Mother, what about father? Is he alright?"

Lily was surprised to hear this before revealing an awkward look.

Rose didn't say anything as she just kept looking at her with the same worried look, so Lily had no choice but to say, "Your father is alright, it's just that..."

Rose kept pushing by asking, "Just what?"

Lily gave a cough to hide her awkwardness even though it was hard to hide it on that face before saying, "Your father was ill a while ago, but he just recovered. There's nothing for you to worry about."

Rose narrowed her eyes after hearing this before saying, "Mother, you were the one that sent me those letters about father in the first place. Are you really saying that there's nothing to worry about now?"

Lily trembled when she saw her daughter staring at her like this before eventually saying with a bitter smile, "Come upstairs and talk to him then. Your father is working in his study."

Rose gave a nod before following her up.

Behind them came me, Henry, Cecilia, and Shaka.

There was a look that Henry shot Shaka as if he wanted him to stay, but Shaka's presence was more than enough to make him back down. At the same time, I didn't say anything about Shaka being here, so he couldn't say anything.

When we came up to the study, we found a stern looking red haired man sitting there at the desk.

His desk was covered in papers and he seemed to be lost in thought as he stared at them.

When he heard the sound of the door opening, he said, "What is it?"

Lily just said with a faint smile, "It's your daughter."

The red haired man was surprised to hear this before looking up to see us standing there at the door.

He looked at me and Rose for a bit before giving a nod and saying, "Sit for a bit, let me finish this."

I didn't need anyone to introduce me to know that this person was Count Louis Amboise, Rose's father.

The way that he worked was just like the way that she worked, he wouldn't stop until he was done with what he was doing.

After a few minutes, he finally put away the pieces of paper in front of him and looked up at Rose to ask, "What is it?"

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Rose was surprised to hear this at first before saying with a bitter look, "I think I should be the one that's asking you this. You're the one that summoned me back by saying that you're sick."

Count Amboise narrowed his eyes for a bit as if he had to think about this before turning to look at Henry.

Henry turned away when he saw Count Amboise looking at him like this.

Count Amboise remained silent as he kept staring at Henry before turning back to say, "Right, your father was ill, so he wanted you to come back. Is there something wrong with that?"

Rose was surprised by how shameless he was before saying, "But you're not ill."

"I was ill and now I'm better." Count Amboise said in a calm voice, as if he wasn't shaken by her accusation at all.

Rose was even more surprised by how shameless he was.

The sayings really were true...the older a pepper is, the hotter it becomes.

It was clear that Count Amboise had a lot of experience with matters like this, which was why he wasn't fazed at all by Rose's words.

But the clues that I got from this made it very clear who the real culprit behind all of this was.

I could tell that there was someone who had acted behind the count's back to orchestrate all of this, that was why it seemed like the count didn't know anything about this.

And that person was in the room with us.

But as a father, it didn't seem like Count Amboise was planning on exposing that person and was even planning on covering for them.

Rose just looked at Count Amboise for a bit before saying, "Alright, since you're better, there's no reason for us to stay any longer. We're leaving then."

This time it was Count Amboise's turn to be surprised, but the way that he showed it was a bit strange.

Instead of showing actual surprise, he just slightly knitted his brows.

But it was different from Henry and Lily who were not as good at hiding their true feelings.

Lily was the one that came forward to say, "Sweetie, what are you saying? You've finally come back after all this time and you're saying that you're leaving already? How could you do that?"

Rose just had a calm and expressionless look on her face as her mother said this.

Eventually Henry came forward as well and said, "Sister, you shouldn't do this to mother and father. It's been so long since they've seen you and you're just leaving like this? Why not just stay a bit longer?"

Rose turned to look at Henry to say, "If they wanted to see me, why couldn't they come and see me? Why must I come and see them?"

Henry was caught off guard when he heard this.

He opened and closed his mouth a few times before closing it again as he didn't know what to say.

Well, there was something that he wanted to say, but he didn't say it in the end when he saw how Rose looked at him. It was clear that if he were to say what he wanted to say, it wouldn't end well for him.

So the only thing that he could do was turn to me as if he was looking for help.

But I just completely ignored him.

This was something that Rose was doing, so I would support her in the end even if it meant antagonizing her family.

So the only thing that Henry could do in the end was awkwardly turn away.

Rose didn't care about him as she looked at her father and mother.

Both of whom had remained silent during all of this.

In the end though, Lily said, "Sweetie, we're a family. You shouldn't be acting this way."

Rose just said with a snort, "We're a family? Then why did you never visit after pawning me off to some random noble?"

Lily's eyes trembled when she heard this before awkwardly turning away.

Even though the count didn't say anything, it was clear by the slight furrowing of his brows that he also had a slight reaction to this.

Henry came forward and said, "Sister, you can't talk to mother and father like this."

This time, he had actual justification which was what gave him the confidence to speak.

It was just too bad for him that Rose didn't give him any face at all.

"And who do you think you are to talk to me like that? I have to remind you that I am a duchess, the wife of a duke. You are nothing more than the son of a count, one that hasn't even inherited a title yet. Do you really think that you can talk to me like this?"

If she went even further, then she might have slapped him in the face.

But he was still her brother, so it wasn't as if she could just slap him right in the face like that.

That didn't mean that it didn't feel like getting slapped in the face for Henry.

The words that Rose said were like slaps that made his cheeks sting.

It was even so powerful that he wasn't able to lift his head to look at her.

The only thing that he could do was shoot looks at me like he wanted me to help, but this time, he was surprised to see the stern look that I had. The way that I looked at him made him feel pressured as well...

Since my wife was bringing out her status as the duchess, I naturally had to support her as the duke.

If they were going to disrespect her, then I would side with her no matter what.

Both Rose's mother and father didn't know what to say in this situation since she had brought out her title.

After all, both of them were technically lower ranked than her and couldn't say anything if she was to bring out her title.

Even if they were her parents, it couldn't be done.

There was this tense atmosphere that filled the air.

Chapter 798 Stay one night

In the end, it was up to me to diffuse the situation since there was no one else that was qualified.

At the same time, I could see the subtle looks that Rose was giving me.

I knew that she also wanted me to do this.

After all, the plan was to stay in the first place and take care of her family.

If we were to leave just like this, there was no telling what they would have done in the future. Instead, it was better to stay here and manipulate them into doing what we wanted them to do.

It was better to subtly control the family rather than to forcefully take over later.

So with a cough, I put a hand on Rose's shoulder and said, "Now, now, there's no need to act so fierce. We came here to check on your family and there's no telling what could happen. Your father is most likely weak from his illness, so it's possible that he might relapse because of this. As such, we should stay and make sure that he's alright, right?"

Rose just looked at me for a bit before slowly giving a nod.

When they heard this, the looks on the faces of the others looked a bit better.

However, before they could say anything else...

"Though they have been a bit rude, so it doesn't seem like there's a need to stay that long." I suddenly raised a finger and said, "One day, we'll just stay one night and see

how they act. If they can change their ways, then we'll stay longer. If they can't, then there's no need for us to stay any longer."

Rose gave a much stronger nod this time before turning to look at her family.

The way that she looked at them made them feel pressured again, which caused them to remain silent.

Though it wasn't as bad for her mother and father, it seemed like she was putting quite a bit of pressure on her brother.

In the end, it was Lily who said, "Sweetie, let's go and have some tea. There's a lot that I want to talk to you about."

Then turning to me, she said, "As for the men, I'm sure that your father will want to talk to your husband. Since he's your father, he'll want to have a proper talk with your husband."

Rose slightly knitted her brows when she heard this, but I just gave her a nod to show that it was fine.

It was only then that she left with Cecilia and her mother.

Shaka on the other hand stood there behind me the entire time without moving.

Once it was just the four of us left in the room, I turned to look at Henry and said, "You can leave now. There's nothing for you here."

Henry was completely taken aback when he heard this.

There was a confused and surprised look on his face as he had no idea what was happening, but there was also a trace of worry in his eyes. It was as if he could tell that there was something wrong...

But then I said with a smile, "I want to have a private talk with my father in law. I hope that you can understand that."

Henry's expression slowly relaxed before he said with a smile, "Of course, brother in law. There are some things that I want to talk to you about as well, but I'll wait until you're done with father."

With that Henry and Shaka also left the room.

Shaka raised a brow to look at me when I asked him to leave, but he left still when I gave him a confident nod.

Then it was only the count and I left in the room.

There was an awkward silence that hung in the air as neither of us said a thing.

Both of us just sat there with calm looks on our faces, but it was clear that one side was faking it while one side was actually calm. As for which side was which, it was quite easy to tell just based on the looks in our eyes.

After a long time, I finally broke the silence by saying, "There's really nothing for you."

Count Amboise knitted his brows when he heard this.

He didn't say anything as he just looked at me with this look on his face, but I also didn't say a thing as I looked back at him with a calm look on my face.

It didn't seem like he was about to say a single thing as he just sat there staring at me, so I said, "If you don't discipline that one child, you might end up losing even more."

This time, Count Amboise couldn't remain silent.

The looks in his eyes already made it clear how worried he was about this situation, so the only reason that he had remained silent this entire time was to gauge how bad the situation really was. He wanted to judge what I was thinking and see what I would do.

The words that I just said were the final nail in the coffin.

It was clear that I wasn't someone that was just an empty lamp, I was someone that knew exactly what was happening and I was planning on taking action accordingly.

These words that I gave him were the first and only warning.

So Count Amboise had no choice but to take it.

After all, the difference in status and power was clear.

With a sigh, Count Amboise said, "I've spoiled that child too much since he was young, it's my fault."

I was surprised since I never thought that these would be his first words, but the look on his face told me that he was being sincere.

It was as if he was letting out all of the feelings that were deep in his heart.

But there was also something that I wanted to ask.

"Why do you treat your children differently?"

Chapter 799 Teach him a lesson

Count Amboise looked at me with a complicated look before saying, "It's hard when one of your children is too capable."

I was surprised to hear this since this certainly wasn't what I had been expecting to hear.

After all, isn't it a good thing if one's child was capable?

Count Amboise then said with a sigh, "Since one of them was too capable, I couldn't help spoiling the other to feel normal. I know that this isn't the right thing to do, but I just couldn't help myself..."

My brows slightly knitted when I heard this as I was confused what he meant by this.

Especially the part that he said about feeling normal.

What did he mean by that?

But it didn't seem like he was going to say anything, so I asked, "What do you mean by this? They are still your children, is there anything wrong with that?"

The only thing that I could think of was that he might think that Rose wasn't his child. If she was too capable, then perhaps he might think that she was the spawn of someone else because of how bad the brother was.

It turned out that this wasn't the case.

Count Amboise shook his head, but he still didn't say anything.

It was almost as if there was something that he was hesitating to say.

In the end, he still looked at me and said, "There's nothing wrong with her, I know that she's my child. It's just that from time to time, I can tell that there's something different about her. There's something that's hidden deep inside of her and it's that part of her that scares me."

I was surprised to hear this, but it wasn't as if I couldn't understand what he meant by this.

After all, I had seen that part of Rose before.

I thought that it was only because of the curse that her husband put on her that she acted that way, but it might not be the case at all.

It might be that there was this part of her all along and that curse just amplified it to the point where it came out. That might also be the reason why she was acting the way that she was now.

After amplifying it, that part of her had become a natural part of her that came out from time to time.

Seeing the way that my eyes changed, it seemed like Count Amboise felt like he had met someone that could understand what he was thinking. It really seemed like he saw me as some kind of comrade in understanding what was wrong with his daughter.

But I didn't want to give him that impression.

I didn't want him to think that I thought that there was something wrong with Rose.

After all, in my mind, there was absolutely nothing wrong with her.

Even if she did act a bit strange from time to time, this was just who she was.

I was more disappointed in Count Amboise as a parent because of this.

After all, a parent should be someone that cares about their child regardless of how they were. It was the job of the parent to guide them on their path and choosing to run away from that was letting their child down.

So there was no way that Count Amboise could count as a parent in my mind.

In the end, I slapped my hand down on the table and said in a cold voice, "You were too afraid to try to be a good parent, you have no one to blame but yourself."

Count Amboise was taken aback when he heard this, but he slowly gave a nod and looked down with an embarrassed look on his face.

There was nothing that he could say to refute this.

In fact, he even wanted someone to say this to him since he knew in his heart that this was the case.

I didn't say a thing as I just watched him like this, but eventually I said with a sigh, "Putting that matter aside, there's something that I want to say."

Count Amboise was pulled out of his daze and looked up at me with a surprised and confused look.

Seeing him look at me like this, I said, "I want to teach him a lesson."

Count Amboise was even more surprised, but he was no longer confused.

It wasn't hard for him to understand what I meant by this, but it was a bit hard for him to accept this since this was the child that he had pampered all this time. Even if he had been called out on it, it wasn't as if it was that easy for him to change.

This was something that had been embedded in him over a long period of time, so it wasn't as if he could change as he wanted.

Count Amboise just looked at me with a complicated look, but I looked back at him with a stern look.

In a sense, this was my way of judging to see if he was someone that was worthy of continuing to associate with.

If he failed, I might even consider getting rid of him just for Rose's sake.

I know that it would make her sad if her parents were to disappear, but...in the long run, it would be for the better. After all, the longer that this kind of parent remained, the more pain that it would cause her.

So even if it meant becoming a martyr, I was willing to do this for her.

Count Amboise's expression changed several times, but the complicated look on his face remained constant.

But in the end, he said with a sigh, "I hope that you will show mercy."

I gave a nod, but there was a part of me that didn't really want to listen to this.

After all, that idiot son of his had crossed a line.

He looked at another man's wife with eyes that he shouldn't have.

Chapter 800 Do what you need to do

Dinner was a somber affair since the matters between Rose and her parents hadn't been cleared up.

Lily tried her best to keep the mood light, but it was clear that no one was in the mood for it.

So after dinner, we all went to our own rooms.

They had tried to put Cecilia in a different room, no doubt this was because of Henry, but she just came to our room without a care. It was as if she was already familiar with

this manor, but that wasn't strange since she was Rose's childhood friend in the first place.

It turned out that the room that we had been given was Rose's room in the first place.

This was where she lived until she was married off the baron.

Now that she was back, she couldn't help feeling a bit nostalgic seeing her old room. However, it wasn't just nostalgia that she felt...

As she looked around the room, I could see that there was a trace of sadness that was also in her eyes. It was as if she was remembering things that she didn't want to remember.

Seeing this, I took another point away from Count Amboise.

Though in my books, it wasn't as if he was anywhere near being positive yet. So it didn't really matter if I took away another point from his total.

In a sense, that was his super power.

He was so far down that it was hard for him to fall any further...

After taking some time to look around her room, Rose took a deep breath and turned to look at me with a calm look as she said, "Well? What's it going to be?"

I was surprised to see her compose herself this quickly, but I also composed myself and said, "I want to punish him."

Rose had a surprised look before asking, "You're not going to say that there's no need for that since they're family?"

A wry smile appeared on my face as I didn't expect her to ask this.

I thought that Rose would be the one that would be hesitant since she had me step in earlier, but it seemed that this wasn't the case. Perhaps it might be different if it was her father or mother, but it seemed like there was no love lost with this brother of hers.

So I just calmly said, "Did you see the way that he looked at Cecilia?"

Rose wasn't surprised when she heard this, instead she just gave a sigh and said, "I know, I know, he's been like that forever. He's a spoiled child that won't listen to what I say, so it might be good for him to learn a lesson."

The look that appeared in her eyes was a bit scary and I could sympathize with Henry for a bit since I had seen sisters bullying their brothers before. But that sympathy really didn't last long since in the first place, he was just getting what he deserved.

Instead of worrying about that, I turned to look at Cecilia and asked, "This is something that involves you, so I wanted to see how you felt about it."

Cecilia just gave a simple nod as she said, "As long as you decide to do something, I will support you. Not to mention, you're doing this on my behalf. You don't have to worry about me, I never liked him in the first place."

I gave a nod before turning to look at Rose with a complicated look.

There was something that I wanted to tell her, it was related to what I had talked to her father about.

Rose could see that there was something that I was agonizing over, so she said, "It's alright, you can just tell me."

The way that she looked at me seemed like she was ready to accept anything that I had to tell her. However, there was still a part of me that was afraid that this would leave a deep scar in her heart.

In the end, I took a deep breath and told her everything that I talked about with her father.

Rose's expression didn't change as she listened to me, but Cecilia's expression did the more that she listened. It was almost as if she couldn't believe what she was listening to.

When I was done, Cecilia suddenly slammed her fist down on the table in front of us and said, "How could he feel that way about his own daughter?"

But then she revealed a worried look as she looked at Rose.

Rose had a calm look on her face the entire time, as if she wasn't bothered by this.

Though to say that she wasn't bothered by this at all was a lie.

After a long silence, Rose gave a deep sigh before saying, "It seems like there's something I need to discuss with my father."

Both Cecilia and I remained silent as we waited to see what else Rose had to say, but she quickly calmed her face and looked up at me to say, "But before that, you have to take care of my brother."

I was surprised by how calm she was being and I was worried that she might be holding her feelings in.

I was about to move forward to say something, but she raised her hand to stop me and said, "I know what you're about to say and you don't have to worry. I'll support you in whatever you need to do, so you just do what you need to do. After this is over, I'll have a proper talk with my father."

There was a touched feeling that filled my heart and I wanted to say something, but I felt that it would just cheapen the sentiment if I did...

So I just gave a nod and said, "Un."

With that, I gave a snap and there was a dark figure that appeared in the room.

It was Shadow Five.