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When we arrived back in my territory, I found that things were going even better than before.

It wasn't just because Rose had left everything well in place, but also because of Angela's skilled management skills. It turned out that the lessons that she had learned as part of the royal family really paid off.

But that was also partly because of the connection that she had as part of the royal family.

Since she was part of the royal family and had information that other people didn't, there were things that only Angela could do.

If she went too far, one might even think that the royal family was trying to curb the nobles in this area through me. Luckily, Angela knew how far to take things without pushing the nobles too far.

If she did, then we might have had a problem on our hands.

Luckily, she knew when to stop.

When Rose came back to the office, she was very impressed with all the things that Angela had done during her time. But that wasn't the only thing that Rose was impressed by.

That was because there was something else that Angela had done during the time that we were away.

"This, all of this, how did you manage to do this?"

Angela just said with a faint smile, "It isn't hard with the right connections. As long as you know who to talk to, this is a piece of cake."

Rose looked at Angela with an impressed and somewhat fearful look when she heard this, but that fear quickly disappeared and was replaced with even more admiration.

The fear that she showed was just instinct and there was no real need for her to fear Angela.

After all, they were about to share the same husband.

In a case like this, the more negative feelings that were built up, the worse it would be for everyone.

At the same time, she also had her personal relationship with Angela.

This wasn't something that she should be feeling towards her.

Angela didn't react at all, but she also saw the look on Rose's face.

Still, she was thinking the same thing as Rose, so she acted like nothing had happened.

I was just on the side shaking my head with a bitter smile as I watched all of this.

But it didn't take long for me to feel a chill run down my spine.

That was because...the two of them had a greed that I never imagined that they would have.

In no time, they were already coming up with a plan that made me feel sorry for all of the nobles in the country. This kind of plan was best not said out loud, but they didn't hold back at all as they threw in more and more ideas.

Well at the very least, it seemed like they were happy.

It was like they had met someone that could understand them for who they were.

Though I'm not sure if it was a good thing to let them cut loose like this...

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For the next few weeks, there was only peace and quiet.

I had been worried that with the three of them getting pregnant, there would be some kind of discord between them. After all, there were those that could get pregnant and those that couldn't since they weren't married yet.

However, it turned out that I was worried for nothing.

There was also a small part of me that had been worried about the future since the more wives there were, the more children there would be. I was worried that the children might also not get along because their mothers wouldn't get along.

But that was the good part about having a diverse harem.

Since all of them had their own things, it wasn't as if there was anything that would clash with each other.

It seemed that they all wanted different things for their children and none of that clashed, so it seemed like they would be quite harmonious in the future.

It seemed like there was nothing for me to worry about.

The ones that weren't pregnant even went out of their way to take care of the ones that were pregnant, so it was quite a beautiful sight.

Though the one thing that they didn't do was...let me help.

They didn't have any trust in me and sent me off to do menial tasks for them when I tried to help.

It really sunk in the feeling that when it came to pregnancy, the most useless person involved was the husband.

After making the baby, there really wasn't anything that the husband could do to help with the process. The only thing that he could do was go along with the requests of his wife and not get in the way.

After all, it was the woman who was doing all the hard work by creating a little miracle in them for nine months.

Of course, there was no complaining that came from me.

I was more than happy to do whatever it took to keep them happy and I was happy to see them all getting along like this.

It would have been good if we were able to remain like this for a long time, but that didn't happen in the end.

That was because a month and a half later, there was someone that suddenly dropped into our town.

It was someone that we were familiar with.

It was the fourth prince.

Whenever the fourth prince came, it was never a good thing.

It would always turn into a big mess, so we were curious why he was here this time.

"It's time for your wedding." The fourth prince said with a calm look on his face.

All of us were shocked when we heard this since this was not what we had expected to hear.

After all, it had only been a month and a half.

Was that really enough time to stabilize the kingdom?

Chapter 812 It's time

As if he could see the doubt that was on my face, the fourth prince said with a smile, "It's not as if we've been idle this entire time. We've already taken care of most of the matters and it's time for the changing of the guard."

His expression became serious when he said this.

After all, it wasn't just the wedding alone that was the focus this time.

There was something else that was going along with this that was more important than the wedding.

Though that was a bit rude to the bride and groom who were me and Angela, it was a fact that this was more important than our wedding.

It was that the king was going to step down from the throne and hand his crown to his successor.

One might think that it would be the fourth prince who would receive this crown since he was the only prince that was left, but it wasn't him. It wasn't even the princess who could have served as the queen as the king's eldest daughter.

It was me.

I was the one that was about to become the new king for some strange reason.

The one that had been proposed to by the princess and now chosen as the new king.

I didn't understand why they were doing this, but at this point, I had already given up and accepted that this was just how it would be.

At this point, I accepted that I would become the new king of this kingdom.

Though that was mainly because this was the place where the people that I loved were.

Still, that didn't stop me from asking, "Are you sure about this? It's not too late to take the crown if you want to."

There was a bitter smile that appeared on my lips when I said this.

The fourth prince just looked at me with a smile before saying, "I prefer not having to do all that work?"

The bitter smile on my face became more bitter when I heard this before saying, "Aren't you going to be doing that work anyway? You're the one that volunteered or are you telling me that you're going to abandon me now?"

The fourth prince just shook his head before saying, "Of course not, but it's a completely different concept holding the title and the power that comes to it than just having the power that comes with it. There are many annoying things that you have to deal with if you have both."

He looked at me with a knowing smile.

The bitterness on my face grew when I heard this.

Basically, he was saying that he was using me as a scapegoat to deal with the annoying people while he held all the power.

That was definitely a villainous thing to say and a thing that fitted the fourth prince, but I knew that he was just playing around.

If he really was going to do something like that, he never would have told me in the first place.

This was the kind of thing where the victim needed to be unaware to do.

At the same time, I knew that the fourth prince wouldn't do something like this to me after everything that happened.

So instead, I asked, "What is the situation in the capital right now?"

Since it was going to happen either way, it was better for me to ask about what to expect when I arrived in the capital.

The fourth prince gave a serious nod before taking out a large folder for me.

This contained a bunch of papers that looked like reports on things that he wanted me to read.

Seeing this, there was a bitter smile that appeared on my face, but I still took it and started reading it.

However, as I read it, I couldn't help looking at the fourth prince from time to time with a strange look.

After all, the things that I was reading...were just too terrifying.

I thought that he would slowly build up the kingdom after the purge, but it seemed like he wasn't planning on taking it slow at all. Instead of using a moderate strategy that would focus on rebuilding, he was doubling down in the chaos.

This strategy of his would cause the country to be unstable in the short run, but in the long run...it would become much more powerful than before.

However, the instability of the country wasn't small.

It was a large instability where there would be famines and complete shortage of basic necessities for a period of time. However, the fourth prince had made sure that there was enough breathing room that there would be no accidental deaths.

That was his bottom line that he would never touch.

After all, the people were his number one concern.

However, I couldn't help wondering what kind of measure he had in place for the criticisms that would inevitably come our way.

Once I finished reading, I didn't ask a thing as I looked at the fourth prince with a brow raised.

He had a smile on his face as if he already knew what I was about to ask, so he just calmly said, "I hope that your face is thick enough, or else this will be hard for you."

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

As expected, he was planning on just riding it through until the situation became better.

He was planning on enduring all of the criticisms until his plans came to fruition.

One thing that I had to praise him for was how effectively he took away the people's power to protest.

So even if they had criticisms for us, they wouldn't actually be able to act on it.

There was no oversight at all, it was a perfect plan.

Just that it would be a bit hard for us.

With a sigh, I said, "If this is what it takes, then it is what it takes."

Chapter 813 Wedding of her dreams

With the wyverns, it didn't take us long to arrive in the capital.

What took us a long time was getting everything ready for our trip.

That was because for once, all of us would be heading to the capital.

Normally, it would only be Cecilia that would accompany me to the capital, but this time all of my wives and fiancees were coming with me.

During the month and a half that we were here, it turned out that Rose and Angela had been setting things up so that Nicole could take over running this territory in Rose's place.

After all, in the future, Rose would be with me in the capital.

I thought that she would have remained in this place since she had become attached to it, but it seemed that this wasn't the case. I had even planned on thinking of a way to move us all here once I took the throne, but it seemed that it was unnecessary.

"Wherever you go, I'll be there with you."

That was what Rose said when she told me that she had prepared everything.

I felt that they were too good for me, but I didn't say it out loud.

There was no need for it after all.

When we arrived in the capital, we were ushered to the castle just like before.

After arriving at the castle, we were brought to the king's study.

I couldn't help feeling nervous since this time...I had come with my other wives and fiancees.

The king was someone that cared very much about his daughter, so if I were to bring all of these other women with me when I was about to marry his daughter...it would certainly look bad.

But to my surprise...

"Welcome, welcome, it's good to see you all."

The king didn't seem like he was bothered at all by the fact that I was bringing all of these women with me. It was as if he knew about them for a long time and even welcomed them like they were close, even though they had never met him before.

It was as if he was treating them as family.

But that just confused me even more.

The other girls were certainly surprised since they knew that we were meeting the king and they didn't expect him to treat them like this, but Rose was the one that reacted first by saying...

"Your majesty, thank you for your kind welcome."

The king to everyone's surprise just said, "Of course, it's natural. We are family after all."

Everyone looked at the king with chins dropped when they heard this as they couldn't believe what they were hearing.

After all, no one would have thought that the king would actually call them family like this.

The king just waved his hand with a smile on his face before saying, "Come and sit. We have a lot to talk about."

All of us looked at each other with confused looks when we heard this, but we still went forward to sit on the couch in the study.

After sitting down, the king personally poured each of us some tea.

Looking at this tea on the table, there were strange looks that appeared on our faces.

After all, this tea seemed like some kind of last offering before the king did whatever he was planning to do. There was no telling what the king was thinking, but no one thought that it would be anything good.

Once he was finished, the king looked at Angela and asked, "Have you thought about your wedding yet? We still have to prepare everything for it."

Angela's eyes lit up when she heard this before saying with a nod, "I have some ideas."

The king just gave a nod as well before saying, "That's good. Just tell me whatever ideas you have and I'll make it happen for you."

The way that he said this, it was as if he had already given up on being the king.

He was no longer speaking with the regal manner that he was speaking with before.

It was as if he was just talking to Angela like he was her father.

It seemed that the king had already accepted that his reign as the king ended here and was getting ready to pass the throne down.

That caused a bitter smile to appear on my face, but I didn't say anything to spoil the mood.

After a moment of hesitation, Angela said something surprising.

The king was caught off guard by what she said before asking, "Are you sure about this?"

Angela looked around at everyone else in the room and gave a nod.

The king was even more surprised when he heard this, but he gave a nod to show that he supported her.

In fact, there was a smile on his face that seemed like he approved of her actions.

Even though I was afraid that he would have lost his temper when he heard what Angela asked of him.

It seemed like I had been completely wrong.

Seeing the way that he looked at her after he said this, I could guess what he was thinking.

It seemed like there was a regret that filled him which was why he approved of her suggestion.

Since the king had agreed, Angela waved her hand at the other girls and they all came forward to gather around the table.

At this point, there was nothing that we had to do but sit and watch.

From time to time, they would ask for my opinion, but it was mainly for small matters.

This was a special matter for them, so it wasn't as if I was going to butt into this.

A wedding was a once in a lifetime event for most people if they weren't promiscuous, so this was something that was very important for all of them. They would make sure to do all that they could to make this success.

All I had to do was show up.

Chapter 814 Biggest celebration

Three days later, the news of the royal wedding was released to the entire world.

Everyone was shocked since they never thought that a royal wedding would be held at this time, but everyone was more than happy to celebrate this wedding since it was something that distracted them.

There was no doubt that everyone in the country was suffering because of the plan that the fourth prince had put into place.

It needed something to bring up their mood during this time and this was the event that was going to do it.

As for where the money for this came from, the royal family would be paying for everything.

Even if the country was in decline, that didn't mean that the royal family was poor.

In a way, this was a kind of stimulus for the economy since the economy had been stagnant because of everything that happened recently. The businesses of the capital were more than happy to accept the money that came from the royal family.

That was how it also turned into the biggest celebration in the history of the kingdom.

The people who now had money spent this money to celebrate and that went in a loop until everyone was celebrating.

That was just what a sudden injection of money could do.

Of course, the ones that cared the most about this were the nobles.

A royal wedding, this was a place for them to show off.

To show off was in the nature of the nobles and if there was such a perfect venue for them, one can be sure that they wouldn't hold back.

The nobles were suffering just as much as the citizens were, but they didn't hold back since this was also a chance for them to raise their own position.

With the money that the nobles spent, the economy was moving even more.

It reached the point where even the surrounding villages were earning money from things being brought into the capital.

The effects of the royal wedding were even greater than one had imagined.

The fourth prince certainly didn't imagine that the nobles would be this fervent towards this.

He wondered if it was because they had sensed something, but I calmed him down by telling him that this was just how nobles were. At the same time, there were plenty of reports that indicated that this wasn't the case.

Still, this was nothing more than a temporary boost.

Until the changes that the fourth prince implemented took effect, this temporary boost wouldn't last long.

So there would still be a period where everyone would suffer for a bit.

The wedding itself was being held in the largest church in the capital and there were already people that were camping outside the church just in case anything happened.

These were the reporters that were waiting for any news at all.

Articles related to the royal family sold well after all.

They were waiting to report on the wedding.

However, it wasn't as if everything was left unguarded.

Since it was related to the royal family, it was something that received the most powerful guards as well. So even before the wedding began, there were many royal guards that were already at the church making sure that nothing went wrong.

They had completely locked down the area around the church, so most of the reporters were waiting on the streets near the church.

That was just how much everyone cared about this wedding.

As for the main stars of the wedding...

When I saw all of the people that were gathered around the church, I couldn't help shaking my head with a faint smile.

It seemed that no matter what world it was, royal weddings were the most exciting thing for people who loved to gossip.

It was the case in my past life and it was the case in this life.

I had to admit that even I was one of those who had watched with bated breath when they broadcasted the royal weddings in my world.

Though this time, I was on the opposite side.

Instead of being someone who wasn't related to it, I was someone who was on the planning side.

But of course, the planning went to Angela and the others.

Only the planning wasn't done at the church.

The planning at the church was mainly taken care of by the king since this was more of a ceremony rather than an actual wedding.

The actual wedding would be held in a completely different place.

Though the ceremony at the church was without a doubt an important one.

It was where the king was planning on handing down the throne.

So there was no doubt that it would be the biggest surprise for those that went to the wedding.

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On the day of the wedding, there were many luxurious carriages that headed to the church.

All of these carriages naturally belonged to nobles with how decorated they were, but it wasn't just that. The carriages had even been spiced up more by the nobles since this was their chance to show off.

Those that were invited to the wedding would without a doubt be considered the most important nobles of this kingdom.

After all, only those that had position and power would be invited to such a wedding.

That was what everyone thought.

But that didn't stop the others from celebrating.

All around the city, there were many bars and taverns that were filled with people celebrating the royal wedding.

It really had become the largest celebration in the history of the capital with how many people participated. There were even people that had rushed from other parts of the kingdom just to participate in this wedding.

Not just large nobles, but also merchants who wanted to take advantage of this event to sell their goods.

When I passed them on the street during the past few days, I even found clothing that had the faces of Angela and me on them...

I really didn't know what to say when I saw this...

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Regardless of how the people felt, it was more important that everything went smoothly.

With the fourth prince running everything, it went more than just smoothly.

There wasn't a single mistake that happened.

Though that would be the case with how many royal guards had been summoned to the premises.

With how tightly it was guarded, one might think there was some kind of national secret being guarded in this place. This was definitely not a place that anyone could enter and leave freely.

But that was how important the wedding was.

The stars of the wedding were nowhere to be seen even though there were guests arriving.

The guests showed up in their luxurious carriages and made sure that the reporters would be able to see them. The reporters were writing down as much as they could about each of the people who were invited.

They did all of this without anyone telling them to, even though the stars of the wedding weren't there yet.

That was just how this society was.

I was with the king as we watched over this from the top of the church.

This was a private room inside of the church that we were using as a waiting room/planning room. So it wasn't just me and the king that were here, there were many others who were running around.

It was only the king and me who were free to watch over this.

Even the fourth prince seemed busy with all the things that he was handling.

The king and I just watched all of this in silence.

Neither of us had any emotions on our faces, so it was hard to tell what we were thinking.

However, both of us knew exactly what the other person was thinking as we looked down at the people beneath.

There wasn't a need to say anything.

That silence just remained in the air until the king finally turned to me to say, "Today is the day that it all happens. Are you prepared for what is about to happen?"

I was surprised to hear this since I never thought that he would be asking me this now.

It was mainly the way that he said this that had surprised me.

The way that he said it almost made it sound like he was giving me the option to back out if I really wanted to. It was as if he was giving me one last chance to end this all, as long as I said that I didn't want to do this.

From the very beginning, he had acted as if I had no choice in this matter.

But now, it sounded like he was actually giving me a choice...

I didn't believe that he would actually give me a choice, so it felt like there was something more happening here. It felt like there was some kind of trap that was being laid out for me...

Still, it wasn't as if I was planning on backing out now that I've come all this way.

I knew that it wasn't just me who had already accepted this, it was the rest of my wives who had also accepted this.

At the same time, I knew that the more power that I had in this world, the better it would be for me to protect what was mine.

Since coming to this world, there were many scenarios where I had been caught up in something and had almost lost my life.

I knew that if I wanted to stay in this world and protect the ones that were dear to me, I would need more power. Right now, there was nothing that would give me more power than taking the throne of this kingdom.

So even if the king wanted to back down, it wasn't as if I would let him.

But for now, it was better to see what he wanted before jumping the gun.

I just calmly looked at him and said, "I've already prepared myself, so there's only one way to go."

The king narrowed his eyes to look at me for a few seconds before giving an approving nod.

I was surprised to see this approving nod from him, but then the king said, "Good. It's good to see that you've already made up your mind. I was worried that you would back down now that we've come this far."

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

It seemed that he never had any intentions of actually agreeing if I said that I wanted to stop.

It seemed that all along, he was just testing me to see if I was determined to see this through.

There was a part of me that couldn't help wondering what he would have done if I had actually said that I wanted to stop this, but I stopped myself from saying anything.

In the end, I just said, "This world depends on power and to protect the ones that I care about, I'll grasp that power. So I'll take this throne even if you don't want to give it up."

The king revealed a smile that had a trace of admiration in it when he heard this.

With a nod, he said, "That is the kind of attitude that you should have as the future king."

But then with a serious look, he sald, "But you have to remember that all eyes will be on you today. What you do now will determine how the others will see you, so you have to make sure that you show them that you aren't to be messed with."

I looked at the king with a surprised look when I heard this.

I clearly didn't expect to hear this from him, but the king just calmly said, "Treat this as my last bit of advice to you as the current king."

I raised a brow when I heard this, but the king just looked at me with a smile before walking away.

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The way that the king said this, it was almost as if he was expecting something to go wrong after this wedding.

However, that confused me.

This wasn't some kind of coup where I was seizing control, this was a willing transfer of power in the first place. So it wasn't as if I would be doing anything to the king after this was all over.

I was even counting on him to help me with governing the country in the future.

His experience was an asset that would surely help me in what I would do in the future.

But it sounded like he wasn't planning on doing this.

This confused me very much, but there wasn't anything that I could say about this since I had no idea what he was thinking.

For now, there was only one thing that I should focus on.

The fourth prince had prepared everything, so there wasn't anything that I really had to do.

The only thing that I had to do was show up and be in the spotlight as the groom.

There wasn't much else that I had to do today.

The rest would be taken care of by the fourth prince and the king.

So I changed into my outfit and went to the church's main floor just like the plan accounted for.

When I arrived, it was as the king said.

The moment that I arrived, I became the center of attention.

Though the way that they looked at me was different from the way that they looked at the fourth prince and the king who had arrived before me. It was clear by the way that they looked at me that they thought of me as someone who was secondary.

Though it wasn't strange that they thought of me that way since the way that the wedding went, it seemed like I was marrying into the royal family.

So in a sense, I was a secondary character in all of this.

The most important thing was still the royal family.

That was why everyone was focused on the fourth prince and the king, as well as waiting to see Angela who still hadn't arrived yet.

As I stood there at the altar, there were many whispers that came from around me.

After all, it had been a while since I had appeared.

There were many people who were wondering if something had happened. There were even some that wondered if the bride had gotten cold feet and if the wedding would be cancelled.

The ones that thought this were all young men who didn't have anyone else with them.

These were most likely the noble young masters who hadn't gotten married yet.

It wouldn't be strange if they wanted to see this wedding fail so that they would be able to have a chance at getting with Angela. It was just that there was no chance for them since Angela was never interested in any of them in the first place.

Or at least that was what it seemed to me when we were alone.

She had confided in me that she found the gazes that the others cast in her direction disgusting since they didn't even bother hiding their overwhelming greed. There was only one reason why they looked in her direction, it was related to her family.

Or there were looks of lust that were cast in her direction that also made her disgusted.

I wasn't worried even though she hadn't arrived yet since I knew that this was done on purpose.

The fourth prince was using this opportunity to gauge the nobles that he had invited.

Even though there were his own subordinates that he planned on bringing into the new regime, he also wanted to see if he could find anyone else to work for him. He was using this as a test for those nobles that he had invited.

Those that spoke up at a time like this would be considered disqualified.

After all, if they spoke up at this time, there was no hiding the ambitions in their hearts.

In the future, they would not be loyal dogs, but rather daggers in the dark.

The fourth prince didn't have any interest in nurturing those that would stab him in the back in the future.

That was why he was testing them now.

After a while, the attention of the crowd quickly shifted as the doors to the main hall opened.

There were people that were chattering at first, but the sounds quickly disappeared.

After all, their attention had been completely taken by the person standing at the door.

It wasn't just their attention that was taken, it was also my attention.

"Beautiful."

That was the only thing that I could say when I saw the person standing there.

It wasn't as if there was a single person who would disagree with me based on the looks on the faces of the crowd. It seemed like they had all been dazed by the person who had appeared at the door.

It was Angela in her wedding dress.

It was a beautiful dress that was pure white, with layers of frills on it.

This was the kind of dress that clearly someone of high class wore and it made her the envy of all the females who were attending this wedding.

The young ones were envious of the fact that she was able to wear such a beautiful dress.

The old ones were envious that they didn't look as good in their wedding dress.

However...it was clear that she didn't enjoy this.

Though Angela had a calm look on her face as she stood there, I could tell from the look in her eyes that she was unhappy about this dress.

That was because this wasn't the dress that she picked.

This was the dress that the fourth prince had chosen for her so that she would stand out.

Since this was what this dress was for, it did its job.

She had become the center of attention.

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Angela just ignored all of the gazes that were on her, but I didn't.

I could see that there were a few gazes from people that could be considered disrespectful and since she was about to become my wife...I naturally wouldn't forget or forgive them.

I would make sure to get the fourth prince to deal with them later.

Or at least that was what I thought until I noticed that the fourth prince had also noted these people. At the same time, it wasn't just the fourth prince alone who noted these people.

The king also had slightly narrowed eyes as he looked over the crowd.

It seemed that even without me saying anything, they would have taken care of this matter.

Still, I had to say something since I was her husband.

I wouldn't want to let my wife feel like she was being ignored right after we got married.

After Angela walked through the church, she came over to my side with a smile and I reached my hand out for her.

Once she took my hand, we stood there in front of the altar where there was a priest waiting.

Only this wasn't any priest.

This was the cardinal of this religion, the one that was just below the pope that had been sent to this kingdom to watch over the branch of the religion that was based in this kingdom.

This was the highest church official of this kingdom, but now they were acting as the priest of a wedding.

That was just how important this royal wedding was.

Not to mention, the cardinal was actually quite the kind hearted person and seemed to enjoy watching young love. It seemed like he could pick up the small signs from us that showed that we indeed loved each other, so it seemed that he supported us.

The rest of the wedding just went as the ceremony dictated.

There was nothing unexpected that happened during the ceremony, though there were times that seemed like people wanted to act.

In the end, it seemed that these were all just false signs.

Everyone knew how important this royal wedding was, so they weren't foolish enough to try anything during the wedding itself. If they were to try anything, it would have been done before or after the wedding.

After all, if the groom were to die right after the wedding...

Well there was nothing that could be done.

But I knew that the fourth prince wouldn't allow something like that to happen. Especially with what was about to happen after this.

I had already seen the fourth prince's defense plans, so I knew that there wouldn't be a problem.

First was the vows and then the exchanging of the rings, followed by the kiss.

Once that was all over, the ceremony was over and everyone seemed like they were getting ready to come forward to surround us. After all, this was the only time that they would have to talk to us and get the chance to get closer to us.

Or at least that would have been the case if not for the king making his move first.

As for what the king did...

The king came out from the private seat that he had along with the fourth prince.

The moment that the two of them appeared, they immediately became the center of attention.

However, there wasn't a single person who came forward to greet the two of them.

All of them could see that there was a specific reason for the two of them to appear at a time like this, so they maintained their silence to see what would happen.

The king and the fourth prince came forward to stand in front of us before the king reached his hands out towards Angela.

She went forward with a smile and entered his arms.

As the king hugged her, he said, "I never thought that I would live to see this day, but I did in the end. I'm really happy to see that you were able to get married in the end."

Angela and I both slightly knitted our brows since it sounded a bit strange the way that he said this, but in the end, Angela just said with a touched look, "Royal father, thank you for everything."

The king patted her on the back of her hand before turning to look at the crowd.

When they heard this, they immediately focused their attention on the king.

Everyone could see that the king seemed to have something that he wanted to say, so they didn't want to miss a single thing that he said.

The king remained silent for a bit before taking a deep breath and saying, "Everyone, with my daughter getting married, I can see that a new age is coming. I've been getting older as time passes and it doesn't seem fit that I remain in my position as this new age comes."

Shocked looks appeared on everyone's face when they heard this.

After all, not a single person had expected the king to suddenly talk about something like this.

There were no signs at all that the king would be passing down the throne for ages, but now for him to suddenly mention something like this...

It seemed like the royal family had made their plans a long time ago?

Everyone glanced at the fourth prince who had been following behind the king the entire time.

The looks in their eyes made it clear that all of them thought that he would be the king's successor.

Though if one thought about it, it made sense.

The only other child that the king had left was the princess and she had just gotten married.

So it wasn't as if she would be able to take the throne now.

The fourth prince was also the most competent one, everyone knew how terrifying he was based on what had happened recently.

So they were all waiting for the king to pass the throne to him.

But they were all shocked when they heard what he had to say next.

Chapter 818 Is this alright?

The king gave a dramatic pause after saying this, but he continued by saying, "I've been thinking very hard on who should be my successor and I've finally reached a decision."

Instead of turning to the fourth prince like everyone expected, the king came over to my side and put a hand on my shoulder before saying, "He shall take the throne and lead the country from now on."

There was only silence that followed after the king said this.

Chins dropped the moment that these words were said and everyone looked on in disbelief, as if they couldn't understand the words that they had just heard.

All of them looked at the king as if they couldn't help wondering if there was something wrong with his brain.

This didn't change for a while as everyone just looked at the king with those confused looks on their faces.

But eventually, they had to come back to their senses.

The king hadn't said a single thing after this since he was looking out at the crowd.

With the look on his face, it was as if he was waiting to see how they would react.

At the same time, it was as if he was judging them to see how they would take this news.

There were a few nobles that seemed to realize something when they saw this.

These were nobles that had higher rankings than the others, so they felt comfortable acting while others didn't. They realized that this was the chance for them to act before it was too late.

After all, if they didn't say anything now...it would be too late to regret it if it actually happened.

So one of the nobles suddenly came forward and asked, "Your majesty, is this alright?"

The king narrowed his eyes when he heard this and he looked at the one who spoke.

The one who had come forward was one of the four dukes and one of the dukes that I recognized since I had met this person before.

It was Duke Southland who had tried to take the wyverns away from me previously.

It seemed like he still wasn't able to get over those feelings from that time, so he was the one that acted first.

It seemed like he was still looking down on me as he didn't even look once in my direction the entire time. He had been looking at the king and just completely ignored me even though it was about me.

The king just looked at Duke Southland for a bit before suddenly saying, "What's wrong with this?"

Duke Southland was taken aback when he heard this before he said, "Your majesty, this is a matter of the royal bloodline. To hand the throne over to someone that doesn't have a trace of that royal bloodline, how could that be allowed?"

The other nobles quickly nodded in agreement to what Duke Southland said.

Since he had given a logical explanation, of course they would do all that they could to support him.

After all, there wasn't a single person here that wanted to see me take the throne.

The king didn't seem fazed at all by the comments that Duke Southland made. He just calmly looked at Duke Southland which made Duke Southland feel uncomfortable.

However, Duke Southland didn't say a thing since he knew that there was nothing that he could say in this situation.

The only thing that he could do was wait and let the pressure from the other nobles fall on the king. As long as all of the other nobles supported him, there was no doubt that there would be pressure on the king on this matter.

However, in the end, the king just calmly said, "He's marrying my daughter, so he's officially a part of our royal family now. Is there a problem?"

All of the nobles were shocked the moment that they heard this.

It was clear that not a single one of them had expected the king to say something like this.

Not one of them thought that the king would be so insistent on this matter.

But it wasn't as if this was a proper argument.

Duke Southland took a deep breath before saying, "Your majesty, this is a matter of prestige for the royal family. If someone who marries into the royal family is fit to take the throne, then wouldn't that mean that anyone would have the right to rule?"

The way that he said this almost seemed like he was provoking the king, but it was a subtle jab at the pride that a ruler should have.

After all, it was said that the royal family had received the divine right to rule.

So by saying this, it was almost as if they were saying that this wasn't true.

The other nobles nodded in agreement again and this time, there was someone else who stepped forward.

It was another noble, but this was a noble who was on the same level as Duke Southland.

This was the final duke of the four dukes, Duke Firestand.

When Duke Firestand came forward, everyone cleared the way for him.

After he stepped forward, Duke Firestand said, "Your majesty, please reconsider this. This is a crucial time for the kingdom, we can't make rash decisions like this."

Then after a pause, he gestured to the fourth prince and said, "If you're looking for a successor, there is one right beside you. Please don't make the mistake of ignoring what is in front of you."

The way that he said this could even be considered a way of flattering the fourth prince which made Duke Southland knit his brows.

He didn't think of it, so he was of course angry that Duke Firestand was taking advantage of him.

Still, at this point, there was nothing to gain from being divided.

So in the end, Duke Southland also supported what Duke Firestand said about the fourth prince.

The king just narrowed his eyes to look at them before saying, "Is this really how you feel?"

Chapter 819 It's my choice

Both of the dukes were taken aback when they heard this.

They never expected the king to ask them something like this, but...they slowly came around and felt more confident.

After all, if the king was asking them something like this, that meant that he at least had to consider their opinion. It seemed that at the very least, they had some kind of sway here.

This confidence was further boosted when they thought of their positions as dukes.

Their position in this kingdom was by no means low, so it wasn't as if they wouldn't be able to influence the king if they used their position.

So that was most likely what was happening right now.

Since the king was asking for their opinion, the two of them didn't hold back.

The two of them both turned to the fourth prince and said, "In our opinion, the fourth highness is the best choice for this position. The fourth prince has skill and prestige needed for such a position, so your majesty should pass the throne to the fourth prince."

The two of them made sure to kiss the fourth prince's butt while opposing the proposal that the king had put forward.

After all, in this situation, it was most likely that only the fourth prince would be able to take this position.

So there was nothing to lose from kissing the fourth prince's butt early.

If possible, they would have even offered their daughters or the daughters of their relatives to solidify their own position even more. Only it wasn't really the right thing to do at a wedding.

So they could only wait to do that after the wedding.

For now, the most important thing was to use their power to put the fourth prince on the throne. As long as they did this for the fourth prince, there was no doubt that the fourth prince would be grateful to them.

After all, the fourth prince had been skipped by the king for the throne.

Everyone was certain that the fourth prince would have felt slighted by the king because of this.

It was just that none of them knew the truth.

The fourth prince had a calm look on his face the entire time as if he wasn't bothered by this matter at all. It was almost as if this matter was completely unrelated to him with the way that he stood there with that blank look on his face.

But since the two dukes were pushing him to the forefront, it wasn't as if the fourth prince could just remain silent.

He had to at least say a few words since he had become the center of attention.

Unfortunately for them, the fourth prince didn't have any words that would give them hope.

Rather, the words that the fourth prince said gave them only despair.

"I will be serving as my brother in law's prime minister. This is something that I chose for myself, so I hope that you will respect my choice."

The moment that they heard this, everyone revealed shocked looks.

After all, not a single person had expected the fourth prince to suddenly say something like this.

All of them thought that the fourth prince would jump at this chance to seize this power for himself since that was what they would have done. Not a single one of them thought that the fourth prince would actually turn down this opportunity that they were giving him.

At the same time, they could see that the fourth prince wasn't doing this unwillingly.

It was clear by the firm look that was in the fourth prince's eyes that this was something that they had decided ahead of time.

It seemed that all of them knew about this except for the guests...

The dukes were about to say something to cover their butts when they realized the dangerous situation that they were in, but...the king spoke first.

"I'm curious about something." The king suddenly said to the confusion of all the nobles that were present.

None of them could understand why the king would suddenly say something like this, but they didn't say a thing in response. They all waited to see what the king had to say so they would be able to respond.

"I never knew that the nobles were the ones that were in charge of this country. I never knew that the royal family had to ask the nobles what they had to do." The king's voice turned cold the moment that he said this.

As his cold voice rang out, there was a chill that ran down everyone's backs.

The king had just recently purged plenty of nobles because of corruption, but that wasn't the only thing that he purged nobles for.

There were also plenty of nobles who were purged because of treason.

The way that he said this was almost as if he was accusing them of treason.

So they were afraid that they would be next on the chopping block.

The two dukes were the most afraid since they were the ones that had stood out the most. But at the same time, they were the most afraid because of what happened to Duke Yuletide.

That example showed that not even a duke was safe...

With the wyverns that the king currently had, it was hard for them to do anything if the king really wanted to make a move against them.

So there was nothing that they could really do if the king were to purge them, even if they were from families that had founded this country.

Both of the dukes looked at each other with worried looks before bowing their heads and saying, "Your majesty, we wouldn't dare. We were just concerned for the future of our kingdom, but it is as your majesty says. The will of the kingdom is as the royal family dictates and we have overstepped."

The other nobles all quickly mirrored the two dukes and showed their submission.

The king just narrowed his eyes to look at them before giving a snort.

He didn't even bother saying anything in response as he started to leave the wedding hall.

Following behind him were me, Angela, and the fourth prince.

Chapter 820 Real wedding

In a much smaller church in another part of the city, there was a group that was waiting for someone to arrive.

This group had been here the entire time during the royal wedding and they didn't seem like they were interested in the royal wedding at all.

That was because they were worried about their own wedding.

As for who was getting married, it was a bunch of brides that were waiting at this church.

There wasn't a single groom that was here.

That was because the groom was still on his way.

This groom came in a horse carriage that seemed like it was nothing more than a common carriage used to transport goods. However, the horse that was pulling it was without a doubt a powerful horse that few in this kingdom could obtain.

As for who came out of the carriage...

There were four people that came out in the end.

It was the king, the fourth prince, Angela, and me.

The four of us had rushed over from the venue of the royal wedding.

During that time, both Angela and I had changed into different clothing.

The clothing that we were wearing now weren't as fancy as the ones that we had worn at the royal wedding, but both of us seemed much happier wearing these clothes. That was because these were the clothes that we had chosen for ourselves.

The ones that we were wearing before were the ones that the fourth prince had chosen for us since those were necessary for the ceremony that the royal wedding was.

But these ones were the ones that we wanted to wear and had chosen on our own.

These were the ones that we wanted at our own wedding.

When we arrived at the venue, the ones that were inside came out to greet us.

Though it was just a few men who came to pull us into the church.

These were the fourth prince's elite guards who had been preparing everything.

They separated me and Angela, with Shadow Five and another female elite guard taking her away. I was led away by the men to a dressing room where there were several others waiting for me.

It seemed that they were there to get me ready.

I was already used to this, so I just let them do what they wanted with me.

It didn't take long for them to finish dressing me up.

Once I was dressed up, I was led out of the dressing room and brought to the main room where there were several people waiting for me.

These people were the guests for this wedding.

These were all people that I recognized.

First was the king and the fourth prince, but the two of them were sitting in one of the back rows.

Second was Duke Beauchamp and his wife, Veronica's father and mother who were sitting in a row in front of the two of them.

Then there was the elder of the elven village who had been brought to the capital during this time. This elder was Moon's grandmother.

One might think that with this pattern, the next row would be Dwarven King who was the brother of Elsa. However...this wasn't really possible since the Dwarven King was an important person that was in charge of an entire country.

The elven elder was only in charge of a village, but the Dwarven King was in charge of the Dwarven Kingdom.

So it wasn't as if the Dwarven King was free to leave his kingdom at will.

It wasn't the Dwarven King, but rather it was the parents of Cecilia and Rose.

There was a part of me that didn't want to invite them, but in the end, I chose to invite them.

At the same time, Rose and Cecilia agreed to invite them.

Even though both of them seemed like they had misgivings just like me.

But that wasn't strange since Rose was estranged from her parents after all this time. Even if she was trying to slowly get closer to them after everything that happened, it wasn't as if they could become close all of a sudden.

So inviting them to this wedding was definitely a stretch and a step forward.

As for what this wedding was...

It was the request that Angela made when the king asked her for something.

She wanted a second wedding that was just a small affair compared to the official wedding that was held for everyone to see.

She just wanted this wedding to be for family, which was why there were only these people here.

As for the order that they were in, it was the order that I agreed to marry them.

There was a set of parents missing, but there was nothing that could be done.

Haley's father was still a complicated matter.

Right now, Haley still wasn't on good terms with her parents.

Perhaps in the future it might become better, but there was nothing that could be done right now.

Though I was certain that she was feeling emotional about this even if she didn't let it show on her face.

I walked up to the altar just like with the first wedding, but this time, the ceremony was much different. It was much more relaxed and casual compared to the official wedding that was considered a ceremony.

Once I was at the altar, the door opened and there was a single bride that appeared.

However, when I looked past her, I could see that there were other brides who were waiting outside.

It seemed that all of them were waiting for their turn to come in.

The first one was Rose who was in a beautiful wedding dress.

Since we had rushed our first wedding, she hadn't been able to put on a dress like this.

I could see that she was very happy to be able to put on this dress now.

Though the one thing that she didn't do was let her father walk her down the aisle.