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It wasn't just this idea of employment insurance, there were many things that were off about the prime minister.

I had ignored it since I had the preception that he was just that kind of intelligent person from the side of the fourth prince that I saw in the game.

However, now that I've known him for some time, I knew that he wasn't like that.

Even if he was intelligent, he still based most of his ideas on the knowledge of this world.

It wasn't as if he had access to a wealth of otherworldly knowledge like I did.

But that didn't seem like the case now.

The way that the prime minister kept coming up with these ideas that were far beyond the times, it was almost as if he was drawing on some kind of otherworldly knowledge. This was knowledge that should have only been known by a reincarnator like myself...

So if the prime minister knew these things and kept drawing on them, then did that mean that he was...

Could he be from...

The more that I thought about this, the more likely it seemed.

After all, the things that he was bringing out all seemed like something that someone that came from my previous world would think of.

At the same time, the way that he had acted before when he was the fourth prince.

The reason why he didn't want the throne and wanted to put me on the throne...

It was almost as if he could see how much of a pain it was for him to take the throne.

Or rather, it was almost as if he could predict what would have happened if he were to take it with a coup.

So did he know the events of this game just like me?

If he was someone from my past life that also knew about this game world, was that why he insisted so much on following me?

It all started to seem to fit into place the more that I thought about it.

This began seeming like the only possible explanation for how the prime minister was acting.

So I suddenly came up with an idea to test him.

I pointed out something that I had seen earlier in the folder and said, "When we take over this place, I want your opinion on what we should do here."

The prime minister was surprised since he didn't think that this would be the answer that I would give him. He was certain that I would have something to say about the employment insurance plan that he came up with, he didn't expect me to completely ignore this to talk about something else.

After looking at me for a bit as if he was trying to scope me out, he said, "I think that this would be a good place to turn into farmland. The land is rich and fertile, so I'm sure that it'll provide a good place to grow crops."

I narrowed my eyes to look at the prime minister when I heard this.

This was the wrong answer after all.

If we were to actually do this, then something would go terribly wrong.

There was a reason why there had never been farmlands developed in this place, but it was not something that was known by the government. It was something that only the merchants knew, which was why one wouldn't know about this place unless they played the game.

So the fact that the prime minister had given this answer meant that he didn't know about the secrets hiding here...

But then again, it wasn't as if everyone was as obsessive as me about this game and cleared all of the quests available.

There were those that only played the main story, so it would make sense that he didn't know what was special about this place.

So instead, I decided to test him with something else.

"That really is an interesting idea lol. I think it might not be as fire as you think it is. No cap, it's not a good idea." I said as I felt a part of me dying on the inside.

But as I said this, I made sure to look carefully at the prime minister's face to see what his reaction was.

The reaction that he gave...as well as the reaction that Haley gave made me feel like I was dying even more.

The cringe was just too strong that it made me want to jump into a hole, but it was already too late for me to back down now.

I kept throwing out some more internet slang words at the prime minister.

At this point, it was fine if I revealed my identity as well if it meant exposing him.

After all, two people from the same past life working together was always better.

At the same time...I really wanted to see if I could find someone else from my past life.

Someone from my hometown, the hometown that I missed.

It would help with the bit of loneliness that was in my heart.

But no matter what I said, it didn't seem like the prime minister was going to react. There was a genuine look of confusion that was on his face, the kind that couldn't be faked at all.

That was because along with Haley, the two of them were looking at me as if they thought I had gone crazy.

It was the kind of look that made it seem like they were wondering if they should have me committed to an asylum.

At this rate, it seemed more likely that they would capture me and hold me down than the prime minister admitting that he was from the same world as me.

In the end, the prime minister just said to Haley, "It seems like we'll have to take care of this on our own. It seems like brother in law really is too overworked..."

Haley nodded in agreement to this before taking the folder from me and waving at the prime minister to leave with her.

Seeing them like this, I raised my hand and said, "Stop."

Chapter 842 He wasn't the only terrifying one

The two of them did stop like I requested, but they didn't let me explain in the end.

Not to mention that I wouldn't have been able to explain even if I wanted to.

The things that I had done were things from my past life, so it wasn't as if I could explain my past life to them. They might even look at me like I had completely lost my mind if I were to explain my past life to them.

At the same time, I couldn't tell if the prime minister was from my previous world or not.

I had used all those different signals, but it didn't seem like he had reacted at all.

It might just be a ruse on his part to seem calm, but I wasn't able to see through him in the end.

I just couldn't tell if he was reacting to it or not.

So the only thing that I could do was leave this matter to the two of them since they said that they would take care of it.

There was an uneasy feeling that filled me when they told me to leave it to them since I could tell that the prime minister wasn't planning on holding back. It was clear that he was still feeling angry about what had happened, so there was no way that he would show them mercy.

That was evident by the plan that he showed me.

So I watched the two of them leave my office with an uneasy feeling.

After they left, the former king came in with one brow raised.

I didn't need to ask to know why he had this expression on his face.

He must have seen the two of them as they left my study.

Looking at me with this look, he asked, "What's wrong with those two?"

A bitter look crept onto my face when I heard this. I took a deep breath and gave a deep sigh before explaining what had happened.

When the former king finished hearing what I said, there was also a bitter smile on his face.

He knew what the prime minister was planning to do, but it didn't seem like he was planning to stop him.

The bitterness slowly left the smile on his face and he said, "It's my first time seeing that child like that."

I was surprised to hear him say this before looking at him with a confused look.

The former king didn't explain at first as he looked at the door to the study.

He just stared at it in silence for a bit before finally saying, "That child has always had a smooth life. It never seemed like he had any setbacks, so he never really learned how to deal with setbacks. This might be the first time that I've ever seen him stumble."

I was even more confused hearing him say this, but I could tell that he wasn't saying this just to pick on Noah. Rather, the way that he said this was almost as if he was a concerned parent.

That was a strange way of looking after basically what seemed to be making fun of his child.

The former king's next words quickly explained what he meant by this.

"Since that child has never met with setbacks before, it doesn't seem like he really knows how to deal with them. I'm sure that he will come up with his own way of dealing with them, but this is a good learning experience for him."

It seemed that he was showing concern for Noah as a father might, but this was the wrong time for that.

After all, this was something that would affect the wellbeing of the country.

If he really went overboard, it was hard to tell what would happen.

As if he could guess what I was thinking, the former king said, "Do you really think that child would go that far? It's fine to leave this matter to him, this will be a learning experience for him."

I had an uncertain look on my face, but I slowly gave a nod.

Then again, it wasn't as if there was anything that I could do about this.

It wouldn't be that bad, right?

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It was much worse than I thought.

However, the reason that it became much worse wasn't the reason that I thought it would be. Rather, there was someone else who made things much worse than it already was.

That person wasn't the prime minister, but rather the one who worked with the prime minister to deal with this situation.

She was the one that should have been the voice of reason, but she had become the terrifying one.

The prime minister's plan was to leave a piece of the pie for others, but she took it all for herself. Because of that, there were even more people that suffered because of this, though the employment insurance plan covered this.

So there were no citizens that were harmed in this mess, or it was certain that the prime minister wouldn't have gone along with it.

When they were in my study, I asked Haley, "Why did you do it?"

Haley had her head down the entire time as if she was embarrassed about what she had done, but I quickly realized that this wasn't the case.

"I thought that it would be better if we controlled everything."

The way that she said this was almost as if she wasn't apologizing for what she had done, but rather she was apologizing for getting caught like this. It was as if she felt that there wasn't anything wrong with what she did, it was just that it was too early to be caught like this.

The prime minister said, "It's a good plan."

It was just a simple statement, but it showed his support for Haley.

That just went to show that she really was the more terrifying one of the two...

Not only her greed, but also her ability to even talk the prime minister into going along with her...

Chapter 843 Another company

It already happened, so there was no need to think too much about it.

Instead, it was better to focus on what to do from now on.

That meant fixing all of the companies that had been taken care of during this time.

So I asked, "What are you planning to do now?"

The prime minister and Haley looked at each other before revealing relieved looks.

It was as if as long as I didn't keep pushing on the fact that they had taken down all those companies. As long as I agreed to it and focused on rebuilding them, then it was all fine.

The prime minister and Haley didn't hesitate to present me with another plan that they had prepared.

It seemed like they would be using several proxies to buy up those companies and then consolidate them all into a single company. That company would give jobs back to the people that had lost their jobs and would take over the shares of the markets that the companies that they destroyed had.

In short, they would be turning all of those companies into a company that they owned.

They were going to turn it into a company that belonged to the royal family.

However, I was a bit concerned about this.

After all, this meant that it would be decreasing the amount of competition in the kingdom.

This was going against the plan that the prime minister had before where he would be trying to balance the number of competitors that we controlled to give the illusion of choice.

The prime minister naturally knew that as well, so he said, "There are enough competitors that we don't control that it won't turn into a monopoly. There are enough other companies that they would still have the option of choices."

Then in a different tone, he said, "These are markets that we've never dipped our toes in before, so it'll be our first time in them. So there's no need to worry about us controlling it completely."

I was surprised to hear this, but I looked at the plan that they gave me.

When I read it, I found that there were the names of the companies that would be considered rivals after we took control of these companies.

However, there was one company name that caught my attention the most.

That was because this company was one that showed up as a rival for all of our companies.

It seemed that this company would become our main competitor.

I wasn't worried about this company becoming our main competitor since it wasn't as if there was a company that could match the power that the royal family had. Even if they were backed by all the nobles in the kingdom, it would be hard to match the current royal family.

Rather I was surprised since the name of this company was one that I recognized...

It was the Zephyr Company.

It was the company that Haley's father was the chairman of.

It seemed that the new company that Haley was planning to create would be a direct competitor against the Zephyr Company.

I knew that the relationship between Haley and her father wasn't good, but to create a company just to compete against her father's company...that didn't seem like a good way to deal with it.

It seemed like it was a very toxic and dangerous way to cope with this problem...

It seemed like it would just make their relationship worse and worse until it reached a point where it couldn't be fixed anymore.

So this was not something that I wanted to see from Haley.

While the prime minister and Haley were still laying out the key points of their plan for me, I suddenly raised my hand to cut them off.

The two of them were confused why I did this, but I didn't mind the prime minister as I looked at Haley and said, "We need to have a private talk."

The prime minister was surprised to hear this, but he could hear the tone of my voice and could tell that it was serious.

As such, he gave a nod and walked out of the room.

Once it was just the two of us, Haley still had a confused look on her face as she didn't know what I wanted to talk to her about. However, the moment that I pointed out the Zephyr Company on the plan layout that she gave me, there was a look of understanding that appeared on her face.

Even though there was a look of understanding, she just looked at me as if she didn't think that she did anything wrong.

With the way that she looked at me, it was almost as if she felt that she had done nothing wrong.

I couldn't help slightly knitting my brows when I saw this, but I still asked, "Are you sure that you want to do this?"

There was a look of surprise that appeared on Haley's face when she heard this.

She looked at me as if she was trying to figure out what I meant by this, but I just looked at her with a serious look like I meant what I said.

When she saw this, she just gave a small nod as she said, "This is what needs to be done."

"He's your father." I said right after she said this.

I didn't give her a moment of thought as I pressed this matter.

But this time I was surprised as she just calmly said, "Yes, he is. That is why I have to do this."

I looked at her as if I couldn't understand her words even though I understood the individual words that she said. When they were combined together, it was as if I couldn't understand what she had just said.

Seeing the way that I looked at her, Haley just said, "I know my father and I know that this is what I have to do."

I was even more confused when I heard this, but I slowly gave a nod.

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Chapter 844 Signs of increased activity

When Haley left my study and the prime minister came in, I didn't notice him at all as I looked in the direction that Haley walked off in.

The prime minister had been confused at first, but he had done a bit of digging in the time that he had been outside the study. He had one of the shadows do some digging and found the connection between Haley and the Zephyr Company.

Once he found that connection, it was easy for the prime minister to figure out what I talked to Haley about alone.

So while I was still staring in the direction of the door, the prime minister suddenly said, "If that's how she wants to handle it, you should leave it to her. I've worked with her for

some time now and I know what kind of person she is. She isn't someone to do something irrational."

I narrowed my eyes to look at the prime minister.

There was a part of me that was a bit annoyed that he was making a statement about my wife like this, but I also knew that there was no ill intent behind it and that this was his genuine opinion.

Rather, he was saying this to tell me to trust my own wife.

That was the part that really annoyed me since I didn't feel like I needed someone else to tell me that.

But I knew that he was right.

I knew that she must have her own way of thinking, which was why she was doing this.

So at the same time, I was frustrated that I couldn't do anything to help her.

The prime minister seemed to be able to see this from my face, so he said, "This is just how they communicate as father and daughter. Trust me, I've had my own experience."

There was this sort of bitterness that appeared on his face when he said this.

I knew that he had his own experience with the former king to draw on, so he might really be the best person to say something like this.

Since the prime minister was saying this, I decided that I wouldn't butt in on this matter...

But it wasn't as if I could just leave this alone.

This was something that she was doing on the level of managing a country, so it wasn't something that could be decided that easily. At the very least, she had to be monitored to make sure that nothing was abused.

Since the prime minister was the one that understood her...

"I'll leave it to you to follow up with her. I hope that you won't let her go too far."

The prime minister gave a nod in response before saying, "I'll do what I can."

There was a part of me that felt uneasy about this, but I didn't say anything else about this.

After all, I knew that the prime minister would have his own discretion on this matter.

There were other things that I wanted to talk to him about, but I didn't get a chance to say anything else. That was because there was someone who suddenly burst into the study.

The moment that this person burst in, both the prime minister and I knitted our brows.

After all, everyone should know not to barge into my study like this without announcement already. This was something that the prime minister had already taught everyone not to do.

However, here was someone who had barged in regardless.

It was one of the shadows that were under the prime minister that had barged in.

Normally, the prime minister would have immediately reprimanded this person, but he didn't today.

That was because both the prime minister and I could see that there was something different about this shadow.

Normally, the shadow would act calm regardless of what happened, but not this time.

The look on the shadow's face made it clear that there was something that happened that even made them lose control of their emotions.

That meant that this must be something that was very serious.

So both of us waited to see what the shadow had to say for itself.

The one that came in was Shadow One, the one that led the shadow squad, which gave even more weight to this situation. If it was the leader who barged in, there was no doubt that this was something serious.

Taking a deep breath, Shadow One said, "There have been signs of increased monster activity all over the kingdom."

Both the prime minister and I immediately knitted our brows when we heard this.

This was the last thing that we had been expecting to hear from Shadow One.

Signs of monster activity were not strange in this kingdom since monsters existed all over the place, but for it to increase all of a sudden...that was not a good sign. Especially since we had just finished the war and were still recovering from it.

The increased signs of monster activity meant that it was very likely that there would be a monster wave soon.

If a monster wave happened, then there was no doubt that the people would suffer.

There just weren't enough forces to defend against the monster wave, even with the wyverns that had been obtained.

However, there was a different reason why I had knitted my brows.

It was because I thought of something else.

This was something from the game.

It was an event.

It was a special event that should have happened around this time in the game's chronology and it was a special event that should have been dealt with by the fourth prince.

However, the main thing was that this was an event that was for the player's benefit.

The increased monster activity was a monster spawn event that happened during the off time which allowed the player to farm more easily.

Who would have thought that this would become a problem once I became the king...

Chapter 845 There's a way

The looks on both my face and the prime minister's face made it clear that we could see how severe the problem was.

But at the same time, it didn't seem like either of us knew how to solve this problem...

Shadow One just stood there in silence, but it was clear that he was getting worried when he saw that the prime minister didn't have an answer.

Normally, the prime minister would at least have some kind of stopgap measure to give. However, this time, it didn't seem like the prime minister had any idea of what to do.

That was the most terrifying thing of all for Shadow One who deeply believed in the prime minister.

If even the prime minister couldn't think of a solution, then this seemed like it was a very big problem...

As such, Shadow One was filled with worry seeing the prime minister like this.

After a long silence, the prime minister finally looked at me with an expectant look. It was as if he was hoping that I would have a way to deal with this matter.

There was a bitterness that came from deep down, but I did take this seriously and started thinking of a solution. After all, I was the king of this kingdom now and this wasn't just a problem that affected him, but also me.

As the king, I should at least do something to protect the people of my kingdom.

After thinking for a bit, I did come up with a way.

It wasn't as if there wasn't a way to deal with this increased monster activity, but it wasn't an easy solution either.

It would require quite a bit of work and it would require...

"It isn't as if there isn't a way to deal with this increased monster activity. In fact, there's even a chance to take care of the monsters for a good while."

Both Shadow One and the prime minister were surprised to hear this.

The two of them looked at me with looks that had traces of doubt in them.

Normally, the prime minister wouldn't doubt me since he had this faith in me, but he couldn't help but doubt me this time. After all, what I was saying was equal to saying that I had a way to deal with a natural disaster.

Monsters were considered a part of nature for this world and monster waves were considered natural disasters.

Natural disasters that were at the same level as a tornado or a landslide.

So now that I was saying that I could stop a disaster that was at the same level as a natural disaster was naturally hard for him to believe.

Even I wouldn't believe it if someone else said it to me, but I had a reason why I was confident in dealing with this natural disaster this time.

After all, it was something from the game, so there was information that I had that no one else had.

One might think that the game designers would have coded this so that it was just a natural thing that happened as part of the design of the world. However, they weren't satisfied with this kind of half ass setting for this event.

They didn't leave this matter as it was and even added a backstory to it.

That backstory was the reason why I was confident that I would be able to deal with this matter.

I didn't say anything as I just calmly looked at the prime minister.

The two of us just locked eyes for a bit before he slowly gave a nod before asking, "What do we have to do?"

This time, there was a bitter smile that appeared on my face.

That was because this was the one problem that I knew that I would have to face.

"I have to go myself to deal with it."

There was no way that anyone else would be able to do the same thing as me.

Even if I were to give instructions to the ones that went, there was nothing better than handling the situation in person. After all, there was no one else that could do the same thing as me since they didn't have the same knowledge as me.

The prime minister immediately deeply knitted his brows when he heard this, but he didn't immediately refute it which was a good sign.

It seemed that he was at least giving me the benefit of the doubt as he looked at me with narrowed eyes as if he was scrutinizing me. It was as if he was trying to figure out how serious I was about this.

So I just looked at him with a calm look in my eyes.

After a long period of silence, the prime minister turned back to Shadow One and said, "Summon all of the shadows, the elites of Shadow Garden, and the hidden guards of the royal family. We have to make sure that we don't make a single mistake."

Shadow One was shocked to hear this before looking at me with a strange look.

But in the end, since it was the prime minister giving this order, Shadow One had no choice but to obey.

Especially since the shadows had become an elite unit of the royal guards since the former fourth prince was now the prime minister. So they were also under me and were supposed to protect me.

Once Shadow One left to put the prime minister's orders into action, the prime minister turned to look at me and said, "Tell me what this small chance is. If it's too dangerous, then there's no way that I'll let you go."

Even though he summoned everything, it seemed like he still wanted to know everything.

Though this seemed more about the people that he was summoning than it was about me.

After all, there was no way that he could risk everyone's life on a plan that only had a slim chance of succeeding.

I gave a slight nod before I told him a bit of what I knew.

I couldn't tell him everything after all.

Chapter 846 A clone?

"Do you really have to go?"

That was the first thing that my wives asked me the moment that I told them about my plan.

They all had worried looks on their faces as they asked this.

It was clear that they didn't approve of this idea of me going personally, but it wasn't as if I was going to back down now. This was something that I had to do after all since there was no one who would be able to replace me for this matter.

I gave a firm nod in response without saying anything.

They still had worried looks on their faces, but they didn't say anything else since they could see the serious looks that were on my face.

So the first thing that they did was turn to look at Cecilia.

Cecilia was no longer part of the guards in my territory and had actually joined the royal guards after I took up the throne.

She was not the head of the royal guards since there was already a loyal commander in place. Instead, she was the commander of a small team in the royal guards.

This was a position that was created for her by the prime minister for her to gain experience for now until it was time for her to be promoted.

Eventually, she would receive a high position in the royal guards, but that was only when she was ready for it. That was because right now...she was weak compared to the other royal guards.

The royal guards were the elite soldiers of the kingdom, so there was no way that they would be weak. They were powerful elites that were chosen from all over the kingdom to protect the royal family.

So these royal guards were the best that the kingdom had to offer.

Even if Cecilia had trained hard, it wasn't as if she could match with the best that the kingdom had to offer.

She was just a small knight in the countryside before this.

So it would take some time before she would be able to rise through the ranks of the royal guards.

This was something that she also wanted since she didn't want to be promoted unless she deserved the promotion.

After all, the main mission of the royal guards was to protect the royal family and that meant that their main mission was to protect the king and his family. Since Zwein was the king, she naturally wanted the best people to protect him.

But as everyone looked at her, Cecilia gave a nod to show her understanding.

They wanted her to go with me and she agreed to go.

Well, the prime minister would be sending the most capable people, so it wasn't as if adding Cecilia and her small group would hurt.

Veronica and Moon also looked like they wanted to go since the two of them could also fight, but they gave up in the end. Veronica wasn't in the royal guards after all and Moon was an elf.

Still, I had to spend the rest of the night comforting them and calming them down.

Or rather, it was more like there was no time to sleep with the things that we did all night.

When the prime minister saw me the next morning, he revealed a teasing smile as he said, "Busy night?"

I scowled at him without saying anything.

The prime minister knew better than to push my buttons, especially since today was the day that we were heading out. So instead, he led me to my study where I was surprised to find someone there.

I wasn't surprised by the fact that there was someone in my study, but rather I was surprised by the appearance of that person.

That was because this person's appearance was familiar...very familiar to me.

It could be said that there was no one that knew this appearance better than me.

That was because this person had the same appearance as me.

Well, there were a few parts of this person that were different from me. However, to those that didn't know me intimately, this appearance would be enough to fool them.

"Is this a clone?" I asked the prime minister.

The prime minister revealed a faint smile before saying, "It's your body double."

I was surprised to hear this since I never thought that there would be such a thing prepared so quickly. It had only been a little more than a month since I took over the throne, so it didn't seem like it was enough time to train one.

It was as if the prime minister could read my thoughts as he said, "Yes, it was a short period of time, so we could only improvise." He gave a sigh before saying, "This is one of my body doubles who we repurposed as your body double. He won't be perfect, but it'll be good enough to fool most people."

I took a closer look at the body double after he said this.

The body double just said, "I'll do my best."

Even his voice was very similar to mine, though I could hear a small difference since it was my voice.

The one problem that I had with this was...I knew that there were a few people that would notice the body double right away. If they weren't told about this body double, then there was no doubt that they would be very angry.

After all, they already knew that I would be leaving.

I looked at the prime minister, but I didn't get to say anything again.

It was as if he already knew what I was thinking, so he said, "I know, that's why I called you here without them. I need you to help me convince them to accept this body double."

I was surprised to hear this, but looking at the body double, I revealed a bitter smile.

I could guess what the prime minister was worried about.

As for the actual convincing, it didn't actually take that much time.

Only after convincing them, they immediately started giving notes to the body double.

It seemed like they wouldn't be satisfied until he acted the way that they wanted him to act.

He even looked at me for help, but I just ignored that look.

Chapter 847 The same old thing

With the body double in place, there was nothing left holding me back from leaving the capital.

However, it wasn't as if we could just openly leave the capital.

I was the king and the people that I was leaving with were people that were in important positions, so it wasn't as if any of us could leave the capital that easily.

To leave the capital, all of us had to split up and go different ways.

Once we were out of the capital, we would meet up and then head to the place that I wanted us to go.

So when I left, it was through the secret corridor in the castle.

This was the secret corridor that led to the Shadow Garden headquarters.

This was the secret corridor that I took when I went to the castle the first time.

At the end of the secret corridor was the bunny doll boss and Scar waiting for me, but they weren't alone. There were others that were there with them and not a single one of them seemed simple.

All of them seemed like they were powerful based on how Cecilia reacted when she met them.

However, this wasn't a trap.

This was the group that had been summoned by the prime minister from Shadow Garden. They were the ones that would be coming with me on this trip as my guards.

Though for most of them, this was their first time meeting me.

Of course, that wasn't strange even though I was in Shadow Garden before becoming the king.

Shadow Garden was a hidden organization that was under the crown and the key thing was that they were a hidden organization. This meant that most of their members didn't know each other's identities.

It was only those at the top that knew who the other members were.

Even though it was my first time meeting them, these people could be trusted since they were all Scar's subordinates.

It seemed that he was in charge of many more people than I thought.

It seemed that he was in quite a high position in the organization that he was in charge of all these people.

As for Scar, there was a trust that I had for him that went beyond normal trust.

That was because we were comrades that had gone through life and death together before.

These people didn't leave the city with me, it was only Shaka and Scar that went with me.

With Cecilia, Shaka, and Scar, we boarded a carriage that was waiting outside and we headed off.

Since it was only a small group and the carriage was a normal looking carriage that didn't have any special features, we didn't attract any attention at all.

But if one looked closely at the building, they would see a bunch of different carriages leaving one after another. It was as if there was a parade with how many carriages were leaving.

Each of the carriages was a normal looking carriage that didn't attract any attention at all

At the same time, all of them headed off in different directions.

They were heading in different directions, but they would all be meeting outside of the capital when the time came. This was just how they were leaving the capital without attracting any attention.

While sitting in the carriage, Cecilia, Scar, and Shaka were all staring at Zwein who was sitting there with a calm look on his face.

The way that they stared at him, it was clear that there was something that they wanted to ask him even though he just sat there with a calm look on his face.

After a while, I said with a sigh, "What is it?"

Cecilia was the one that spoke for them since she was in the best position to speak, "Where are we going?"

I just calmly looked at them and said, "That's not important."

All three of them looked at me with strange looks when they heard this before Cecilia said, "How is it not important? You said that you were going to solve the problem of the increased monster activity, so how can we do that if we don't even know where we're going?"

I just calmly said, "The location isn't the important thing, the important thing is what's causing it."

At this, all three of them deeply knitted their brows.

They looked at me as if they were waiting for me to explain, but I didn't say a thing as I just calmly sat there looking out the window.

Scar was the one that lost his temper in the end as he asked, "Well, what is causing it?"

I just looked at them with a smile, which made them lose their temper even more since it looked like I was just teasing them.

However, they didn't say anything as they waited for me to speak.

Seeing them like this, I couldn't help feeling that the prime minister definitely did what he did on purpose. After all, it was fun seeing people looking frustrated like this.

Still, I didn't keep them in suspense forever since there was nothing to gain from keeping them in suspense like this other than my own enjoyment.

I just calmly said with that same smile, "What has been causing all the problems in our kingdom during this period of time?"

All three of them had confused looks on their faces when they heard this.

But after thinking about it, Shaka suddenly said in an uncertain voice, "The demons?"

I gave a nod as I said, "That's right. It's the demons."

It wasn't just a random answer that I was giving them, but rather the setting that the designers of the game made.

They wanted an explanation for this increased monster activity and the easiest way to explain it was the demons since that was a major part of the game already.

So they created a story that involved the demons that explained why the monsters were becoming rowdy.

Chapter 848 Dark crystals

The story that they created was that the demons were using these monster waves to disrupt the human kingdoms.

It wasn't just our kingdom that would be experiencing this increase in monster activity during this time, it was all of the human kingdoms that would be experiencing this.

That worked for the player since the increase in mobs would make it easier for them to gain experience and items.

As for how they were doing it...

Dark crystals.

That was how.

These were not normal crystals, but rather special crystals that increased aggression in monsters through dark magic. So even those monsters that would normally be docile would become aggressive after being exposed to the dark magic of these crystals.

As for why the demons had never used these before, it was because the story stated that these things had only been found recently. They had only obtained the dark crystals after a chance discovery and quickly installed them in the various human kingdoms to raise these monster waves.

This was the part of the story that seemed sloppy, but no one really thought about it since it was just a side story used to explain this event.

That was until someone actually went to the world that was based on the game.

"How do you know all of this?" Scar asked with narrowed eyes.

I didn't say anything in response to this as I just looked at him with a faint smile on my lips.

Naturally, I couldn't actually tell him why I knew all of this, so all I could do was smile and play it off.

Scar narrowed his eyes even more and even Cecilia and Shaka started looking at me with doubtful expressions, but they didn't push any further in the end.

If I wasn't willing to say anything, it wasn't as if they could force me to speak.

Especially since I was their superior now.

There was another part of the story that I didn't tell them since it was something that seemed unnecessary.

It was that the dark crystals that we were about to destroy were nothing more than receiving nodes. They weren't the main thing that was corrupting the monsters, but rather receiving nodes for the main thing.

The real artifact that the demons had found was a powerful dark crystal filled with dark mana that was being kept in the demon king's castle. All of the dark crystals that were in the lands of the human kingdoms were nothing more than receiving nods for the dark magic that would come from that powerful dark crystal.

As for why I knew this...

It was because this powerful dark crystal played an important role in the demon quest line in the future.

This was one of the reasons that I had liked this game so much.

The writers had made sure to take even the smallest details from a random explanation and incorporate them into quest lines further down.

It really made it feel like everything in this world was connected, which had made me dive deep into the lore of the game.

That was something that I was very grateful for since it gave me this advantage now that I was in this game world.

Seeing the look on my face, the other three looked at me with a strange look.

It was as if they didn't understand what was happening with me...but they didn't disturb me as I fell into my nostalgia.

After another silence, Cecilia suddenly asked, "So as long as we destroy these dark crystals, then everything will go back to normal?"

I was pulled out of my thoughts when I heard this, but I just gave a simple nod in response since there was nothing else for me to say.

But to my surprise, Cecilia knitted her brows, "How are you so sure that we'll be able to destroy these crystals?"

This was a question that caught me even more off guard.

That was because this was a question that I didn't know how to answer.

After all, even I had never destroyed the crystals in the game before.

I only knew the general area that they were in since these were the areas that had the highest increase in monster activity. So I didn't actually even know where these crystals were exactly.

I shook my head and said, "I don't know, but it's better than doing nothing."

All three of them deeply knitted their brows when they heard this since this was not what they wanted to hear.

They had wanted assurance that we would be able to take care of this problem, but it seemed that even I didn't know how to solve this problem...

But they weren't surprised to hear this since they knew that this was a problem that was unprecedented. It wasn't strange that I didn't actually know the specifics of how to handle this problem.

I could see the way that they looked, so I did my best as the king to say, "For now, we just have to face the problem in front of us. When the time comes, we'll put our heads together and come up with a solution."

The three of them looked at me in silence for a bit before slowly nodding in agreement.

They knew that I was right, there was nothing to really discuss since we didn't know what the situation was.

For now, it is better not to show signs of worry since it might affect the others.

For now, they should try to act as calm as they can.

But seeing that the person who always seemed to know the answer didn't know what to do was a blow to them that was hard to recover from.

I didn't say anything as I just left them alone to stare out the window.

I also raised my hand to look at the ring that was on my hand.

This was the ring that I had obtained from the Nergigante Dukedom.

"Perhaps I can use this thing?" I said to myself.

Chapter 849 Isn't this a bit exaggerated?

After traveling for half a day, we arrived in a town that wasn't that far away from the capital.

It was still light outside, so we would be able to keep going if we wanted to, but we chose to stop in this town.

This town wasn't the biggest town, but it wasn't the smallest town either as it had several inns in it. However, there was a specific inn that we chose to head to.

When we arrived at this Shadow Inn, Scar was the one that went to the front desk to get a room.

It didn't take him long to get that room for us, but this wasn't any normal room.

But then again, there weren't any normal rooms in this inn in the first place.

Once we arrived at our room, the first thing that the other three did was search the room for anything wrong with it.

After making sure that there was nothing in this room that shouldn't be in this room, Scar went over to the bookcase that was in this room. Once there, he pulled out one of the books on the bookcase, but he didn't pull it all the way out.

As someone from a different world with a different kind of common sense, I already knew what to expect after seeing him pull this book out.

Though that was also because they had already warned me about this before it happened, so it wasn't as if I didn't know what to expect.

As soon as the book was pulled out, there was a sound that came from the bookcase.

In no time at all, it shifted out of the way and revealed a secret passage.

This was the only thing that could have happened in my opinion.

Once the way forward was clear, there was nothing to do but to go down the passage that had opened up. It was a staircase that seemed to lead into the basement of the inn, but it was actually much further down than just that.

With how far down we went, it was clear that we weren't just heading into the basement.

When we finally stopped heading down, there was a door that was waiting for us.

It seemed like there was light coming from behind the door, but there wasn't any sound at all.

Scar and Shaka were the ones that led the way, but they stopped once they opened the door.

They turned back to look at me as if they were waiting for me to head in first.

I gave a nod to them before walking into the room there.

Even though there was no sound at all, there were many people that were waiting in the room in silence. All of them stood there with calm looks on their faces as if they weren't bothered by the silence at all.

The moment that I came in, all of their eyes immediately turned to me and I became the center of attention.

With the way that all of them were looking at me, it was as if they were scoping me out.

I wasn't fazed by this at all as I swept my eyes across everyone here, but there was a strange look that was in my eyes as I saw just how many people were here.

I already knew that the prime minister had summoned quite a few people to help me with this, but I didn't expect this many people to be here.

Wasn't this a bit too exaggerated?

It seemed like there were several hundred people that were here...

This just seemed like too many people to handle this one situation, but it was already too late to send them all back.

In that case, there was only one thing that I could do...

"I'm sure that all of you are wondering why you've been summoned here."

That was the first thing that I said after stepping into the room.

All of them revealed surprised looks hearing the calm tone of my voice since they didn't expect this from me.

But they eventually nodded in agreement since that was indeed the case.

They had only been summoned in a hurry by the prime minister without being told what was happening. The only thing that they knew was that this was related to the increased monster activity across the kingdom.

I took this time to explain the same things that I told Scar and the others about on the ride here.

As they listened to my explanation, everyone revealed strange looks.

However, the one thing that was clear from the way that they all looked at me was that they had their doubts.

It wasn't just one person that had doubt in their eyes, it was everyone that had doubts in their eyes. Even the shadows who should have known me best because of the time that we had spent together had the same look of doubt in their eyes.

In the end, they just accepted what I said.

That was their training as special elites of the kingdom.

They knew not to ask questions and to just go along with their orders, even if they had personal doubts. Especially when there was someone who was much higher than them in command right now.

Part of their training was obedience to the royal family and since I was the current king, it meant that I was the head of the royal family. That meant that the obedience that was trained into them was directed to me.

As such, I could order them around as I wanted.

I knew better than to question this, so all I did was...

"I know that you might not trust me, but I hope that you will trust that I am doing this for the good of the kingdom. I hope that you will trust that I am doing this for the people that you care about." I said in a firm voice.

All of the soldiers in front of me were surprised to hear this, but then they all gave a firm nod in response.

At the very least, I had won a bit of respect from them.

Chapter 850 Strange duo

We didn't set off right away since it wasn't as if we could set off right away and in such large numbers.

As such, we had to head off separately.

There were some that set off right away, some that set off in the middle of the night, and some that set off in the morning at the same time as us.

With everyone split like this, it didn't attract much attention.

The ones that I felt sorry for were those that had set off yesterday and in the middle of the night.

Since they had left yesterday, it meant that they had to camp outside while waiting for us to leave.

Though it seemed like they weren't really bothered since they were already used to it. It seemed that they were not just used to it, but even thrived because of the experience that they had.

It really made me wonder if they would feel more comfortable camping outside than living inside of a house.

No, I could see that there were some small signs, but they were just pushing through with it.

It wasn't that they weren't bothered by camping outside, it was that they had adapted to it and suppressed those complaints with their will.

As expected of the elite guards of the kingdom.

Once we gathered outside of the town, there was no stopping as we all headed forth in a group.

This was easy since all it took was an official flag and a uniform. As long as we had these, we could pass off as an official unit that was on business without raising any suspicion.

So all of the people that we passed on the road moved out of the way for us.

No one wanted to get involved with official soldiers, especially a group that seemed to be in a hurry. There was no doubt that we were heading off to something serious, so they didn't dare get in the way.

Getting in the way of official soldiers was without a doubt a death sentence, so they wouldn't dare do something like that.

Like that, we were able to travel quite quickly along the road and reached our destination very soon.

However...

There was something that happened when we reached the town that was right before our destination.

This was supposed to be the place where we rested before heading in to take care of the place where one of the dark crystals was, but...

There was something that caught my eyes when we were in that town.

Or it should be said that there were two things that caught my eyes.

After arriving in the town, the first thing we did was look for an inn.

I left that matter to Scar since he was a much better negotiator than me and he was the official commander of this unit. With those tools, it was easy for him to get good rooms for all of us, even if it did take booking across several inns.

While waiting for a room, there was something that caught my attention though.

There were two cloaked figures that were making their way out of the inn as we came in.

They didn't seem suspicious since there were plenty of people like that all around, but it felt like there was something familiar that came from them.

It was just that my contact with them was too short for me to notice anything.

So I didn't think too much about it.

When Scar came back, he said, "Let's go and have a drink."

All I wanted to do after a long day of traveling was just rest in my room, but he convinced me out of it.

After all, we were supposed to be here as a group of soldiers. The first thing that soldiers did when they were on rest was go to the bar to drink.

So I had no choice but to let myself be dragged to the bar with the rest of the men.

It seemed that they were used to this as they immediately got into the mood, but I could also tell that they had their guard up even though they were drinking.

They were clearly elite soldiers that engaged in this kind of espionage business before.

They didn't miss a step as some of them even started talking to the locals to get information about the target.

Of course, this wasn't the kind of thing that I was good at.

I was someone who had stayed home and played video games in my past life. Even if I had become a noble in this life, I left most of that work to Rose.

I only engaged with people when needed, not when I didn't need to.

Plus the most important thing of all...my social batteries were drained completely.

I didn't want to talk to anyone when I was like this.

Or at least that was what I thought until I felt that familiar feeling again. It was even stronger than last time.

When I looked around the bar, I found that the same two cloaked figures from before were just sitting there.

They seemed to be in a corner, acting inconspicuous as they weened their drinks. The way that they looked around made it seem like they were paying attention to their surroundings.

Almost as if they were gathering information from the surrounding people.

No matter how one looked at it, they seemed suspicious once they noticed these two.

Or I guess it was just me who found them suspicious since I knew what I was looking for.

But the most suspicious thing about the two of them was...

that strange feeling coming from them.

I was finally able to tell just what that feeling was.

I wasn't certain at first since it had been faint, but being near them made it much more clear.

Demons.

This was the dark energy that came from demons.

That meant that these two cloaked figures were most likely demons or at the very least related to them.