

## The Truth 181

### Chapter 181 Marching West!

" Time has come... this is the best if not the only chance we will get to end these old conflicts, we can't go back home before we finish it... we will attack the two of them at the same time

Two days from now, declare Marquess Rufus and Marquess Tawi traitors for refusing to help defend the kingdom in the most needed time, - with the other personal reasons if a noble asked - and announce that the Burton family had taken it upon themselves to remove this tumor for the sake of the kingdom

...Half of our stock of the talismans with a few hundred more knights, including Theo and Peon, and two additional saints with one of them must be Billy, Send them all to the Patriarch to support his ranks

After he and his troops have enough rest from the devastating battle, reorganize their ranks, and the support arrives... He must head west towards Marquess Rufus' lands!

.... hmmm right, also tell the Patriarch to slow down on his way to the heart of the Rufus family's lands, tell him to only do his best to frighten them out and show off the strength of our army while capturing small cities one by one, he must avoid any large battle...

as for you, Uncle David, head southwest to attack Marquess Tawi's lands... The patriarch will descend upon the lands of Marquess Rufus from above, and you attack the Marcuse of Tawi from below, eat their lands from both sides and cradle them in the middle, when they are trapped between both of you towards the end, it will be all over...

For you, take from here only 120,000 soldiers and the rest of the saints of our family. Destroy Marquess Tawi quickly and decisively, make our victories there seem as legendary as you can.

The rest of the fifty thousand soldiers and Lady Mila will stay here with me in case one of the two Marquess tries to flee east as well... and to show to the whole kingdom that we still care about the borders even in settling the inner conflicts, this move will shut many mouths...

Also summon two saints, 400 fire knights, and at least two-thirds of the army we left to guard the new lands at the formerly known Dolivar and Evren, and command them to come to meet me here, we need

them here more... the remaining forces there and the rest of the 100 fire knights will be able to any rebellion attempt" Robin kept speaking with out taking a breath

"hmmm all that is good and doable, but I can't take on the Tawi family saints sith only myself and 4 other level 21 saints, Robin... attacking them with only 120,000 soldiers is hard enough! and the patriarch is in an even more bad situation with only 70,000 soldiers and even fewer saints..." Saint David replied after a little nod, those were two ancient families with deep roots!

Robin gave a chuckle, " If that is your only concern then I want you to reassure you and the Patriarch about the matter of the saints in the two families, you just have to keep them busy within the battle scoop and make a thick barrier around them using the flames of the Fire legion Knights so that no one sees the details of what is happening inside, and the Saints of the Royal Family will take care of the rest... Any other questions?"

"Sigh~ I hope they will arrive in time them... Everything is clear, I will contact Brian and start preparing." David nodded seriously

"Good!" Robin stood up and walked out of the tent.

Mila finally got out of her silence and hastened out of the tent and followed him, "Robin, the Burton family's army has just come out of fierce battles, why don't you give them more opportunity to rest, or maybe forget about the Marquess family altogether..."

" I may not be here forever to take off the legacy I left, I must make sure that the environment around the family is relatively safe before thinking of anything else,

And even if I was able to wait and postponed everything to the future, how long can your father hold? ... all that I'm trying to say is, when a person wants to move forward, first he must make sure that his back is safe." Robin replied seriously, then continued his walk, not adding another word.

leaving Mila standing in her place, trying to solve his puzzles...

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Over the following days, the kingdom found itself on a hot plate once again

The news of the victory of the Burton family's army over three armies coming from the Kingdom of The Lying Water with a total of 480,000 soldiers spread like fire on dry straw!

The news was simply too exceptional!!

Not much had passed since the Burton family faced the Duchy of Evren and news spread that they had wrested almost a quarter of the duchy lands from them, but no one understood how the Duke had so squandered all these lands without going all out, after all, the news said that there was no big fight between them, it was a small skirmish and a few people actually died...

Only now did they understand

The Burton family today is not the same as the Burton family ten years ago.. the difference is like heaven and earth!

The news started to spread, and with it, the legends spread about the Burton family did not suffer any harm when destroying the nearly half a million enemies!

rumors got even more bizarre and spread that the Burtons has built an indomitable army and that they took the protection of the kingdom upon their shoulders.

Even the Baron, who was rescued by Robin from the attack of the 60,000-strong army, confirmed these rumors and exaggerated the extent of the strength of the army that came to defend him, even telling his family members to walk around the kingdom and spread legends about the might of the Burtons army, thinking that he would repay them the favor this way...

The Baron and his family spared no effort in all kinds of ass-kissing techniques.

As the simple citizens celebrate that their kingdom has acquired a new shield and sword, and as the higher ups re-arranging their calculations on how to deal with the rising super power that is the Burton family... Another piece of fresh news was released that shook the kingdom again.

The Burton family has declared both the Rufus family and the Tawi family traitors because they refused to participate in the defense against the huge attack on their respective duchies and that they do not deserve to live under the same sky with them!

It was also announced that they target the bloodline of the two families only and do not want problems with the residents of the lands that belong to the two families, and that after the Burtons take the two families' lands the locals will be treated as honored citizens under the authority of the Burton family

... Even cats and dogs in the streets can see that this is just an excuse, the Burton family has already sent a request for support to all the noble families that inhabit the lands of the two duchies, but they did not wait for anyone and started their battles alone, they simply did not need anyone!

Given the history of the three families, which is full of problems and blood, it is clear that the Burton family wants to take advantage of the momentum they gained by destroying their old enemies!

But the first thing that comes to mind is... The Burton family destroyed three armies with a total of nearly half a million soldiers, but instead of resting and celebrating, they issued another huge war?

If a duchy's army had gone through the same battles they would need to rest and re-supply their shorts for at least another 10 years before they think of even moving again, but the Burtons still have what it takes for it?

Even the higher ups around the kingdom had to give in, It appears that the legends that wide spread earlier had not been far from the truth...

...The worst-case scenario for the two Marquess families since the Burton family's rocket rise has happened

After hearing the news and knowing that two armies from the Burton family are coming toward them, the two families have issued a call to summon every man and woman capable of fighting in their lands and arm them with anything that can shed blood...

And they also sent messages and pleas to seek support from all their allies and all the nobles around them to send their armies to stand with them against the \*Burton tyrants\*

They even began sending voice messages to their acquaintances from the royal family asking for mediation and protection against the \*family that thinks they are the new kings\*.

But... all their efforts failed.

#### Chapter 182 Absolute Victory

No one listened to the compulsory summons call to the army except those that bear the family name.

As for the rest of the citizens and small families in the lands of the two families, they completely ignored it, with even those who were already serving in the standing army began to escape in one way or another!

They said it wasn't their fight as began to look forward to the day when they would become vassals of the Burton family...

The economic renaissance that took place in the city of Jura and the surrounding lands were not hidden from anyone.

The Burton family lands are heaven Where no one sleeps hungry.

The two families didn't like that very much and started dispatching troops to the near cities to force the recruiting process but they were met with riots instead and many died in the process!

Losing hope in them and not wanting to exhaust their current army before the Burtons arrive, they gave up on them, while starting to toss out promises and threats about what will happen after the calamity is over

As for all their allies and friends from the other noble families, they refused to send in support as well, not one soldier arrived to help...

Had this happened before helped them no doubt, actually, they already made preparation to support the Tawi family when they thought the Burtons are coming for them before, and was ready to go all in with their allies

but after testing the Burton family's real power against the three armies of Lying Water Kingdom? After they became national heroes? No thank you.

The royal family also replied that this was a personal matter that had nothing to do with them, and if they are really traitors that didn't help then they deserve it!

and this was the straw that broke the camel's back...

Meanwhile, Saint David and his army have already reached the lands of the Tawi family, and a day later Patriarch Brian also reached the lands of Marquess Rufus, and they began to directly pass through all the castles and cities on their way.

If this had happened earlier, Everyone living in these lands would have stepped up to defend with all their might so that a foreign army would not enter their lands and shame them, every city and every fortress would have attacked using whatever they have to slow down the invasion...

but not this time, most cities welcomed the Burton family's army by throwing roses instead of arrows

,m especially Saint David's army who was attacking the Tawi family, he wasn't like Patriarch Brian who seemed to love collecting Cities along his way and would often go side ways, Saint David Burton was keeping a straight line with a quick march right towards the Tawi headquarter at their main City!

Seeing that the invasion was serious and that no one came to the rescue, the two families sent messengers to negotiate with David and with Patriarch Brian...

But all the messengers were killed.

The response was too direct... The Burton family did not come for lands, taxes, or punishments, They came to kill.

Under the banner of victory or death, the saints and knights of the two families led sporadic and swift attacks on the two incoming armies with the intention of exhausting them, but the presence of the Fire and Wind Knights notified this plan completely and even reversed it against them after many of their Knights ended up being killed in every attack.

On the fourth day of the invasion, Marquess Tawi assembled an army of 50,000 soldiers, 90% of whom were surnamed Tawi, and headed to meet the Burton troops that are approaching the capital of his lands.

Although it is considered a suicidal move to march with such a small army to battle the Burtons, which were already famous for being specialized in destroying armies much larger than their own, it was not in his hand,

even the savage mercenaries that are greedy for gold all the time refused to join him!

Now all he could count on were the 13 Saints in his family and his personal strength as a level 29 Saint...

But his dreams were smashed to pieces after a quarter of an hour from the start of the battle, the Burton family's army was simply too strong for them to handle...

The fifty thousand of his soldiers surrendered almost immediately after the Fire Knights began to move and killed a few thousand of them

Then they went on and attacked the Tawi family's knights and saints directly, killing most of them using their teamwork and the overbearing might of the three major heavenly law techniques, and using the level 25 Saint David as the head of the spear against the other enemy saints

but unfortunately, the Marquess himself, two other high-leveled Saints, three middle-leveled saints, and a few high-leveled knights managed to escape before they were completely besieged.

Saint David and his army did exactly what Robin asked and even some more... a legendary crushing victory with no losses.

in this battle, no talismans were used!

The Tawi family, which has maintained their position for thousands of years as a Marquess family... is no more

The family that looked at everyone with disdain, The family that attacked and seized a large piece of the Burtons' lands twenty years ago without needing a reason other than they were stronger... has completely fallen in four days

And without the shedding of a drop of blood or the loss of a single gold coin worth of equipments or talismans.

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The news of the conquest of the Tawi family, which was described as unique in history, spread like wildfire.

The elimination of a huge Marquess family, as if they were walking for a picnic...

Another legend was added to the military achievements of the Burton family, and their image blazed in front of everyone even more

But the sons of the Rufus family did not receive the news the same way as the others...

Every word they heard about this matter sounded like a death sentence.

Especially the news that says that all those who bear the name of the Tawi family were sent to work in the mines or to be sold in the slave markets!!

The position of the Rufus family at present was not much better, even though Patriarch Brian has only 70,000 soldiers and still has not reached the heart of their capital yet...



so far they have only been able to assemble 60,000 soldiers, and their morale was already extremely low before, then what morale to speak of right now after this news?!

When they lose the inevitable loss... will they be treated the same?!

But the animosity between the Burton family and the Tawi family is well known and justified. It can be said that the Tawi family started bullying twenty years ago and killed tens of thousands of the Burtons, they basically halved their number back then! and some could even say that they deserve what happened.

but what about them?

What did the Rufus family do to deserve this fate?

And one day after the news of the downfall of Marquess Tawi, when everyone's morale was at its lowest point, Marcus Tawi personally arrived in their main family city with a few saints and a handful of knights...

He decided that this would be his last stronghold and came to fight with them to the last breath, Perhaps a miracle will happen after uniting the powers of the upper icons

Marquess Maximus Rufus took advantage of this high level of support and went out to address his soldiers and the people of the city to raise their spirits that they have hope now, but unfortunately for him.. not one smile appeared and no excited shout rose for his speech

In fact, the situation got worse.

As everyone started talking that harboring the Tawi family's descendants was an additional provocation to the Burton family and that their punishment would now be doubled!

The idea of victory never crossed anyone's mind...

just how bad the defeat was, and how ugly the consequences will be...

On that very day, news began to spread around the city that the dispute with the Burton family was due to the stupid son of the Marquess, who had caused problems with Caesar Burton in the past...

He also made matters worse and tried to kill an important person from the Burton family inside the Bradley Military Institution and once more in the middle of the streets of Jura!!

The new also stated that other than this, the Burtons have no other issue with the Rufus family, they only want justice for the repeated provocation.

It was Patriarch Brian who announced that at the cities he captured, but it was unknown who was the one that spread the news among the public and among the members of the army in such a fast and efficient manner

as for its effect on the public, it can be imagined...

\*Our family is threatened with extermination because of... the idiot son of the Marquess? Is that it?!\*

Chapter 183 Surrender?

Their fear turned into hatred, The shiver in their spines turned into boiling blood in their veins.. the city started a revolt

People went out in the streets, burning everything in it, and attacking the fortified inner area where the Marquess and his close family lived.

The soldiers also laid down their arms refusing to participate in the incoming battle, and demanded that Remus son of Marquess Rufus must be handed over to the Burton family as an offering and to kick out the refugees from the Tawi family from their lands then start to negotiate with the Burtons after that

Facing such a general outburst just two days before the decisive confrontation, the Marquess ordered the knights to go out to the streets and kill all the rebels and behead every traitor who refuses to obey orders in the army.

But they refused...

After two or three days they will die in battle or live homeless in the corners of some foreign lands as refugees anyway, so why would they kill their own ken now? for what!? nothing would change if the public carried their weapons or not...

Also.. how can they punish them when they are also thinking the same thing.

Former Marquess Tawi gazed down from the palace balcony at the city that was burning even before the enemies could reach it, and saw how the Rufus family knights were so indecisive...

are those the ones who he threw his all with? how are those going to defend the city versus the Burtons when they already burning it?!

But where else would he go... no one in the kingdom would choose to refugee him and make enemies out of the Burtons for no reason, even the Royal Family abandoned him!

If this city also falls, then he will be doomed to live as a stray dog with no home and be hunted down everywhere he goes

Blood rushed to his head and with a fit of rage he ordered his knights and saints to go down immediately to carry out the orders of Marquess Rufus and take control of the city and restore order before the hostile army reach them

All the Tawi family knights and saints and the city moved and started attacking the revolting citizens with full force

But his decision proved to be the worst decision that could be made at the moment...

The knights of the Rufus family finally moved, but this time to defend their families from the outsiders who were committing crimes in their own city, they attacked the few Tawi family knights and killed them all.

Seeing their relatives killed, the Tawi family saints attacked the knights of the Rufus family in a fit of rage, but their numbers were simply too large for them to handle, and a few Rufus family Saints came to help.

A massive battle broke out inside the city, but it also subsided in the blink of an eye...

The results are that only Marquess Tawi was the only one left alive of his family's upper icons.

Afraid of his life, he quickly retreated to take shelter in the person who came to support, to Marquess Maximus Rufus, and to complain to him about what happened and demanded to kill the traitors.

but...

When he entered the war council dome, he found Marquess Maximus Rufus still sitting on the main seat of the oval table.. but this time a long blade pierced his heart from behind, and behind him stood Julius Rufus looking at him with fierce eyes like a hungry wolf

The level 28 saint and the second most powerful saint in the family has finally made a move.

**\*Betrayal!\*** The word exploded in Marquess Tawi's head as he turned around and rushed towards the city walls to try to escape.

But all the saints and knights of the Rufus family chased him down for two full hours until they finally caught him... and cut off his head.

The madness didn't stop there, all the sons of the former Marcus, including Remus and all his close associates of Knights and Saints, were captured over the next two days and were publicly beheaded.

After two days when Patriarch Brian arrived at the city's doorstep, he did not find an army trying to stop him.

Rather, he found all the doors open, and in front of them, many knights and saints were lined up in a full bowing position...

In front of them are more than a hundred heads placed on spears, and under each head, the name of its owner was written with blood.

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".... This is exactly the situation as I see it." The Patriarch called Robin and began telling him what is happening in the lands of the Rufus family, "and now the new representative of the family, Julius Rufus, has completely surrendered...

honestly, their strength freaks me out, I don't know if he did that on purpose, But Julius Rufus has arranged his men in a matter that is very intimidating even in bowing position, the numbers of knights and saints here are too much, none of them decided to leave the city, and I fear none of them will leave it if we attack now...

if they decide to fight To the last breath, from behind the city walls, they would have caused us a lot of losses... What do you think we should do now?"

"Hmmm excellent, everything is excellent! We should accept their surrender, of course! provided that all the saints and knights in their family swear allegiance to us and not leak our secrets...

Tell them we will help and strengthen their family and give them even more lands to rule if they worked well under our banner." The reply came quickly.

"...boy, honestly tell me the truth, were you expecting this?" asked the patriarch, leaving the saints and the knights of the Rufus family still in bowing position

Robin was the one who told him to take it easy in his march towards them as much as possible and just try to show the strength of the army, and now with his arrival, he found this sight that he would never have dared to dream of one day...

Marcus Maximus Rufus... This person would not have bothered to greet him if he had seen him in the streets twenty years ago, and now his head is placed on a spike in front of his city as a sacrifice to calm his anger and stop the war...

The Patriarch until now still has not been able to comprehend what is going on!

"Hahaha, I just had a hunch, an old family such as them would refuse to get exterminated because of such a silly reason, or that's what I was hoping at least, I think they do still have smart and decisive people in their family, and those people will one of our strongest allies in the future!

The important thing is, if they accept our terms, send them to the oath pyramid in Jura and send a saint from our family to accompany them and follow through the whole process until the last of them swears the right oath... you have Billy in your army, right? Send him with them, he would be perfect for the task."

"Send wolves to our empty city? what if they tried to escape or make a move on the city? No no, I will wait for the Fire legion and the rest of the family's saints to gather here and send them with them as escorts.." The patriarch immediately refused.

"No need, they surrendered on their own, if they wanted to escape they would have done that already, as for plying any tricks... just make sure you encircle the city and have the families of saints and knights under house arrest before they leave to Jura, that will be enough to make sure they won't play any games~"

"Arrest their families..." muttered the Patriarch, "Honestly, I thought about it the moment you suggested sending them with Billy alone, but I am afraid to try something like this, I fear that the peaceful situation may turn into war and all of them attack us,

the numbers of knights and saints by my side are not that many to try to force something on them, and seeing the knights and Saints of the Tawi family, I think I would still have a hard time even if do have much more back up.."

"Don't worry, they wouldn't choose the fighting option unless we go too far, if they wanted to fight they wouldn't have killed their Marquess and their backup from the Tawi family... just know that if you are afraid, then they are terrified... do it as I told you and you won't find any resistance."

"...So be it." The Patriarch didn't argue anymore as he closed the communication line, looked towards the magnificent sight of all those saints and knights bowing in front of him one last time as if he wanted to burn it into his memory, then walked toward Julius Rufus who was two levels stronger than him, with shaky steps, but excited mind.

Chapter 184 Mila's Thoughts - 1

Hundreds of kilometers to the east...

Robin is sitting on his bed in his own tent, the faint glow of the ring on his hand has finally disappeared

"Hm? Who was this, Robin?" Mila, who was lying next to him in her revealing underwear, asked in a low voice

"Just another moment and I will answer, my beautiful Mila..." Robin chuckled, then put his soul sense into his ring again... "Peon, can you hear me?"

"Yes, father, Give me your orders" Words that popped into Robin's head, were from Peon.

"The Patriarch's army will stay in the lands of the Rufus family for quite a few days until the matters of the oath, stabilizing authority, and resources keys handover, etc... is done.

I know that these people have almost annihilated your family, but as they surrendered I can't have you kill them all... you may search for the familiar faces that hurt you most and kill them, even if they are saints, don't hesitate to vent your anger and close that page of your history

In the meantime, I want you to begin to search for your kin, a good part of them must have been sold into slavery in the Duchy of Bradley, especially in the lands of the Rufus family.

You can take full advantage of the Wind legion members with you in this mission and reallocate a few thousand soldiers of the army to help you, make them work for their food instead of sitting in tents, gather what you can from your family and buy the freedom of whomever you can, there is no limit to the amount of gold you can use.

Oh, your old family lands are under Galan's control now after he attacked the Lying water kingdom, go there and look for any surviving members of your Camden family, and also gather the small families who have sworn their allegiance to you... I think you get the idea, gather them all back under your banner, and do it quickly."

"This...." A small reply came from Peon, after which he paused for a few seconds before muttering, "Thank you... Thank you..."

Robin didn't know that Peon burst into tears in these moments of silence...

In fact, even Peon hadn't thought of freeing and gathering his people until this moment!

he knows that there are likely hundreds if not thousands of them are alive somewhere... after achieving victory, selling the defeated enemies as slaves is much more profitable than killing them, especially in the wars that start for benefits no vengeance.

But freeing a large number of particular slaves would surely cost a lot of gold and human resources in the searching process, however, Robin opened the gates to all the resources for him

then Peon continued, "I will gladly accept the matter about freeing my people, but please don't worry about my revenge, father, If I found that it would cause harm to your plans or ignite the war again, I will just forget about it, I have my new life now, and it isn't half bad.."

" Good! " Robin smiled from ear to ear hearing this, then he ended the call and exclaimed, "Haaah~ What a nice day.."

"Hey! What is going on over there? Is everything alright?" Mila asked again, this time in an angry tone

Robin turned to her and looked at her exposed body from top to bottom, then nodded vigorously and seriously, "Yes, Yes, there are many things that happened and many things are going to happen, a lot of great news..."



but it's so secret I can't say it out loud like this, someone might hear us! Lay on your back and open your legs and let me whisper the news between them, It's my new super new secret communication technique..."

"A communication technique that needs for opening my legs, hah..?" Mila asked with a charming smile, then slapped Robin on the forehead, dropping him off the bed, "Keep the news for yourself and tell me after marriage then!"

"Damn it, woman! If you don't want to do it with me then get the hell out of my bed or at least wear something, how many times am I going to say it to you?! I'm a man of flesh and blood, stop doing this!!" Robin got up irritated and threw a pillow at her

Mila has started following this nerve-damaging method recently, when she sees him heading to sleep, in seclusion, or any place where he is alone in general, she goes and spends time around him almost without any clothes, tempting him to do everything with her...

and indeed everything is available, except for the last step.

"This is what you have gained on yourself, you selfish bastard!!" Mila grabbed the same pillow and threw it at him

"Me? what did I do!?" Robin asked surprised and let the pillow hit his face

"What did you do?! tell me, What is the matter with all those Saints who appeared in the Burton family in the recent years, huh? All of them had their energy aura and laws techniques have changed, each of them could fight someone a whole level higher than him now...

You are saying that this happened without your interference? Do you think I am blind? I can't believe you invented something like this for saints and didn't tell me, your fiancée!!" Mila exploded

then took a deep breath and continued, "I already swore on an oath tablet years ago to keep your secrets before I was allowed to start working on the talismans, why are you still hiding things from me that many others know? It's not fair.. even if I'm not your fiancée, I am I'm still working hard for you, you cold hearted bastard!"

"Aha, It's about that..." Robin started to rub his head in embarrassment at Mila's explosion, it seems that she had been fed up and was waiting for an opportunity to let it all out...

then he continued, "Since when has this matter bothered you? Months? Years..? Why didn't you speak until now..."

"If you were interested, you would have noticed on your own." Mila said in a low voice and then I looked in front of her again, her naked alluring back facing him...

Robin looked at Mila's gorgeous back, then gave a long sigh and said nothing.

He had no defense for himself... she simply didn't cross his mind as he tried to come up with ideas to strengthen the Burton family and his adopted children.

"You are always so honest, to the point of being blatantly rude at times and you tell the truth no matter the outcome... so let me ask you something," Mila continued, "Now that you have come this far, strengthened the family, and eliminated all your old enemies, added more lands and riches... you have basically nothing in mind after this war, would you ever set the wedding date?"

Once again, Robin was left speechless

He will go to another world after the war and there is a big chance he wouldn't ever return, so how does he choose the date of the wedding?

On top of that.. he knows that even if he did not have this task, he would not have appointed the wedding date either, and he would have given other excuses such as being busy with research or something else like that,

in fact, he had the opportunity to complete the marriage more during the past few years, but he was finding excuses for himself to postpone.

"That is what I thought..." Mila muttered after Robin's long silence... "I'm starting to feel like you see me as a gold digger, and that I'm stuck with you to get something out of you for myself or my family, Robin... you haven't forgotten who I am, have you?"

Chapter 185 Mila's Thoughts - 2

"..Mila Bradley, the first successor of the Bradley's Duke family, the number one beauty in the kingdom and also the number one genius in terms of martial arts, and the youngest human to achieve level 25 of sainthood in the last ten thousand years of the eight kingdoms history... No, Mila, I haven't forgotten how you are." Robin sighed and spoke at last.

"Huh.. even I didn't know that," Mila was surprised by Robin's reply, "So what is wrong with you? It is clear you have searched well and you know you won't find a better woman than me, why are you still behaving so cautiously with me? what else do I need to do or prove?"

" you need to prove nothing, Mila... It is just that I'm not of the romantic type, don't expect too much from me in this regard," Robin said after rubbing his head for a few seconds

"I don't expect you to be romantic... I know that we weren't engaged because we were in love, but at least our relationship should always be one with respect!

As you see me as the best fit for you, I also see you as the only man who deserves to see me naked.

I contribute my time, talent, and soul power to enlarging and managing the Rune academy for you, I worked hard every single day and finally became the best Rune Master after you, surpassing even Zara!

and I contribute my strength by fighting for you in your unstoppable wars starting from Dolivar back then and until this very moment... And what do I receive for all of this? you are giving your best creations to old men and women you have only seen once or twice in your life, rather than me who swore to keep your secrets?

Even the energy cultivation technique you developed when you were still a kid you barely gave it to me when you decided to hand it over to your thousands of special forces!

you never even speak you me about your ideas or future plans, you think I'm too stupid to understand them? I know you think you are the smartest person in the world, and you probably are, but this is too

much... Is this the respect you show me after everything I'm doing for you?" Mila shouted with out a pause

Again, Robin didn't know what to say.

In fact, he himself doesn't know why he doesn't try to help her in anything personal, even with the fact that her being stronger will be better for him...

May because she just doesn't appear in his mind when he decides those things? maybe because he doesn't have deep feelings for her?

Maybe because he hates being the weak side in the relationship and wants to catch up with her faster so that he imposes his will on her and not be thrown off the bed as is happening to him now

But it certainly did not occur to him that she is following him because she was a gold digger or that she wants to drain him for her benefit... In fact, he is the one who benefits from her since the beginning of this relationship!

"...Never mind, keep your silence." Mila stood up and started getting dressed, "Consider the marriage canceled, I will help you until all your present wars are over and you go back to Jura City, then I will leave for my family's home."

"Mila, don't exaggerate now, a while ago you were sleeping next to me naked, what happened to you all of the sudden!!" Robin was trembled after hearing this

"This is not a product of the moment, but a decision I made a while ago. you treated me like that when you still needed the Bradleys, then what will happen after having such force around you now? I'm not that cheap!

I hope that with me gone out of your sight, and with no obligation or benefit needed from my family, you will think more objectively about this matter, Robin, and if one day you realize my worth, wanted me for me, and decided to treat me with the respect I deserve... you know where to find me, until then consider the topic closed and It will not be opened again." Mila spoke

slowly as she put on her last piece of clothing, then walked over to Robin and patted him on the cheek, "there is another thing, who said I'd stop sleeping naked next to you? Until I go back to my family home, I'm going to sleep like this every night next to you, you may take it as my revenge. Hahaha!"

p Robin followed her butt with full focus as she swayed out of the tent, then about five minutes later gave a long sigh and said one word, "Women~"

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One week after this conversation, Mila broke through to Level 26 of sainthood.

breakthroughs in the realm of sainthood need decades to accomplish, especially the levels above 25!

But only eight years after she broke through to level 25, Mila achieved just that...

The Energy Cultivation Technique already had its effect and shortened the time needed by a few years, but this speed while using the Fire Shards Heavenly Law Technique that was full of holes and errors amazed Robin greatly!

If she continues at the same pace, she will undoubtedly be able to reach the top of the sainthood before the age of 250 and will have a real chance to discover the third level of her technique and breakthrough to level 31 to become the 9th sage in history who took this difficult path after the ancestors of the eight royal families.

But what surprised him most... was that on the same week she broke through to level 26 in the first try and without the help of a spirit Revitalizing Pill!

and after that she went back to his tent, got off her clothes all the way to her revealing underwear, and slept next to him almost naked again, as if nothing had happened...

Chapter 186 Tears Of Joy And Terror

In the days that followed the surrender of the Rufus family, there were much more than just Robin's romance problems.

But the winds of change hit everyone.

General David divided his army into battalions of ten thousand soldiers each and deployed them in every corner of the lands of the Tawi family and clean it.

On their way to the capital they took a straight line and subdued just a few cities, so their task this time was to subdue the rest of the cities and the minor nobles in the lands and to search for everything bearing the name \*Tawi\* to send him to work forever in the mines or to sell him as a slave... no one was safe in this campaign

As for patriarch Brian, things went better with him after the saints and the knights of the Rufus family agreed to take the oath in Jura City under the supervision of Billy Burton, and leave their families under the patriarch's \*protection\* until they come back

And everything went smoothly after they did...

They all returned from the Jura family as loyal and eternal followers of the Burton family - whether they liked it or not - and their new representative Julius Rufus began to inform the Patriarch of every great matter and small detail in his lands, and revealed to him all the secrets of the family and cities without holding a tiny bit back

Seeing their sincerity, Patriarch Brain returned them their families, stopped any kind of arresting or execution activities, and even gave them the secondary law technique that Robin made for their followers, and reassured them that the position of the head of their family - Marquess - would remain the same,

and even ordered to have the lands of the Tawi family be under their temporary control as well!

As for Peon, with the tremendous help that Robin provided him in terms of money and men, his mission went smoothly.

He sent advertisements and posters for the entire Duchy of Bradley saying that he was willing to buy anyone that bear the family name Camden at ten times the price of an ordinary slave, and he sent Knights of the Wind legion to investigate every slave market and each slave merchant,

and he even sent a small army to the former Camden lands as they began to search for more of his kin.

And with this, he managed to gather more than 4,000 sons for the Camden family without using much time, and there are still indications that he will gather even more!

long separated sons and fathers, husbands and wives, brothers and sister, finally managed to meet again

But after the initial hugs and cries of joy, terror struck their hearts...

the first reaction of the members of the Camden family when they found their masters hurrying to sell them and gather them in one place, is that the Rufus family regretted turning them into slaves and wanted to thoughtfully annihilate every single one of them

But even though, none of them did something about it... there was not a single knight or a saint among them, as they all died in that battle, and many of them had their wills broken after living as slaves for more than a decade...

they just wanted to enjoy each other's company till the slaughter day... but it never came

Finally able to manage some time off, Peon visited the camp and announced his identity and that they are all safe and under his protection as the wind legion commander, and under the protection of the whole Burton family.

all of them went dumbstruck, they have been living as slaves in the Duchy of Bradley for nearly 15 years and know full well what the name Burton means,

and they also heard about the legendary fire, wind, and darkness legions that became extremely famous lately, and one of them was the commander of one of the three legions? this was too good to be true!

Peon kept looking around him, looking into the eyes of his family members... but only seeing self depreciation and ridicule, no hope and terror even after his announcement

It made his heart ache... this is the consequence of being enslaved for too long... their spirits are broken

But things got much better when some of the high class members of the family recognized Peon and affirmed his identity as their Prince

extreme confusion then extreme joy struck them hard as they started weeping loud... It was all over now.

For them, the tragedy of this family has finally reached its end...

but in Peon's heart, he knew he would have been like them if his master didn't buy him first... he swore in his heart to return them their lost pride.

Happy with the results and busy interacting and reassuring his long lost kin, Peon even forgot that he got permission to hunt down and kill who hurt him back then...

Days passed slowly but full of events

And on the day that marked the passage of an entire month since the end of the conquest of the two Marquess families...

The Burton family's army disappeared into darkness without warning.

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A few days later - far east of the Duchy of Alton

"Hahaha, welcome back, Patriarch!" Saint David stood up to greet the patriarch after entering the commander's tent above the hill



"Tsk~ Next time you are the one going for the faraway missions, I'm too old for this! haha" The patriarch also chuckled and shook hands with David, then turned to look to the side, "you brat, why did you request to gather the entire army here again at full speed? Do you have information that we will receive another invasion?"

A few days ago, Robin contacted the Patriarch and Saint David and told them to gather all the forces and gather with him as soon as possible, but he did not give reasons.

"Hehe you look nice too, uncle, you came at the right time, I will explain everything to you... but won't you introduce us to your friend?" Robin smiled, looking at the people who entered behind the patriarch

Some of them are the Saints from the Burton family who went with him, but one of them is an unfamiliar man that he sees for the first time,

A handsome looking middle-aged man with sharp-sided mustaches, and his aura is undoubtedly the strongest in this tent... a level 28 Saint!

"Aha, this one?" The patriarch took two steps back and put his hand on the stranger's shoulder, "Let me introduce you.. this is Julius Rufus, the current patriarch of the glorious Rufus family... Little brother Julius, this is Robin Burton I spoke to you about."

"Robyn Burton... Oh no no, I mean Your Excellency, Robin Burton..." Julius advanced and gave a small bow, "I've always wondered how the Burton family could move their army with the intention of annihilating us because we had shown intent to kill two young men,

I kept asking myself why would the Burtons become absolute enemies with us when there was no harm done, but when Brother Brian told me about your other identity I finally understood... Fate has played its game on Maximus and his son, They were sentenced to death since they chose you as a target."

"Wait Wait, who do you call brother, little boy?" The patriarch laughed, "Don't believe him, everyone, Julius Rufus is still not over 500 years old yet, he is a real genius and surely he'll reach the pinnacle of sainthood one day! call me big brother, or uncle, you kid! haha"

"Oh? Looks like the Rufus family would have gone through a change of leadership even if we don't get involved then... There's no need for formalities, Marquess, we are all on the same side now, maybe that game of fate on your former patriarch will benefit your family even more in the future." Robin laughed in return,

but then his face suddenly froze and asked, "But may I ask what are you doing in this tent?"

Julius Rufus smiled, "I'm here for the same reason you said, Your Excellency, I'm here for a better future... we have already sworn allegiance to the Burton family for a thousand years, and we decided that we will do it in the best way possible... just hope Your Excellency won't be stingy with us and will grant us this opportunity."

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"Hmmm?" Julius's answer made Robin raise his eye brows

"When Marquess Julius learned that we were leaving his lands and regrouping here, he asked to come with us, he said that he will bring with him 9 middle-leveled and high-leveled saints, and he brought with him 400 knights and 40,000 soldiers... I saw no reason to refuse, so I allowed him." The patriarch intervened and explained

Robin became even more surprised, he didn't come alone?

Even with the oath that restricted their freedom and made them absolutely loyal, the Burton family was supposed to be hated to the core by them now!

and this is exactly why Robin didn't think about calling them to help him in wars any time soon, there is no point in bringing someone to fight a war in this way,

Even if they accepted and executed every order perfectly, morale is what wins you battles, not numbers, they would only be a burden and weakness in the formation and nothing more

The plan was to leave them in their lands to administer it on his behalf and to send him its taxes and riches annually, maybe even use them as a shield if they ever faced a threat from the north, in his eyes, they were nothing more than that...

and perhaps with the passage of years, they will forget the humiliation that was brought on them from this war, and the benefits from being a vassal of the Burtons would soften their hearts...

Only in this way the two families might get closer to each other, and only after that would he take their presence into account when he plans a war, but now they are the ones who took the initiative to join him?

Robin looked long at Julius Rufus, who was still smiling in front of him.. 'This guy isn't simple...'

"If it were up to me, I would have brought with me the rest of my saints and the family's knights, but as your excellency know, we need troops now in our lands now more than ever to help you secure the Burtons position as our new masters despite the acts of some small rebellions of a minority fools in the family

And also to help Your Excellency in securing the control of the former lands of the Tawi family, there is a lot going on there, and it got worse when brother David withdraw his army" Marcos spoke to Robin

"Oh, of course, I understand, if you didn't keep enough troops there yourself, I would have ordered the return of part of your army... You have obviously thought of everything, Saint Julius, it seems I will enjoy your company." Robin muttered smiling and then pointed toward the table, "Please take a seat, all of you, gentlemen. Let us begin our meeting."

"Here we are..." Patriarch Brian moved to the nearest chair, "Can you now tell us why you have gathered the army here?"

" Please be patient, uncle Brian... Can any of you make a full report about our combined army? Just so everyone knows the military situation before we go any further," said Robin.

"Then let me do it, If we count the army that remained here, the one with the patriarch, and mine, and the army of the Rufus family, and the forces that came here as support from the new lands as per your request, then let me summarize the situation for you." Saint David stood and headed for the large map drawn on the ground for the area and began to move pieces of it, "we currently have:

320,000 soldiers, including about 20,000 cavalry

1000 knights who use Minor heavenly laws,

About 3,200 knights who use Major heavenly laws,

21 saints,

and finally, about 70,000 fire explosion talismans, with an abundance of all the other kinds talismans with a few thousand each."

Everyone gave a long sigh after hearing those numbers...especially Marquess Julius.

\*3,200 knights who use Major heavenly laws\* what kind of concept is this? in his way here, he kept asking Patriarch Brian about everything that concerns the Burtons, and the Patriarch wasn't stingy in his replies

His mind was blown when he heard that the three famous legions all use major heavenly law, and till this moment he just can't find it in himself to accept it!

even ignoring their major heavenly laws, The army now contains more than 4 thousand knights?! these numbers of knights do not even appear in the wars between the duchies!

And 70 thousand talismans? How can any army withstand the rain of 70 thousand fire talismans?

Only now not only did he was assured that his decision was the best, but it was also the only one

"good." Robin nodded with a smile, reassured after hearing the current state of the army, "And you all don't have to worry about the Fire Explosion talismans situation either, we have much more than just 70,000 now."

"Oh?" The patriarch was surprised, "Are you sure? I was supervising the Rune Masters before the war began, and there was only the quantity we took with us... Where did more come from?"

"I issued an order that all the Rune Masters are to only and intensively work on the Fire Explosion talismans, 40 days have passed since... and a week ago the first batch of their products arrived... The quantity that reached us was 120,000 Level 6 Fire Explosion talismans, and a few thousand Level 10 Fire Explosion talismans!"

"What?! How can the 480 masters of inscriptions produce an average of 4000 talismans per day?" Everyone was shocked by this number, 120,000 talismans in one month!!

"This is normal after practicing the Soul Strengthening technique all these years, now the worst one of them can make five Level 6 Fire Explosion talismans per day1

and many of the Rune Masters can make up to 15 Level 6 Fire Explosion talismans per day! When we take out all the more difficult Runes from the equation and focus their entirety on the Level 6 Fire Explosion talismans, this result is only to be expected." Robin answered straight away and then continued, "So we currently have 190,000 talismans of the Level 6 Fire Explosion talismans."

"This...." The Patriarch muttered to himself, this was just too much!!

then asked, "What do you intend to do with all this?"

Robin stood up and walked up to the map, then moved the pieces east, "We'll conquer the Lying Water Kingdom."

"As I expected..." David sighed

"I also think it's a good opportunity, but I don't think Duke Galan Bradley and Duke Raymond Alton would be happy when you break the agreement like that." The patriarch knocked on the table

Even Mila furrowed her eyebrows a little after hearing this, the agreement was that Robin would take part pieces of their old lands in exchange for his assistance in helping them divide the Lying Water lands between the two of them!

If Robin broke that agreement and jumped in with them, he will surely demand a piece of the new cake... this will mess everything up!

"You think the agreement didn't break when we had to fight 3 armies with a total of half a million soldiers for them! if we kept the original agreement and kept watching, there might not be anything called the Bradley or the Alton Duchies!" Robin snorted as he rested his back on the chair,

then he continues "But don't think too much, it's not like I want to break our relations with them or something like that... I was in contact with both dukes during this last period, after our great victories here, the pressure greatly eased on them and they were able to advance again and managed to control 50% of the two duchies they are invading... But their fire explosion talismans completely ran out.

And the Middle Duchy -Harris- gave up the dreams of the counter conquest after we destroyed their main army here, and began to send reinforcements again to the other two duchies, even the other noble families there seemed to finally realize the bad situation and began to send reinforcements too...

with this new situation, it became impossible for Duke Galan and Duke Raymond to keep pushing forward, they both had to stop at where they are and try to fortify a few citadels to defend what they got, but for how long can they hold their position with no talismans?

There is one more option though... We intervene. if we cut through the Duchy of Harris, and put pressure on the other two duchies from the middle, that will give Duke Galan and Duke Raymond a chance to catch their breath and move forward again."

"The situation there is that bad...?" Mila asked worried, her father did not tell her anything every time she tries to contact him, for fear that she would worry about them and try to catch up with them in the fire pit they throw themselves in...

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Patriarch Brian nodded heavily, " It is natural that their talismans supply would end. We saw with our own eyes part of the enemy's strategies to increase the consumption of the fire explosion talismans and know how effective it is, The fact that they occupied 50% of their target before their talismans stoke ended indicates the strategically genius of both of them... then? What is the plan? Did you agree with them on something?"

"Yes, I have already agreed about the guide lines with both of them, We will attack the Middle Duchy, the Duchy of Harris, this will prevent any reinforcements for both sides and make the situation easier for Duke Galan and Duke Raymond," declared Robin and then added, "both of them will hold their ground for now and watch from the side as he cut through the Duchy of Harris, until they receive support from us"

"support? what is there to support them with more than engaging in the war ourselves?" Saint David asked

" Even when we take the Duchy of Harris of the Picture, they will still be in a hostile land with no talisman.." Robin reminded then continued, " they will need talismans to keep moving forward and take control over more lands with minimal human losses, and the support I was talking about is to allocate next month's output of talismans and Send 60,000 Level 6 Fire Explosion talismans each to help them continue their way forward."

Mila rolled her eyes at him, "Then just send them the 190,000 Fire Explosion talismans you already have as well and it will be enough, there will be no need for you to march the Burton army and invade the Duchy of Harris, actually if you kept providing them 120,000 Fire Explosion talismans a month they will be able to invade the Duchy of Harris as well."

Everyone's features froze, actually, they thought of this the moment Robin mentioned the matter of attacking the duchy of Harris, but they kept their mouths shut because they also understood Robin's true intentions

Robin looked at her with a confused look, "Who the hell told you that I'm running a charity here?!"

The Bradleys and the Altons are not his subjects, they didn't swear on an oath tablet to follow the Burtons like the Rufus family did

In his eyes, they are temporary allies, and might even say \*respectable rivals\*

So why would he keep feeding them hundreds of thousands of Fire Explosion talismans?

why would he add more fame and military achievements under their name?

why would he give them more lands when he can take it himself?

when everything is over and the two families enjoy their moment of fame and power, and it's time to demand repayment, how much of these lands will the two families be willing to give him?

Robin has already made up his mind when he first heard about the situation of the two Dukes

'I won't go and beg them to give me my share after the war ends, I will go take it myself...

'I don't need them, they need me... It's time for the Burtons to shine, It's time for ME to shine!'

Also... This might be his last time leading the Burton army, he might as well make it worth remembering.

"tsk~ a wolf in a sheep's skin" Actually, Mila understood his intention about wanting a bigger share from the start, but she just didn't like the act that he was doing it out of love and honor

"Ahem... still, You will give them a total of 120,000 Fire Explosion talismans and that isn't a small amount..." spoke the patriarch in a low voice, "Not long ago you took from Duke Galan about 15% of his old land and from Duke Raymond about 30%, in return you only gave them 60,000 Fire Explosion talismans! and now we will use our own army as well to help them take the Duchy of Harris out of the equation, I hope you thought well about this"

"There were other aspects of the agreement that day that included many more details, Why do you degrade them in lands and talismans only?" Robin laughed, then added, "Anyway, don't worry, my new deal with them doesn't put us in a worse position than before."

"If that's what you are saying..." The Patriarch raised his shoulders and rested his back on the chair, feeling satisfied, this brat was better at haggling than him, if he is good with it then there is nothing he should be worried about.

Robin stood up with a smile, "Very well, if none of you have any more questions, then start dividing our troops into equal 3 armies, even the same amount of saints and knights, talisman, everything!



After we have eliminated a large portion of the main forces of the Harris family we won't face any huge disciplined army that requires our full force, we only need to move fast and annihilate the lesser noble families

and we shouldn't walk into their lands in a straight line and risk being surrounded like what happened with Duke Raymond and Duke Galan, we will enter the duchy from 3 points and eat it from below Up, I want every time I look back I find ruins and burned cities, no noble family should be spared to attack us from behind...

Please start the preparations from now, we will start the all-out invasion this week!"

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Two days after this meeting, the division of the troops into three armies equal in everything was completed

Then one of the armies, led by Saint David and had Billy with him as his assistant, set out towards the southeast.

and the second army, led by Patriarch Brian and his assistant Julius Rufus, moved towards the northeast

Their destination was north and south of the Duchy of Harris, but the routes weren't only passed on that, both their planned routes had many specifically densely populated cities,

There is one more reason for that, it was to cut off aid to and from the two neighboring duchies... leaving the Middle playground to the third and final Army to be led by Robin and assisted by Mila Bradley.

After another four days, the three armies reached the agreed launching points at the borders with the Duchy of Harris, and after communication between the three of them.. the green light for the invasion was given!

In the span of one day, the three armies stormed the borders guards of the Duchy of Harris at the same time and began attacking all the border cities!

In just a day and before anyone could react, the three armies had already taken control of over 10% of the duchy's lands.

Fear spread among the citizens of the Duchy of Harris, but not despair.

Because the war has been raging in their neighbors' lands for about two months, all the nobles inside the duchy of Harris have put their armies in an active state to prepare themselves for the attack came here too, and to send aid to their two neighbor Duchies with hast.

Right now, in every Marquess family, Earl family, a Viscount family, and even every Baron family there are standing armies numbering tens of thousands waiting for orders.

And the fact that the \*stupid\* enemy has entered with three separate armies gave them even more courage,

Instead of trying to gather a giant army from all the nobles to fight off the 320,000-strong army, now their forces can confront the incoming enemy alone.

Even if the incoming enemies are strong, they are still only 100,000 soldiers, how powerful can they be? even if they won against one or two noble families they wouldn't get too far!

Or that's what they thought...

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Soon enough the two reasons they used to reassure themselves were proved to not be working well as they thought...

Their standing armies didn't help, the enemy's three separated armies didn't weaken them...

In the same week, the main armies of 3 Baron families and a Viscount family were destroyed... the least one of them had an army of 60,000-strong and the most of them was 130,000!!

the battles were decisive and fast, it seemed like the battle was won the moment a Burton army arrives...

The survivors of those battles said that even after applying some strategies to nullify the damage of the Fire Explosion talismans, it was of no use... the Fire Explosion talismans still rained down on them in huge numbers, it was as if hell had descended upon them.

Knowing their the Fire Explosion talismans-proof strategies and that trying to use fewer amounts of the Fire Explosion talismans will damage his own army and maybe even stop him earlier,

and in order to give themselves bases to defend and walls to sleep behind in this hostile territory... Rabin was not stingy in using the Fire Explosion talismans this time.

In the four confrontations, the Burton family's armies used more than 120,000 Fire Explosion talismans in total!

Like the strike of a whip, Duke Harris suddenly found himself losing 40% of his territory in the first week of the invasion!

Despair was finally starting to seep into the hearts of the public... If the invader continues at this pace, they will eat the entire duchy in no time!

but the experts are reassuring them that this is just temporary momentum that always happens at the beginning of any invasion and that the invaders certainly no longer have any talismans, and that they will finally have the chance to counterattack

Indeed, the citizens of the Duchy of Harris began to believe them, and morale began to rise...

During the following week, none of the enemy's three armies advanced again and contented themselves with consolidating the fortresses that they had controlled in absolute silence, like they already had enough and wouldn't advance another step.

Until...

The news came that two of the three armies had united and attacked a Marquess family at the center of the Duchy, destroying the 170,000-strong army they have been gathering for the counterattack, and taking full control of their lands!

and then they separated again, and one of the two armies went back to march north as if nothing had happened.

The third week has barely started since the invasion began, but the Burton family has already controlled 65% of the Duchy's land!!

But now, finally, the words of their experts are beginning to come true...

In that last battle, Robin used more than 60,000 fire explosion talismans, which wiped out his entire stockpile, and is now left with only a few hundred fire explosion talismans.

Robin had a difficult decision to make at this point...

He had already destroyed a large portion of the Duke Harris family's army within Duke Alton's lands, killing a few saints and hundreds of knights, and destroying a vast army of 300,000 soldiers while seizing most of their war horses and categorized armaments.

So if he now moves forward, even regardless of the talismans, there is a good chance that he will be able to exterminate what is left of the Harris family and take hold of the heart of the Duchy.

But... even rabbits bite when cornered.

To begin a \*final\* fight against the ancient Harris family, who are fighting for survival, and without any Fire Explosion Talismans... will inflict massive losses to the Burtons even if they win in the end.

This conquest is for the sake of benefits and influence and is not a matter of life or death for the Burtons, so the victory in this way is not needed, it will be a loss actually...

And indeed, in the end, Robin made up his mind and stopped any advancing after that point...

But the battles did not stop.

Due to the rapid advance, the three armies only cared about the forces of the major families and ignored the smaller subordinate families, and ignored the rebellions of the mortals, simply letting everything burn behind them...

So, after another week of fortifications along the front with what was left of the Duchy of Harris, Robin commanded to look back a little and begin to deal with the locals and sub-families.

... an announcement was made for everyone in the Duchy, especially for those who control more than 50 men under them

Its content that the Burtons didn't come here to destroy but to build, not to steal but to enrich, and that they don't want to hurt anyone unnecessarily... if they submitted to their new rulers, their position and their family and follower will be saved, if not, they will either be exterminated or sent to be sold as slaves.

As for the benefits offered by Rubin to the sub-families, they were extremely generous that even their Duke didn't give them, much less an invader!

and most of them already heard about what the Burtons had done in the lands they had taken from Dolivar and the extent of the renaissance they had brought about to the locals there, so they know this announcement was no joke.

That's why many of them submitted without a fight.

As for those who wanted victory or death, the Wind legion intelligence did what they have to do with them... It can be said that the slaves market in Jura City has lately become the most crowded market in the entire Black Sun kingdom.

these internal matters and the attempt to subjugate the lands went smoothly for the Burtons, but it provoked the ire of Duke Harris, who considered it an insult to his existence, and that the Burton family had already considered these lands their own!

But it was also good news... that the invasion has now stopped.

The other two Lying Water dukes on the border also breathed a sigh of relief, at last, they were afraid that the newcomer might try to support his comrades against them and seal one of the fronts first...

But thank the heavens that the Burtons were stupid enough to open another front and keep themselves busy there

Now that the three fronts have finally stopped, it's time to coordinate a counterattack to push them back!

But the period of dreams and short rest was quickly over...

,m The Altons' and Bradleys' armies began to move again, using tens of thousands of talismans to slash their way forward like a hot knife in a cheese block.

Finally, the two dukes received the level 6 Fire explosion talismans that the Burtons Rune Masters have been working on for a whole month

And because the Rune masters didn't have to make Level 10 Fire explosion talismans this time, the total they made during the month amounted to 140,000 6th Level Fire explosion talismans.

and 70,000 Fire explosion talismans were sent to each duke, which is approximately The same number they had when the war started!

And after coordination between the two of them, another wave of invasion began against their oblivious enemy.

#### Chapter 190 One Last Battle?

the people of the Lying Water Kingdom were certain and assured that the two Dukes did not have any Fire Explosion Talismans left with them after they fought several battles against them during the past month

Every time the Black Sun Kingdom's forces would try to minimize its losses if they win and retreat if they get hammered, they didn't fire a single Fire Explosion Talisman at them no matter what

Even when a Marquess attacked one of Duke Raymond's fortress, killed a few thousands and forced them to abandon their mighty fortresses, there was no reply what so ever...

But now, out of now where, the nightmare returned!

they were surprised when the rain of Fire Explosion Talismans fell again upon their heads like thunderbolts, destroying their formations as they destroyed their body parts.

The advance was so sudden and so fast that no one was able to react in time, in just three days the two dukes and their armies had arrived at the capitals of the two duchies!

But they were both much stingier in using the Fire Explosion Talismans in their advance than the Burtons, which caused too many deaths among their ranks doing so

and when they finally arrived near the capital, they had the same choice to make as Robin...

to wait and plan a more efficient, bloodless way, or finish the war in one stroke... and they both chose just the opposite from Robin

It was time to end this, taking more time means more variables, no one knows when the Royal Family of the Lying Water finally have enough and declare a Royal War!

At least they must sever one of their arms before that happens!

...The cruelest battle since the beginning of the war has finally broken out outside the gates of the two duchy's' capital cities.

Hundreds of thousands of human bodies clashed to create an epic of fire and blood

All that is left of the talismans were used in both battles, but they were not enough to come close to victory...

The situation was just as Robin predicted, battles like this, battles when such a huge family is on the brink of life or death, strength, and strategies on the battlefield won't matter much.

It is just like when the Tawi family attacked the Burtons and broke their army, but the Burtons still managed to fight back desperately and hold enough lands to stay as an Earldom...

the Marquess family didn't see that coming, not the Burtons themselves actually knew they can do it...

Being emotionally charged is far more dangerous than being armored with all the weapons in the world.

The two battles at the capitals lasted for three consecutive days, and hundreds of thousands of victims fell on all sides.

Finally, at the dawn of the fourth day, the results of the first battle appeared.

The Duke of Bradley managed to win a difficult victory after losing half of his army that reached the capital, of the half a million troops he gathered and entered the Lying Water Kingdom's lands with, only 150,000 of them left alive.

But they inflicted much more damage to their already wounded foes... they were able to kill most of their saints and knights before the rest managed to flee for their lives



and within another two hours, the capital was overrun.

and small troops were immediately sent to subdue what was left of the Duchy...

The Bradleys finally managed to breathe a sigh of relief.

but it wasn't the case for their allies...

Duke Alton's battle went on for an extra day with no clear victor!

On the fifth day, the Saints of the Alton family managed to deal a decisive blow to the cavalry of their enemy, restraining one of their most important arms, and forcing the enemy army to retreat slowly and fortify behind the formidable walls of the capital.

This wasn't the best possible idea for the retreating Duke, but it was the only one...

As soon as they entered and closed the gates, Duke Raymond Alton gave the green light to besiege the capital, using flaming arrows and catapults, and all possible means to destroy the capital and make life in it impossible.

And he had what he wanted... one week later, the capital also fell, and no one survived except for some saints and knights from the enemies who managed to escape.

And they both fled directly to the Middle Duchy, the Duchy of Harris, to serve as their last hope to try to recover what they lost.

But they just didn't know, the situation there was no better...

Robin had already requested an urgent batch from the talisman masters and told them to send whatever they managed to make until now..

and the first batch had arrived, 60,000 Fire Explosion Talismans has refreshed his stockpile.

While Duke Harris was delighted with the strong saints and knights reinforcements that came to him, he received terrible news...

The three armies of the Burton family had united again, and the united army is now advancing toward his capital

Quickly, the public alarm was launched throughout the rest of his lands, with a forced recruitment order for every male who reached the age of more than ten years, and every female above 14 years of age.

Warning of the fate of their brothers in the north and south, it is time to fight to the end for their lands and their freedom.

The movements of the Burton family's army were extremely slow which helped Duke Harris a lot in gathering more soldiers than he already have!

All nobles and non-nobles... even old women choose to go to the army and defend the capital

Within one week of the buildup, the army that was stationed ahead of the Harris Capital had already reached a stunning number of more than 920,000 soldiers.

And finally... the moment of separation has come

The date of the arrival of the Burton family's army according to the last report, is today.

Enthusiasm and boiling blood in the soldiers' veins overcame the fear of what was to come.

The sense of defending the homeland and the family, and struggling for freedom, has overshadowed the horror of the fire explosion talismans.

Every one of the million-strong army stood their ground with racing heartbeats, holding in their hand some kitchen knives or wood axes devoured by rust...

Today there will be a battle that will tear the heavens apart from screams, and the earth will be wet with blood... Everything depends on this one battle!

Finally, the hour when the Burton family's army was supposed to arrive...!!

But no one showed up.

Another hour passed, two, six...

Darkness has descended, but the army of invaders still has not come!

"What is happening here?" Duke Harris shouted, "No news from the new scouting team?"

This was the seventh scouting team they sent out after they lost contact with the first six, it's been over an hour since they left and he still hasn't heard of where the Burton family's army is now or when they will arrive.

Another half-day passed in complete silence, the Giant Army was still on standby, but the enthusiasm had visibly disappeared... Soldiers below the third level of energy foundation and Mortals were already starting to feel sleepy.

"My lord duke, my lord duke!" Someone came rushing on a war horse towards the walls of the capital, then the knight jumped off him to the top of the wall and knelt before someone sitting on a high throne, "I have news from Vukata!!"

"Huh? Is this a good time to listen to internal problems?" The Duke's features reddened, "Leave that aside for now!"

"The city is under attack!!" The knight shouted before the soldiers took him to the side, "A Burton family's army of about 50,000 were about to attack the walls when I ran over here. The city is almost empty of soldiers because they're all here...they must have burned the city down by now!!"

"what do you say?!" The Duke stood up and shouted.

The city of Vukata was a hundred miles north of the capital... and an army of only 50,000? Wasn't the Burton family's army about 300,000? This was not logical at all.

During the next two hours, similar reports followed, successively, 4 other cities were attacked, and an army of 50,000 soldiers was spotted heading towards a sixth city.

One of those cities is located just 50 miles behind the capital!!