

## Destiny 421

### Chapter 421 Senior Brother

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Late night of the third day of Shin's training, our 'price charming' finally woke up on his bed after collapsing earlier.

"Looks like, I really am exhausted, huh?" muttered Shin as he stared at the ceiling. And after a few moments, he suddenly shook his head before commenting. "No matter how many times I look at it, I still believe that these things existed inside a small cottage."

Shin shook his head at little before sitting up from his lying position. And right after he did that, he suddenly heard a loud rumbling sound coming from his stomach.

"Tch! And now this buddy is also starting to raise some complaints too," muttered Shin while tapping his tummy.

After that, he immediately got off his bed before walking out of his room to look for something to eat. While he was on his way towards the kitchen, his eyes were immediately caught by some things on the table. And walking towards it, he saw that they were a bunch of foods prepared for him.

Seeing that, Shin smiled a little as he looked at those delicacies. A single look at it was more than enough for him to know that they were top quality. What's more, a small mentalism formation was covering the whole table to preserve the foods on it.

His smile became a little bitter when he saw that. "He even wanted me to break this before I could even take my food? Isn't it a little too much?"

Regardless, he still proceeded at break the formation sealing the table. And since it was only a basic formation, he didn't encounter any problem when breaking it.

When the formation was removed, some steams suddenly flew up, signifying that the food were still warm.

"This is quite convenient," joked Shin before starting to eat. "Thanks for the food!"

When he was done taking his dinner, he then walked out of the cottage, trying to get some fresh air.

The sky was already deep when he walked out. And not a single star could be seen in there due to the thick dark clouds covering them.

The trees around him were dancing along with the movements of the blowing wind. There were no crickets singing at night this time – maybe because of the formation set up by Grandmaster Benn around mountain. Instead, the leaves of those trees were seemingly singing a lonely song every time those trees shook their branches.

Due to that, Shin felt something strange in this atmosphere. There was some strange feeling that he already felt before. He thought that he already forgot about this familiar feeling of loneliness, but he couldn't help but feel a deep solitude every time he was alone like this.

He might have a place that he could come home right now – there were also people that he could call his family at the same time. But from time to time, he still felt that he didn't belong anywhere. Maybe because he knew that there was a missing piece deep inside his heart. Or maybe he just wanted to know about his real self.

Shin stared at the dark sky for a moment before closing his eyes, trying to feel the cold breeze of this silent night and immersing himself with this atmosphere.

He took a deep breath while opening his eyes once again. Then he took another look at the sky before muttering to himself. "I feel like writing some lyrics right now."

With a bitter smile, he shook his head a little before walking down the mountain. He walked aimlessly for quite some time until he stopped his steps on top of a waterfall where his feet dragged him onto.

Shin stared dumbfoundedly at the scene in front of him due to its breathtaking view. In the middle of this lonely night, he saw a sea of fireflies flying across the darkness and lighting up the surroundings.

Seeing this, Shin shook his head a little while smiling bitterly. "So, are you telling me that it is fine to roam aimlessly from time to time?"

When those words left his mouth, Shin suddenly heard a voice coming from a distance. "Isn't it? Sometimes, traveling without a proper destination in mind is more fulfilling than having a planned journey. After all, life is full of surprises."

Shin turned his head at the direction where that voice was coming from and saw David sitting on top of a huge rock in the middle of the river. He was currently watching the fireflies and seemingly enjoying it.

Feeing the gaze directed to him, David suddenly turned his head and looked back at Shin while saying smilingly. "That is why some people say that life is all about the 'journey 'not the 'destination'. It is fine to get lost from time to time since it is a part of life."

He paused for a moment to look at the sky before continuing. "But I can't totally agree with that."

"Travelling without a proper goal will only make your journey a meaningless wander. It is fine to get sidetracked here and there, but you can't forget about the main road that you are taking."

"Everyone can choose a path that they want to take, but you still can't walk on multiple paths since you are only a single entity."

Shin stared at David for a moment before asking. "So, how can we know which path is the best to take?"

"There is no way. After all, it is impossible to see the end of the road if you are only standing on its starting point. If you want to know if you choose the right choice, then you need to walk through that path until your reach its destination," answered David almost immediately.

He paused for a brief moment before continuing. "All you can do is to brace yourself, become stronger, and enjoy everything that you are going to experience."

"That way, you are not going to regret anything when you reached your final destination. And at the point of time, you are going to say that your entire journey is meaningful." he added while looking at the sky.

"I see," said Shin before lowering his head a little; it seemed like he was contemplating about something.

When David saw that, he suddenly added. "Maybe the journey is the most important thing when doing an adventure, but having a proper destination is similarly important. And those two will never be separated because they are always been together."

Shin nodded his head after hearing that. "I will keep that in mind."

Then silence descended between the two as they continued to watch the fireflies silently.

But moments later, Shin suddenly asked. "But you are called the 'Wanderer', Senior Brother. Do you also have a proper destination in mind?"

David pursed his lips a little when he heard that. But he immediately gave his answer not long after. "Of course! Even the wind has their destination, much less a person like me."

"Mind telling me about it?" asked Shin with some curiosity.

Maintaining his pursing lips, David knitted his eyebrows a little before shaking his head. "Nope, I don't mind at all. But I will tell you about it later."

"Is that so?" said Shin before hopping from a rock to another. And when he arrived at the huge rock where David was sitting, he immediately sat beside the latter and asked. "Then how about sharing something about yourself?"

Then Shin raised his head at the sky before continuing. "I am sure that you already knew a lot of things about me, but I still don't know much about you. Isn't it a little unfair?"

"You think so?" asked David almost instantly.

But Shin quickly responded. "Yep! I am calling you Senior Brother but I don't know much about you. Aside from the thing that you are a famous Young Mentalist around the world, I don't know anything else."

Hearing that, David pursed his lips even further before turning silent. But after a few moments of thinking, he suddenly nodded his head. "Fair enough."

Then he turned head at Shin before saying. "So, what do you want to know about me?" while crossing his arms in front of his chest.

Shin tilted his head to the side and held his chin with his hand while saying. "Anything is fine. I am not that picky after all."

"But I am not that good at picking a topic about such things," said David.

Shin suddenly pursed his lips when he heard that. But he was also not that good choice a topic either, so he just randomly said. "Then how about you tell me how did you become your master's-... I mean, our master's disciple?"

David was slightly taken aback when he heard that. And the stunned expression on his face made Shin to a little hesitant on this topic. "Is it an off-limits? Then it is fine, let's choose another."

"Ah! No, it is fine. I am just a little surprise. That's all," said David almost instantly while waving his hand. And after a slight pause, he immediately added. "What's more, you are bound to know about it sooner or later when you meet Master."

"So, where should I start," said David while raising his head at the sky.

After a few moments of silence, he suddenly said. "Then-... should I start at the day when I was born?"

Chapter 422 Solomon Kingdom

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Nineteen years ago.

There was a small country called Solomon Kingdom. The size of this country might be as big as a basic region of the seven major continents.

This country was an isolated place who chose to sever themselves from the affairs of the world. They didn't care what was happening outside their country, and the only thing that was important to them was their own lives in this small country.

To the residents of this country, the people on the 'outside world' were all ambitious and greedy; all of those people only care about wealth and power, and how to obtain them.

Solomon Kingdom was a free country where its citizens were living a simple life. They were free to choose whatever they wanted even though they have a government system of monarchy.

In fact, each citizen respected the Royal Family a lot while the Royal Family itself was respecting their citizen in return. And who the citizen respected the most was their humble king.

Even if he was the ruler of this country, he never showed his power. He didn't even force his citizens to pay any form taxes as he believed that his family didn't lack anything.

Sometimes, he even walked out of his castle to personally experience life outside the tall walls of his home. Farming, fishing, blacksmithing – the king tried every form of manual labor to understand the lives of his citizens. And because of this, he became even more respected by everyone.

But in this world, there have always been some people who were greedy. And since this country was rich and peaceful, there were some greedy groups who would want to seize it for themselves.

On the outside, this small country might be as simple as other places around the world. But looking further into it, this place was actually a hidden power who chose to sleep for a long time.

This place was a haven for all Mentalists. This Kingdom was housing a lot of experts in the discipline of Mentalism. In fact, every citizen of this country were all Mentalists.

Due to this very reason, there were a lot of powerful organizations who tried everything they could to have this country under their control. There were even some who tried to invade it directly.

Unfortunately, none of them succeed because the military power of this small country was not a laughing matter.

Aside from the Royal Family, there were five more Aristocratic Families under them who were acting as their weapons and their shields. And the top experts of these families struck fear on every organization that they were going to face.

Because of the repeated failures of these organizations, no one dared to invade the Solomon Kingdom anymore.

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"My king, you need to calm yourself first. Like I said, there is no need to be anxious," said by a man who was wearing a fancy set of clothes. He was trying to calm another man who kept on walking back and forth in front of him.

Ironically to what he said, the man he called king was currently dressed as a worker. There was even some dirt on his clothes, signifying that he was 'working' just earlier.

"I know, I know. But even if the Spiritual Master said that everything is going to be fine, I still can help but become like this," replied the King as he continued to walk back and forth.

And while he saw doing it, he looked at his side while saying with an excited expression on his face. "Steve, my wife is giving birth to our first child! I am really going to be a father now! How can I calm myself down!?"

Seeing that, the man who was addressed as Steve couldn't help but shake his head a little while wearing a bitter smile on his face. Seeing his king acted like this sure was a rare sight to see.

While they were like that, a sudden burst of Mental Energy Pressure was released from a certain direction.

BOOM!

Naturally, the King and Steve would immediately be going to sense such a powerful pressure. And then the moment they looked at the place where it was coming from, both of them suddenly disappeared from their spots as they rushed towards that direction.

It was coming from the direction of the delivery room where the king's wife was giving birth to their son.

Bang!

The king pushed the door open without having any hesitation, but suddenly frozen in place right after he entered the room.

In front of him, he saw the doctor raising an infant in the air who was basked with a warm light.

"This!" The king was too stunned to move when he saw that sight. But he immediately recovered himself when he saw the warm light starting to rush out from the infant's small body.

Without any hesitation, the King immediately made his move when he saw that the warm light was suddenly turned berserk.

He suddenly appeared beside the doctor and carefully took the child from the latter's hands before making some hand gestures with his free hand.

A moment later, a gentle Mental Energy was released from the king's body before slowly pushing back the warm light which was rushing out from the infant's small body. And when he saw that everything went back to normal, he then took a sigh of relief before looking at the doctor, asking. "How is my wife?"

"Huh!" The doctor also took a sigh of relief when he saw that the king managed to arrive in time to salvage the earlier situation.

And when he heard that the king asked him about the condition of the queen, he immediately replied. "You don't have to worry, your highness. The Queen is fine. She just passed out due to exhaustion. She will immediately regain her consciousness when she gets enough time of rest."

The King gently nodded his head when heard that, before looking at his son lovingly. He stared at the little boy for a few more moments before gently handing him back to the doctor. And when the latter received his son with care, he gave the boy another look before turning his head at Steve who was currently standing at the door of the room.

"Steve, gather everyone. Tell them that we have something urgent to discuss," the king said before turning his head back to the doctor.

"Please, take care of my wife and son," he said gently before walking towards the exit.

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"Is it true? The prince is a 'Heavenly-blessed Individual'?"

"Yeah. Fortunately, the king prevented the disaster from happening when the sudden outburst occurred."

"But sealing that kind of power is only going to last for 5 days at most. After that, another one is going to happen and it is going to be much more powerful than before."

"What are we going to do? Based on what the Spiritual Master has said, the price's case is a very special one and ordinary 'Meridian Locking' is not going to work."

The conference room was in a total chaos as every was concerned at their price's condition. And if they didn't find a capable person who could seal his powerful cultivation, he is going to die sooner or later.

While they were discussing, the door of the room was suddenly swung open followed by the entrance of their king. The king was not wearing a worker's clothes this time. Instead, he was wearing a majestic robe which made his aura totally different from before – he was not a humble king this time, but a dignified king who ruled everyone.

There were two people following closely behind him; one was Steve who was the king's closest aide while the other was an old man who seemed to possess an unfathomable attainment on Mentalism discipline.

When these three entered the room, everyone who seemed to be in an anxious state earlier immediately turned quiet.

The king swept his gaze at everyone the moment he entered the room and when sat on the head seat, he immediately said. "Given the tense expressions on your faces, I suppose Steve already told you everything."

He paused for a moment to put his hands together while placing his elbows on the table. Then he looked at everyone's faces for another time before saying. "I am not going to beat around the bush and immediately discuss our main concern."

"We need to immediately look for an individual who is capable enough to help us resolve this dire situation. We only have five days at most, so we don't have enough time to waste."

Hearing everyone nodded their heads. And after a brief moment of silence, one of the elders suddenly asked. "Do we still haven't heard anything from the Ancestor?"

The old man who was standing behind the king immediately asked. "The Ancestor is still on his journey to find a way to improve his Mentalism attainment. And from the looks of it, it will take at least a decade before he can come back."

"Do you really can't do anything, Sir?" asked one of the nobles.

When the old man heard that, he suddenly shook his head while smiling bitterly. "For as much as I want to resolve this issue, I am still powerless to do it."

"The price's case is a very rare case. And based on the records, his Mental Energy type is most likely at the highest grade. Even the king who possesses a 'heaven grade' Mental Energy can't completely suppress the price's Mental Energy, much less a person like me who only has an 'origin grade'."

The other nobles couldn't help but become surprised when they heard that; they were totally in shock to say something.

For a country like them who only seek the truth behind the Mentalism, they were naturally able to discover something that other people in the 'outside world' couldn't fully understand.

Even though their country was quite isolated, they still had a very long history. But being isolated also meant that they had a slightly different view about Mentalism compared to the 'common' people of the world.

In common knowledge, the Mental Energy of every person was unique; especially when they reached a certain level of understanding where they could change the properties of their respective Mental Energy (Peak of Grandmaster Realm).

Because of that, most of the Mentalists around the world believe that each of them was unique. But the people of the Solomon Kingdom were thinking a little differently.

From their records, their ancestors discovered a way to differentiate the difference of each person's Mental Energy. At the same time, they also discovered how to see their similarities.

Due to this information, they created a new system where they could grade the Mental Energies of each person. And from their records, they currently discovered 5 different grades. And they were the Profound, Origin, Sky, Heaven and Divinity grades.

Each grade differentiated the rate of one's talent in Mentalism.

Mentalists who had a Mental Energy in 'profound grade' could only reach the 'Grandmaster Realm' in their entire life. And if someone had an 'origin grade', their Mentalism attainment would only reach the 'Ruler's Realm'.

Meanwhile, Mentalists who possessed the 'sky' and 'heaven' grades could reach the 'Venerable' and 'Exalted' realms respectively.

These four grades were already proved by their historical records. But the 'divinity grade' still remained a mystery to them.

Legend said that a Mentalist who had a 'divinity grade Mental Energy' could reach the realm that was higher than 'Exalted Realm'.

But there was no one who could prove that. Because every person who had a Mental Energy in 'divinity grade' all left their country to find the truth about Mentalism. While all of the Mentalists who reached the realm beyond 'Exalted Realm' suddenly disappeared.

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After a brief moment of silence, the king started talking once again. "If we can't find a Mentalist who is capable enough to fully seal my son's Mental Energy, then we need to at least find someone who had a 'divinity grade' of Mental Energy."

When those words left his mouth, the room became even more quiet since they all knew that finding such a person was equally close to impossible.

A moment later, one of the nobles finally brought up his courage and said. "We already suspected someone who had a divinity grade before. But he is someone from the World Government. Regardless, should we give it a try?"

But that suggestion was immediately rejected by someone. "We can't trust those people. Those guys are eyeing our historical records for a long time already, we can't take the risk of asking for help from them."

"But the price's condition is even more important right now!" said by another noble. And that became the trigger for everyone to start debating which side is more important.

But before the heat reached its peak, the king suddenly tapped his finger twice on the table which immediately silenced all of them.

He waited for a few more moments before saying. "In truth, I already found someone who possesses a Mental Energy in 'divinity grade'. And what I really wanted to discuss right now is whether you guys wanted to accept her or not."

Chapter 423 Solomon Kingdom (Part 2)

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The whole conference room suddenly turned quiet when everyone heard what the king hand said. Even though they all have an idea who he was talking about, they still waited for the king to continue for conformation.

The king closed his eyes from a moment before completing his words. "I am going to ask some help from Evangeline Rose."

Finally hearing that, everyone inside the room suddenly turned even more quiet. Some of them even took a deep breath while closing their eyes. They were contemplating internally, whether they were going to agree with their king or not.

After a few more moments of silence, one of the noble executives finally said something. "I think it is fine. Isn't it better than asking some help from a complete outsider?"

The others were still silent and didn't reply immediately. It was until another noble finally voiced out everyone's thoughts. "It is not the issue. Our problem here is her being a 'complete outsider' now."

"Don't tell me, we are just going to forget what she did to us? She chooses to strip her status and leave with that man instead of accepting the role of the next Spiritual Master!" he added after a slight pause.

The other nobles slightly nodded their heads, agreeing. And after another moment of silence, the same guy added more. "That alone is a crime that can't be forgiven based on our culture. But we all overlooked that to give some face to her late mother and for the fact that she was previously a princess! And in exchange for that, she can no longer step foot on our land anymore."

"But this is not the time to think about those pride and beliefs! If we don't do anything now, the prince is going to die!" said Steve while holding back his anger. 'And who do you think is at fault during that time? It was all of you who forced her to step down from her position by pressuring her!'

On the other hand, another noble refuted. "That is not the only issue here."

Hearing him, the others suddenly turned their heads at him and waited for him to continue. "Don't tell me you already forgot about the crime that her so-called husband committed?"

It was not that they already forgot about it, but they were actually avoiding the issue purposely. With that, they chose to stay silent and refused to give their comments.

Meanwhile, the noble who raised the issue continued. "He killed a prince before and Evangeline chose to shield him from that crime."

At this point, Steve couldn't hold back his anger any longer and refuted. "Prince Charles was not killed for no reason! He was killed because he tried to force himself to Evangeline!"

Hearing him, the noble suddenly smirked and replied. "Come on~! For all we know, that might be just a conspiracy set up by those two to get away from that crime. What's more, Evangeline and Prince Charles are originally engaged – how can you say that he really tried to force himself to Evangeline?"

He paused for a moment before continuing with a cold tone. "Moreover, it is our job to investigate what has happened during that time. And if what she claimed is true then we can just punish the late prince accordingly."

"But that didn't happen. Those two went straight at killing the previous prince and not giving us any opportunity to investigate what really happened!"

This Steve finally exploded. "What are you talking about that we didn't have the chance to investigate!? We can just ask the Spiritual Master to see what happened with his 'Omniscient Eyes'. But all of you went against it, saying that it is unnecessary!"

He wanted to continue but he immediately forced himself to stop when he saw the king raised his hand. And when he stopped talking, it was the king's turn to say something. "That was enough. I didn't summon all of you to talk about the past that couldn't be undone. I called all of you to discuss the matter about saving my son."

Then he crossed his arms in front of his chest while continuing. "For all you know, I can just abuse my powers and bypass every process to save my son."

"I can just leave our country and go straight to those two, fetching them. But I don't do it because I am respecting our culture and rules, as well as your opinions. So, how about you guys forget about the past grudges first and think rationally this time?"

Hearing those words, everyone inside the room suddenly turned silent and lowered their heads, feeling ashamed.

Seeing that, the king slightly lowered his head before tapping a finger on the table while saying. "Our main issue right now is whether to curry some favor from the World Government or ask some help from Evangeline Rose."

Then he swept his gaze at everyone before putting his hands together while adding. "So, it is your choice which of them are we going to choose – those greedy outsiders from the Government or a person who is originally one with us?"

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Few moments after the meeting, the king was currently getting ready to leave the Solomon Kingdom to personally bring Evangeline back to the county.

Behind him, Steve watched his king silently but having an internal struggle in his heart.

But the king would naturally be able to sense his mood. So, when he was done packing the necessary things that he needed, he turned around and looked at his trusted aide. "What's with that look, Steve? It is not like I am going away for no reason? I am going because I need to save my son."

Hearing him, Steve suddenly lowered his head while saying. "But my king, is it really necessary for you to go there personally? I can just go there instead. I know that Princess Evangeline would understand."

The king shook his head a little when he heard that. Then patted Steve's shoulders while saying. "Do you think I am going there as the king of this country? No, it is not."

"I will meet her as 'Jesse Seigeheart' – her cousin and a brother. I am going to ask her a favor of saving her nephew and not the price of our country. So, I am going there personally. And if I send you there, the meaning is going to be the other way around."

"You know her temper very well, as well as her stubbornness. So, it is me who needs to be in there," he added while turning around to pick up his luggage. "I only asked for the council's decision for formality sake... so that they will not be able to say anything when she arrives."

Steve lowered his head a little after hearing that. But he still tried to persuade his king. "But what about the prophecy? A calamity will befall on the country if its guardian leaves its side."

The king shook his head a little and smiled bitterly when he heard that. Then he tapped Steve's shoulder for another time while saying. "I already told you before; I am not the guardian of this country."

"No... the kings are not the guardians of this county – it is its people. As long as its citizens didn't betray their beliefs, the Solomon Kingdom will continue to exist. Remember that well."

Steve hesitated for a moment before saying. "But what if those guys eyeing us discovered about your absence? I am sure that they are going to use this opportunity to strike."

"That is why no one is going to know about it, aside from you, the Spiritual Master and my wife," replied the king.

"But hiding it to everyone in the Noble Council is impossible. Sooner or later, they will notice it and will throw a fuss about it," said Steve almost instantly.

Hearing that, the king took a deep breath before replying. "That is why I am going to come back as soon as possible. On the other hand, you are going to do everything you can to delay them from learning about my absence."

"Tell them that I went to a seclusion for a minor breakthrough. They still don't know about my recent breakthrough at the peak of Venerable Realm – we can just reveal it to them when I get back."

p Steve was still not convinced but he knew that he couldn't do anything to change the king's decision now since he already made up his mind. All he could do was to nod his head and follow the order that was given to him.

Later that night, King Jesse left the Solomon Kingdom secretly to look for Evangeline Rose. Fortunately, he knew where his cousin was currently staying since she sent him a secret letter before.

But at the same night, King Jesse was unaware that the guardians of the Solomon Kingdom were already having doubts about their beliefs and were having some thought of betraying it.

Chapter 424 True Order

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'True Order'

It was a special organization within the World Government who were taking orders directly from the Head Council of the government. And each member of this specific unit was specially trained for taking care of some impossible task.

Moreover, each of the members of 'True Order' were all talented individuals and had a high level of attainment in their respective discipline. Whether it was Martial-Arts, Mentalism or Weapon Wielding – all of them were top-notch on their own field.

At this point of time, a special unit composed of the top agents of this specific group received a direct order from their higher-ups. And that was to take out the 'fishbone' stuck in the throats of the World Government.

"Looks like we hit something big this time, boss. But are you sure we can wipe out that whole country? From what I know, they are quite hard to deal with since they are housing quite a lot of top experts," said one of the members of the group. He was a man with a muscular body and dark skin.

The man that he called boss, was currently standing in front of the window while looking at the shore outside. A moment later, he turned his head at the one who talked earlier before replying. "Do you think I am not aware about that?"

He paused for a brief moment to turn his head back at the shore before continuing. "And that is why we planted a spy among their ranks."

"A spy? Do you think it is possible? Those guys are all top-notch Mentalists, even the most average person of that country can already be considered as a talented individual outside. Do you think it is still doable to fool all of them?" asked by another member of the group. This time it was a girl with a seductive body yet emitting a very dangerous aura.

Hearing her, another member of the group suddenly nodded his head and immediately added. "That is right. What's more, I also heard that their so-called Spiritual Master possessed a special pair of eyes called 'Omniscient Eyes' which can see the truth about everything. So, tricking them is pretty much impossible."

This man had a lean body but the dangerous aura that was coming out from his body was not a laughing matter. In fact, he might be the one who was the deadliest member among the group.

He was currently wiping the blade of his sword with an ordinary piece of cloth. But every time he wiped the blade up and down, the other members of the group were having a stinging feeling on their bodies; it was as if their bodies were being stab by a thousand needles repeatedly.

On the other hand, the boss was pretty much unaffected with it.

And when he heard the words that came from that swordsman guy, he suddenly started smirking before saying. "Of course, such a feat is impossible. Unless we send someone with a very high Mentalism attainment on top of possessing a Mental Energy with a 'divinity grade'."

At this point, every member of the group suddenly came into a realization the moment they heard those words. Then they paused for a moment before starting to grin from ear to ear. Right now, they were starting to think positively on this specific task.

Meanwhile, on the darker side of the room, there was a man who was playing 'go' on his own. He didn't join the discussion earlier because he was too immersed in the game in front of it.

On the wooden board in front of him, the game seemed to be in an even state as the territorial control of the black and white pieces were completely the same.

He was in the middle of placing a black piece when a flash of thought suddenly appeared inside his mind. He paused his actions and turned his head to the captain of the group before asking. "Since when did we plant that guy in that kingdom?"

When those words left his mouth, the entire room suddenly turned quiet. The other members even stopped what they were doing when they heard him. Even that guy who was wiping his sword suddenly paused his hands and waited for their captain's reply.

Meanwhile, the boss suddenly knitted his eyebrows when he heard this particular guy. This guy was the most mysterious member of the group. In fact, even him who was the captain couldn't figure out what was running inside this guy's head.

This guy also rarely joined in the conversation of the group as he was seemingly always immersed in his own world. But the moment he did, his words would always have some weight on the group's decision making since he was someone who had a very rare talent that could get a glimpse of the future.

The captain turned his head at this man before replying. "Three years."

Hearing him, the mysterious guy slightly knitted his eyebrows before muttering to himself. "Then that means it is after the 'Heavenly Phoenix' leave the kingdom together with the 'Heavenly Demon'."

Then he looked at the wooden board once again before continuing. "But why is the game going against the white's favor?"

The other members of the group suddenly knitted their eyebrows when they heard him. They were confused at what he was saying. But they chose to remain silent before they all knew that there was some meaning of it.

After a few more moments of silence, the captain couldn't hold himself any longer and suddenly asked. "What did you see this time?"

But the mysterious guy didn't immediately give his reply as he continued to stare at the ongoing game. A moment later, he finally gave up and released a helpless sigh.

Then he turned his head at the captain before saying with a serious tone. "I think it is better for us to start moving now. An unexpected anomaly suddenly appeared. And if we don't take care of it sooner, then the future is going to be affected by it and will turn against us."

The group was still confused at what he really meant, but the captain could feel that this guy saw a huge factor that would affect the progress of the World Government. So, he immediately nodded his head before quickly opening his advance watch to contact someone. "Hey, start making your preparations. We are conducting the mission tonight."

Overhearing that, the other members of the group also started making their respective preparations to get ready for their mission.

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Meanwhile, in Solomon Kingdom, an impending storm was looming around the corner.

The noble who had a debate with Steve earlier was currently having a conversation with someone over his advance watch.

"Yes, I understand." Nodding his head, this noble ended the call before opening the door behind and entering it with large steps.

Inside that room were nobles who were against letting Evangeline Rose to come at their Kingdom once again. They were currently sitting around a round table and seemed to be having a secret meeting.

When the door was suddenly swung open, everyone suddenly turned their heads at the noble who entered and respectfully nodded their heads.

This guy who was the spy that the 'True Order' had planted three years ago, was finally making his move. He spent the entire three years trying to pull these guys over his side. He also had a hard time blocking the troublesome 'Omniscient Eyes' of the Spiritual Master of this place. But from the looks of it, the time to harvest all of the fruits of his labor finally come.

He swept his gaze at everyone before taking a deep breath saying. "As you can see from the meeting earlier, the king is really acting differently this time. He is even disrespecting our culture! He is even going to let a traitor set foot on our land once again?"

"He is disrespecting our laws this time!" he added while slamming his hand on the table.

He then wore a dejected look on his face before saying with a sorrowful tone. "I am respecting him all this time, but right now, he truly changed. It is as if he is not on his usual self – like his mind is being controlled by someone."

Hearing those words, the other nobles started to panic.

Seeing that his words were starting to have some effects, he suddenly said. "Wait, we don't panic this time. We still need to make sure that our suspicions are true before coming up with a conclusion."

"But how are we going to do that?" asked one of the nobles.

The spy tapped the table once again before replying. "Simple, all we need to do is to ask an audience to our king once again. We are going to ask him to take back his decision. We need to reason with him that we can't let a traitor set foot on our land once again."

Hearing that, the other nobles started nodding their heads. And a moment later, one of the nobles suddenly asked. "Then what if he still refused to hear us out?"

This time, the eyes of the spy suddenly turned serious before answering. "Then we need to see if he is really our king. If he turns out to be a traitor, then we need to do anything necessary to drag him down from that throne."

Chapter 425 The Disaster Of The The Solomon Kingdom (Part 1)

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King Jesse traveled with a great speed using his short-distance teleportation technique repeatedly. He was travelling in the air above the sea, trying to cross it for as fast as he could.

But after more moments of travelling, he suddenly felt a pair of powerful auras coming his way. He knitted his eyebrows at first when he felt those auras since he could feel some familiarity on them.

Given that, he forcefully stopped himself from further using his teleportation technique more and stood in the air, waiting for the incoming pair.

Not long after, he was finally able to see a pair of silhouettes coming from a distance and flying in the air with a great speed.

He then knitted his brow a little before squinting his eyes to use an observation technique. And that was when he finally discovered the identity of these two.

The pair was a man and a woman with powerful attainments in their respective disciplines. Not long after, they finally arrived in front of King Jesse.

"Brother Jesse, what are you doing here? Why are you not in the kingdom?" said the beautiful woman right after arriving. Behind her was a handsome man who was bearing a mysterious and dangerous aura.

"Evangeline? What are you two doing here too? I am on my way to fetch the two of you since I need your help for something," King Jesse said when he saw the pair.

Hearing him, the eyes of Evangeline suddenly turned wide as misunderstood his words. "What? Don't tell me, those b\*st\*rds already invaded the Kingdom!? But we should still have a day or two before they arrive there."

At this point, it was King Jesse's turn to become surprised. "What are you talking about? I am not talking about any invasion. The favor that I want to ask you is to perform a 'Meridian Blocking' for my son."

"He was born with a powerful Mentalism attainment, with his Mental Energy being in 'divinity grade'. So, me and the Spiritual Master can't do anything about it. That is why I am on my way to you, hoping that you are going to help me."

Evangeline was stunned at first when she heard that, but she immediately took a sigh of relief when she heard that her fear hadn't happened yet.

And when King Jesse saw that expression on her face, he suddenly knitted his eyebrows before saying. "So, what do you mean about the invasion? Someone still has the guts to mess with us even if they saw how we crush all of the other organizations who tried to invade us before."

Being reminded, Evangeline's face suddenly turned solemn before she said with a serious tone. "We don't have much time to talk more about that, we now need to go back to the Kingdom as soon as possible. I will explain to you the details while we are travelling."

Feeling the gravity of the situation, King Jesse nodded his head heavily before turning around to travel back with them.

But before they could even continue, Evangeline suddenly noticed the man behind her knitting his eyebrows. Seeing that, she turned her head at him before asking. "What's the problem, Adam? Is there something wrong?"

Hearing her, Adam suddenly looked at her with his knitted eyebrows before saying. "Honey, I guess you need to go with him for now. I will catch up with the two of you later after I am done dealing with those guys on our tail."

Evangeline also knitted her eyebrows for a moment when he heard him. But not long after, she also realized what he was talking about when she turned her head in the direction where they came from.

She slightly squinted her eyes while looking at that direction before activating a special ocular technique. And that was when she saw a large group of military fleets coming from that direction.

This time, the expression on her face suddenly turned heavy the moment she saw those large military ships. "Looks like those b\*st\*rds are really declaring war with the Kingdom."

Hearing her, Adam suddenly took a helpless sigh before saying. "I already told you. Those idi\*ts are not going to let such a powerful nation continue its existence. If they can't seize it for themselves, then they rather destroy it completely than to let it become a knife that may threaten them in the future."

"Those guys are that greedy. They are going to destroy everything on their path as long as they could maintain their 'seats' on that 'throne'."

Then he shrugged his shoulders a little before adding to his words. "Look at us for example. We save their faces by defeating 'Jan Manteo' and his 'Dark Hall' before, yet those greedy b\*st\*rds choose to hunt us down for wanting to know our secrets instead of thanking us for what we have done for them."

"Do you know how Shameless is that? So, how can they let such a powerful Kingdom who uncover most of the mysteries about Mentalism continue to exist. If they can't lay their hands on those things, then they are not going to let others have it either."

After saying that, Adam took a resentful sigh before waving his at the two. "Okay, you two need to hurry and leave now as soon as possible. We still don't know if the World Government is going to send their most hidden cards yet. So, make sure to be careful."

He paused for a brief moment to lean his head to the side, looking over Evangeline's shoulders before saying to King Jesse. "Jesse, I can trust you to take care of my wife while I am not around, right?"

"If I discovered that something serious happened to her when I arrived in your Kingdom-..."

He trailed his words for a few more seconds before tapping the left side of his chest while saying. "I can't promise you that I can hold myself back. So, I trust you to abandon that Kingdom along with your most loyal citizens to avoid any kind of 'accidents' from happening."

Right after those words left his mouth, Adam suddenly sensed that one of Evangeline's fists was currently swinging down towards his head with a great speed. He could avoid that if he wanted to, but he chose not to dodge.

Pak!

"What do you think you are doing to scare him like that?" said Evangeline with a furious tone after smacking Adam's head.

She then took a helpless sigh before saying. "Gosh! I really don't know what to do to you."

And with a hump, she suddenly turned her body around before saying to him. "Just make sure to take care of yourself."

After that, she didn't say anything more and immediately flew towards the Solomon Kingdom. And when King Jesse saw that, he took another look at Adam and nodded his head before chasing after her.

Meanwhile, Adam watched them leave while scratching his cheek with his finger while wearing an embarrassed smile on his lips.

He stayed standing on his spot for a few more moments before turning around and looked at the direction where the military fleets were coming from.

A moment later, he muttered to himself with full of displeasure. "These guys sure know how to ruin my mood every time. So, this time, I am going to make sure that you are not going to forget about this lesson."

He waited for the military fleets to arrive before lowering his altitude in the air. Due to that, it was natural for the observers of the ships to spot him on the air. And when they reported it to the respective captains of the ships, the whole fleet came into a sudden halt.

Moments later, a group of people suddenly flew in the air and stood in front of Adam with full of hostility. And from the looks of it, all of them were powerful individuals and seemed to be the captains of those ships.

"To think that the famous 'Heavenly Demon' is going to appear right in front of us. Now, you save us all the trouble of looking for you," said one of the guys who were standing in front of Adam.

At the same time, another guy suddenly added. "Are you willing to turn yourself in now?"

Hearing those words, Adam felt an urge to laugh out loud. But he refused to do so, because he was really in a very bad mood right now.

Instead, he scratched his cheek with a finger before saying. "I heard that mistakes make everyone stronger. But how come you guys are still too weak despite bumping at me every time? Moreover, you guys are seemingly becoming more and more stupid every time I saw all of you."

And with a helpless sigh, he put both of his hands on his waist before shaking his head a little. "Tsk! Are you guys a 'Bonsai' or something? Because you all seem unable to grow any larger than you currently are."

BOOM!

Hearing those insults, the captains of the ships standing a few meters in front of Adam simultaneously release their respective 'Natural Forces', feeling provoked and furious. And due to the powerful auras that each of them was releasing, the area surrounding this place suddenly turned dark due to the pressure.

BOOM!

But that pressure was immediately pushed back and subdued the moment Adam released his own Natural Force. And together with the killing intent hidden within the pressure that he was releasing, the whole area suddenly turned cold and chilly.

Feeling the pressure that was coming from his body, the opposing side couldn't help but see an illusion of a colossal demon standing right in front of the whole fleet and looking down at all of them as if they were insects that could easily be crushed.

"Have all of you guys already written your 'last will and testament'? Because if you don't, you are not going to have time to write them down anymore," said Adam with a cold tone while looking at everyone with a fierce glare.

Chapter 426 The Disaster Of The Solomon Kingdom (Part 2)

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Evangeline and King Jesse were rushing towards Solomon Kingdom as soon as they could, hoping that they were still not too late.

But contrary to what they were hoping for, the Solomon Kingdom was already doomed the moment King Jesse left the country.

At the same night when King Jesse left, the nobles who were pulled by the spy over his side were already making their move. They immediately went to the King to ask for an audience right after their secret meeting had concluded.

And since the King was currently not present, Steve was the one who faced the nobles and told them that the King currently locked himself in seclusion since he was about to get a minor breakthrough.

But the nobles would naturally not be going to buy that kind of excuse since their minds had already been corrupted by the spy planted by the 'True Order'. Moreover, the Queen just delivered their child so it was hard to believe that the king was going to enter a close door training right at this point of time.

But at the same time, there were also some facts on it. Everyone knew that the King was already on the brink of breaking through, so these nobles who switched sides were also thinking that it might be true.

After all, it was quite hard for a Mentalist to hold themselves back when they felt the urge of breaking through; especially when they reached the higher level of attainments. No matter what kind of situation they were currently in, they still need to find a way to enter a close-door training for their breakthrough.

Due to that, these nobles were also having some doubts about their actions deep inside.

But how come the spy would not seize this kind of rare opportunity? Learning that the King was currently occupied, the spy couldn't help but think that the heavens was helping them.

Thinking about that, the spy started putting some more oil in the fire. And due to his 'devilish whispers', the nobles on his side started demanding Steve to show the King as soon as possible.

Being pressured like that, Steve was caught in a dilemma as he didn't know he was going to do. He couldn't show them the King since he was currently present in the Kingdom, but he was also having a hard time at refusing them because these nobles were already getting out of control.

Fortunately, the loyal nobles on the King's side finally arrived to alleviate the heat of the opposing side.

But things went out of hand, when the spy declared that he was going to step down on their position if he didn't see that King. And when the other nobles heard that, the immediately followed after his lead.

When Steve saw that, he started becoming suspicious about this noble.

He was aware that this guy was quite ambitious since he was the one who requested to make some trading routes for the 'outside world'. But that was all of it, this guy might want to have a lot of power to feel superior to others but he still had some border line on it. And he was not going to set his foot beyond that line since it was going to affect his Mentalism attainment negatively.

Thinking about it, Steve couldn't help but recall all of his past exchanges with this certain noble. And that was when he realized that there was a time where he felt that this guy was quite different from how he used to be.

There was also a time when he asked some assistance from the Spiritual Master. And after listening, the latter agreed to use his 'Omniscient Eyes' to check on his particular noble and found nothing wrong with him.

But at the same time, the Spiritual Master also felt that they were something amiss with this certain noble. It was his first time not seeing any flaws one someone, so he reassured Steve that he was going to keep an eye on this noble.

Feeling confident about the ability of the Spiritual Master's eyes, Steve lowered his guard a little; he even almost forgot about that issue. But now that things were already like this, Steve started feeling that they had overlooked something. And the more he thought about it, the more he felt that he was about to gasp on something.

After a few more moments of thinking, a flash of thought suddenly entered his mind. And it was the main issue that they were discussing in the meeting earlier.

"Divinity Grade Mental Energy," muttered Steve to himself. And the moment those words left his mouth, different kinds of thoughts and scenarios started rushing inside his mind. Not long after, he finally came into a realization of what had happened.

Steve's eyes suddenly turned wide when he came into a conclusion. Then he slowly raised his head and casted his gaze at that particular noble. And when he saw that the latter was currently looking back at him while with a grinning look on his face, Steve suddenly felt an intense chill that ran through his back.

He tried to open and close his mouth but no words came out. It was because the heated discussion of the two opposing sides already escalated to another level. And at this point of time, Steve fully understood they fell into a trap – and it was already too late to fix things up at this point of time.

Bang!

In the middle of that heated discussion, a hot-blooded noble finally lost his cool and hit a fellow noble who was currently on the opposing side. Being attacked, the noble who got hit would naturally be provoked and started to fight back.

Due to this internal conflict, a revolt was finally declared by the other side which became the spark of upcoming calamity that the Solomon Kingdom was going to suffer.

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When Evangeline and King Jesse arrived at the Solomon Kingdom, what greeted them was a devastated place where a lot of explosions were appearing everywhere. And no matter which direction they casted their gaze, they were going to witness another intense battle between a fellow citizen of the country.

"We are already too late," muttered Evangeline the moment she saw the sight in front of her. The originally peaceful country suddenly turned into a warzone in just a single night.

Both of them were frozen in place for a moment due to being stunned at what they had seen. And when King Jesse recovered himself, he immediately flew toward the castle for as fast as he could.

He wanted to stop this war as the King of the Solomon Kingdom. At right now, his current top-priority was to check the condition of his wife and son.

Seeing that, Evangeline immediately chased after him while waving her hands left and right. And every time she passed through in an ongoing battle, both of the Mentalists who were currently in the middle of battle would suddenly feel dizzy before starting to fall asleep.

Not long after, both Evangeline and King Jesse arrived at the castle. And both of them became shocked again when they saw its current state.

The whole place was barely recognizable right now. The walls of the castle completely collapsed while most of its tall towers were totally destroyed. The castle which was originally standing majestically just earlier suddenly turned into a ruin.

Seeing that, both King Jesse and Evangeline immediately spread their consciousness in the ruined castle before rushing towards it without any hesitation. They quickly headed to the place where the Queen and the Price were currently located.

In front of that room, Steve was doing his best to fight a group of nobles who were trying to break through. And even if he was completely outnumbered, he was still able to hold his ground steadily while dealing with all of them.

After all, he was not a king's aide for no reason. So, his actual strength shouldn't be anything to scoff with. And currently he only had one job which was to prevent any of these traitors from getting past him.

If it was an actual fight, he might be having a hard time fighting all of them at the same time. But if his only job was to defend and block all of their attacks, then that shouldn't be a tough job for someone like him.

After a few more moments, Steve and the group of nobles suddenly felt a pair of powerful auras rushing towards their directions. And when the former felt those familiar auras, he finally felt a little relieved.

Meanwhile, the group of nobles who were fighting Steve started to panic. And due to that, they were caught in the middle of a difficult situation where they needed to choose between continuing their assaults to have some hostages or to start retreating and run away with their lives.

Unfortunately for them, they misjudged their current situation. And that brief moment of hesitation that they took became the deciding factor of their lives. Right before they made a decision, their bodies suddenly exploded and turned into a mist of blood as King Jesse landed on the ground.

Right after arriving, King Jesse immediately walked towards the door while asking. "How is my wife and son doing?"

Hearing him, Steve quickly bowed his head and replied. "The Queen is still unconscious while the prince is still in a state of deep sleep."

King Jesse finally able to find a time to have a sigh of relief after hearing that. Then he immediately opened the door and entered the room. Inside, he saw his wife and son peacefully lying on their bed.

Following closely behind him, Evangeline immediately rushed towards the two and quickly examined their conditions. After a moment, she looked at King Jesse before saying. "They are currently fine, but their conditions were going to be worse if the chaotic Mental Energy from the battles outside continue to corrupt the surrounding Mental Energy."

King Jesse nodded his head a little when he heard those words and understanding what she was currently thinking, he suddenly asked. "Can you treat them at the same time?"

Hearing that, Evangeline slightly shook her head while smiling bitterly. "If it is just healing them, then it is fine. But I also need to perform the 'Meridian Locking' as soon as possible since the seal you casted on your son's body will collapse sooner or later due to what is happening outside."

"The powerful Mental Energy inside your son's body is able to sense the chaotic Mental Energy outside so it is starting to become affected. If we don't treat his condition immediately then the Mental Energy inside his body is going to become berserk and will become out of control."

King Jesse suddenly became worried and asked. "So, what do we need to do?"

Evangeline thought for a moment before answering. "I can set up a special formation to prevent your wife from being affected by the chaotic energy from the outside but I need someone to maintain it while I am performing the 'Meridian Locking' on your son."

She then took a slight pause before continuing. "I also can't be disturbed during this time, so all need someone that can protect us in the process."

Hearing her words, King Jesse suddenly turned his head at Steve and gave him some silent instructions. Then he suddenly turned around and walked out of the room, signifying that chose to be the one guarding them.

Currently, there was a heavy expression on his face. He really wanted to know who plotted this scheme and slaughter them whoever they were. But he needed to protect his wife and son first before anything else, so he suppressed his anger while closing the door behind him.

At the same time, Steve looked at Evangeline with a serious expression on his face as if he was saying that he was ready for any instructions.

Seeing that, Evangeline nodded her head slightly before sitting on the ground and started making some preparations.

Chapter 427 The Five Aristocratic Families Of Solomon Kingdom

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King Jesse was currently sitting on the ground with his eyes closed, making the sight look like he was meditating. Behind him was a closed door which was connected to the room where his wife and son were being treated.

But contrary to the peaceful meditating look that he currently had, the sight in front of him was completely different.

There were a lot of corpses lying around, whether they were nobles who switched sides and turned against him or criminals who were hired by those guys, all of them were brutally killed. And based on

the marks left on the hall and the manner in which those corpses were lying on the ground, all of them seemed to be defeated with a single yet devastating strike.

These guys tried to break through the room behind King Jesse after knowing that the Queen and the prince were currently inside.

At first, they heard that this room was being protected by the king's closest aide, so they thought that they could break through it with enough numbers. But they were all stunned after seeing that the king who supposedly had a close-door training, was currently guarding the room instead of Steve.

And making the matter even worse for them, the king was much stronger to what they had remembered. He was now at the peak of 'Venerable Realm' which was a step away from reaching the current highest attainment of Mentalism, the 'Exalted Realm'. So, all of them thought that his 'close-door' training was successful.

It didn't take long for the news to spread around the whole kingdom which currently turned into a terrible warzone. Due to that, a lot of the loyal servants of the royal family started rushing towards the castle where their king was located.

It was the same for the citizens who remained loyal to the king – they also wanted to protect the royal family, so they immediately went to the castle for as fast as they could. And when they saw the current state of the majestic, they couldn't help but feel brokenhearted and furious at the same time.

After a few more hours, more and more people started to arrive at the ruined castle which turned the whole place into a command center. And as these people continued to arrive, a lot of information started to circulate on everyone.

Not long after, everyone started to become aware of the identity of the real culprits who invited this disaster upon their beloved kingdom. It was the nobles who pointed their swords at their king and became traitors of their country.

Though, the leaders of the nobles who remained loyal to their king and their kingdom, were completely thinking differently. They were more aware of the current situation and knew that there was a hidden superpower who was pulling the strings from the shadows. And with their support, these traitors became bolder at their actions.

With all of these, the leaders of the top five Aristocratic Families were currently gathered in the hall where their king was located. They turned his place into a meeting room where they could discuss their current situation and plan their next course of actions.

"So, what are we going to do now? We can't remain here and passively wait for the other side to move," said one of the Leaders.

This guy had a muscular body which was hiding a devastating strength in them. A single look at him was more than enough to tell anyone that he was a 'Combat Mentalist' who specialized in close-quarter battles.

His black hair was brushed backwards which made the look on his face much clearer. He was currently wearing a very annoyed look on his face. His frowning eyebrows and knitting forehead was clearly showing his dissatisfaction at their current situation.

This guy was 'Gideon Oden', the leader of the 'Oden Family'. This Mentalist Family focused on arts of melee combat. Each member of their family was a strong 'Combat Mentalist' on their own. There were

even some rumors that their 'Close-Combat Mentalism' could already rival the top 'Martial-Arts' around the world.

While Gideon was clearly showing his dissatisfaction, one of the other family leaders looked at him before saying. "You should not lose your calm, Gideon. We are still figuring out who are really enemies. We already fell on their trap, so we need to be careful this time."

This guy was a man with long white hair. It was not due to his age, but it actually was the natural color of his hair. Compared to Gideon's body, this guy possessed a lean body. But contrary to how it looked, his body was actually properly trained given the perfectly shaped muscles that he had.

He was currently sitting on the ground while leaning on the wall. There was a sheathed sword leaning on his shoulder which clearly indicated his style of battle.

He was also a 'Combat Mentalist' just like Gideon, but unlike the latter who focused on nurturing the body, this guy specialized in using 'Mentalism Enhancements'. He mastered this technique to the point where he could rival most of the top swordsmen and weapon masters around the world.

He was 'Marth Deinslief', the head of 'Deinslief Family'. This Mentalist family was the master of Mentalism Enhancements, especially at the art of enhancing their weapons. Anything that their hands could hold onto were turning into a deadly weapon no matter how ordinary it was.

Gideon and Marth were both famous in other countries. It was because they were the ones who were defending the Solomon Kingdom most of the time. And they were also the ones who crushed the most number of organizations who tried to invade the Kingdom.

Hearing what Marth had said, Gideon suddenly clicked his tongue and turned silent.

At the same time, a woman suddenly looked to King Jesse's direction before knitting her eyebrows. "Is his highness not going to instruct us anything? The Kingdom is already in chaos, yet he still wants to meditate in this kind of situation? Did he really just have a breakthrough?"

This woman was another head of an Aristocratic Family of the Solomon Kingdom, the 'Kurie Family'. It was a Mentalist Family composed of 'Physic Mentalist' with a specialization of creating illusions.

Their powers might be not as strong and destructive as the first two, but their dangerousness didn't lose to those two. In fact, they might be much scarier than the Oden and Deinslief Families because they also specialized at reading the hearts of their opponents who fell on their illusions.

Due to that, they were able to see the weakness of their opponents or beat them by creating an illusion based on the things that their opponents feared the most.

Meanwhile, this woman who was the head of this family was named, 'Miranda Kurie'.

On the other hand, a head of another aristocratic family looked at Miranda before shaking his head slightly. "Whether it is true or not, I suggest you not to bother his highness right now. As you can see, he is really not in a good mood to have any conversation. If you accidentally provoke him with your words, no one can save you."

This guy was 'Thomas Wallmer', the head of the 'Wallmer Family' which specialized at creating different kinds of Mentalism Formations. But compared to the common formations set up by other Mentalists around the world, the formations created by this family was quite special.

It was because they found a way to use the 'Force of Nature' to create a Mentalism Formations instead of their Mental Energies. Though, they were still using the latter form of energy to reinforce their special formations.

Regardless, the formations set up by the members of this family were much harder to break compared to formations created by Mental Energy due to how special they were.

While these four were busy discussing with each other, there was a certain man who remained silent the entire time. No one bothered to talk to him because they all knew that it was not a very good idea.

This guy also had a lean body just like Marth but it had a more toned muscle in comparison. And even if his body was much thin when compared to Gideon's body, no one would think that he was much weaker due to the dangerous aura that was coming from his body.

This guy had blindfolded eyes, but it seemed that he could clearly see his surroundings despite that being the case. His shoulder-length hair had curly strands with crimson color.

Compared to the other four who were wearing fancy clothes due to their noble statuses, this guy was only wearing an ordinary set of clothes. But despite that being the case, those clothes were perfectly clean with not even a speck of dust on it.

He was also a head of an Aristocratic Family. But unlike the previous four who had a lot of family members, this guy was the only member of his 'family'. And out of the five family heads present in this place, he was the most mysterious one since no one knew about his 'real' strength aside from King Jesse and the Spiritual Master.

But there was a rumor running around the whole kingdom about him before. That rumor was so ridiculous which could make other people laugh and made a joke out of it. But it was not the case for these four Family Heads who knew the truth behind that rumor.

It was because they experienced that 'rumor' first hand.

Before, they were too unsatisfied about the fact that their king made this man a Family Head despite not having any family members. But when they tried to question it, this mysterious man stood on his ground and challenged them straightforwardly.

The result of that challenge was them being defeated single handedly, despite ganging up at him. And starting at that time, his name became fully engraved in their minds and they remember it for the rest of their lives.

His name was 'Caesar', the head of the 'Fireheart Clan'.

Chapter 428 Provoked

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In the middle of the sea where Adam blocked a large military fleet alone.

This place which was originally a peaceful sea became a totally unrecognizable place. It was because there were not a lot of 'junks and metal scraps' floating on the surface of the sea. Some of those were already sinking in a slow manner, leaving only the things that were able to float.

But the most bone-chilling sight on here was the color of the sea. Its original blue color was now dyed with red color. And that red color was starting to slowly spread on the sea.

Along with the things floating on the surface of the sea, there were some corpses mixed in it. And due to the strong metallic smell coming from this place, a lot of predators of the sea were starting to rush on this place to have a feast.

Not long after, the place turned into a huge feast of different kinds of sea creatures which made the sight even more terrifying.

On the air, there was a group of people rushing towards this direction with a great speed. Naturally, they were going to see this devastating sight even though they were still a few distance away.

And since there were a lot of sea monsters in there, they were forced to come to a sudden halt on a certain distance away from it so that they could safely take a closer look at what was happening.

"What the!? What happened here?" said by a member of the group while sweeping his gaze at the sea monsters feasting below.

A moment later, one of the members saw a noticeable symbol on one of the metal scraps which was slowly sinking on the sea. "That! Don't tell me this is the whole fleet that we are supposed to save?"

Hearing that, everyone's eyes suddenly turned solemn as they realized what happened.

Earlier, they received an SOS signal from one of the military fleets. And from that signal, the speaker said that they were being attacked by a so-called 'demon' which they didn't believe at first.

After all, it was a military fleet we were talking about – and it was on a highest level on top of that. So, it was really hard to believe that a mere sea monster was going to sink all of those ships and created a mess like this.

Regardless, they still didn't have a choice but to come to this place so that they could see what happened. Though, they didn't expect to see such a devastating sight when they arrived.

"Did they really encounter a 10-star Sea Demon? But that shouldn't be possible! Those beasts can only live at special places like the 'Dead Ocean' where a rich amount of Force of Nature is gathered," muttered by a member of the group.

While everyone was watching the sea creatures having their feast, another member of the group suddenly spotted something. "Look! It seems like that guy is still alive!"

Hearing him, the whole group suddenly turned their heads in the direction that he was pointing and saw a man lying on a surface of a huge floating box.

The leader of the squinted his eyes a little before waving his hand in the air while controlling the Force of Nature on his surroundings. And with another wave with that hand, the floating box on the sea surface was suddenly lifted in the air.

After that, the whole group flew towards that box so that they could check the condition of the man lying on it.

It didn't take long for them to start shaking their heads since they knew that this man would not live for that long.

And while they sighing helplessly, the man slowly opened his eyes with great difficulty. And while he was trying his hardest, he managed to get a glimpse of the symbol that the group were wearing on the left side of their chest.

Seeing that, he immediately opened his mouth strugglingly as he tried to squeeze out some words from his throat. "H-hurry... t-tell... the... HQ. T-the He-Heavenly D-D-Demon."

Those were the last words that left his mouth before he finally took his final breath. That might be a heartbroken sight, but they didn't have a time to sympathize with him at this point of time. It was because they heard a certain title that struck a deep fear on everyone.

After being stunned for a moment, the leader immediately turned his head in a certain direction before yelling out an order. "Quickly! Inform the headquarters that we finally got some lead where the Heavenly Demon is located!"

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Meanwhile, the man that they were talking about was currently flying on the air above the sea with a very insane speed. His speed was too fast to the point a sonic boom was being created along the path that he took. And alongside it, a shockwave was also being created which almost split the sea below him every time he passed on its surface.

But his charge came into a sudden halt when he saw a hooded man blocking his path. And right after stopping, Adam suddenly wore a solemn expression on his face as he felt a very familiar aura coming from this guy's body.

"Well, well. Looks like I am in luck this time. To think that I will stumble upon you while I am tracking down the movements of the 'True Order'? Is this some sort of fate?" said by the hooded man the moment he saw Adam stopped in the air.

Narrowing his eyes, Adam suddenly asked with a cold tone. "And why are you tracking the movements of that organization? Are you finally declaring war with the World Government?"

Hearing that, the hooded man suddenly grinned underneath his hood before replying. "Well~ ... I am still not ready for that. After all, they still have some hidden cards that I need to figure out-..."

He trailed his words for a brief moment and raised his head a little before continuing. "But a certain guy piques my interest in this group that I am tracking. Nope! It is actually the special talent of this guy. I really want to put my hands on it."

He then took a brief pause before saying with a smirking tone. "What about you? Why would the famous 'Heavenly Demon' come to this place? And from the looks of it, you are quite in a hurry. I wonder what you are up into."

Adam didn't have any time to waste with this guy's nonsense. So, he immediately clenched both his hands and started walking forward with large steps in the air before saying with a threatening tone. "Oi! I don't want to waste anymore time chatting with you. So, you better step aside right now if you don't want to die."

Hearing that, the hooded man started grinning further before saying. "Even though I really hate you, I still needed to acknowledge your strength. So, how about you team up with me now at conquering this world? After all, we are the same kind."

BOOM!

Then Adam suddenly sent a powerful shockwave towards the hooded guy's direction right after hearing those words. But it was immediately blocked by an invisible barrier protecting the latter and immediately dissipated it.

Meanwhile, Adam raised his head a little to glare at the hooded guy before coldly saying. "How many times do I have to tell you? Don't put me on the same level as you. You let yourself be consumed by your inner demon while I devoured my own. So, we are on a completely different level."

Hearing that, the hooded guy suddenly started chuckling as if he found Adam's words funny. "You devoured your own demon? Heh! Don't make me laugh. If it is true then why are you losing yourself on it from time to time? Just admit that such a feat is completely impossible."

"How about you accept it fully just like me? That way, you are going to gain a power that is even greater than the one that you currently possess."

Adam couldn't help but smirked a little after hearing those words. Then he looked mockingly at the hooded guy before refuting. "Heh! I don't need such powers to defeat someone like you."

"My 'Godly Intuition' is more than enough to put you in your place. And this time, I am going to make sure that you are going to run away with your tail between your legs."

But the hooded guy didn't get intimidated. Instead, he crossed his arms in front of his chest before replying. "I admit that I am still no match against you in terms of special talent due to that talent of yours. But defeating you is completely different from stall for time."

Hearing those strange words Adam suddenly halted his preparation to attack before looking at the hooded guy confusedly. And when the latter saw that look, he suddenly started grinning even higher before saying.

"I actually planted a spy within the higher-ups of the Solomon Kingdom and the True Order. And I heard from them that those two are currently in war against each other which is why I am here-....."

He trailed his words for a few moments before looking provokingly at Adam while saying. "I stumbled upon with an even more interesting information."

"I heard that the prince of the Solomon Kingdom is a 'Heavenly-blessed Individual' and urgently needs someone who can perform a special form of Meridian Locking due to that so-called divinity grade Mental Energy of his."

And when he saw that Adam was still not agitated, he further added. "I also heard that Evangeline Rose is the one treating him right now. I wonder if she can protect herself when performing such technique."

BOOM!

This time, a very powerful aura was suddenly released from Adam's body. He glared at the hooded guy with a furious look on his face before saying. "You dared to touch her, then forget about running away. Because I am going to make sure to take your life before you find a chance to do so."

But the hooded guy still didn't get intimidated and continued to provoke Adam. "And I wonder if you are still able to suppress your inner demon even after losing your beloved wife."

Chapter 429 Face-Off

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The ongoing war at the Solomon Kingdom paused as the two sides seemed to have a silent agreement and halted all of their attacks.

But that peaceful atmosphere only lasted for until dawn before the rebelling side started attacking once again. And naturally, the loyal citizens on the other side would not let these traitors run wild and do whatever they wanted.

Given that, another war was started between the two sides. And this time, this battle was not a chaotic battle unlike earlier – but a real war between two parties where strategic planning was involved.

Due to these war tactics involved, the whole Solomon Kingdom became a complete warzone where didn't kind of battles were occurring everywhere. And during these battles, both sides were able to gauge the real strength behind the opposing forces.

At first, the side of King Jesse was the one who had the clear advantage. Not only because they had the quantity, but also due to the quality of warriors on their side. The forces of the traitor didn't amount much compared to the forces behind the top four aristocratic families of the Solomon Kingdom.

But not long after, the leaders of the main forces of these families noticed that there was something amiss. Their forces on some of the battlefields where they were sure that they were going to win suffered an unexpected defeat.

And it is not just an ordinary defeat, but a crushing one where not even a single person managed to come out alive.

Noticing this, the leaders send some of their trusted aides to those battlefields to see what was going on. Not long after, they discovered that there were some powerful Martial-Artists involved.

The family leaders knew that these Martial-Artist were not some mercenaries hired by the noble families on their other side. It was because their aides reported that these experts seemed to be fully trained in battle and executing the orders given to them.

Due to that, one of the leaders made a move on his own; and this guy was 'Caesar Fireheart'. He personally went on a certain battle without telling the others before capturing one of those experts and brought him to their current 'command center'.

And when he arrived, the others became surprised at his actions since they were also planning to do the same. And due to that, they couldn't help but shake their heads a little.

Then the other leaders looked at Miranda, the leader of the 'Kurie Family', indicating that it was her time to do her job. And when she saw the looks on their faces, she started shaking her head a little more before dragging the poor victim guy for integration.

It didn't last long for her to get the information that she wanted. After all, her specialty was seeing through someone else's mind and learning about all of their fears. And due to that, torturing someone emotionally became much easier for her.

And when the group learned who the hidden force that was supporting the other side, they couldn't help but become furious.

"I knew it! That is why I really don't want to trust those guys!" said Gideon while slamming the table and destroying it.

"Should we attack them directly? I mean, we already know where they are hiding their command center, so it shouldn't be a problem right?" suggested by Marth as he tightly gripped his sheathed sword.

But the idea was immediately rejected by Thomas. "That is just being reckless. Based on the information that we got, this military unit who managed to sneak in here was not ordinary. And given the strength of their experts, those guys seemed to be the rumored special squad working directly under the higher-ups of the government."

Hearing him, Miranda nodded her head before adding. "If that is the case then that secretive group, 'True Order', may really be involved. After all, these special units that we are dealing with are only working under the order of the higher-ups just like them."

"Tsk! So, what if they are strong? We are not that weak either. What's more, rumors tend to be inaccurate and exaggerated," said Gideon while crossing his arms in front of his chest.

Then he took a brief pause to turn his head at Marth before asking. "Right, Marth?"

Marth didn't open his mouth to give his reply but he slightly nodded his head, indicating that he was agreeing with what Gideon had said.

"Tch! These muscleheads who only know nothing but battle," Miranda clicked her tongue after hearing those words. Then she glared at the two before scolding them. "Don't you know how serious our current situation is?"

She paused for a moment to point at the silent Spiritual Master sitting on the head seat before continuing. "Even the 'Omniscient Eyes' of our Spiritual Master are ineffective against those guys. Meaning, those guys had someone who is strong enough to negate such powers."

Thomas nodded his head repeatedly before adding. "What's more, there is also that guy who disguises himself as one of the nobles. If such a guy is able to avoid getting caught by the 'Omniscient Eyes' for all those years, then he is also someone that we needed to take note of."

"Moreover, he is also able to evade our sharp senses, despite staying with us for a long time. So, I am suspecting him to possess a 'divinity grade Mental Energy', if he is not as strong as our king."

Hearing those words, both Gideon and Marth suddenly turned silent as they finally calmed down. And right after that, the whole room followed after them and immediately enfolded with silence.

A moment later, the family heads turned their heads at the Spiritual Master, asking for his opinion. But the latter didn't immediately reply to them and continued to remain silent.

Unable to be silent for this long, Gideon was about to open his mouth to say something. But before he could even voice it out, the Spiritual Master suddenly opened his eyes before saying. "There is no need to make more plans since those guys choose to take the initiative to show themselves."

The others were quite confused at first when they heard those words, but they immediately understood what he was implying the moment they sensed a group of powerful auras coming from a certain distance.

Due to that, they simultaneously turned their heads in the direction where those auras were coming with their squinting eyes. Those eyes seemed to be able to see through the walls as they saw the group of people standing in the air and were also looking back at them.

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Standing at the air above the walls of the ruined castle, the six members of the 'True Order' were currently watching the sight below them with interested eyes. And standing alongside them was the spy that the World Government had planted at the Solomon Kingdom and disguised as a noble.

They were standing so openly in the air but it seemed like the other Mentalists below didn't even notice them. But it was different to the family heads who were originally having a meeting just earlier.

And when they saw that the other side noticed them, the muscular man of the group suddenly whistled before saying. "Well, looks like this is gonna be interesting."

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A moment later, the family heads together with the Spiritual Master suddenly appeared a few meters away from them and glared at these uninvited guests full of hostility.

Meanwhile, the opposing side seemed to be smirking at them as they threw some provoking looks at their opponents.

And standing there, each member of the respective groups seemed to be choosing their respective opponents.

Gideon was glaring at the dark-skinned muscular man of the opposing side while the latter seemed to be throwing him a provoking look on his face.

Meanwhile, Marth had his eyes fixed at the man who was hugging a sword from the other side. There was even some battle intent leaking out from his body as he was too eager to fight. At the same time, that guy was also looking back at him with the same battle intent.

On the other hand, Miranda was knitting her eyebrows when she saw the only woman in the opposing group. For some unknown reason, she seemed to be disgusted seeing this girl. But the latter seemingly had an opposite thought in mind. When she saw Miranda, she couldn't help but wet her lips with her tongue as she finally found something interesting in this place.

At the same time, Thomas was looking at the spy guy who seemingly didn't have any interest in this fight. And when he saw Thomas looking at him, he couldn't help but release a mocking chuckle as if he found it ridiculous.

While the other four pairs were having an imaginary contest in their minds, Caesar and the leader of the opposing group were currently looking back at each other with their calm eyes. And after a moment, they simultaneously smirked at each other as if they found each other as the same type of person as them.

In the meantime, the Spiritual Master of the Solomon Kingdom was currently frowning his eyes while looking at the final member from the opposing side.

Being someone who possessed the 'Omniscient Eyes', he tended to see through everything who didn't have a 'divinity grade Mental Energy' protecting them. But for some unknown reason, he could read this certain guy despite not being a Mentalist. And due to that, he was sure that this guy was the most dangerous member of the opposing group. So, he needed to be careful this time.

Due to these experts facing each other, the atmosphere surrounding the whole place suddenly turned heavy as if nature itself became aware of the strong storm that was about to come.

Chapter 430 The Situation Is Getting Worse

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King Jesse would naturally be able to sense what was happening outside the castle. He also wanted to personally join the fight there so that he could pay these guys with the crime that they had committed.

But he refrained himself from doing so, because he only had a single job right now. And that was to protect his son and wife. And with that, he needed to refrain himself from doing anything else but to guard the door behind him until Evangeline was done curing them.

He needed to keep his head cool and wait for the right time to make his move – which was why he was doing some meditation to prevent himself losing his calm.

But something unexpected happened before the impending battle could even start outside. He sensed an intense killing intent coming from the room behind the door that he was guarding.

King Jesse's eyes suddenly turned wide when he sensed that. So, he immediately stood up from his sitting position before quickly opening the door behind him. And when he entered, he immediately saw Evangeline doing her best to keep Steve away from the three of them.

There was a huge diagonal wound on her back, indicating that she had gotten injured. And even though that wound was currently healing unbelievably fast, Evangeline was still getting a heavy toll on her mind and body by doing so.

Her hands were fully occupied with performing the meridian locking at the little prince earlier. And now that Steve suddenly backstabbed her, not only she needed to divide her mind to heal her wound, but she also needed to put some of her focus on the formation that set up around the queen to prevent it from collapsing.

On top of that, she also needed to put a Mental Energy Barrier around the three of them which was going to ward off Steve's attacks.

"Tsk! Such a huge waste of a great opportunity," Steve couldn't help but click his tongue for failing to kill Evangeline when he got a perfect chance to do so.

And before could even execute his next attack, he suddenly felt a powerful punch coming from his side.

Sensing that, he immediately raised his arms and crossed them together while gathering his Mental Energy around his body.

Bang!

Even though he did all of that for as fast as he could, he still failed to completely block the incoming punch. Not only it easily shattered the barrier that he built in an instant, but it also broke his arm after getting hit.

At the same time, he was also sent flying towards the wall of the room before colliding with it in a miserable fashion.

"What do you think you are doing, Steve!?" shouted the king while viciously staring at the direction where he sent Steve flying.

"Hehe... As expected of you King Jesse. Getting hit by your attacks directly is really not a good idea. You almost turned my bones into dust," said by Steve while walking out of the cloud of dust.

King Jesse suddenly frowned his eyebrows when he saw him. It was because he suddenly felt an unfamiliar aura mixed on Steve's original aura.

A moment later, Steve instantly healed his arms from being limp after receiving a direct hit from King Jesse.

The expression on King Jesse's face suddenly turned solemn the moment he saw that. And after a brief moment of silence, he suddenly asked. "Who are you?"

Hearing that, Steve suddenly looked at the king innocently before replying. "What are you talking about, your majesty? It is me, Steve; your trusted aide."

King Jesse's face became even more solemn the moment he heard that. And while releasing a very dangerous aura, he started asking for another time. "I am asking you. The one hiding inside Steve's body."

Steve scratched his cheek a little after being asked for the second time. He pursed his lips while thinking for a moment before clicking his tongue. "Tch! It took me quite a lot of effort to hide all of the traces that I left after taking over this guy's body – I even went to a lot of trouble just to let the original owner retain his own consciousness."

Then he shook his head a little before adding. "Yet you blew it all up after with just a single punch."

After that, he took a deep breath before smirking at King Jesse. "Anyways, who I am is not important. Are you sure that you are going to help her?" while pointing at Evangeline who was starting to sweat a lot.

Hearing that, King Jesse casted a sidelong glance at Evangeline before knitting his eyebrows even further. It was not that he didn't want to assist her. He just couldn't do anything at this point of time.

If he tried to aid her with her current state, he was just going to get on her way instead of helping her. She was currently in a special state of extreme focus. So, if a foreign energy tried to mix in with hers, then it was just going to give her more trouble than having some assistance.

Given that, King Jesse couldn't let her be disturbed.

Then he turned his attention back to Steve while waving his hand to the side, casting another Mental Energy Barrier around the barrier that was built by Evangeline and isolating the three from what was happening outside.

He then took a deep breath before taking a battle stance. And with a serious look on his face, a very dangerous aura started to emit from his body.

Steve suddenly raised his eyebrows a little more before taking a battle stance of his own. At the same time, he suddenly started smirking before saying. "Are you sure about this, my 'king'? Can you really afford to fight me here? Are you not afraid to disturb her?"

But despite efforts of trying to further provoke King Jesse, the latter maintained his cool and just stared at him coldly. And when Steve saw that, he couldn't help but complained a little deep inside. "Tsk! This is why I don't want to deal with a fellow Mentalist who has a high level of attainment."

While his thoughts were slightly distracted, a fist suddenly appeared right in front of his face and was magnifying on his eyes with a great speed.

Swoosh!

Fortunately, Steve immediately regained himself and immediately leaned his body to the side, trying to avoid getting hit by it.

But while he was doing that, King Jesse suddenly opened his hands and turned his fist into a hand blade before swinging it in the direction where Steve's head was heading.

Seeing that, Steve quickly raised one of his arms for as fast as he could to deflect the incoming strike.

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And he was successful in changing its trajectory with that move.

But right after deflecting that swinging hand blade, another fist flew straight towards his face with an even greater speed.

Bang!

And this time, he was unable to neither block nor dodge due to how perfectly sync those movements were.

That punch actually broke his skull. Fortunately for him, he had a very strong healing ability that immediately repaired his broken skull almost instantly. And after that, he quickly started hopping away from King Jesse, trying to create some distance between the two of them.

But the king was closely chasing after him, making sure that Steve would not be able to get away from him. And due to his repeated assault, the latter was forced to be in a passive state.

But didn't last long when he realized that there was something wrong going on.

Despite how strong and powerful his attacks were, they still seemed to be ineffective against Steve. And even if the latter appeared to be struggling at defending his attacks on the surface, none of them could actually pose a real threat to Steve.

Realizing this, King Jesse immediately halted his strikes and quickly moved away from Steve while frowning his eyebrows.

Seeing that, Steve suddenly clicked his tongue before muttering. "Tsk! Still sharp as always. Moving away when I am about to throw my counter attack."

King Jesse stayed silent for a moment and continued to stare at Steve before saying with a heavy voice. "Now I remember. That technique is one of the forbidden Mentalism Techniques of our Kingdom and considered to be an evil art – the 'Fiend's Grip'."

He then took a brief pause before continuing with a solemn tone. "That means you are the 'Puppeteer' of 40 years ago, the traitor who deserted our kingdom in exchange for that power."

Hearing that, Steve suddenly started chuckling before saying. "Well, well. Now, this is quite a surprise. To think that there are still some people who remember this old man. And the king of the country on top of that, I can't help but feel honored."

When King Jesse got the confirmation, the expression on his face became even more heavier. A moment later, he asked with a cold tone. "What are you doing in this place? From what I learned, you vowed to never set foot on this land ever again after leaving."

But the Puppeteer refused to reply to him this time and said. "Are you sure you have time to chat right now? How about you try taking a look outside and see what kind of situation you are currently in."

King Jesse frowned his eyebrows after hearing that. But regardless of his confusion, he still casted some of his consciousness outside the castle to see what was happening on that side.

Not long after, his eyes suddenly turned wide at what he saw.

And seeing that look on his face, the Puppeteer suddenly started laughing loudly before saying. "Looks like the tides of this war are already against you. So, what are you going to do now-..."

He trailed his words for a few seconds before completing his words. "My 'King'?" while wearing an evil look on his face.