

Evil 210

Chapter 210 - 210: Feeding on the livings.

"It's over," Arka said after the revolutionary army stopped attacking the ships. "It's either they're retreating or they're waiting for an ambush as soon as the knights and mages unboard the ships."

"It's all right, we have a division to deal with such a situation. Dock the ship, Commander, we will take it from here," Thalior said as he signaled the mage beside him with a nod.

The mage raised his staff and pointed it at the sky. He cast three fireballs into the sky as a code for the knights to understand. It was a sign for a specific division to prepare.

As soon as the first ship docked at the port, a group of knights unboarded the ship. The captain had a black cape on his back as he led the knights around the city.

The mage cast five fireballs into the air to signal the knights once again. Not long after the first group unboarded the ship, five groups of knights and mages unboarded the ship to clear the area.

It hadn't been five minutes since then, and everyone saw explosions in the distance. They heard faint screams and clanking sounds of weapons clashing.

The atmosphere grew tense as the sounds of battle echoed across the port. Thalior remained focused, his eyes scanning the horizon for any signs of movement. He knew that every second counted in such a precarious situation. The knights and mages worked in seamless coordination, their training evident in their swift and precise actions.

"It's time. Let us all unboard the ships, we will assist them," Thalior ordered as he unboarded the ship with all the knights and mages behind him.

The knights advanced through the city, their presence a reassuring sight to the civilians who had been hiding. The mages followed closely, their staffs glowing with protective spells ready to be cast at a

moment's notice. The strategic maneuvers ensured that any potential ambush would be pointless and suicidal.

"They're amazing," Javi said, his voice muffled because of the helmet he wore. "I understand now why the South Neva Union is the protector of South Neva. They have the talents, skills, and ambitions to protect," he explained.

"Yes, they have been through a lot of wars before South Neva got united. They're the ones who made it possible," Rasmus nodded and looked at the mountain. "Assist the civilians, Daryus. The three of us will be exploring that place," he pointed at the mountain.

Daryus nodded with understanding and hurriedly joined the priests and the doctors who were about to check on the civilians. He had prepared for this moment, and he would prove to himself that he had the power to make a better world.

"That mountain is already dying," Aris pointed out.

"Dying? Can a mountain die?" Rasmus glanced at Aris.

"The Mana has been corrupted and soon it will lose its vigorous appearance. Slowly crumbling and will turn into small hills or disappear completely," Aris explained and kept her eyes on the mountain. "I can feel the demonic energy there," she added.

"Let's go and get rid of them," Rasmus said and began to walk toward the path that led to the mountain.

Thalior watched those three walk away, going to where the mountain was. He was relieved to have those three on his side two Orthias and one best former assassin of the Sand Tower.

"Should I follow them, Your Grace?" A man's voice coming from a dark alley asked.

"No, they will kill you if they notice you following them. Let them be, and I want you to keep your eyes on the city, making sure there will be no revolutionary army that enters this city," Thalior answered and looked at the civilians who were being rescued and treated.

Rasmus, Aris, and Javi arrived at the base of the mountain and noticed the change in atmosphere. There wasn't a single sound, not even birds or insects, only wind and their footsteps.

"Lead us, Aris," Rasmus said as he looked at the peak of the mountain.

Aris infused Aura on her feet and began to climb the mountain without following a proper path. Rasmus and Javi did the same and followed Aris from behind.

It only took them five minutes to reach the peak of the mountain, where it should have taken ordinary people hours. The thick forest was no longer there, only dried land and trees. They also saw a lot of carcasses everywhere, which meant that the demons had absorbed a lot of Mana.

"There aren't that many Mana here..." Rasmus muttered as his finger began to get squeezed by the spatial ring since he couldn't feed it enough Mana.

"That's right. This kind of situation is where you will be from now on, a fight where you can't use your Mana," Aris nodded and looked down at the mountain. "This was nothing compared to what I experienced beyond the Blackcliffs. Mana was nonexistent there," she said.

"That's why I asked you to unleash my talent as Orthias back then, but you refused..." Rasmus responded and noticed the demonic energy from one specific area on the mountain.

"I know you don't have much time to waste, but all of these aren't a waste of time either, so be patient," Aris unsheathed her greatsword and pointed at the area that Rasmus was staring at. "Get ready. We are going to kill everyone there."

Rasmus pulled out his sword while Javi held Katar in each hand. As soon as Aris jumped toward that area far below them, they both followed her and tightened all the muscles in their feet and up to their lower back.

The moment they landed, the bandits were busy eating raw meat and even the corpses of human bodies. Aris swung her sword, creating a slash wave and cutting them all in half. Rasmus went ahead with Javi behind him and took care of the remaining bandits that didn't get hit by Aris's attack.

Aris used her power to cut the demons that had left the possessed bodies. She was the only one who could do it, and it assured them that there shouldn't be any more demons around.

After they took care of all of the bandits, they looked at the half-eaten bodies of human corpses and carcasses scattered on the ground. Rasmus looked at the attire of the corpses, and they seemed to be commoners from the city.

"They should have possessed those bodies rather than eaten them. But it seems those bodies are worthless to possess, so they ate them. Any thoughts?" Rasmus looked at Aris, who scanned the area.

"Any living beings are made with Mana as their essences. Demons require Mana to corrupt and turn them into their own power, so they eat them. If you cooked them first, the Mana would disappear, so they had to eat them fresh," Aris answered as she narrowed her eyes.

"So they kidnapped them to eat them..." Rasmus muttered and glanced at the skeletons with a lot of maggots on them. "I thought they would use these humans as experiments," he sighed and got up.

"That's what I thought," Aris nodded. "Anyway, there are still a few more camps all over the mountain. We should keep moving," she pointed out.

Rasmus and Javi nodded with understanding and began their move again.

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After they killed all the possessed bandits, the only place left for them to check was the cave in front of them. Aris mentioned that the one inside the cave could be the leader, a powerful demon.

"Do you want to deal with this one?" Aris looked at Rasmus, who stood beside her.

"Yes, I need to feel how it feels to fight a strong demon," Rasmus nodded as he tightened his grip on his sword. "Let's head in..." he said as she walked toward the cave entrance.

As they went further, the pungent smell of the corpses became stronger. Rasmus had to create a wind barrier for everyone so they didn't get affected by it as well.

"From the smell alone, there should be a pile of corpses to produce this much stench," Javi pointed out with a calm expression. "That person might have eaten dozens of corpses on their own."

The three of them suddenly stopped moving, both Rasmus and Javi readied their stances while Aris casually stood there. They felt a presence coming toward them, slowly but heavily.

"Even Javi could kill him easily, don't get too worked up," Aris assured Rasmus.

"When the place is rich in Mana, I wouldn't be this wary, but this place... There's barely any of it..." Rasmus said as his eyes focused on the front.