

Evil 27

Chapter 27 - 27: Beasts and Demons.

Rasmus went back to his dormitory after he spoke with Lenin. He didn't expect Videl to welcome him because he knew that Videl was busy with his own business.

He looked at the last term's curriculum and looked at the final exam. He never thought that the students were going on a campaign in the West. Their test was to subjugate beasts that had been disturbing the city on the furthest West of Neva.

"Subjugation of powerful beasts, that's something that a high-rank knight would do," Rasmus mumbled as he kept reading the details. "Compared to the last two terms, it's always the same, so I should see how strong my students are."

He spent the whole night learning about the dangerous areas in the Neva world. He marked the areas that he could use for himself and for the students because beasts didn't exist back on Earth.

"Beasts exist because of the influence of a demonic energy that corrupts the Dragon Veins. It has been proven by the discovery of the corrupted Dragon Vein deep inside the Efiva Mountain in the Western Neva," Rasmus read the book out loud. "Some of those beasts have turned into a completely different creature. They're demonic beasts that are extremely dangerous."

Videl entered the room and he was sneaky until he realized Rasmus was still awake.

"Is this true?" Rasmus pointed at the book as he looked at Videl.

Videl tilted his head with a confused look, but then he read the book in a second and Rasmus's thoughts. He knew all the contents of the book immediately.

"I don't know anything. I came to this world not long after you I sent you to this world," Videl answered as he poured himself a glass of water. "Now that I think about it, something has been bothering me," he sat down on the sofa and made himself comfortable as he drank the water.

"Bothering you? That's new," Rasmus furrowed as he looked at Videl from over his shoulder.

"When you told me to find information about the Wraiths in the capital city, I smelled something familiar. A trace of smell that belongs to my kin," Videl stared at Rasmus with a serious expression.

"Demons?" Rasmus looked so confused.

"Yes. They do exist here in this world as well. I don't know how, but we know now that God sent them here. I have a bad feeling about this. We are not alone in this world," Videl responded and stared into Rasmus's eyes, giving him a warning.

"Since you don't know anything, we can assume that they won't be your allies?" Rasmus stood up and leaned against his desk.

"You were right about us. You said that we were inferior to humans when we weren't in our domain, hell. My status as the ruler of hell doesn't apply here, and any demons won't bow down before me," Videl nodded in agreement.

"So, not only we go against humanity, we will also deal with demons?" Rasmus asked, tapping his finger on his desk and staring at the book about the demonic beast. "So this is the twist about this whole bet you made with God."

Rasmus hummed and became curious about the history of demons in the Neva world. He left and went to the library to borrow a few books about demons, but to his surprise, there were none. He couldn't believe that the massive library in Gratlan didn't have information about demons.

He decided to rest and asked about it tomorrow morning.

The morning came and Rasmus waited for Lenin to come out of her mansion.

"Chancellor Lenin, can I borrow your time for a moment?" Rasmus approached Lenin as soon as she walked out of her mansion.

"What do you need, Instructor Blackheart?" Lenin raised her eyebrows.

"Do we not have any information about demons?" Rasmus asked.

"That information can't be found anywhere, Instructor Blackheart. That information is too dangerous for the public, not even for royalties," Lenin answered and walked into the garden with Rasmus to go to the main building. "The reason is because that knowledge can be used for malice, and anyone can use it which is why it's hidden from everyone."

Rasmus never thought something like that was forbidden knowledge. Unlike on Earth, knowledge about demons was everywhere and everyone could read it.

"Can I ask why are you interested in that?" Lenin looked at Rasmus with curiosity and suspicion.

"I was looking for information on areas that are overwhelmed by beasts, then I stumbled about them as demonic beasts. I read about the origin of them and found something about corrupted Dragon Vein. Which is why I'm interested in learning about demons to find the root of it," Rasmus explained and told the whole truth.

"Ah, are you perhaps interested in sending your students for a campaign?" Lenin asked and realized the reason why Rasmus asked about demons was nothing but curiosity.

"Yes. These students are already above their peers in all aspects. I thought it would be great if I could see their abilities with my own eyes," Rasmus nodded. "The issue would be the existence of demons and how the Dragon Vein could be corrupted. If something as powerful as Dragon Vein could be corrupted, I'm afraid if we encountered demons, we wouldn't be able to deal with it," he added.

"If you want to know about demons. You should ask your students. They're the ones who hold all the information about demons," Lenin pointed out as she stopped walking. "You know who those students are," she smiled and left.

Rasmus was confused at first, but then he understood what Lenin meant. He went into the classroom and found everyone had already gathered. He looked at his desk and saw a piece of paper. He could tell everyone was eager to see him read their master plan.

"Lady Aurelia and Lady Monica, can I speak with both of you for a minute?" Rasmus looked at both of them as he stood at the door.

Aurelia and Monica stood up and left the classroom, still not wanting to walk side by side or be close to each other.

In the hallway, Monica stood on the right wall, Aurelia stood on the left wall, and Rasmus stood in the middle. Although it looked awkward, Rasmus didn't try to persuade them to be friendly with each other.

"The reason why I called you both is because I want to know if both of your families have any records about demons," Rasmus pointed out as he looked at them back and forth. "I know it's impossible for me to read any of those records, so I want to know if both of you have read anything about demons."

"Since I'm still too young and my mind isn't mature yet, they forbid me to go anywhere close to the records about demons for my own good," Aurelia answered and shook her head.

"Yes, I have read all the records about demons and their existence. Although the Sancticus family and the Angelis family teach different religions, we share records and knowledge about demons because we both believe in the same evil entity," Monica answered.

Aurelia didn't expect that Monica had read records about demons while she hadn't touched or learned anything about them. On the other hand, Monica didn't try to brag about it, in fact, she was suspicious as to why Rasmus wanted to know about the demons.

"You can go back to the class, Lady Aurelia," Rasmus looked at Aurelia, signaling her to let him have some privacy with Monica.

Aurelia left as she looked at them both for one last time before she went back into the classroom.

"How much do you know?" Rasmus asked with his arms crossed.

"Enough to turn a devoted follower of God into worshiping demons," Monica answered and judgmentally stared at Rasmus.

Rasmus didn't expect the answer to be that intriguing. When he thought about it, having Videl on his side made things easier even though Videl barely did anything for him.

"If you wish to know about demons, even if you threaten me or torture me, I won't tell you," she pointed out.

"Don't be so confident, Lady Monica. You never knew until you begged to be killed instead," Rasmus responded coldly.

The way Rasmus stared into Monica's eyes made her feel uneasy. His eyes showed Monica that he wasn't lying and that he had watched countless people begging to spare their lives to him.

"But that's not what I want. If you truly know about demons, then you should be able to handle demonic energy, is that correct?" Rasmus sighed.

"Not, currently. Unlike Aurelia, my divine power isn't as good as hers," Monica answered. "May I ask why do you want to know how to handle demonic energy? Is there anyone you know that's currently being possessed by a demon?"

"No, I'm planning to send you all to a campaign, somewhere deep into the area where beasts live. Since I don't know anything about demons, I'm afraid I can't send you all into dangerous areas without any preparation. That's why I'm asking you," Rasmus explained as he crossed his arms.

"Then it can be arranged. With Aurelia's power, I believe we will be safe no matter where we go," Monica responded with confidence.

"Perfect. Can you meet me after class? We need to discuss this, and I hope you can keep it a secret from everyone," Rasmus stared into Monica's dark blue eyes.

Monica nodded and then they both went back to class.