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Chapter 374: The Schemes of the Demonwing Empire

"If Aurek truly harbors grand ambitions, he will certainly do everything in his power to conceal the true strength of both himself and his empire!"

"The other side has already taken precautions, and no matter how much we send people to investigate, it's unlikely we'll uncover their core forces."

"The most important task now is to immediately reassess the real combat power of Crossbridge Empire."

"We need to create a comprehensive war plan tailored to their strength."

"We cannot allow this imperial army to take root on our lands!"

A year and a half to rise!

A single strike that slayed Firmament Sage!

These words struck like a bucket of cold water, sending shockwaves through everyone's minds.

Each person drew in a sharp breath.

Indeed!

They had almost overlooked one fact.

The massive army of millions of Divine Cleric, Grand Divine Cleric, and even God General level warriors had been amassed in just a year and a half!

One and a half years!

In a world where records are measured in thousands, tens of thousands, or even millions of years, this short span of time seemed like a mere blink of an eye.

And yet, in this fleeting moment, a monarch named Aurek had forged an empire that could rival Dawonru itself!

The methods employed were chilling, shattering the empire's previous understanding of power.

Oliver, Hankley, and the others felt a storm brewing in their hearts.

When these clues were pieced together, even those experienced in the ways of the world felt a chill.

Aurek had become an enigmatic figure.

How had this ruler from a lower realm achieved such feats?

What kind of mysterious knowledge or power did he possess?

Could there be some powerful, hidden force backing him?

Previous reports had focused extensively on Aurek's personal feats.

Many of the court officials had taken special notice, even Gustav had been particularly attentive.

Gustav turned to face the court and gazed at the wall, deep in thought.

"I will give you one final opportunity,"

Gustav's voice rang out, his anger suppressed but cold.

"Immediately begin drafting a new war assessment and revise our battle strategies accordingly."

"Also, conduct the highest-level investigation into Aurek."

"From today, elevate the war status to that of an equal imperial war."

This meant considering the Crossbridge Empire as the highest-level enemy.

It would be necessary to employ all of the empire's war reserves and hidden strengths to deliver a decisive blow to them!

"Understood, Lord Emperor!"

Hankley bowed deeply, his voice solemn.

The imperial officials' faces darkened.

Raising the war status to the highest level meant that the empire would fully mobilize its war machine, deploying forces reserved for facing the Demonwing Empire's ancient threats.

Whether Crossbridge Empire could withstand this was no longer a concern.

But all present knew that once this level of war was initiated, the flames of conflict would spiral out of control, shattering the fragile balance that had long been maintained in the Abyss Demon Realm.

At this moment,

Emperor Gustav turned again, his voice more cautious.

"Send additional forces to the borders of Demonwing Empire, the lands of the Giant Elephant Demon race, and the Sablecliff Plateau to reinforce defenses."

"Gareth, Roderick!"

"You two, immediately head to the aforementioned regions and take full charge of the defense!"

"Understood, Lord Emperor!"

The two generals, clad in armor and reaching the pinnacle of quasi-God King strength, stepped forward and bowed.

Though they were not as renowned as General Stellan, they were pillars of the imperial army.

The court officials understood the emperor's concern.

The ancient enemy, the Demonwing Empire, had always been watching, and now, with the empire's internal situation in turmoil, it was the perfect opportunity for them to strike and seize power.

Moreover, the mysterious Giant Elephant Demon race had long coveted the rich Demonfeather territory, and now, knowing of the turmoil, they were likely to make their move.

As for the Sablecliff Plateau...

The entities there were even more of a threat, requiring constant vigilance.

The seemingly calm situation in the Demon Realm had now been completely torn apart by Aurek's sword.

All the hidden greed and threats had surfaced.

But these were external threats.

Crossbridge Empire had already planted its war flag on imperial soil, shaking the very foundation of the empire's rule, a line Gustav would never tolerate.

Aurek's name was now officially marked as— the empire's mortal enemy!

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Twilight City, Black Raven Tavern.

"Did you hear? That empire from the lower realm, they really broke through!"

"Even the military had a huge loss, and the emperor was so furious, he almost stripped Hankley of his position as Great Demon Emperor!"

"This Crossbridge Empire is beyond strange. They actually have an entire legion of God General level warriors—forty thousand of them!"

"They literally snatched Sapphire Dominion and Demonbone Dominion right under the military's nose!"

"My gods... Are you sure it's a God General legion? Or is this just exaggeration?"

"I swear on my soul! I just escaped from Demonbone Dominion, and I saw it with my own eyes!"

"The army of Grand Divine Clerics and Divine Clerics is even more numerous... It's like living in a nightmare."

"I've heard that the Silver Demon Palace has issued the highest-level war mobilization order, calling upon the entire nation to respond."

"Now the old monsters who've been sleeping for ages are probably being roused. This Crossbridge Empire... what kind of force is it?"

"And there's something even more terrifying, about their emperor, Aurek..."

"Quick, tell me more!"

"Some unconfirmed rumors from the military report say... the battle report states that Aurek, in just a year and a half, went from a mere lord to amassing millions of elite troops and that God General legion..."

"What's more, that Firmament Sage from the Temple of Truth, supposedly, was slain by him... with a single sword!"

"...This sounds like some absurd legendary tale. Can a living being really do such a thing?"

"Believe it or not, but one thing's for sure: the emperor himself has personally ordered the highest-level investigation into Aurek."

"To elevate an investigation on a single individual to the highest decision-making level of the empire... that says it all."

In the corner of the tavern,

Shakin and Jack, members from the Stellar Generals Academy, silently listened to the surrounding discussions, their faces revealing awe.

The recent events in Twilight City were already strange enough, but compared to this emperor Aurek and his empire, everything else seemed insignificant!

"You all return to the Stellar Generals Academy and report everything you've heard here."

Shakin stood and spoke softly to the others.

"I must personally visit Demonbone Dominion. While the mysteries of the Court of Darkness may remain unsolved for now, the events of Crossbridge Empire have already begun to shift the entire balance of the demon realm."