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Chapter 59: Get Out of Crossbridge

Aurek chose to temporarily ignore Principal Everett's disrespect. However, he wasn't about to flatter the man either. Instead, he coldly asked, "Everett, what is it that you want from me?"

"I've come to offer you some advice," Principal Everett said directly, not bothering to hide his purpose.

"Advice?" Aurek asked in a deep voice, his tone firm. William and Heimerdinger, who were standing nearby, cast curious glances toward Everett. Both of them were eager to learn what the head of Hyrule War Academy could possibly want.

Everett took his time before answering, "My advice is simple. I hope you will pay more attention to the common people and avoid killing too many of them, as it will harm the hearts of the citizens."

"Generosity and kindness are the virtues that a true emperor should have."

Upon hearing this, William and Heimerdinger immediately showed signs of displeasure.

"This Principal Everett may be speaking diplomatically, but what he really means is that he thinks our Emperor is killing too many people," William muttered under his breath.

"Those are rebels and traitors. If we don't eliminate them, they will become a dangerous threat to the empire," Heimerdinger added, clearly irritated.

However, at that moment, Aurek spoke up, his voice calm but filled with authority.

"And what if I must kill?" he asked, his voice low but powerful. His eyes, cold as ice, met Everett's gaze, as if daring the man to respond.

Aurek completely dismissed Everett's opinion. The idea that killing the enemies of the empire would scare the common people was laughable. The people he had killed were not ordinary civilians—they were the scum who rode on the backs of the citizens and oppressed them. By eliminating them, the common people should be celebrating, not cowering.

"This old man has no good intentions. If we follow his advice, Crossbridge Empire will fall into an irreversible abyss," Aurek thought to himself, his contempt for Everett growing.

Upon hearing Aurek's reply, Principal Everett's face showed signs of disappointment.

"If Emperor Aurek insists on continuing with this killing spree, then from this day forward, Hyrule War Academy will leave Crossbridge Empire," Everett declared.

The room immediately fell silent. William and Heimerdinger's faces darkened.

"Principal Everett, are you threatening His Majesty?" William asked, his voice tense.

"Principal Everett, the Crossbridge Empire is facing internal and external troubles, and the situation is unstable. Strong measures are necessary to stabilize the empire. You should understand His Majesty's actions," Heimerdinger added, clearly worried.

At this moment, both William and Heimerdinger were deeply anxious. Hyrule War Academy was crucial to the empire. It had long been regarded as the highest-ranking institution in the entire empire and had trained countless talented individuals for Crossbridge Empire. Its influence spread far beyond the borders of Crossbridge, affecting the entire eastern part of the continent.

If Principal Everett decided to withdraw the Academy's support, the impact on the empire would be devastating, and the entire empire would suffer great losses. So, Everett's words carried significant weight, and his threat struck at Aurek's soft spot.

However, Everett's expression remained calm and indifferent as he continued.

"My stance is simple. Everything is up to His Majesty. If the Emperor believes that enough people have been killed, he should stop. Otherwise, Hyrule War Academy will have no choice but to leave."

In Everett's eyes, no empire would ever dare to let Hyrule War Academy leave. After all, the Academy's history was older than most of the empires themselves. Compared to an emperor like Aurek, who was still young and inexperienced, the Academy's long-standing traditions were far more significant.

Everett had no respect for Aurek and did not even consider him a serious opponent. His visit was not driven by any sense of respect for Aurek but for his students, whose lives were now in jeopardy. If it weren't for his students being in danger, he would never have come to this "place."

For Everett, it didn’t matter how many people Aurek killed, as long as it wasn’t the students of Hyrule War Academy. No matter how much Aurek might revel in slaughter, he would have to take a step back when it came to the Academy’s students.

"Are you threatening me?" Aurek’s eyes suddenly became sharp and dangerous.

Everett remained silent, unwilling to answer.

"Then you can leave now. If Hyrule War Academy wants to leave, so be it!" Aurek’s voice rang out with authority, his words cutting through the tension in the room.

"Crossbridge Empire will not bow to threats from anyone!" Aurek added, his cold gaze never leaving Everett.

After hearing Aurek’s response, Everett was stunned. He stared at Aurek, utterly shocked. He never expected the emperor to react in such a way.

"Is this something an emperor would say?" he thought to himself. "Does he not care about losing Hyrule War Academy? Does he really think no one will be willing to train the next generation of the empire after we leave?"

William and the other officials in the room exchanged nervous glances. The status of Hyrule War Academy was undeniable, and Aurek’s words seemed so absolute that there was no room for negotiation. Could it be that Aurek was being too extreme?

They couldn’t help but turn their eyes toward the throne, anxiously awaiting Aurek’s next move.

Aurek’s expression remained as calm as ever, his hand still gripping the scepter that represented his imperial power. He said nothing, but his actions had made it clear—he was not bluffing.

Everett, recovering from his shock, suddenly burst into laughter. It was a harsh, mocking laugh.

"Well, well. I never thought I’d see the day when Crossbridge Empire would have such an emperor," Everett sneered.

"Aurek, do you even know what you’re doing? Do you know what this will mean?" Everett asked, his voice filled with disbelief.

Aurek only gave a cold snort in response.

"I think you’ve all been too inflated with your own importance," Aurek said, his voice dripping with disdain.

"You’re just a school, nothing more. Do you really think you’re the supreme authority in this empire?" he continued, his words cutting deep.

"With arrogance like yours, I believe Hyrule War Academy is heading for its own downfall," Aurek added, showing no mercy.

The words were brutal, and everyone in the room could feel the weight of them. Even William and Heimerdinger, who had initially tried to mediate, now wore expressions of seriousness.

Everett’s face darkened as he slowly lifted his head and looked at Aurek with a new sense of caution.

"So, Aurek, this is your gamble?" Everett asked, his tone no longer mocking but serious.

"I said, you can leave now," Aurek repeated coldly, his patience running thin.

Principal Everett, who had been treated like royalty everywhere he went, was now being subjected to Aurek’s ruthless treatment. He had never endured such humiliation. He had always been respected and called "Professor" by everyone, yet this young emperor dared to treat him with such contempt!

Aurek’s words were like a slap to his face, and Everett’s anger flared.

"You... you will regret this," Everett spat, his face red with rage.