Hail the King 401

Chapter 401: That Fire in the Night (Part One)

"Your Highness, since this king of the little affiliated kingdom is so hard to deal with, why don't we report back to Emperor Fuji His Majesty and ask for a powerful warrior to come to deal with him?" one general came up with a direct recommendation after sensing the power of Fei.

"Eh, I'm already doing it. However, since the No.1 Swordsman Mr. Huntelaar hadn't returned, it would be hard to deal with the king of Chambord since the other Moon-Class Elites the empire has are all busy at the moment. However, I have already invited a powerful Senior Fellow Disciple of mine to come here. This Senior Fellow Disciple of mine is the most talented and most powerful disciple my master has, and he will be here in a few days," Prince Fairenton said.

Fei saw a hopeful expression on Fairenton's face when he said that, and he knew that this prince admired his Senior Fellow Disciple.

"The Senior Fellow Disciple of this famous prince of Jax is this powerful? Even Fairenton admires him? Huh..... is this Senior Fellow Disciple still on the Star-level or is he already a Moon-Class Elite?" Fei thought.

Under Barbarian Mode, Fei was already invincible in the realm of Star-level.

He really wanted to meet this genius warrior Fairenton was talking about; he hoped that through battling with a genius warrior, he would be able to get the inspiration and break through the threshold to become a Moon-Class Elite.

After some more chats, the generals left the tent.

"This king of Chambord sure is a talented person! If he is willing to become a part of Jax, I'm willing to give him my prince status!" after he put away the letter, Prince Fairenton suddenly sighed as if he thought of something while looking at the empty tent.

Fei was quite surprised to hear this.

He didn't expect this haughty prince of the Jax to have such a good impression of him.

Fairenton still hadn't discovered Fei's existence.

After about five minutes, he put on a cape and started to patrol the campsite with a few guards with him in the cold.

Putting their opposite stances aside, Fei quite appreciated this prince's character. At least regarding professionalism and valuing the soldiers' lives, this cold and haughty prince demonstrated the temperament and behavior of a good leader.

After seeing that Prince Fairenton and his guards disappeared into afar, Fei sneaked into the tent.

It was quiet inside the tent.

Fei easily found that letter and read it carefully. He confirmed that someone inside Dual-Flags City wrote this letter; the events were recorded in so much detailed that Fei felt like he relived through what happened today.

Fei did expect there to be spies of Jax and traitors of Zenit inside Dual-Flags City.

What surprised him was that the status of this traitor was quite high; it was very likely that this traitor was standing around the watchtower on the west gate and had witnessed the execution of the leaders of the seven noble families.

"Who could it be..... A commander of the native forces? Or..... A thorn like this inside Dual-Flags City is troublesome! If he or she took action and disrupted the defense of Dual-Flags City at critical times, it would affect the entire war!" Fei though to himself.

"Who could it be?" Fei thought through everyone who was around the area and didn't spot anyone who was suspicious.

"I need to take it slow; if I get anxious, it would have a bad influence on the morale of the soldiers."

After memorizing the font and the writing style of the letter, Fei put the letter back to its original location and sealed it up using the original method.

Before Prince Fairenton came back, Fei did more searches in the tent.

He quickly found a military map with a lot of comments and tiny red arrows on them. Fei studied it

for a bit and realized that the red arrows showed several paths and roads in the desert that were

unknown to others.

Fei also found four more maps just like the first one. These maps all had different paths with

different locations; they were all important military maps for strategic uses.

Fei carefully observed the maps and memorized everything on these maps. The king had a good

memory to begin with, and the miraculous skill [Learn] enforced this ability and allowed him to

have a photographic memory. Therefore, although there was a lot of information on the maps, it

wasn't a heavy-duty task for Fei to memorize all of them.

After that, he found a lot of military documents on the table that Prince Fairenton used.

Using his insane memory, he just memorized everything on these documents without fully

understanding them; he didn't have time to slow down and comprehend everything.

When he placed everything back to their original spots and made sure that no one could see the

difference, footsteps sounded.

Fei could sense Prince Fairenton's Eight-Star Energy; it was like a bright campfire in the night.

After Fei double checked and made sure that no one could tell that someone was here, he used

[Cloak of Shadows] and disappeared in front of the guards.

Prince Fairenton returned to his tent and didn't discover anything strange.

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Chapter 401: That Fire in the Night (Part Two)

Fei didn't leave the campsite of Jax after he left Fairenton's tent. After he searched a bit more, he

found the storages that contained food supplies for these soldiers of Jax.

Behind a sand hill where the wind was weaker, there were a ton of food supplies stored in several big tents. These tents were protected by invisible magic traps, and they were also guarded by a lot of elite soldiers. In addition, there were 50 Star-level Warriors between the level of Two-Star and Three-Star patrolling around the area.

After some carefully screening, Fei discovered that there were several warriors on the level of Four-Star and Five-Star hiding in the dark.

It was clear that the food supplies were crucial.

It made sense; food and water were the most critical resources in the desert, and they were more important in a war in the desert.

The people of Jax had their way of finding water sources. Fei had already seen more than a dozen water wells that connected to the underwater 100 meters deep. Everyone knew that there was underwater near Dual-Flags City; Emperor Yassin used [Dragon Fist] to created wells for the people in Dual-Flags City, and this story was well-known in the region.

Although it wasn't hard to find water, the food supplies had to be transported on land.

Under Assassin Mode, Fei easily got around the Two-Star and Three-Star Warriors who were patrolling the area, and he dodged the magic traps like a pro.

After he entered a storage facility, the skills of the Assassin Character were complete demonstrated. In just a few seconds, Fei assassinated four Four-Star Warriors who were hiding in the dark.

When he was trying to assassinate that Five-Star Warrior, he encountered some issues. When Fei attempted to slit the throat of that Five-Star Warrior, the warrior made a muffled noise to warn the others. It was fortunate that the wind was blowing fast, and the whistle of the wind covered this muffled noise; the patrolling elite soldiers didn't hear it.

Fei decided to destroy these food supplies.

He was able to use the skill [Venom] of the Assassin Character to poison these food supplies. The poison created by this skill was deadly; this poison was odorless and colorless, and one drop of it

was enough to kill more than 100 enemies. Only warriors who were above Three-Star could potentially survive this poison.

However, Fei hesitated about poisoning more than tens of thousands of soldiers of Jax.

He wasn't a person who would show kindness to the enemies, but directly poisoning the enemies in secret was just too vicious and too cruel. After all, Fei was only a university student in his previous life and wasn't a vicious person who would do anything to achieve his goals; he naturally disliked poisoning a ton of people.

After he gave it some thoughts, he decided to act like a "saint" and not poison the enemies; he was going to use fire to burn these food supplies.

If the soldiers of Jax had no food to eat, they would have to retreat; that was the best outcome that Fei could wish for; of course, it was only a wish.

After he put on the devil mask, switched to Sorceress Mode, and shot out his first fireball, an angry roar sounded from Prince Fairenton's tent. Next, Fairenton dashed out of his tent and rushed towards this location.

"Huh? He spotted me?" Fei was quite surprised, but he didn't stop shooting out fireballs.

"Stop! Who are you? Soldiers! Come! Put out the fire!"

Haughty Prince Fairenton's loud shout resonated in the camp, and he punched out forcefully. That fist energy was very impressive; it created a series of thunders and winds. The tents inside the campsite all shook violently and made even more noise as a result of it.

However, Fei easily dodged this attack.

In this situation, he didn't want to fight with this prince. Instead, he played the role of an arsonist even more and shot out more than 30 fireballs. Like the kisses of the devils, these fireballs instantly ignited the food supplies, and the fire quickly spread around the storages.

Chapter 402: You Won't Kill Me (Part One)

"Who are you? Sh*t! Stop! I will fu*king kill you!"

After seeing that the food supplies were being burned, Prince Fairenton shouted angrily as burning rage appeared in his eyes.

In the desert, food was more precious than gold. It was accurate to say that the lifeline of the 60,000 soldiers of Jax was being destroyed by this evil mage who was shooting out fireballs recklessly; the prince was really mad.

However, Fei still didn't fight the prince head on. As he dodged the attacks from this prince, he continued to set the food on fire.

The air was quite dry in the desert, and the food supplies in the storages were dry as well after they were kept there for three days. They were easily flammable; they would be ignited using regular fires let alone magic fires that were a lot hotter. Even though some of the mages on the side of Jax prepared to cast water-elemental spells, the power of these spells was weakened since there weren't a lot of water magic elements in the area.

Fei laughed and started to run around in the storages.

Then, something unusual happened; fires would appear wherever Fei went. As if he was a devil that was walking in the night, even sand under his feet would burn vigorously.

This was the skill of the Sorceress Character – [Blaze]; this skill would leave a wall of fire in Fei footsteps, and all the enemies could be burned into ashes.

In the meantime, Fei also used the new skill [Hydra] that he just learned. After he pointed at a stack of food supplies with his wand, the ground opened, and a multi-headed beast that looked similar to snakes appeared. It was three meters tall, and it was made from pure fire magic elements.

This monster looked viciously, and its mouths would open and spit out fire regularly; these fires were enough to kill a One-Star Warrior.

The blowing wind helped the fires to burn even more.

Soon, the food supplies that were going to last the 60,000 soldiers of Jax for the next three days were all enveloped by the flames, and crackling noises sounded as some of the food like corn popped.

Fairenton's superior intelligence was shown at this moment. After he forced himself to calm down, he thought about the situation and realized that although they lacked water, there were a lot of sands around; the sands could extinguish fires as well.

"Damn it! Stop looking for water! Use sand! Use the sand to put out the fire!..... Quickly! All mages! Use earth-elemental spells and move the sand onto the food!"

As Fairenton chased after Fei, he ordered the soldiers and mages anxiously.

After hearing the command, the soldiers and mages who were in a state of panic got a bit more organized and started to use the sand.

Under the work of tens of thousands of soldiers, the fires finally got controlled.

Fei laughed and quickly dashed out of the campsite of Jax. He didn't go back and set more fire; it seemed like the food supplies that got saved could barely last 60,000 soldiers for a day, and his goal was achieved.

"Escape? Where are you going?" Prince Fairenton chased after Fei angrily, "I will kill you!" he shouted.

Both Fei and Fairenton were speedy, and they quickly disappeared into the night. The warriors of Jax wanted to chase after them to protect their prince, but they couldn't catch up.

Fei didn't head towards Dual-Flags City.

He chose to go deeper into the desert.

After he got to know this prince better tonight, he decided to lure this prince out to the desert and have a good talk.

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The deeper one was into the desert, the colder it was.

Fei's endurance wasn't that great under Sorceress Mode, and he didn't like to sprint under this mode. Since the Sorceresses in Diablo World couldn't cast spells that could make them fly, Fei wasn't that fast if he was compared to Prince Fairenton who was chasing after him like a madman.

As time passed by, Fairenton got closer and closer. The prince was being enveloped by his red Warrior Energy Flame, and he was at his peak state while he repeatedly shouted to empower himself.

Fei thought of something and quickly changed to [Assassin Mode]. Like a shadow, he instantly disappeared.

Chapter 402: You Won't Kill Me (Part Two)

Boom!

A lot of force spilled to the surroundings as Fairenton landed onto a sand hill. With his guards up, he looked around and observed.

"Huh? Where did he go? Strange..... he was here a moment ago..... how did he disappear? I can't even sense his aura. Does he know how to fly?" the haughty prince's eyes looked all red as the moonlight shined on him, and the red Warrior Energy was spread out like waves.

With the strength of Eight-Star, a warrior was capable of using his or her Warrior Energy to sense the location of enemies close by. As long as the enemies weren't a lot more powerful and didn't have unique stealth techniques, their locations would be revealed.

However.....

"I can't sense anything, not even a trace..... It feels like he is turned into thin-air!"

Fairenton was shocked.

He detected the power of that fire-elemental mage in the campsite, and he knew that the mage was less powerful than him. "How can he avoid be detected by me now?" he thought.

"Hey, are you looking for me?"

A loud and clear voice sounded behind him.

The prince was shocked even more.

"Someone sneaked behind me, and I didn't even notice?"

As a talented warrior, his instinct told him not to turn around immediately.

Like an arrow, he instantly dashed away for 20 meters. When he gained a safe distance, he readjusted his mentality and unleashed his Eight-Star Warrior Energy.

After his Warrior Energy cycled in more than 80 energy channels inside his body and created a tsunami-like noise, he turned around carefully.

It was fortunate that this enemy didn't want to sneak-attack him.

Fairenton saw the person who spoke to him standing on a sand hill not too far away.

After he saw the face of this person, he was more surprised than angry; the rage that was burning inside of him instantly disappeared as if it was never there.

He lowered his guard as if he wasn't worried about getting harmed by this person, and he asked after a moment of silence, "King Alexander of Chambord? Is it you? Did you send that mage to lure me here? Who is he?"

"He is one of my subordinates," Fei who had switched to Barbarian Mode shrugged and laughed. Then, he asked with a strange tone, "Your Highness, it seems like you aren't worried. Do you have the confidence to escape? Or you are sure that I won't kill you?"

"You won't kill me," Fairenton replied with confidence; he even pulled back his Warrior Energy and calmed down. With a relieved expression, he continued, "You aren't prepared to deal with the revenge of the Jax Empire once you kill me, at least not yet."

"This reasoning..... is trash. The two empires have declared war against each other. We had been fighting all day; why would I be afraid of the revenge?" Fei said as he slowly walked down the sand hill and approached this prince.

"Zenit isn't ready for the war yet," Fairenton replied; he had already calmed down completely.

A smile appeared on his face as he continued, "Alexander, maybe we could talk a bit more."

Then, he did something that even surprised Fei.

He took out a rug from his storage space that was made from the fur of a Sand Tiger and laid it on the ground. After he sat on it and used his Warrior Energy to block out the wind, he gestured at Fei and invited him to sit down.

"Huh? Weren't you trying to kill me?" Fei laughed; he realized that this prince was an interesting character.

"I would slit the throat of anyone else, but I can't do much against you. I can't defeat you and kill you," Fairenton shrugged and sighed.

"Perfect reasoning," Fei laughed.

Fairenton pointed at the rug and continued, "This is a rare opportunity. Perhaps we can have a good talk. Jax isn't ready for the war as well; both of us need more time...... Your Majesty, are you afraid of sitting down and talking to someone who is weaker than you?"

"Haha! I have to admit that your goading effort worked," Fei laughed as he walked over and sat down two meters away from this prince. He rubbed the surface of this rug and somehow thought back to the famous tale of Aladdin and his magic carpet. He sighed, "Such a beautiful Sand Tiger Rug, it is as nice as a piece of well-fertilized land...... Your Highness, since both empires aren't

ready for war, why did both emperors declare war against each other? Could it be that their heads got kicked by a pig and aren't thinking straight?"

Fairenton felt a little speechless; he didn't expect this mighty king to talk about the two emperors in such a direct manner. After a moment of silence, he said, "In this world where killing and robbing are common practices, no war would give you enough time to prepare. Even though the Jax Empire had been preparing for this war for the last 26 years, the Spartax Empire and the Eindhoven Empire are more anxious than us; that was why the Martial Saints Battle in St. Petersburg happened. I heard that Martial Saint Krasic already died, so the war is certain."

Chapter 403: Loyalty to Zenit (Part One)

"The Spartax Empire and the Eindhoven Empire are more anxious because their emperors are even more stupid than the emperor of Jax," Fei replied as he suddenly got murderous after hearing Krasic's name; he had to try not to attack this prince of Jax.

The nightly wind was fierce like blades, and the sands were all blown into the sky.

After thinking back to the purpose of this meeting, Fei put away the negative emotions in his mind. As he looked up at the moon in the sky, he took out a bottle of liquor, two cups, and some delicate snacks and put them on the rug.

He poured himself a cup of liquor.

After he took a sip and zapped his mouth, he continued the conversation.

"I have heard from the traveling poets on the way here that Emperor Fuji is a wise, ambitious, and far-sighted ruler. I was wondering why this emperor who had endured everything for the last 26 years would lose his patience now, but this explains it! His allies no longer want to wait! Damn, we shouldn't be afraid of god-like enemies; instead, we should be scared of pig-like allies!"

"The latter portion of your sentence is quite true...... According to our plan, this war should start a year from now," Fairenton didn't sense Fei's initial murderous spirit, and he didn't hold himself back. After he poured himself a cup of liquor and chugged it, he praised, "This liquor is made for the Royal Family of Zenit? Damn! Only the rich land of Zenit could create such divine drinks. The Jax Empire is mostly desert, and it could only bury corpses and bones and bring death and disasters."

"The jealousy of rich land has always been the origin of wars on this continent. I do understand the Jax Empire; everyone wants to live in a comfortable environment with rich resources," Fei thought back to the quote of a famous dictator on Earth and sighed, "Therefore, even if Zenit didn't conquer Jax 26 years ago, this war would still occur, right?"

Fairenton nodded and agreed. After that, he picked up a piece of dessert and ate it; he even licked the dessert flakes off of his lips.

The atmosphere was a little strange.

Fairenton wasn't behaving like the prince of Jax who was currently Fei's enemy, and Fei wasn't acting like a head commander who was facing his enemy. It felt like they were two buddies who were discussing how to pick up girls.

If anyone else were seeing this, they would have thought that these two men were plotting an evil plan together.

Actually, Fei was planning to do that.

This king laughed and casually suggested, "You see, since Emperor Fuji also doesn't want to start the war this early, Zenit is in a mess, and I don't want to fight this war, how about we put a stop to this war for now and come back here in a year?"

"Your Majesty, you must be joking," Fairenton replied as he looked at Fei in the eyes. However, he saw the sincerity and felt like the king wasn't joking. After some thoughts, he shook his head and said, "That is impossible. Both you and I don't have a say in how this war is going to proceed."

"Why you got to ruin the moment?" Fei said as he curled his lips.

He took the liquor bottle out of Fairenton's hand and poured himself a cup. The king was a great actor; he immediately put on a threatening expression and said, "I'm a lot more powerful than you! I can just beat you half-dead and capture you. Then, the soldiers of Jax would be afraid of attacking Dual-Flags City! If they dare to siege, I will cut off some flesh off of you and send it to them!"

Fairenton knew that he couldn't defend against this man, but he wasn't afraid either. With a helpless expression on his face, he replied, "You..... you have strange ideas, but this method won't work."

After he drunk more liquor, he continued, "You think this way because you never met Emperor Fuji yourself; you only got to know him through the stories. In reality, he is a cruel and wise emperor; he won't give up on the plan that he prepared for the last 26 years for one of his sons. He won't accept this kind of threats, and I'm only one of the 136 sons he has; he doesn't care that much about me anyway."

Chapter 403: Loyalty to Zenit (Part Two)

"You made some good points," Fei poured himself more liquor and said, "Since I can't capture you and threat Jax, how about I just kill you? Without you, all these soldiers of Jax will not be organized. Before your reinforcement comes, I can easily wipe out these soldiers."

"Although I'm only one of the 136 children of Emperor Fuji, I am not that insignificant. Also, my master is someone who even my father Emperor Fuji doesn't want to offend. Therefore, if you kill me, you would be in trouble like poking the nest of wasps. By then, not only Dual-Flags City but Chambord City will also be wiped out in revenge. Alexander, you are a sly character. I'm sure you already know about my status and who my master is. You won't kill me; otherwise, you would have already done it during the daytime."

"Yeah! You are like the ass of a dragon; no one dares to touch you!" Fei replied with an attitude.

After he looked at the moon that seemed a little murderous, he stared at this smiling prince of Jax and shouted, "You are right! I have done my research before coming to Dual-Flags City, and I know everything about you, including your powerful master and your powerful Senior and Junior Fellow Disciples. Too bad for me I guess! If I triggered Emperor Fuji and your master, Zenit could bear the consequences, but Chambord couldn't."

"Hahahaha! It looks like you aren't as loyal to the Royal Family of Zenit after all! A lot of my generals thought you are very loyal to Zenit, and they are all wrong! Otherwise, you won't let this opportunity get away! Even if your Chambord will be destroyed, you should still take the risk and destroy the 60,000 soldiers of Jax here if you put Zenit's interest at first...... Hahaha! Although you are unlucky that you encountered me, I'm lucky enough to encounter you! If I encountered a mad lunatic who is 100% loyal to Zenit, I would have been killed already!"

Fairenton felt very good after he said that. He wasn't as strong as Fei, and he lost in battle today as tens of thousands of people watched. However, he felt like all of the negative emotions he had as a result of what happened today all disappeared after he said what was on his mind.

"Ay, Your Highness, I have to remind you not to provoke me. I'm not good at controlling my emotions, and I might do something that is not logical when I get mad," Fei was a little angry at Fairenton for stating all those facts, but he suddenly thought of something and laughed, "Haha! The food supplies of your 60,000 soldiers are all burned by me! If you don't retreat, your warriors will all starve to death!"

An awkward expression appeared on Fairenton's face, and that expression turned into anger quickly.

Food supplies were very precious to the people of Jax, and these food supplies the soldiers had were all accumulated from the hard work of their people. A grain of rice was more valuable than the piece of gold of the same size in the desert, so burning so much food was like stabbing this prince in his chest and twisting the blade.

"Ah! It is pretty late already; if we continue to chat, our generals and commanders might freak out. On top of that, we don't have much in common," Fei stood up and stretched his back. He put the rest of the liquor back into his storage space and suggested, "Don't siege the city in the next few days. Otherwise, I might do more bad things to your campsite like poisoning your water source."

Fairenton's face changed color.

However, after he gave it some thought, he laughed, "Dual-Flags City and my troop share the same groundwater. If our water gets poisoned, then your people would be poisoned too! Haha!"

"Da fu*k!" Fei shouted something that Fairenton didn't understand.

Fei felt exhausted and tired when he was in St. Petersburg, but he felt very relaxed and casual when talking to this enemy prince for some reason. He replied to the prince, "Don't worry, I got the antidote."

Chapter 404: [Fei's Murderous Helmet] (Part One)

Although Fei had the antidotes, he couldn't poison the groundwater. Most of the groundwaters in the region were connected, and he might poison civilians on both sides.

However, there was a positive to this; this meant that the soldiers of Jax couldn't use the same tactic against Dual-Flags City. Otherwise, they could have easily poisoned the water source in Dual-Flags City with all their spies and the traitors of Zenit they had.

"Alexander, we might become friends if there isn't this war," Fairenton put away the fancy rug and sighed.

"That is meaningless now. Since the war has already started, I don't think that is impossible," Fei replied. After a while, he added, "But you are an interesting character. If you want to be my friend, you can go and convince Emperor Fuji. If this war is over, that possibility could open."

"Impossible," Fairenton shook his head. As a helpless expression appeared on his face, he continued to try to convince Fei, "However, I have to recommend you join the Jax Empire. If you are willing to do that, I'm sure that Emperor Fuji would be willing to give you the honorable title of Duke. By then, you will be at the top of the power ladder in Jax, Chambord will be spared from this war, and we can still become friends."

Fei shook his head.

At this moment, he suddenly thought back to the scene where that thin figure turned into dust and ashes on the peak of Martial Saint Mountain and covered the territory of Zenit. This scene appeared in the king's dreams numerous times as if it had already engraved itself into the king's soul.

"In my lifetime, I would never join the Jax Empire! Doesn't matter what kind of danger I'm facing! Therefore, we can only be enemies! You should stop trying to convince me; otherwise, I'm afraid that I might lose control and kill you."

Fei looked at this prince coldly as he said that.

Fairenton's body lightly shivered.

He could sense the sincerity in the king of Chambord's words; he knew that this king was being 100% truthful.

"It seems like I have touched one of his taboo subjects. If I say anything more on this topic, he might kill me," he thought.

"I have promised a friend that I will protect the land that his ashes had covered. If anyone wants to cause chaos on this land, he or she should be prepared to bleed to death!"

Fei felt genuinely heroic saying that to Fairenton.

At that moment, he felt like all the worries and obstacles in his way disappeared, and he could grasp onto anything if he wanted to.

"I think we are both crazy to be talking to each other for this long. Last two things; first, since we both have difficulties, how about we agree to not battle in the next three days? You can prepare your food, and I will train my soldiers."

Fairenton thought about it and nodded, "Ok, what about the second matter?" he asked.

Fei laughed and replied, "Since you agreed to my first recommendation, then the second matter is trivial. If you don't do anything that makes me mad, I can still spare your life next time I see you!"

After he said that, Fei switched to Assassin Mode and disappeared like a dash of smoke.

Fairenton looked at the direction where Fei disappeared from and didn't end up saying what was on his mind. He sighed, shook his head, and dashed back towards the campsite of Jax.

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When Fei returned to Dual-Flags City, the campsite of Jax already quieted down.

"Don't worry about the enemies. Pass my order, tell the soldiers to rest well and just patrol the defense walls tomorrow," after he sent away people like Shevchenko and Ribry who were anxious to report back to him, Fei said to the four strongmen – Pierce, Drogba, Huerk, and Kanort who were now his guards, "I need to rest for a few hours. You guys guard the watchtower and don't let anyone enter."

"As you wish," the four strongmen walked out of the watchtower and guarded the area carefully.

Under Assassin Mode, Fei laid a few magic traps that weren't too powerful in the watchtower just in case if some people rushed in carelessly. Then, he switched to Barbarian Mode and entered Diablo World.

Fei had to increase his strength immediately.

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Chapter 404: [Fei's Murderous Helmet] (Part Two)

It was noon in Diablo World, and it was rainy; everything just seemed dark and gloomy.

Fei didn't enter [Rogue Encampment]. Rather, he found Elena, and both of them entered the fifth map [Harrogath]. After Fei accepted the third quest [Prison of Ice], Fei and Elena went to the location of this quest [Frozen River] through the portal in Harrogath.

This quest asked Fei to save a young alchemist named Anya, and everyone in the city suspected that the last elder named Nihlathak was involved.

"The passage to [Frozen River] is very narrow, so we have to be careful. If we get crowded by the demons and monsters, we might die," with his dual-swords in his hands, Fei said to Elena as they entered [Crystalline Passage].

Elena nodded.

[Crystalline Passage] was a dry river bed that was now completely frozen. Ice and frost were everywhere, and that was how it got its name.

It was pretty dark and chilly here, and the path was curly like an endless maze. There were a ton of monsters in here, and they were quite powerful. Although they had high damage and defense, they didn't pose any threats to Fei and Elena.

In Fei's eyes, these monsters were good experience points.

He was facing a lot of pressure in the real world, and he had to increase his strength to protect the ones he loved. Therefore, he had been focusing on the Barbarian Character. This character was only 11 levels from max level 99 in Normal Mode. Fei suspected that he would become a Moon-Class Elite after that.

[Crystalline Passage] was long, and Fei couldn't see the end.

As Fei and Elena killed the monsters that jumped at them, they looked for the traces that were left by Anya.

There were blood and bones everywhere, and Fei and Elena would sometimes see Barbarian Warriors who were tortured to death on wooden poles. A rotten smell of death filled the area.

Finally, they found the young alchemist Anya who was enclosed in ice by the [Frozen River].

There were a lot of monsters nearby, and they rushed to Fei and Elena like floods. Roars and screams filled their ears, and Fe had to back off slowly and drag these monsters out into the passage to protect Elena who was a lot weaker.

After the monsters were taken care of, they returned to Anya and talked to her.

"The demons had controlled Nihlathak, and I got frozen by his spell. You need to return to Harrogath and get the special thawing potion from Malah to free me," Anya said.

All this was same as what happened in the game, and Anya was no different to other dull NPC characters.

Fei had to use the [Town Portal Scroll], get the special thawing potion, and free her.

This quest took Fei two hours, and Fei was now a level 90 Barbarian after he completed this quest. Elena was now a level 79 Archer, and her Paladin Bloodline was now level 30.

After the quest was completed, Fei got two rewards.

The first reward was a precious scroll from Malah; this scroll could permanently add 10% to all of Fei's resistance properties. Using this scroll was much more effective compared to leveling up and getting better items.

The second reward he got was a helmet. Anya gave it to him, and he named it [Fei's Murderous Helmet].

After he took a better look at this item, he realized that it wasn't bad at all.

It had a defense of 100, +2 to all resistances, and contained a special magic called [Frost Star] that would cast by itself 50% of the time when this helmet was attacked. On top of that, it had a durability of 66, and it required a level of 88. As a level 8 Elite Item, it was much better than the helmet that Fei had.

This was the first level 8 Elite Item that Fei got.

[Fei's Murderous Helmet] looked luxurious; like the skull of a god, it was emitting a golden light. When Fei put on this helmet, it felt very comfortable and very light. Also, it had an attached mask; when Fei pressed a small button on the side of the helmet, a grey colored mask instantly appeared and covered his face. This helmet as a whole had great ventilation, and Fei didn't feel like it was hard to breathe in it.

Gold and grey; these two contrasting colors added to the presence of this helmet.

Chapter 405: I Need A Mask (Part One)

"Haha! Not bad! What a surprise. The reward for this quest is satisfactory," Fei felt great after he put on the new fantastic helmet.

"Alexander, I also need a mask," Elena who always stood by Fei's side quietly suddenly opened her mouth and asked.

"Ah? A mask? Why?" Fei was surprised and felt curious; this was the first time that Elena asked him for anything.

"I only want you to see my face," Elena answered directly; her response was just like her – simple, concise, and didn't need anything else to be beautiful.

Fei was a little shocked; he didn't expect this answer.

After he gave it some more thoughts, he realized that he had been ignoring one thing.

Elena was known as the [Flower of Rogue], and she was gorgeous. Since she grew up fighting monsters in Diablo World, she had a valiant aura around her.

A girl like Elena would be considered a goddess in the real world, and it was normal that she was in the center of the attention.

During the competition among the affiliated kingdoms, Elena got a lot of fans because of her unique aura and gorgeous look.

However, since Elena grew up in Diablo World, she only had contact with the few people and was an introvert. She didn't like talking to strangers and being stared at by them. She was used to being left alone, and she was only comfortable being around the people who she was familiar with.

Being in the center of the attention was something that bothered this Valkyrie.

After she saw the mask on Fei's face, she suddenly realized that it was a good solution.

When the king heard Elena say that she only wanted him to see her face, he felt a sense of achievement, proud, and loved. Numerous positive emotions rushed into Fei's head, and he held onto Elena's small cold hands and smiled, "Alright. I will do anything to make you happy," he said.

It was rare to get items like masks in Diablo World, and most of them were ugly; they didn't fit with Elena's image.

Fei had a few masks that were made by Charsi, the busty blacksmith in [Rogue Encampment]; these masks were made from [Black Iron Cores] and [Devil's Remains] and were quite good. However, they were made for Fei to hide the identities of his other characters in the real world, and they didn't fit Elena's face.....

"Huh? This?" Fei suddenly found a simple and retro-looking black mask.

It was way too simple; it was made from an unknown black material, its shape was a half-oval, and it only had three holes in it...... Fei suddenly recalled that he got this mysterious mask after he defeated boss Andariel in [Rogue Encampment].

This mask didn't have a name, and Fei couldn't see its properties.

It was very different from the items Fei got from other monsters in Diablo World, and he didn't know what this mask was for. He believed that this mask was the mask Andariel used after her face got destroyed and before she became a demon, but he couldn't find any evidence to confirm that hypothesis.

"Elena, take a look at this....." Fei somehow took out this hideous mask and gave it to Elena.

A curious expression appeared on Elena's face. She didn't mind this black mask that looked quite ugly; anything from Fei was like a precious treasure in her eyes. After she looked at it for a bit, she put it onto her face happily without hesitation.

"Huh? This mask..... it gives me a strange feeling....."

As Elena opened her mouth and wanted to say something, something strange happened.

As soon as that black mask touched Elena's face, it started to wriggle and move around as if it got a life of its own. That strange black material softened and turned from a dry piece of solid into a dark liquid. It flowed on Elena's white face and perfectly covered it.

Elena didn't seem to feel this process.

Chapter 405: I Need A Mask (Part Two)

After a while, this dark liquid started to solidify, and a brand-new mask appeared on Elena's face. This mask kept the original simple appearance, and it didn't contain too many patterns and

decorations. But now, it perfectly laid on Elena's face as if this mask was personalized for Elena; it looked another layer of Elena's skin.

"I feel like this mask is something I lost a long time ago; I feel great having it back!" Elena poked her face and said; she looked a little confused and joyous at the same time. Overall, it seemed like she was delighted to get this mask.

Now, Fei finally saw a line of words that Elena couldn't see; it showed the name of this mask: [Bless to Flower of Rogue].

However, Fei could only see its name and not its properties.

"I feel like I can control this mask....." as Elena said that, a black fire appeared on her face, and then the entire mask disappeared as if it never existed.

Fei was so shocked that his mouth opened wide subconsciously.

"Thank you, Alexander. I really like this mask."

As she said that, Elena coiled her arms around Fei's neck and kissed him on the cheek. After that, she looked at Fei with her big eyes that were filled with love and gratitude.

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The next quest was called [Betrayal of Harrogath].

Elder Nihlathak did betray Harrogath, and he stole the Relic of the Ancients. This was terrible news for everyone in Diablo World; if Nihlathak surrendered to Demon Lord Baal, then Baal would be able to pass through Mount Arreat without needing to defeat the three powerful Barbarian Guardians.

Fei's and Elena's quest were to stop Nihlathak.

This quest took another two hours. On the way there, both Fei and Elena showed off their masks. What made Fei a little jealous was that Elena's new mask could alter its shape as Elena wished, and it was fancier than Fei's new item.

After they passed through [Halls of Anguish], [Halls of Pain], and [Halls of Vaught], they finally found this elder in [Nihlathak's Temple].

This elder who betrayed the Barbarians learned [Corpse Explosion] which was a skill of Necromancer, but he was still too weak for Fei. After Fei and Elena fought with this boss, they quickly killed him.

However, they didn't find the Relic of the Ancients.

Fei did anticipate this outcome as he knew that Nihlathak already gave it to Baal.

This didn't stop Fei from getting the rewards.

After they returned to [Harrogath], Fei found Anya. Too bad that the reward was a little trash; Anya could help Fei to put his name on an item.

Fei didn't claim this prize; he was going to come to Anya after he could find an item worthy of this reward.

Fei's Barbarian Character was still level 90, but that meant Fei was pretty much the strongest warrior in the realm of Star-level. If Fei wasn't wrong, his Barbarian Character was enough to handle level 1 low-tier New Moon Warriors.

This was the most valuable thing that Fei got in the last five hours.

After this was done, Fei no longer continued to kill monsters to level up. He returned to [Rogue Encampment], listened to the report about the rest of [Wolf Teeth Legion] from Elena, and returned to Dual-Flags City.

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It was dawn when Fei returned.

It was the darkest moment in the day.

He was used to sleeping with his fiancée in his arms during this time, and he was a little sleepless as he sat inside the cold watchtower on the west gate.

The truth was that ever since he came to this world, he slept very little every night; he got less than four hours of sleep every night. He was the king of Chambord during the daytime, and he had to use all of his time to think of ways to help Chambord survived on this continent that was ruled by the law of the jungle. When it was night, and everyone around him fell asleep, he had to enter Diablo World to kill monsters and increase his strength.

It was fortunate that he had enough stamina to maintain this lifestyle after his strength increased.

If this was on Earth, Fei would be in a terrible condition and look like a refugee.

Although he only slept a little before, the qualities were excellent. But now, his brain was more awake when he closed his eyes. Even though he felt a bit tired, he couldn't go to sleep.

Chapter 406: Sensation of [Dragon Fist] (Part One)

Fei quickly found the cause of his insomnia; when he lied on the bed that wasn't too hard, he was missing that warm and soft female body.

Fei realized that as soon as he closed his eyes, he would start thinking about his fiancée. He couldn't help but start worrying, "Angela is with the rest of [Wolf Teeth Legion] is she safe right now? Is she missing me as well?"

Fei arrived at Dual-Flags City with the 6,000 soldiers in the herald brigade beforehand, and the rest of [Wolf Teeth Legion] that had 34,000 soldiers in it was being led by people like old Aryang, Lampard, [Magic Princess], and [Silver Armored Vicious Sword]. The rest of [Wolf Teeth Legion] was approaching Dual-Flags City at a steady pace, and they were doing their best to integrate properly.

Angela, Emma, [Fallen Princess] Isabella, and the four maids who were named Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter were all in that group.

Initially, both Elder Princess and Paris recommended Fei to leave Angela and the girls at St. Petersburg. After all, the Royal Guards and the master warriors in the Capital could better protect the civilians, and St. Petersburg should be much safer than the war zones. With the extra protection from the two most influential women in the Capital, Angela and the girls didn't need to worry about getting bullied. Also, before Fei left the Capital, he talked with the handsome Second Prince, and Dominguez promised Fei that he would take care of the girls for Fei......

However, Fei rejected their help.

For one, Angela didn't want to separate from Fei. Although she would be cared for in St. Petersburg, the people there weren't her family members, and she might feel lonely. Second of all, Fei somehow felt like in this chaotic situation, the Capital of Zenit might not be as safe as it seemed.

Fei was planning to go back to Chambord with Angela and the girls once the war in the Jax Battle Zone toned down a bit; he was only comfortable leaving Angela and the girls in Chambord, their home kingdom.

The sky gradually got brighter, and the moonlight and the starlight dimmed.

Since Fei couldn't go to sleep, he started to practice the methods documented in the Godly Chapter in the purple scroll. Fei's spiritual power was now level 350, and he had already wiped away the spiritual seal Amauri left on him.

His spiritual power was terrifying, and he had experienced the benefits of having a lot of spiritual power.

It didn't just increase the control of his physical strength and his understanding of cultivation; Fei felt like this spiritual power was his new eye. He could scan his surroundings, and it was much more effective and much subtler than scanning using Warrior Energy or Magic Power.

Fei discovered that he was the only person who specialized in spiritual power thus far.

Using his level 350 spiritual power, he was able to scan an area of 1,500-meter radius around him, and Costakarta, Huntelaar, and Amauri who were all Moon-Class Elites didn't escape from his scanning.

Ever since he experienced the benefits of the spiritual power, Fei had been training it regularly.

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Three hours later, the sun appeared on the horizon and brought a little liveliness to the world. The temperature also started to rise.

What surprised the commanders in Dual-Flag City was that it seemed like the enemies weren't going to siege the city. The soldiers of Jax had moved back their campsites for five kilometers and only surrounded the east, west, and south side of the city. They left a small opening in the north direction, and it seemed like they were planning to drag on this war for as long as possible.

The anxiety and the fear that had been looming around the city toned down a little.

However, no one dared to relax completely. As long as the enemies were still close to Dual-Flags City, those fierce battles could arrive at any time, and blood and corpses could cover every corner of the aged defense wall.

For the whole day, Ribry was busy recruiting young men and training them for the militia.

Fei had to admit that this former head commander of the native military forces was well-respected. In just one day, he was able to get more than 8,000 young men to join the militia. After these men got their armors and weapons, they were put into eight battalions and got trained by experienced veterans and injured veterans.

"Sweat a lot during practice, and you can bleed less during battle!"

Chapter 406: Sensation of [Dragon Fist] (Part Two)

What Fei told Ribry in the watchtower last night became the phrase that motivated these rookies. That phrase was engraved on a massive piece of rock in the center of the training field by the

craftsmen last night, and these words were painted in a bright red color. The instructors of these rookies would lead them, and they would shout this phrase before and after training together.

Except for the militia, the mercenary groups in the city also got visited by the military. During critical times like this, the mercenaries were summoned to participate in the defense. Of course, they would be paid by the military for their services.

Most of the mercenaries had battle experiences and battle techniques, and they were able to coordinate with each other well. As a result, they didn't need to be trained like the rookies.

At the same time, the military in the city started to purchase food and store them in safe places quietly; Fei was preparing to fight a prolonged war.

The military also started to promote the idea of treasuring food; they recommended the civilians to start consuming a little bit less food so that they could wait until the winter wheat and crops were ready for harvest.

The military created all the detailed plans around food.

Fei had to remind the commanders under him that only the military was allowed to purchase and store food; anyone else who wanted to buy and save food in large quantities had to be warned, and anyone who ignored the warning should be severally punished.

When the atmosphere in the city was anxious and chaotic, crimes were more likely to be committed.

Fei hated these incidents, and he selected the elite soldiers from the herald brigade and established the patrol force. Crimes of all sorts were punished! In just a day, two thief groups and one evil mercenary group where all their members committed rape were killed; their heads were hung in the center of the city to serve as a deterrent.

Fei was busy all day as well.

He went to the Mage Union in the morning to thank the mages for the help. Of course, he also politely asked them to continue supporting Dual-Flags City in the upcoming defenses.

Fei thought that these haughty mages should be friendly towards him since they were willing to help the city, but it was the complete opposite.

Even though Ribry who was a respected figure in the city brought Fei here and introduced him, the king only got to meet the president of the Mage Union.

The president was a white-haired and white-breaded elder in his 60s, and he waited for Fei in front of the Magic Tower with two of his servants.

Unfortunately, this elder wasn't as nice and friendly as the elders in the stories told by the traveling poets. His face was stiff, and he only chatted with Fei for less than 30 seconds superficially. He didn't invite Fei to go in his Magic Tower, and he closed the door after that chat was done.

Fei felt like the "dominating presence" he had since he came to this world disappeared.

"This old man is just too rude! Your Majesty, let me break his windows using some rocks!" both Pierce and Drogba were angry after seeing how the king got treated.

Fei started at the two strongmen viciously, and the two of them instantly shut their mouths.

Fei didn't hurry and go back to the camp after he left the Magic Tower. After he sent away his guards, he started to wander around the city alone.

He hadn't had the chance to see the sceneries in this beautiful city in the desert. Every time he thought about how Emperor Yassin created more than 100 water wells using [Dragon Fist], he got stimulated; his heart would race, and his blood would boil.

Soon, he found those water wells to the east of the city center.

They were on a piece of flat land, and this flat land occupied quite a lot of space. The water wells were scattered around the area like the stars in the sky.

Each water well was about four meters in diameter, and the walls of the wells were piled up using green stones that were all smooth like mirrors. When looking down inside these ancient-looking water wells, Fei saw flashes of silver light in the dark; those were all the lights that got reflected off of the water.

There were mists on top of each water well, and they looked like clouds from afar; this scenery was unique and beautiful.

Beside these water wells, there were sophisticated channels and pipe systems. The water was being pulled out of the wells by simple magic arrays, and it was distributed to all the reservoirs and the tanks in the city for the civilians to use.

Fei slowly caressed the edge of one of the water wells, and he suddenly sensed a strong aura.

It was very familiar.

This light yet terrifying aura made Fei feel like there was a very majestic Emperor standing in front of him right now.

"This..... is the sensation of [Dragon Fist]!"

Chapter 407: Similar to Angela (Part One)

Fei was able to see how mighty the legendary [Dragon Fist] was.

That strike was enough to shock the gods and scare the demons.

At that critical moment when everyone thought Emperor Yassin was the brink of death, he punched out in the Royal Palace that was quite far away from the Martial Saint Mountain, and the golden flames covered the sky and destroyed the three Moon-Class Elites who were on Griffins 5,000 meters up in the air.

That strike was the most powerful strike Fei had ever seen on this continent.

Compared to Emperor Yassin, a lot of Moon-Class Elites were too weak. Comparing them with Emperor Yassin was like comparing fireflies to the sun.

Today, Fei sensed the residual power of that strike again.

However, there were some differences. Compared to the aura of the [Dragon Fist] he experienced in St. Petersburg, this one was much more lively and energetic; it felt like a sun that was on the rise. Although the one he experienced in St. Petersburg was still powerful, it felt like a sun that was setting and aging.

The two different auras seemed to prove people's hypothesis – Emperor Yassin was really about to pass away.

Fei didn't know how to feel about that.

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When Emperor Yassin used his supreme power and created more than 100 water wells here, he concentrated all the residual energies and made them into Fist Spatial Spiritual Seals; otherwise, this place might a restricted zone. If those residual energies were not controlled, even Moon-Class Elites couldn't get close to this place, let alone civilians.

After Fei visited this place, he wandered towards other locations.

Although the king of Chambord's name was already well known in the city, not a lot of people knew what he looked like. As Fei walked around, no one recognized that this young man who was wearing a blue robe was King Alexander who terrified the nobles in the city.

Fei asked for directions and proceeded towards the farmlands at the northeast region of the city.

The defense walls of Dual-Flags City were empowered by many magic arrays when the city was built, and they were strong enough to handle the 10,000-pound rocks that were shot out of catapults. There were also numerous magic arrays on the ground in front of the defense walls that could block the damage of low-level magic spells. With the strong defense walls like these, 70,000 soldiers and hundreds of thousands of civilians could defend the city and prolong the war for at least three years as long as there were enough water and food.

Therefore, after Fei checked up on the water sources, he had to inspect the farmlands.

Since Dual-Flags City was located in the desert, 90% of the farmlands could be found inside the city; they needed to be irrigated by the water from the water wells. These farmlands inside the city weren't destroyed in the war yet, and Fei ordered some of the soldiers to strengthen the protection of these farmlands.

The farmlands occupied a massive area in the northeast.

After more than 20 years of cultivation and irrigation, these farmlands were very fertile. Fei was always curious as to how the crops could survive from the vast temperature difference in the region, and he finally understood the mechanisms behind it when he saw the farmlands.

Between the farmlands, there were huge rocks with magic arrays engraved on them.

These all simple three-pointed star magic arrays with 21 magic pathing, and they were modified by someone who had a deep understanding of magic. The only job for these magic arrays was to add some heat to the surroundings when the night arrives so the crops won't freeze to death.

The desert didn't lack sunshine, and the crops in Dual-Flags City had higher quality compared with the crops in the mainland.

There was a total of 400 rocks that had these magic arrays on them in these farmlands, and each of them only required one piece of low-tier Magic Gem to last the whole year..... Fei had to admit that some of the products and designs using magic were more effective and more ingenious compared with the technologies in his previous life.

Fei had to thank the officials in Zenit who had paid a lot of attention to these precious farmlands.

It was heard that the Executive Knights would come and visit every year, and that was why Soroyov and the nobles haven't destroyed most of the farmlands and built amusement parks.

Fei felt great after seeing all the green crops that were thriving.

Chapter 407: Similar to Angela (Part Two)

If everything went according to plan, these crops would be ready for harvest in May, and that would be enough food for everyone in the city for a whole year.

The king suddenly felt like Emperor Yassin had already foreseen what was about to happen when he was building this city. He created all these water wells and farmlands, and these served as a line of defense on the border.

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On the way back, Fei was walking relatively slow and enjoying the rare relaxed atmosphere in the city. The chanting of the merchants who were selling small items on the street, the laughter of children who were playing, the sounds of women who were busy making dinner, and the noises made by the dogs and cats that were running around by the white buildings and colossal warrior statues...... all these made Fei feel very relaxed.

"Huh? Is it you?" a surprised voice sounded behind him.

Fei turned around and saw Emile Husky who had a bag of flour on his shoulder; this simple-minded low-level commander was looking at him with a big surprised smile.

"What a coincident! Emile, you are....." Fei smiled and asked this man who was sweating a ton.

"Hehe, the military had paid me the salary that I was owed for the last three months, and I bought a bag of winter wheat flour for my little sister....." the big man scratched his head and laughed. After he looked around and made sure that no one was close by, he got close to Fei and whispered, "Hey, the military is busy right now! Where did you find the time to wander around aimlessly? If your superior finds out about this, you will be in trouble! I heard that the new No.1 Commander King Alexander is very strict! The mayor and the nobles are all dominated by him, and a lot of nobles are killed! You are only a little commander, don't get punished because you are slacking off!"

Fei found it funny. He smiled and said, "Don't worry, I already got the permission of my superior."

"Good, good. Alright, come with me to my sister's place then. Haha! I just bought some flour, and my sister is going to make some honey bread; I can eat at least 40 pieces!" Husky was very friendly, and he asked Fei to be his guest immediately.

Since it was still quite early, Fei didn't reject the offer.

He followed this simple-minded commander along the fancy streets for a while, and the buildings along the sides of the road started to decrease in number. After another 20 minutes, they finally arrived at a simple courtyard that was fenced off by some bamboo sticks.

This was a typical courtyard.

A white female sheep was lying on the ground, two baby sheep were playing with each other, and a few hens were cackling as they were eating a few plants.

There were two small houses made from green stones, and the roofs were made from straws. Some dried meats were hanging from the walls, and two cats that wanted to eat these meats wandered around them.....

"Hey, Jessica! I'm back! Sister, I got a guest here!" Emile pushed open the gate to the courtyard and shouted; he was so loud that it sounded like thunder.

Fei smiled; this Husky was quite funny.

Crack! The wooden door of a house opened, and Fei's eyes lit up.

A girl who was wearing a rough brown jacket that had many patches on it and a blue floral headscarf walked out of the house.

This girl looked like she was 18 years old, and she was quite pretty. Although her body was still young and immature, her figure was perfect. She was about 1.7 meters tall, and her legs were longer than other girls; that made her look much more elegant. Her eyebrows were thin and sharp, and her perfect crystal-like black eyes were flashy and attractive.

For some reason, Fei felt like he had seen this girl before.

He was shocked by her appearance.

He didn't expect a tough and simple-minded guy like Husky to have such a pretty sister. Soon, he realized that the reason he felt like Jessica was familiar was that her eyes and her aura were too similar to Angela's. If he closed his eyes, he could have thought that his fiancée was standing in front of him.

"Ah, Emile, you are back?" the girl rushed over with a bright smile on her face. She grabbed onto her brother's hands and laughed, "Haha! Did you bring flour? Such a big bag! I can make enough honey bread to feed a cow like you!"

"Hey, how can you call you brother a cow?" Husky murmured as he put the bag of flour on the ground. Suddenly, he thought of something and asked, "Jessica, did those bastards like Arno and Knite come and bother you?"

Chapter 408: Unwelcomed Guests (Part One)

"No, they all responded to Mr. Ribry's call and joined the militia....." Jessica smiled and explained as she dusted some of the flour off her brother's shoulder. "I heard that Mr. Alexander asked most of the males who are between 18 and 50 of age to get trained so that those hooligans won't be back soon."

"Great," Husky looked at his sister in a spoiling way and replied. After he scratched his head, he added with a proud expression on his face, "Those guys are all bad eggs, especially that monkey-like Knite. How dare he dream of having my sister? Is he delusional?"

The two siblings hadn't seen each other for over a month, and they had a lot of chat about.

Although Jessica looked and felt very similar to Angela, she was a lot more outgoing. She liked laughing out loud, and her laughter was crisp and ear-pleasing.

However, Husky got so into talking with his sister that he completely forgot about Fei, his guest.

"Huh? Who are you? Emile, is this handsome commander your comrade?" after chatting with her brother for a while, Jessica suddenly saw Fei and realized that a bright young man was standing beside her.

"Ah! Damn it, I forgot to introduce my friend. His name is..... is....." Husky suddenly realized that he still didn't know Fei's name, so he walked to Fei and patted Fei's shoulder as he asked, "Right, brother. What is your name?"

Fei laughed; he thought that Husky was a simple-minded person since he invited a person to his sister's place without knowing this person's name. After some hesitation, the king laughed and said, "You can call me Fei."

"Fei? Such a strange name....." Husky grabbed his sister's hand and introduced, "Jessica, this is Fei, a new friend that I made yesterday. He is a commander under King Alexander, and he is very nice to me. I ran into him on my way here, and I invited him to come and try your honey bread."

"Fei? You must be a nice person since you can be friend my dumb brother. Hi, my name is Jessica, Emile's little sister. My big brother is a clumsy person, so please don't mind him. Come on in....." this girl was amiable, and she was not shy at all; Fei liked her personality a lot. After he thought about it, it made sense. Since Husky and his sister were born into a poor neighborhood, they matured at an early age. As a result, Jessica didn't have that arrogance that most of the pretty girls in her age have.

Jessica was a very hard-working girl. After she took out a wooden chair for Fei, she took out a plate of green apples that were a little dry but very clean. After that, she bought two bottles of ale with the money her big brother gave her, and she went into the kitchen and started to make her "renowned" honey bread as Husky asked her again and again.

"Emile, you have a great little sister!" Fei was a little envious towards Husky; this man had a lovely family.

The green apples and the bottles of ales on the table weren't good food in the eyes of the average families, but Fei knew that these were the best treatment this family could give to its guests. Perhaps that this girl named Jessica treasured these apples a lot and didn't want to eat them alone; maybe she was saving them and was going to eat them with her brother after he came back. In the cold winter in the desert, fruits were "delicacies" in the eyes of the poor people.

"Hehe, of course! My sister is known as the Pearl in the Northern Malta Poor Neighbourhood, haha," this simple-minded man was proud of his sister.

"Emile, you will scare our guest away if you boast even more!" Jessica shouted in the kitchen; it seemed like she liked to call Husky by his first name rather than calling him brother.

"Haha! Everyone in the neighborhood knows that my sister Jessica's honey bread is a delicious treat that even the nobles don't get to eat," Husky replied.

Fei was a little speechless. "Maybe in this guy's simple-mind, anything his sister makes is a delicacy," he thought.

Fei and Husky chatted a lot in the yard.

Husky wasn't a person who liked to hold back; he would say whatever was on his mind. Most of the time, Husky was the one talking, and Fei would listen with a smile on his face as he played with the cats in the yard. Although Husky was going all over the place and talked about things like gossips involving nobles and famous stories in Dual-Flags City, Fei enjoyed it.

Fei's parents in his previous life were farmers, and he had a great childhood in the countryside before his parents passed away. Therefore, his was genuinely in love with this atmosphere including these kinds of bamboo stick fences and all these animals.

Chapter 408: Unwelcomed Guests (Part Two)

Time passed by quickly.

The sun was already lower than the defense wall, but the sky wasn't that dark. The cooking smoke soared into the air via the chimneys, and the noises made by the children, their parents, and the cats and dogs somehow added to the rare and peaceful countryside atmosphere.

"Wow! Smells delicious!" Husky finished the last bit of ale and shouted as he took a deep breath.

A sweet aroma flowed in the air, and Fei felt hungry after he took a deep breath as well. It was evident that the delicacy that the nobles couldn't even enjoy, Jessica's honey bread, was about to be done.

Soon, Jessica walked into the yard with a loaf of freshly baked golden honey bread.

As the aroma dispersed into the surroundings, a lot of the neighbors walked out of their houses and looked in this direction.

"Haha! I smell Jessica's honey bread again!"

"Look, it is Emile! No wonder Jessica made honey bread again. It is the best treat in the world!"

"Hehe, Sister Jessica, you have to teach me how to make it."

It was clear that this brother and sister had great relationships with the neighbors, and Husky immediately shouted and invited all the neighbors to taste the food. This simple-minded man was hospitable; otherwise, he won't invite Fei to his sister's place when he only met Fei once. Soon, the yard was filled with more than a dozen people who were in different age groups.

"Sister Jessica, who is this handsome commander? Is he your fiancé?" a girl who had freckles and was one to two years younger than Jessica joked with her.

"Hey, I will stuff your mouth if you repeat such things," Jessica pinched the cheeks of this girl and said, "He is Emile's friend."

However, Jessica's explanation wasn't accepted by the friendly neighbors. Although these neighbors were poor, they could tell that this young man was extraordinary. Even though he was wearing regular clothes, looked different to the nobles, and was smiling brightly, he had a majestic aura around him; those nobles who were corroded by comfort and lust couldn't be compared with him.

"Jessica is a nice girl; young man, you are lucky if you get to marry her."

"Yeah, although our Jessica is born in our poor neighborhood, a priest from the Holy Church said that she would become an influential person that the noble ladies couldn't even reach. Young man, I think you two are compatible!"

A lot of people who were uncles and aunts to Jessica told Fei a lot of Jessica; they all misunderstood the relationship.

"Hey, you don't say! Fei, I think you are qualified to be my brother-in-law! Haha!" after Husky scratched his head and looked at his sister and Fei, he spoke up as if he discovered something.

Fei only smiled and didn't say anything.

"Ah, hahaha! So many people here! Huh? Do you guys know that Jessica and I are getting engaged today? And you are all here to see it? I have to thank you guys in advance....." a loud and earpiercing voice sounded, and it immediately broke the pleasant atmosphere.

Everyone's face changed color.

Fei looked in the direction of that voice and saw five men walking into the courtyard wearing soldier uniforms.

They all had smiles on their faces; they weren't uncomfortable even though they weren't invited.

The man in the lead was skinny, and his back was a little hunched. With a reckless expression on his face, he did look like a monkey. Also, he had a bloody boar leg in his hand.

"Damn it! Monkey Knite! You bastard! Weren't you in the militia? Why are you in my place? Get the fu*k out! Otherwise, I won't be polite towards you anymore!" Husky's reaction was aggressive. He stood up and shouted at the five guys who ran into the courtyard.

"Hey, Husky! Why are you still aggressive? Today, I'm here to purpose to Jessica. Look at my gift! What do you think?"

Monkey-like Knite lightly pushed Husky, and Husky instantly fell back despite his big size.

Chapter 409: Same Kind of Pure Soul (Part One)

Bam!

Knite threw the boar leg in front of Jessica and said proudly, "I was lucky. Today was the first day of training, and I was appointed as a team commander in the militia. I'm in charge of 100 people, and I think the time for me to marry you is here! Therefore, I advanced half of my monthly salary and bought this Desert Boar's leg. The poor people in the city couldn't even see the hair of Desert Boars on a regular day, let alone eating its meat during a war. Haha! Jessica, my dear fiancée. You can prepare the boar leg, and we can invite all the neighbors in the area to come here for a feast and announce our engagement."

"You think too much," Jessica threw the boar leg back and sneered, "Go and get engaged to the Desert Boar!"

"Haha, Jessica, you are not fair. Before, you said that I don't have a proper job and rejected me because of it. Also, since your brother is a soldier, I couldn't do much. But now, the situation is different. I'm a team commander in the militia constructed by King Alexander, and I'm going to be battling with the invaders of Jax soon. I'm already a changed man! Jessica, why won't you accept me?"

Monkey-like Knite zapped his mouth and explained. He completely ignored Jessica's provocation, and he glanced at Jessica's body.

"Knite, you are too late! Stop bothering Sister Jessica! She already has a fiancé; it is him!" that girl who had freckles on her face pointed at Fei and declared, "Mr. Fei is much more handsome than you!"

Knite looked in the direction that this girl was pointing at, and he saw Fei.

He immediately became hostile towards Fei.

The man in front of him was 100 times more handsome than him, and this man's presence was also much better. Even Knite had to admit that he would choose this man if he was Jessica.

"Who..... are you?" Knite asked carefully.

"I'm Emile's friend, and I'm here as a guest," Fei said as continued to eat a piece of delicious honey bread in his hand; he didn't raise his head because he didn't want to be recognized.

"So..... you are a part of the military?" Knite squinted his eyes and tried to get to know Fei more.

"Yeah, you can say that. I don't have much power in the military."

After they chatted a bit, Fei relaxed; he found out that this monkey-like Knite didn't know who he was. He liked talking and listening to these people who were like his uncles and aunts; if his identity got exposed, these people wouldn't feel at ease in front of him, and this rare atmosphere that he enjoyed would disappear.

Knite nodded and let go of the breath he was holding in.

Then, this new team commander who was feeling good about himself started to boast.

"Eh, I thought so. Look at you; you are so weak that you couldn't even lift up a blade. Since you can't kill enemies on the frontline and gain military merits, you could only get a small position in the military with no real influence....." as Knite said that, his expression got happier. In his mind, this man in front of him was no longer a threat. He turned around and said to Jessica, "This guy isn't that good. Although he looks good, he might be in the business of scamming young girls like vou......"

Jessica spat at him and interrupted his insult of Fei, "Knite, shut up! I won't allow you to insult my brother's friend."

"You....."

Knite felt like he was belittled after Jessica acted rudely towards him for several times.

After all, he had a few of his subordinates with him today, and he as their commander was being shamed. On top of that, Jessica was protecting Fei, and Knite thought that Fei was luring this girl; as a result, his jealousy burned vigorously inside of him.

He picked up that boar leg and threw it towards Jessica.

"Hehe, what I said won't change. I'm getting engaged with you today for sure, and no one can stop me. The war already broke out, and the situation in the city is very different. Before, I thought this dumb Emile is a high-level official in the military, but now I know that he is almost like a groom and a servant. I'm not afraid of him anymore! Don't you value your big brother? If you don't accept me today, I will move Emile onto the defense wall tomorrow. If the invaders decide to attack, I'm not sure if Emile can make it back alive," Knite said in anger.

Knite was bullsh*ting.

Chapter 409: Same Kind of Pure Soul (Part Two)

He was only a team commander in the militia; how could he command Husky who was a formal soldier in Dual-Flags City? Even though Husky had a low-level position and was like a groom and a servant to other high-level commanders, he was still a part of the native defense force. Even a brigade commander of the militia who had control over 10,000 militia members couldn't command Husky, let alone a little team commander like Knite.

However, the other people didn't know about this; their faces all changed color after hearing that.

The neighbors all started to worry. They all watched Husky grow up, and they knew that he was too simple-minded and a little slow. Even though he had a lot of physical strength, he never learned any fighting techniques; if Husky went on the defense wall, he would probably die under the blade of the invaders.

Jessica's body froze after she heard that.

"Even if I die on the defense wall, I won't allow my sister to marry you! You are just a hooligan! How are you worthy enough for my sister? Even the priest from the Holy Church said that she would become an influential figure one day......" Husky shouted as he protected his sister with his back; he was too slow to figure out the errors in what Knite had said. This simple-minded man cared about his sister a lot, and he believed in what that priest from the Holy Church had said many years ago; he wasn't going to let his goddess-like sister marry a hooligan like Knite.

"Haha? You believe the words of that old beggar? A beggar and an idiot! Hahaha!" Knite laughed out loud with his subordinates behind him as if they heard the funniest joke.

On this continent that was ruled by the law of the jungle, the good looks of a girl would only bring her tragedy if she wasn't powerful enough. If Husky didn't serve under Ribry who was an overprotective general and if Jessica was a few years older and her body fully matured, she would have been kidnapped by the nobles and got ruined by them.

Becoming an influential figure? That possibility seemed slim.

However, Fei suddenly realized something.

"A poor priest of the Holy Church said that Jessica is going to become an influential figure? Normally, even the lowest priests in the Holy Church won't be broke enough to beg for food on the street, unless he was a scammer..... Or there is something else? Could it be that there is a secret around Jessica?"

Fei suddenly thought about how Jessica felt similar to Angela, and Priest Balesi said that Angela had the purest soul in the world and almost forced her to join the Shrine Choir.

"Could it be that..... Jessica's soul is as pure as Angela's? And a mysterious priest came to this city many years ago to check up on her?"

Fei felt like that possibility was high; after all, Jessica and Angela were way too similar.

"Emile, you are such an idiot! Your identity as a low-level commander in the military is worthless in my eyes! You can no longer protect your sister! Look at her hands! They are rough and thick like carrots! In a few more years, she would look like prostitutes who have thick waists and a full face of freckles. Hehe, if you die on the defense wall, who is going to take care of her?"

Knite laughed as he mocked Husky.

"I, Knite, is now a team commander in the militia under King Alexander His Majesty! If I get enough military merits, I will be rewarded by King Alexander and might even become a noble. Jessica, you are only a girl living in a poor neighborhood; if you marry me, you might become a noble lady one day! Also, Husky, I might also promote you, so you no longer need to work as a groom!"

The more Knite talked, the prouder he was.

"Girl, don't reject our commander! Otherwise, your brother will die on the defense wall!"

"Yeah! If you let this opportunity go, you might have to open your legs for our commander when you run out of food, and he might not even look at you! Right now, even the women in the rich neighborhoods want to get themselves a commander in the military."

Chapter 410: I Hope You Guys Are Still Alive (Part One)

"Team commander, why are you so polite towards her? If you want, we can kidnap her and throw her into your room. As long as you two sleep together for a night, she would be yours, haha!"

The few members of the militia behind Knite suggest as they tried to threaten Jessica even more; as they said that, they grinned at Jessica viciously.

For a moment, the casual and relaxed atmosphere instantly got covered by dark clouds. Although the neighbors hated Knite, they couldn't express their anger as this man was now a commander in the military.

Husky was furious after he was shouted at, but he didn't know how to respond to that. His head was a little slow, and perhaps he was thinking about who was going to protect his sister after he dies on the defense wall.

Fei's sharp sense told him that the simple-minded man was looking at him.

At the moment, Jessica got her weakness pointed out by Knite; this girl was afraid that her big brother would die because of her.

After seeing the expression on everyone's face, Knite laughed and walked forward; he was reaching for Jessica's hand.

Suddenly -

"Hey, you have laughed for too long. Catch your breath; otherwise, you might choke."

After Fei finished the last piece of the honey bread, he wiped his lips, stood up, and slapped away Knite's hand.

Then, he looked at Knite and said earnestly, "Ok, let me interrupt a little. I might be wrong, but Mr. Knite, aren't you a team commander in the militia? I believe Emile is a formal soldier of Zenit, so your status is technically lower than him. How can you command him and move him onto the defense wall?"

The smile froze on Knite's face; he didn't know how to respond.

Jessica was the person who reacted the fastest.

Her beautiful big eyes lit up, and she asked as she grabbed onto Fei's arm, "Is it true?" her voice was shaking.

"Of course. The militia is only temporary, and some of the members of the militia are given titles to make it easier to organize. Although they could also accumulate military merits, they couldn't get promoted to nobles. Besides, the militia might get disbanded after the war; it is all up to the Military Headquarter of Zenit."

Fei pointed at Knite and continued, "These guys are just trying to make themselves look more powerful! They are like dragons that are made from paper; nothing to be scared of!"

"Ah! Great!" Jessica was so relieved that she jumped into the air.

To this girl, the last few minutes was the darkest moment in her life, and Fei's words brought energy and hope back into her life.

30 seconds ago, she was thinking about accepting Knite's proposal, so her brother didn't have to be in great danger; she was planning to use herself to save her brother. Although her big brother was a little simple-minded, he was her only family. She couldn't even imagine how desperate it would feel if she sees her brother's broke corpse on the defense wall.

What Fei said pretty much saved her life.

However, Fei's appearance destroyed Knite's plan.

Knite walked up and grabbed onto Fei's finger that was pointing at him.

He shouted angrily, "Hey, you weak man! How dare you point at me and disrespect me? Do you want to die? I will break this finger of yours to teach you a lesson!"

"No!" all the people in the yard screamed in fear.

However, Knite wasn't going to listen to them.

As he sneered, he used all of his strength and tried to break that finger; he was going to make this handsome man pay for destroying his plan.

Soon, the vicious grin froze on his face.

He felt like he wasn't trying to break a finger but an iron spear.

It didn't matter how hard he tried; he couldn't even move this man's hand a little, let alone breaking his finger.

After a while, Knite suddenly felt a tremendous amount of force coming at him from this finger; as if a mountain was thrown onto his shoulders, his knees instantly bend, and he couldn't help but kneel onto the ground.

"Huh? Why are you kneeling down? Are you trying to apologize?"

Fei laughed and moved aside. In the eyes of others, Knite suddenly kneeled down towards Fei as if he was apologizing.

Chapter 410: I Hope You Guys Are Still Alive (Part Two)

"You....."

Knite used all of his strength and tried to stand up; his face turned red, and his veins bulged. However, didn't matter how hard he worked, he couldn't even move for one millimeter; that force was just too dominating.

Soon, his knees sunk into the ground. It was fortunate that there weren't tiles on the ground; otherwise, his knees would have been destroyed.

The four people behind Knite realized that something was wrong; they rushed over and tried to help.

Fei just looked at them and released the power of his Barbarian Character a little. Without pause, all those four men also kneeled down and couldn't move anymore.

Knite suddenly realized what was happening after he looked at Fei who was still smiling calmly.

He knew that he ran into a master warrior.

"This man's power is just unimaginable! He must be a Star-level Warrior!"

Knite sighed in his mind and thought, "Damn! This beautiful Jessica got to know a Star-level Warrior and got engaged to him? It looks like I can't have this beautiful girl to myself."

Although he felt regretful, he had been living on the street for a long time and knew what he should do and what he shouldn't do. Therefore, he immediately apologized to Jessica and begged for forgiveness.

Jessica didn't know what was happening, and she didn't know how to respond.

"Alright, Jessica forgives you. Stand up."

Fei smiled and waved his hand, and the huge pressure on these five men disappeared. Knite and his four subordinates could finally breathe freely, and they quickly got up; there were ten deep circular kneeling marks on the ground.

"Thank..... thank you! Thank you for your mercy!" Knite quickly thanked Fei.

He understood the situation now.

"Since this man is in the military, he must be a high-level commander with this level of strength. If this is the case, I should try to get to know him. In many stories told by the traveling poets, from an exchange of blows friendship grows! This is the perfect opportunity!" he thought.

"Let me give you some recommendations. If you really like Jessica, you should pursue her like a real man and protect her like a real man. Threatening others like bandits won't work....." Fei was planning to teach Knite some proper concepts around love, but he felt like he was talking to a cow.

After he said a few words, he waved his hand impatiently and said, "Overall, don't come and bother Jessica again! Also, I will let you guys in on a secret; Emile is going to become King Alexander His Majesty's guard! Don't bully him anymore! Otherwise, the consequences will be severe!"

"Ah? Emile this idiot is going to become the guard of the No.1 Commander of the Battle Zone?"

Knite couldn't believe his ears.

"It is obvious that this powerful man won't lie to me. So...... if this idiot wants to, he could go anywhere in Dual-Flags City without being troubled? Also, it looks like this mysterious man likes Jessica...... This family is going to take off!"

After thinking about that, Knite looked at Husky differently.

He knew that he probably couldn't get close to this mysterious man, but he was able to flatter Husky and befriend him.

"If I get the chance to meet the legendary King Alexander of Chambord through Husky, I would be able to die happy on the defense wall!" he thought.

"Ok, that's all for today. You guys can leave now."

Fei waved his hand and asked them to leave.

Knite wanted to stay a little longer, but he had to leave quietly since Fei said so.

"Huh? Wait up!" Fei thought of something and shouted.

Whoosh! A dash of gold light shot into Knite's hand.

As Knite was wondering about what happened, he saw that mysterious man pointing at the boar leg on the ground and heard him say, "You can leave the meat here; I will treat it as if I bought it from you. Since you actively joined the militia, your courage should be praised. Half a month of salary shouldn't be thrown away like this. The situation in Dual-Flags City isn't that great, so the militia

might have to help with the defense of the city soon. Make sure that you guys eat full meals and accumulate enough stamina; try your best to survive this war!"

Knite and his subordinates were stunned a little.

They looked at Fei and saluted. Perhaps they just learned it, their salute wasn't that proper. Even though that was the case, their spirits were there.

After that, they turned around and left with the gold coin.

Fei looked at the five of them and sighed in his mind, "I hope you guys are still alive after the war."