

Hail the King 761

Chapter 761: Troublesome Flies (Part One)

-The ninth day-

The two troops of Zenit had finally rallied and moved out of St. Petersburg.

More than 200,000 soldiers headed toward the southern region of Zenit in two groups. In this Chaos Era, any military movements could potentially determine the fate of the entire empire. Since the war was resumed, that intense atmosphere hovered above the head of every citizen of Zenit.

That night, King Alexander of Chambord had the last meeting with King Constantine of Byzantine in the hotel that he stayed in.

“This technique, [Seven Injure Godly Fist], is based on [Seven Injure Fist] but more refined. I had spent some time to analyze [Seven Injure Fist] carefully, and I have refined it to improve its power. Now, it is a high-level Moon-Class Technique, and its top-limit is no longer Eight-Star. Also, [Seven Injure Fist]’s internal damage to the user is also eliminated. With your talent, you have the chance of mastering this technique and pushing it to the Full Moon Realm!” Fei said as he handed a booklet with golden strings on it to King Constantine of Byzantine.

“Thank you, Mr. Martial Saint!” Constantine was really excited, and he could barely contain himself.

[Seven Injure Fist] was the technique that brought him his fame, and it had helped him defeat many powerful enemies. It was the thing that made him.

However, [Seven Injure Fist] had limited power, and it could only be considered a top-tier Star-level technique. It was far from Moon-Class, and its limitation on the level made Constantine stuck at peak Eight-Star, and he couldn’t have more progressions.

Also, [Seven Injure Fist] would cause severe backlashes and injure its practitioner. Even though Fei taught Constantine a wood-elemental cultivation technique which excelled in healing and instructed the latter to use it with [Seven Injure Fist], the backlashes couldn’t be completely avoided. Otherwise, there wouldn’t be so many hidden internal injuries in Constantine’s body.

Now, the new [Seven Injure Godly Fist] completely changed the situation, and Constantine could advance further on the path of cultivation.

“Here is the [Green Ocean Revival Technique]; it is a wood-elemental Full Moon Technique. Also, here is a godly herb, Dragon Transformation Grass, that can help you advance your physique and improve your potential. With your current talent, you might be able to break into Moon-Class within half a year. Now that you are one of the most influential figures in the southern region of Zenit, you have to increase your strength on top of the military power of Byzantine!” As Fei said that, he took out another booklet and a godly herb from his storage space.

“Mr. Martial Saint, this... I... I... I don’t feel worthy of all these treasures!” Constantine said. Although the things that Fei mentioned were enough to attract almost everyone’s attention, and many warriors would go crazy and be willing to kill each other for them, Constantine wasn’t a greedy person. He was very thankful toward Fei, but he was feeling unease. After all, he owed a lot to the King of Chambord.

Fei said with a serious expression, “Take them; don’t be so hesitant and unsure. I’m just doing this for the overall benefit of the Empire.”

After Constantine expressed his attitude repeatedly, he took these precious items carefully.

“Um, it is better for you to take this Dragon Transformation Grass right now. I will give you a hand.”

Fei thought about it and decided to help Constantine as much as he could while he was here. After all, the godly herb would create a strong nature phenomenon after being consumed, and it would attract a lot of attention. Besides, it would be hard to digest the godly herb in a short time, and its effect wouldn’t kick in really quick. Therefore, before Fei left the Byzantine Kingdom, he could use his insane Sun-Class power to help Constantine absorb as much essence of the godly herb as possible. Otherwise, the essence of the Dragon Transformation Grass might be lost since Constantine was only a Star-level Warrior, and the strong effect of the godly herb might cause a backlash and harm him. If that happened, it wouldn’t be worth it.

This process took about one hour.

Chapter 761: Troublesome Flies (Part Two)

After Constantine absorbed a portion of the essence of the godly herb, he instantly broke into Nine-Star. The godly herb did help with this process, but it was also due to Constantine's accumulation at Eight-Star and his talent. From now on, his path wouldn't have any obstacles before he advanced into Moon-Class.

After absorbing the essence from the Dragon Transformation Grass, Constantine bowed at Fei again. Since he saw that Fei was in a good mood, he paused for a second and asked with some hesitation, "Your Majesty, you stayed here for nine days. Are you really going to leave tomorrow, just like how it was planned?"

"Eh." Fei nodded.

"Then... then... Right now, there are a lot of nobles and officials who want to see you. They all admire your power, and they want to meet you in person. Therefore, I have arranged a party at the King's Palace tonight, and I hope that..."

"Hahaha!" Fei thought back to the intelligence report that he got from the branch of the [Letter Office] in the Byzantine Kingdom and knew Constantine's troubled situation.

Although Constantine was hesitating, his goal was simple, so Fei didn't reject it. He smiled and replied, "Ok, I will go with you tonight and meet these nobles. That way, I can get rid of these flies for you!"

Constantine was overjoyed after hearing what Fei said.

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-The Capital City of Byzantine-

As the night fell, the city was lit up by lights.

Although this city wasn't as advanced as Chambord City in terms of its magic systems, it had its own unique style and appearance. The Byzantine Kingdom was on the coastline, and it rained quite frequently. In order to get rid of the rainwater, many of the buildings had pointy roofs and looked

like towers. It was quite different from the cubic-styled buildings at Chambord, so it was a beautiful and new scenery for the Chambordians.

Fei's arrival at the King's Palace was sensational.

All the influential figures and noblemen who were here at the party were surprised and thrilled.

Most of these people were noblemen who were commanders in the legions of the military that lost to enemies or high-level officials in the cities that were conquered. They were inside the territories which were controlled by the enemies, and they had been trying to hide from the searches of the enemies for days. They wanted to return to St. Petersburg, but they couldn't pass through the defense-line of the enemies at the Red Leaf Province. When they heard that the Imperial Martial Saint appeared in the Byzantine Empire, they quickly came over and sought his protection while looking for new opportunities.

Thunderous applause sounded for a long time, and the party only went back to normal when Fei got seated.

This great hall in the King's Palace looked luxurious, and the lights that were reflecting from the pieces of jewelry were blinding. Delicious food and aromatic wines were everywhere, and the noblemen and noble ladies who were in fancy clothes were chatting with each other and smiling, having a great time.

After a while, a few nobles who had the highest status gathered together and walked toward Fei with flattering smiles on their faces.

"Hahaha! Constantine, it looks like you are something else! You are able to get Mr. Martial Saint to come here easily! Haha!" A fat, mid-aged man who was in his forties and wearing a fancy robe walked over and patted Constantine's shoulder. He should be the person with the highest status, and it sounded like he was praising a skilled subordinate. With the arrogant expression on his face, it looked like he was the owner of this great palace.

Even though anger flashed on Constantine's face, he forced out a smile and said, "Castellan Sherwood, you are flattering me."

Then, he looked at the other nobles and said in a neutral tone, "Let me introduce you to Mr. Martial Saint..."

“No need. You don’t need to be here; you can go and do other stuff. Let me introduce everyone to Mr. Martial Saint!” This fatty noble named Sherwood waved his hand boldly and didn’t respect Constantine at all.

Chapter 762: Whitewashing (Part One)

Fei observed this fatty who was dressed in fancy clothing and asked Constantine without showing much emotion, “This gentleman named Sherwood is...”

“Ah, allow me to introduce him. Mr. Sherwood is a prestigious level 1 noble of the Empire, and he is the highest-leveled military commander in the Green Wind Province and the castellan of Green Wind City.” Before Constantine got the chance to respond, another young nobleman who had a flattering smile on his face quickly answered in advanced while waving his hand at Constantine, telling the latter to go away fast.

“Oh.” Fei nodded as if he suddenly realized this fatty’s prestigious identity. He said, “Oh, so you are the castellan of Green Wind City. I heard that when the enemies invaded the empire, there were about 50,000 elite soldiers inside Green Wind City which had been managed and strengthened by the Empire for many years. The city could at least hold the enemies for half a day and buy precious time so that the Empire could be warned, but someone ordered the troops to ditch the city and more than 200,000 civilians who lived there, only escaping with more than a thousand nobles and high-level officials. This foolish decision allowed the enemies to take control of Green Wind City with ease, kill tens of thousands of citizens of Zenit, and made the 50,000 elite soldiers not have the proper set up to fight. I also heard that they were surrounded by Leonians in the open, and only a few people escaped... eh, could it be that the person who made such a stupid call was Mr. Sherwood?”

The smile on Sherwood’s face instantly froze.

Everyone could hear the hostility and displeasure in the Imperial Martial Saint’s tone.

However, that young nobleman was a cunning character. He rolled his eyes, thought of something quickly, and explained with a smile, “Mr. Alexander, you have misunderstood Mr. Sherwood. He decided to leave the city with the troop because he wanted to retain the military force and get back to St. Petersburg to protect the Royal Family. Mr. Sherwood is just loyal and was thinking ahead. However, the enemies were way too fast, and they caught up before the troop could get back to St. Petersburg. Mr. Sherwood commanded the troop and battled with the enemies, and blood stained his clothes and armor. In the end, he couldn’t turn the situation around. Most of the soldiers were killed,

and Mr. Sherwood was injured in several places and fainted due to the loss of blood. He was saved by a few powerful masters in the military who were touched by his bravery, and they came to Byzantine to look for you with the desire to kill enemies and avenge for our fallen brothers and sisters!”

“Yeah! That was what truly happened!”

“Mr. Sherwood is really the model for the rest of the noblemen and officials of the Empire!”

“Yeah! Those people who created rumors to attack Mr. Sherwood deserve to die! Mr. Sherwood is brave and selfless! He is an important figure in the Empire!”

The other noblemen who were in fancy clothes and fat with double chins quickly raised their wine glasses which were filled with red wine and added to what that young nobleman said.

After hearing what had been said, the awkward expression disappeared, and the smile re-appeared on Sherwood’s face

Only King Constantine of Byzantine cursed in his mind, “These b*stards! They are just trying to whitewash themselves! In the Green Wind Province, even the sand grains know that this Coward Sherwood ditched the city after hearing that enemies were coming, and he handed Green Wind City away and indirectly murdered the 50,000 elite soldiers! He is the guiltiest person! How dare he try to flip this whole thing around and try to claim credit? This is unforgivable!”

Constantine wanted to rip this lie apart.

However, on the second thought, Sherwood’s status and official power were much higher than his, and his kingdom technically still had to listen to Sherwood’s orders. If he were abrupt and spilled everything, he might be troubled a lot in the future. Therefore, he decided to hold back his words for now and explain everything to the Imperial Martial Saint later in private. He just hoped that Fei wouldn’t be fooled by these cunning and shameless people.

After Fei listened to the words said by the nobles around him, he didn’t express anything. Instead, he stared at that young nobleman who was quick on his feet.

Chapter 762: Whitewashing (Part Two)

Just when that young nobleman was about to collapse mentally under Fei's pressure, the king asked slowly, "Then... who are you?"

This young nobleman was nervous; he didn't know if he were in luck, or bad fortune was about to fall on him. He quickly bowed with a flattering smile on his face and replied, "Sir, I'm Ryan, a member of the Knight Family."

"Oh, Ryan Knight."

Fei nodded and thought, "The Knight Family is a mid-tier noble family that is more powerful than its peers, and they have a faint royal bloodline. This young man should be a descendant of the core members, and he was probably sent to Green Wind Province to fill a high-power position."

Then, Fei smiled and said, "You sure are a good talker. Since you know a lot, then you can introduce all the noblemen who are here tonight to me. It is my first time being in the southern region of the Empire, and I'm not familiar with a lot of things!"

After hearing what Fei said, this young nobleman who was nervous calmed down and felt elated.

The other noblemen also looked at him in jealousy and envy.

"From the tone of Mr. Martial Saint, it seems like he is pleased with Ryan Knight's performance. This kid of the Knight Family is a sweet talker but a vicious character, great at flattering people and observing the situation. This time, he got praised by the Imperial Martial Saint, and it seems like he can be promoted. If Mr. Martial Saint takes him in as a disciple, then his entire family would be elevated! It seems like his future is now limitless!" the noblemen thought to themselves.

Ryan Knight was in high spirits and wanted to show off in front of Fei. Therefore, he quickly started to introduce the people at the party to Fei. It was clear that this young man was observant; he knew the detailed histories of everyone here. As he walked around with Fei and introduced them, he secretly told the king everything about these noblemen, including their family backgrounds, which prince they were supporting, and other details.

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“This is General Vincent; he is the former legion commander of the legion inside Green Wind City...”

“This is Mr. Jonson; he is the official who is in charge of military supplies...”

“This is Mr. Goulet; he is Mr. Sherwood’s butler...”

“This is Mr. Berezov; he is a level 3 noble and the official who is in charge of taxes in Green Wind City...”

With Ryan Knight doing the introductions, Fei memorized these people’s looks, matching them with the names that he got from the intelligence report from the [Letter Office]. The king didn’t say much and only took a quick tour around the hall.

Then, he quickly returned to where he was before. There were a few noble ladies who had mature bodies and were wearing alluring dresses, and they invited Fei to dance with them. However, the king turned them down without hesitation.

After Fei returned to his seat and was thinking about how he should deal with the situation, a series of flattering laughter sounded. Then, people such as Sherwood and Jonson walked to him with wine glasses.

“You have something to tell me?” Fei asked with a faint smile on his face as he saw the hesitating expression on their faces. Then, he leaned on the chair and swirled the wine in his wine glass.

Perhaps Fei’s smile sent the wrong signal, Fatty Sherwood relaxed. He acted like he was really hesitant about something and said with a disappointed and sad expression, “Mr. Martial Saint, as the leader of a defeated troop, I shouldn’t be saying these things to you. However, for the benefit of the Empire and the final victory of this war, I couldn’t contain it anymore, even if I might anger you. Today, I have to mention to you the crazy things that King Constantine of Byzantine has been doing!”

Chapter 763: Vicious Intent (Part One)

“Oh?” Fei didn’t express his opinion at all. After drinking the red wine in his wine glass with a smile on his face, he paused for a second before gesturing at the stone chairs beside him, telling these noblemen to sit down.

This action passed the wrong signal to these noblemen again.

Sherwood was too excited, and his last bit of hesitation disappeared.

With a flattering smile on his face, he quickly beckoned at others and told them to sit down. Then, he couldn't hold back any longer and started to complain as an honest expression appeared on his face, "Mr. Martial Saint, I know that you like the King of Byzantine and want the best for him, even teaching him cultivation techniques and combat techniques. Sir, you are thinking for the Empire and want to create more talents for Zenit, but that despicable King of Byzantine let you down. Although he is young, he is calculative and up to no good. I don't need to say much; I only need to bring one thing to your attention. Sir, just think about it. The Ten-Empire United Troops invaded Zenit, and the entire southern region of the Empire fell into their hands. However, why was this Byzantine Kingdom able to last two days under the siege of enemies before being conquered? Also, I heard that the enemies didn't take the treasures and wealth of the Byzantine Kingdom. How is this possible?"

Fei looked up at Sherwood casually and said, "Is it because the military of Byzantine is strong, and its soldiers and citizens are united? Is that why they were able to block the enemies for so long?"

Sherwood sighed as he shook his head, saying "In the beginning, I thought that way as well, including everyone here. However, we accidentally discovered that this b*stard had already betrayed the Empire and surrendered to the Leonians. That was why this Byzantine Kingdom got special treatment, and it lasted a lot longer. After all, the two level 1 affiliated kingdoms in the southern region of Zenit only lasted a few hours before being conquered..."

After Fei heard Sherwood's explanation and saw the latter's sincere stare, he nodded and swirled the wine in the glass; he didn't say anything directly or give his opinion.

Ryan Knight was quick. See that Fei's wine glass was emptying, he quickly refilled it for Fei.

Sherwood gritted his teeth and decided to add more fuel to the fire after seeing that Fei wasn't convinced. He continued, "In the last few days, we have been monitoring Constantine in secret, and we got more evidence that proves his crimes. Now, many citizens and defeated soldiers of Zenit have gathered in the Byzantine Kingdom due to your influence and power, but this Constantine doesn't respect you at all. He is of low status, but he is living in this King's Palace and placed you, the Imperial Martial Saint who has done so much for the empire, inside a little hotel..."

It was clear that Sherwood tried to break the bond between Fei and Constantine, and it was a despicable move.

Fei nodded but still didn't say anything.

However, Sherwood was pleased. Since Fei nodded, he felt like the Imperial Martial Saint agreed with him.

In high spirits, he continued while talking animatedly, "That is only one offense. In addition, Constantine is using your fame to recruit soldiers and build troops. During that battle at Storm Point Bay, it was your timely appearance that saved the situation, and you were the one who defeated the fleet of Leon, capturing many battleships, resources, and war slaves. However, Constantine kept all these things to himself, and he forced those people, who came here for you, into his military. Also, he didn't kill a single captive of Leon, and the head commander of Leon whom you captured is being well-fed every day, and he wasn't even sent to St. Petersburg for the Royal Family of Zenit to deal with. I heard that the citizens and soldiers of Byzantine asked Constantine to kill this butcher many times. After all, this butcher's hands are stained by the blood of our people. However, Constantine refused every time..."

Chapter 763: Vicious Intent (Part Two)

As Sherwood said that, he looked at his peers who were sitting beside him.

Those people instantly understood what Sherwood meant, and they chimed in.

Berezov who was in charge of taxes said, "Yeah! Yeah! Mr. Sherwood is right! This Constantine is young, but he is very vicious. He is like a tumor in the southern region of Zenit, and he is going to destroy the Empire one day. He is going to stain your honor and glory as the supreme Imperial Martial Saint!"

Johnson who was in charge of military supplies said, "Right now, he is trying to centralize power, completely ignoring the military laws and orders of Zenit! He is way too reckless!"

General Vincent who led the former Green Wind Legion added, "That is right. According to the laws of the Empire, only Mr. Sherwood has the privilege of constructing armies and dealing with the captives. Mr. Sherwood should be the highest-level commander in the Green Wind Province, but this King of Byzantine dares to go around Mr. Sherwood and is overreaching, trying to control everything he can. He is up to no good!"

Butler Goulet sneered, “It is because this is the only way that he could hide the evidence of him surrendering to the Leon Empire and betraying the Zenit Empire. He can keep his throne in the meantime this way, and he can get more money from the Leonians in the future!”

Fei listened to everyone’s opinion in silence and didn’t say anything.

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After everyone expressed their opinions, Fei chugged the wine in his wine glass slowly, looked at Sherwood with a strange smile, and asked, “Then, what is your plan? What are you guys thinking about? You guys are of high status, and you must have great strategies.”

Sherwood had been waiting for Fei to say that.

As soon as he heard Fei’s question, he declared in a righteous tone, “Right now, the Byzantine Kingdom has built an elite ground force and a navy, and its military power is strong. In a short time, there will be no issues with food supplies as well. In my opinion, you should instantly order the execution of Constantine who had already betrayed the Empire and wipe out the entire Royal Family of Byzantine to get rid of all possible spies; that would send a strong signal to those who have ill intentions. Then, you should gather all the power and create a more clear and effective structure, elect a capable and honorable noble, and name him the head commander of the military here. This is the only way that the current soldiers can be utilized to their full potential, and the millions of citizens in the Green Wind Province can be protected!”

“Kill Constantine, centralize the forces, and elect a commander?” Fei asked with a smile on his face.

“Yeah, that is the best way for now,” Sherwood replied and nodded.

“Yeah, right now, the military of Byzantine is the only force that can fight against the enemies in the southern region. This force shouldn’t be controlled by people who are of low status. In my opinion, Mr. Sherwood is brave and heroic, he had fought many battles, and he is a level 1 noble. He is the perfect candidate for the new head commander position!” Berezov suggested.

“Nice! This is a great proposal! I was thinking about the same thing!”

“Yeah, it is a misfortune that a despicable person like Constantine is in power! If Mr. Sherwood is willing to do extra work and save the situation, Zenit would be blessed. Mr. Sherwood, I hope that you won’t push off this responsibility!”

“Mr. Sherwood has been doing a lot of work for the Royal Family and the Empire, and I saw it with my own eyes. I’m really moved, and I also agree with Mr. Sherwood becoming the new head commander!”

The other noblemen all chimed in and praised Sherwood with righteous expressions, looking like they were all thinking for the Empire and worrying for the people.

Fei sighed in his mind, “This bunch of people are shameless!”

Chapter 764: Sir, Please Spare Me! (Part One)

Due to these people’s selfishness, incompetence, and foolishness, the Green Wind Province which had a heavy military focus was instantly conquered by the enemies, leaving thousands of square kilometers of land and millions of Zenitians to the hands of the invaders. However, these people who caused all this were in here enjoying themselves. They were wearing fancy clothes, eating great food, and drinking top-tier wine.

What was more infuriating was that these bad bugs weren’t ashamed of what they did at all. Even if they kept quiet and didn’t do anything, keep on being useless, it would still be better than this. Instead, they kept on stepping over the line.

As soon as they got the chance to breathe, they started to try to play with fire, whitewash themselves, fight for power, kill their political enemies, and frame loyal citizens. They were despicable and deserved to be killed for their behaviors! They were the guiltiest people in the Empire! They were unforgivable!

Fei almost couldn’t hold back his anger and turned these fat and arrogant noblemen in front of him into pieces. However, he refrained himself from doing so. After thinking for a bit, he beckoned at Torres who was standing behind him. Without hesitation and trying to hide, he said slowly, “Pass my order and ask Constantine to gather the troops quickly. Also, call over the wealthy families, nobles, influential people, and citizens to the military training ground in the city. As the Imperial Martial Saint, I’m going to announce the new rules and policies.”

Torres nodded and left, not asking any questions.

“Mr. Sherwood is right, everything needs to be centralized, and the power structure needs to be clearer,” Fei said with a smile on his face and glanced at the thrilled noblemen around him. “I think the party tonight can end here. Gentlemen, you have been doing a lot of work. Go prepare and head to the military training ground; there are more important things to do later!”

Everyone was happy. After they praised Fei’s clever decision, the noblemen left the party in a great mood.

However, Ryan Knight who was observant and smart didn’t leave right away. Instead, he stood by Fei’s side in silence, and he shivered a little uncontrollably. Not sure when, but big sweat drops already appeared all over his head. With a strange expression on his face, he didn’t dare to speak nor move.

“Huh? Why aren’t you preparing for the event?” Fei stood up and asked without even looking back.

“Sir, please spare me!” Ryan Knight instantly kneeled and kowtowed; his face was as pale as a ghost.

“Huh? What are you talking about? When did I say that I’m going to kill you?” Fei turned around and asked again while observing this young nobleman with interest.

Ryan Knight was so scared right now that he didn’t dare to look up nor explain anything. He just kept on kowtowing.

He was smart and good at observing situations. He was different from noblemen like Sherwood who had stayed at high positions in the Green Wind Province and thus had already lost this basic survival instinct. Since they were like the rulers of the Province, their words were treated as commands, and they didn’t have to be observant at all anymore.

What was most important was that he knew Fei’s background.

As a young man, it was normal for him to admire mighty warriors. Ryan Knight dreamed of becoming a powerful master, so he treated Fei as his idol. Therefore, he knew a lot of things about this new Imperial Martial Saint, including Fei’s personality.

He knew that this young king hated corrupted noblemen who were good for nothing. When the king got angry, he killed many high-level noblemen at Dual-Flags City, and even Crown Prince Arshavin got stirred up and couldn't do anything about this king. Therefore, all the old rules were meant to be broken by this young Imperial Martial Saint.

This time, noblemen like Sherwood lost their awareness and tried to fool the Imperial Martial Saint who was young. They decided to use their old methods of deceiving the other officials of Zenit, but they were playing with fire and stepping over the line.

Chapter 764: Sir, Please Spare Me! (Part Two)

Seeing Ryan Knight like this, Fei wasn't in a hurry to leave. He got back into his seat and asked with a strange smile on his face, "Ok, since you are smart and want me to spare you, then tell me if what they told me is the truth."

Hearing this, Ryan Knight quickly crawled up and replied respectfully, "That was all shameless slander. People like Sherwood are trying to get control of the military of the Byzantine Kingdom. They can only protect themselves in the southern region if they have soldiers around them. Then, they could use other methods to try to get the Royal Family to pardon them for their mistakes. Since Sherwood doesn't have any masters around him, and he isn't sure of your intention, he had been trying to conspire..."

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"Hahaha! I didn't expect this to be so easy! It went so smooth!" Sherwood felt very confident and reassured after he left the party and went back.

Berezov, the tax officer, laughed proudly, "The entire Empire is praising this great Imperial Martial Saint. We finally met him today, and it cleared a lot of things. No wonder; he is only a little kid who is younger than 20 years old, and he is a bumpkin. He probably used all his time on martial arts and is like an idiot in terms of other stuff. Even though he is famous, he got easily fooled by us and is being used, haha!"

General Vincent, the commander of former Green Wind Legion, shook his head and smiled. "After all, he is only a warrior. What can he do? If our plan goes smooth, he will be played by us like a toddler!"

As they chatted, they laughed and felt proud.

These people were useless noblemen who were used to playing with power and conspiring against loyal and capable people. Otherwise, they wouldn't have made those dumb decisions, handing away Green Wind City that was well protected and indirectly killing more than 40,000 elite soldiers.

Right now, they still hadn't discovered their dangerous situation. With proud smiles, they went back to their temporary residences, put on their newest suits, and headed toward the military training ground under the protection of their guards.

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When Fei arrived at the military training ground, there were already a ton of people there. As campfires burned, they created numerous shadows of the people here. People were everywhere, and they stood on their tip-toes, trying to get a glance at the legendary Imperial Martial Saint.

After these few days of hard work, Constantine had recruited many soldiers. Including the former soldiers of Byzantine and the new soldiers, there were more than 20,000 of them. If the militia that was created under Fei's recommendation was included as well, they could almost form a complete legion with 40,000 people.

When a military commander announced that the Imperial Martial Saint arrived, thunderous cheers instantly exploded. People started to jump up and clap, and the atmosphere in the military training ground was heated like an erupting volcano. The unstoppable passion filled the air, and it was almost turning this city upside-down.

This was the prestige of the Imperial Martial Saint!

This was the influence of the only spiritual pillar of the Empire!

As Fei walked past the people slowly with a smile on his face, he was showered in the cheers. He looked like a god who was traveling in the mortal world, but he was more intimate and real compared with gods. To many citizens of Zenit, the gods didn't respond to their prayers, but the appearance of King Alexander of Chambord changed their tragic fate.

In their minds, Fei was already a god!

Ryan Knight walked behind Fei closely. Even though he still looked frightened, he was much more relaxed compared to before.

Right now, the noblemen like Sherwood who had just disrespected Fei behind his back not too long ago were stunned by this scene, and their faces turned pale as they got a little scared.

When Fei got onto the stage, he didn't say anything. Instead, he handed a silver crystal to King Constantine of Byzantine who had been waiting.

It was a divvy crystal.

Soon, a mage injected some magic energy into it, and lights shot out of the crystal and created a giant screen in the nightly sky. The videos and voices recorded in the crystal were clearly replayed in front of hundreds of thousands of soldiers and citizens.

Instantly, noblemen like Sherwood who were in front of the crowd and wearing fancy clothes turned ashen-faced, and they shivered uncontrollably.

Chapter 765: Save The Energy (Part One)

The main characters in the video that was being played in the sky were noblemen such as Sherwood and his people.

“... I couldn't contain it anymore. Even if I might anger you, I have to mention to you the crazy things that King Constantine of Byzantine has been doing...”

“... why was this Byzantine Kingdom able to last two days under the siege of enemies before being conquered? This b*stard had already betrayed the Empire and surrendered to the Leonians...”

“... However, Constantine kept all those things to himself, and he forced those people, who came here for you, into his military...”

“... Constantine refused to send the head commander of the navy of Leon to St. Petersburg; he is refusing the execution of a man whose hands are stained by the blood of our people. This is a solid proof that he betrayed the Empire and wants to save this high-level Leonian...”

“... I recommend centralizing power and kill Constantine...”

“... Mr. Sherwood is brave and heroic. He had fought many battles, and he is a level 1 noble. He is the perfect candidate for the new head commander position...”

The quality of the video was great, and the sounds weren't muffled at all. The divvy crystal recorded the conversation between Fei and these noblemen and was replaying it at the moment.

In the beginning, the crowd was quiet. However, unstoppable discussions and chatters sounded in the area. The small chatters grew into loud shouts, and some people started to curse, yell, and accuse the noblemen of lying. The regular people in the military training ground couldn't help but shout in anger.

The entire military training ground was filled with noises, and the people were confused.

They looked at King Constantine who was standing in the very front of the entire military training ground and the noblemen such as Sherwood and Johnson, wanting to find clues on their faces. The young king looked calm, not showing any panicky nor angry expressions. Even though the noblemen felt like something was wrong, they still acted calm and confident on the surface.

The soldiers and commanders of Byzantine were already pointing at the people such as Sherwood and accused them of wrongdoing.

These despicable noblemen were more vicious than undead creatures! Nine days ago, they looked so pitiful when they came to Byzantine, and they begged for protection. However, only a few days passed, and they went back to their former selves. They were no different from wolves that had no virtue. As soon as they got comfortable, they started to frame King Constantine behind his back and slandered him in front of the Imperial Martial Saint.

In the crowd, a lot of other noblemen were influential figures in the Green Wind Province before the war, and they also wanted to use this opportunity to mess up the situation and profit from it. In addition, there were little noblemen in the Byzantine Empire who were bribed by Sherwood and his peers, and they stood on the side of Sherwood and questioned and cursed at Constantine with emotional expressions.

The situation was quite chaotic.

Fei stood on the stage quietly and just watched as the mess continued to grow.

After about ten minutes, all the video recorded in the divvy crystal was played. That magic energy screen which was in the sky turned into a dash of silver energy and went back into the crystal.

The mage who was injecting magic energy into this divvy crystal was a Three-Star Mage who recently joined the military of Byzantine, and he was terrified.

When he first received the mission of playing the video in the divvy crystal, he thought that he got an opportunity to showcase his strength, and he didn't anticipate the shocking content inside of it.

If he knew about this beforehand, he couldn't dare to play it in front of hundreds of thousands of people.

There were only angry shouts in the beginning, but the people on the two sides almost started fighting.

It was clear that some soldiers and commanders in the newly-formed troops were bought by Sherwood and his peers in secret. Under their instigation, the military which was neutral started to get anxious.

The situation was chaotic and disorderly.

Sherwood and the other noblemen who were nervous felt a lot more confident.

This scene was what they wanted to see. They could only obtain benefit and be the winners if the water were dirty. Even though King Constantine of Byzantine was righteous and just in the eyes of his people, this king was only a little kid in these noblemen's eyes.

Chapter 765: Save The Energy (Part Two)

“Perhaps he is talented at managing his kingdom and commanding troops, but he is far less experienced in creating conspiracies and traps!” they thought.

Sherwood and other noblemen spent a lot of money and made many promises in these few days, and it seemed like the people who were bribed by them were helping them out at the moment.

“Also, it seems like the Imperial Martial Saint is on our side as well! It is clear that what we told him affected his judgment! As long as the King of Chambord opens his mouth, it would be the last straw that breaks Constantine’s back!” the noblemen thought, “Everything is going according to plan, and everything is good...”

The confrontation got more out of control.

Weapons were drawn, and cold lights were reflected off their edges. The two sides were about to battle.

At this moment, Fei broke his long silence and said, “That is enough! Stop arguing!”

Although Fei wasn’t loud, his voice had a unique power. Everyone in the area heard him clearly, and all the shouts and curses disappeared. The tension between the two groups was gone, and in its place was another form of pressure that came from the Imperial Martial Saint.

Everyone wanted to know what the verdict from the Imperial Martial Saint was!

A winning smile already appeared on Sherwood’s face; he felt like he already knew what the King of Chambord was going to say.

Fei finally spoke, but what he said was completely opposite to the words that Sherwood was hoping for.

“Noblemen including Sherwood, Goulet, Johnson, and Berezov are vicious. They destroyed the Green Wind Province and indirectly killed the hundreds of thousands of citizens in Green Wind City for their own selfish interests. Also, they conspired against Constantine who has done much for Zenit. They are unforgivable bugs, and they shall be stripped of their status and arrested. According to the laws of Zenit, they shall be hung right now!”

As soon as he finished, several bylaw enforcement officers of Chambord who were prepared separated the crowd and walked over domineeringly, arresting Sherwood and his peers.

“No...” Sherwood wasn’t able to react in time. With a blank mind, he couldn’t believe what he heard and thought that he heard it wrong. The tight ropes caused the pain in his wrists, and it made him struggle and shout, “This is nonsense! I’m someone who worked hard for the Empire, and Constantine is the person who betrayed Zenit! I don’t agree with this! You are framing me! I’m going to sue you and report this to the Royal Family! I don’t agree... I don’t agree!!”

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“Doesn’t matter if you agree or not; you are dying anyway. Why be so emotional? Save the energy!” Fei waved his hand and told the noisy crowd to be quiet for a moment.

“You.... Sir... Constantine did so many things that are against the laws! He constructed armies... he... he didn’t kill the Leonian captives, he didn’t kill King Buckingham of Leon... Although you are the Imperial Martial Saint, you can’t overprotect a criminal like him! I don’t agree with this!” Sherwood shouted.

“Yeah! Mr. Sherwood is right! Mr. Martial Saint, you can’t be fooled by this despicable little king!”

“We know that you like Constantine, but he is a criminal...”

“We don’t agree! We are not guilty; Constantine is the guilty one! Looks at what the Byzantines have done...”

Some of the noblemen such as the former tax officer and the former military supplies officer were standing with Sherwood before. Since the situation wasn’t in their favor, and it was too late for them to jump ships, they had to take this head-on and try to use the excuse of the honor of Zenit to stop others from executing the Imperial Martial Saint’s commands.

Their roars were somewhat effective.

The citizens of Zenit who arrived in Byzantine recently and didn’t know what had happened started to chatter and make noises.

Fei laughed out loud, and his laughter sounded like thunder and resonated in the dark sky, overpowering all other noises. After he finished, it was quiet since no one dared to challenge his prestige.

As a serious expression appeared on Fei's face, he said slowly, "Alright, I will make sure that you shameless bugs admit guilt. I will let you know that whatever Constantine did in the past few days are my orders. Are you questioning my judgment?"

After saying that, Fei waved his hand lightly, and a few men in soldier uniforms walked close to the stage under the lead of [Son of Wind] Torres.

Seeing them, Sherwood suddenly started to shiver, and his face turned pale.

Chapter 766: Determination to Kill (Part One)

"Aren't you guys dead?... How are you still alive?" Sherwood was stunned; he felt like he saw undead creatures.

"Of course you want the people who saw your despicable actions dead. You even tried to kill us by using the hands of Leonians. However, the gods are on our side! It is unfortunate for you that the gods don't want the crimes which you guys committed to be buried. Therefore, the gods saved us, and we are alive! Now, with the Imperial Martial Saint being the judge, I want to seek justice for the brothers who were killed by you!"

Among these men, one of them who was more than two meters tall said with might as flames of anger burned in his eyes.

There was a terrifying scar on his face that had just healed recently. From it, people could tell that his face was almost split into two halves by that strike. The most fatal injury appeared beside his Adam's apple. If that strike moved up by an inch, his throat would have been severed.

Beside him, his peers had injuries all over their bodies, and most of these injuries hadn't healed. One of them even lost a leg and half an arm, and he was walking forward with the help of crutches.

These people were wearing the soldier uniform of Zenit, and they all had intense death energy around them as if they just crawled out of a pile of corpses.

They were low-level commanders in the Green Wind Legion, and they were guarding Green Wind City before the war. As witnesses, they saw how the Green Wind Province and Green Wind City fell into the hands of the enemies within an hour, and they watched how the spineless noblemen ditched their obligations of protecting the citizens and indirectly killed tens of thousands of elite soldiers.

In order to escape, those noblemen even forced soldiers to kill Zenitians who didn't want them to flee, and their selfishness, foolishness, and viciousness made the soldiers of Zenit die under the blades of the Leonians one after another.

These soldiers who survived saw it all! Out of tens of thousands of soldiers, they were the only ones who survived by pretending to be dead after getting injured, and the members of the [Letter Office] discovered them and took them to the Capital of Byzantine to heal. If they weren't discovered, they would have died due to diseases and infections.

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Today, Fei invited them to come here to uncover the lies that these dirty noblemen had been telling. This was also an opportunity to avenge the civilians and soldiers of Zenit who had died in Green Wind City due to the incompetence of these noblemen.

Under the lead of Torres, these few soldiers walked onto the stage, revealed their identities, and told the version of the story which wasn't altered as they pointed out the incompetence and viciousness of these noblemen.

When these soldiers described how the noblemen ditched the civilians in Green Wind City and forced the tens of thousands of soldiers to protect them and flee before the enemies even got close, these soldiers who didn't even sob when they bled and got their limbs cut off teared up and cried out loud.

Nothing was more painful to them than seeing their peers die in such useless ways, and nothing was sadder than leaving the powerless civilians to the butcher knives of the enemies!

The words filled with sadness came out of these soldiers' mouths and clearly went to everyone's ears through the magic amplification devices on the stage. Everyone heard them, and their hearts were hammered by the information that was spilled.

All the crimes were committed by these noblemen who enjoyed all the privileges. They wore fancy clothes, ate delicacies, and collected benefits from all the citizens.

In the end, the crowd stared at Sherwood and his peers with anger. These noblemen were shameless, had no sense of honor, and deserved nothing! The atmosphere in the military training ground was intense.

These noblemen's inhumane actions angered the public to an extreme degree.

"Kill them! Hang them!"

Chapter 766: Determination to Kill (Part Two)

"I want to bite these b*stards to death! They are the criminals of the Empire! God! Do they still have morals?"

"God! How can there be people so vicious and so cruel in this world?"

"Kill them! Kill them all!"

As soon as those soldiers finished telling their stories, roars sounded in the area. The angry citizens of Zenit and soldiers of Byzantine squeezed forward, wanting to tear those guilty noblemen into pieces.

Those noblemen who looked down at civilians all the time realized that the people whom they viewed as dirty slaves were capable of such power! This was the first time that they discovered this, and it seemed like they wouldn't get to feel this way again.

The people who were cheering on Sherwood and the other noblemen felt desperate and sensed that their dooms were near. Some of them shut their mouths and hid into the crowd, some people rolled their eyes and joined the angry crowd, and some of them tried to sneak away ashen-faced.

However, none of them were able to get away.

Those people who tried to create chaos on purpose and accused Constantine and the Byzantine Kingdom were noticed by the bylaw enforcement officers of Chambord, and they were all pulled out. In the end, before the bylaw enforcement officers of Chambord could get close, the angry crowd identified those who were on the other side and kicked them out.

“Execute!” Fei ordered without mercy.

These spies and ill-intentioned people weren’t spared, and their heads rolled on the ground after the executioners of Byzantine raised their blades and chopped down.

Blood was spilled.

It wasn’t that Fei was too cruel.

Right now, the Empire was in a dangerous situation. As the only resistance in the southern region of Zenit, the Byzantine Kingdom was the only kingdom able to construct their army. However, many refugees and defeated soldiers had rushed into the Capital of Byzantine, and there were probably all kinds of ill-intentioned characters hiding among them. If Fei weren’t able to stun them and deter them from doing anything bad, perhaps the Byzantine Kingdom would fall into chaos and internal battles after he leaves for his journey.

Fei was already determined to clear all the obstacles in the way of the young king of Byzantine and help the latter establish the unchallengeable authority. Even if Fei had to kill a lot of ill-intentioned people this once, he was willing to do so.

Just as Sherwood and other noblemen said, this kingdom had to have a clear structure and centralize all the power. This resistance force in the southern region of Zenit could only survive under the attacks of the enemies only if one man was in charge.

In an instant, hundreds of heads rolled on the ground, and headless corpses were piled into mountains. Blood formed rivers, and the smell of blood permeated the air.

This wasn’t over.

Soon, thousands of people were captured by the bylaw enforcement officers of Chambord and the warriors of Byzantine, and they were escorted to the military training group.

These were all the targets that were confirmed by the [Letter Office]. There were enemy spies, ill-intentioned people who were bribed by Sherwood and his peers, bandits who killed innocent civilians, and criminals who had multiple convictions. None of them were pardoned, and they had had the same fate as the people who were executed earlier.

The headless corpses that had heated blood flowing out of them made a mountain, and the heads were piled into the peak!

It was an indescribable and stunning scene, and everyone sensed the Imperial Martial Saint's anger and determination.

From this, people also felt the overbearing presence of the Byzantines and their determination to fight the invaders and protect the civilians of the Empire!

Chapter 767: Sailing (Part One)

In the end, only about a dozen noblemen were still tied on the stage, including Sherwood and his peers.

After seeing this bloody and cruel scene, these big noblemen who only knew about fighting for power and creating conspiracies were terrified. Berezov and Goulet fainted due to fear, and General Vincent who was the former commander of the Green Wind Legion and should be brave defecated all over himself. It was hard to believe how such a timid and spineless character became the legion commander of the Green Wind Legion which guarded the important military city, Green Wind City!

Splash! After a few buckets of ice water were dumped onto their bodies, all the noblemen screamed on top of their lungs and woke up.

Some of them cried and begged for mercy, pushing the blames onto others.

Some of them were so terrified that they couldn't even get a word out.

Only their leader, Sherwood, was doing better. Like an ape that had a stick in its butt, Sherwood screamed, "No! You can't kill me! Even if you are the Imperial Martial Saint, you can't kill nobles who are canonized by the Royal Family of Zenit! You guys can judge me and put me on trial, but

only Emperor Yassin could issue the execution order for nobles... You are stepping over the line! King of Chambord! You are stepping over the line! You will be punished!”

According to the laws of Zenit, the Imperial Martial Saint didn't have the power to execute nobles of Zenit.

In fact, the Imperial Martial Saint didn't even have the authority to get involved with regional politics or the military. Only the Royal Family and Imperial Military Headquarters had that power, so noblemen like Sherwood should be sent to St. Petersburg to face trial. Although what Fei did tonight was just and made people feel thrilled, he was stepping over the line according to the laws, and he would be interrogated by the Royal Family and the Imperial Knight Palace!

This was Sherwood's last bet.

If he could survive today, there was a chance that he could escape from all of this. Even if all the evidence were against him, he could try to use his network to influence the verdict. While he might not be able to keep his noble title, he wouldn't be executed. After a few years, the effect of what he did in this war will have disappeared, and he might get the chance to come back into the power circle.

However, Fei responded to Sherwood's accusation.

“If I don't kill you, the soldiers couldn't protect the southern region of Zenit, the souls of the heroes who died for the Empire couldn't rest in peace, and the bugs like you couldn't be warned enough! Therefore, you have to die tonight!” Fei emphasized each word, and his murderous spirit wiped away all of Sherwood's hopes and made him desperate.

“Execute! If anyone disagrees with my decision today, they can come and find me!” Fei glanced at the angry civilians and soldiers who looked at him with expectation in their eyes, and he stated clearly as he issued the execution order.

The executioners of Byzantine pushed those noblemen onto the execution stand and raised their blades.

At this moment, King Constantine of Byzantine suddenly walked onto the execution stand, grabbed a knife from the hand of an executioner, and killed these noblemen who were either struggling, begging, or had fainted already; he decapitated them one by one!

Cheers sounded on the military training ground instantly.

This was something that the people wanted to see after hearing those horror stories.

“From now on, anyone who dares to cause trouble in the southern region, create internal conflicts, and fight for power in an ill manner will get the same treatment! Even if I’m not here, the same rule stands!”

Fei’s words resonated in the dark sky, as well as everyone’s mind.

Since the inception of the Zenit Empire, noblemen had never been killed like this. Out of the top three noble massacres, the incident at Dual-Flags City and this incident here were both on the list.

From this moment on, Fei also got another secret nickname in Zenit – [Noble Killer].

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Chapter 767: Sailing (Part Two)

-The second day-

The sky was blue, and no clouds could be seen; it looked like a giant blue crystal was inlaid in the sky.

Just seeing this sky alone was enough to make people feel calm and peaceful. The waves on the ocean were mild as the breeze blew by, and they reflected the sunlight.

Also, the breeze blew over the moist and salty taste of the sea, and it was something rare for the people who hadn’t traveled on the ocean before.

There was a mid-sized battleship of Leon traveling forward on the calm sea surface, and its black sails were raised.

About five hours ago in the morning, Fei and the students of Chambord's Civil and Military University got on this battleship of Leon which was captured after the battle, and they left the harbor of the Capital of Byzantine quietly.

The news about Fei's departure was confidential, and only a few people including King Constantine knew about it.

When it was noon, the battleship was already far into the sea. After glancing around, Fei discovered that he could only see the ocean, and no islands could be seen.

Right now, there were only a few giant birds that Fei didn't know the name of flying in the sky.

[King Alexander] left for Chambord last night. Right now, there were only a few people around Fei. Except for nine students, Torres, and Husky, all other bylaw enforcement officers and saint seiyas left on [King Alexander].

Fei picked a mid-sized Leonian battleship for this journey.

After this ship was quickly fixed, the king picked 40 strong sailors out of the captives of Leon to control the battleship, and he also took that young nobleman named Ryan Knight who survived last night's massacre and King Buckingham of Leon.

The ship still had the flags and symbols of Leon, and it moved toward the Leon Empire under the guide of Buckingham.

By noon, the ship had already left [Storm Point Bay].

[Sea of Fragrance] was an inland sea on the Azeroth Continent; it could be more accurately described as a lake. Most of the water was inside the Azeroth Continent with a few rivers leading to the sea outside the Continent. However, since its size was huge, was filled with salt water, and was rumored to be the home of the Sea Tribe, people got used to referring to it as a sea.

There were the unique seaweeds named Fragrant Seaweed in this body of water, and these seaweeds emitted a fragrant smell. After each winter, the seaweed would grow quickly due to warm weather, and the entire sea would smell nice. That was where this sea got its name.

If magic cruising array weren't activated, it would take about two months to get from the [Storm Point Bay] to the northern coastline of the Leon Empire. Of course, with the magic cruising array active, it would only take five to six days.

In the beginning, the king and the students loved the sceneries, and they stayed on the deck and enjoyed what they were seeing.

Some of the students even changed into the swimsuits that were designed by the king when he was bored, and they jumped into the ocean and swam with the fishes, having a lot of fun.

After looking at the ocean for a long time, Fei got a little bored.

In the afternoon, Fei went into the cabin alone.

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Diablo World, Hell Mode.

In a faraway land named [Lut Gholein], there was a place called Valley of the Snakes.

Chapter 768: Increase in Strength (Part One)

Under the hot Sun, Fei and Elena appeared on top of a half-broken god statue in the desert. This god statue was at least 100 meters tall, and no one knew when it was made. It looked ancient and was cracked, and two-thirds of its body was covered up by the yellow sand. Only a portion of its upper body was exposed, and only half of its face was still intact.

Fei created a simple shed to block out the sunshine and looked ahead. In his vision, there was a magnificent and gigantic stone gate.

It was made from brown rocks, and this gate was half-inlaid into this cliff wall. All kinds of non-human statues were situated around the gate, and various ancient images and mystic symbols were engraved onto the cliff wall.

Looking from afar, it seemed like this giant gate was the mouth of a massive beast, and it devoured the heated sunlight; only darkness could be seen inside of it.

This place was the destination of Fei's current trip, [Claw Viper Temple].

In the last while, Fei had completed all the quests in the first map, [Rogue Encampment], and he ventured into the second map, [Lut Gholein], which was like the pearl in the desert.

He had killed the monster named Radament and completed the first quest, [Radament's Lair].

Right now, only one last step was required to finish the second quest, [The Horadric Staff].

Today, Fei was planning to enter the [Claw Viper Temple] and kill the boss, Fangskin, in order to get the Horadric Amulet. Along with the other components that Fei already obtained, it could be made into the complete Horadric Staff. Also, the third quest, [The Tainted Sun], would be completed with the death of Fangskin and the destruction of the altar that this monster was guarding, and Fei would be able to go directly to the fourth quest.

After killing the monsters that charged at them from the valley, Fei and Elena quickly approached the stone gate.

Fei had to admit that after the elevation in difficulties, Hell Mode was a lot more terrifying than other modes.

While he walked in the wilderness, any random monster that Fei encountered was on the level of Sun-Class. Since Fei couldn't use his Sun Anomaly in Diablo World, he could only battle the monsters head-on.

In addition, it wasn't just the increase in strength for these monsters.

Fei discovered that in Hell Mode, the entire Diablo World became a real living hell. All the monsters, including the lowest-leveled ones, had impressive combat intelligence. They could identify the power level of their enemies, and they knew how to escape, battle in groups, control the tempo, and even lure their enemies into the traps.

Fei felt like these monsters had their own souls and intelligence, becoming very dangerous and scary.

This was why Fei's progression and level-up speed decreased by a lot since he entered Diablo World in Hell Mode.

He had to spend close to a month and a half on passing [Rogue Encampment], and the first two quests in [Lut Gholein] took Fei close to 20 days.

During the process of slaying monsters, Fei started to sense the huge pressure which wasn't there before. Especially when he faced bosses like Andariel, he no longer had the advantage of intelligence and combat instinct which existed in Normal Mode and Nightmare Mode.

This time, Fei consumed many potions and battled for more than a dozen hours. He was barely able to kill Andariel who already had intelligence. By the time that he won the battle, he was severely injured and almost got the chance to experience death in Diablo World for the first time.

Chapter 768: Increase in Strength (Part Two)

What disappointed Fei was that even though he killed many monsters and leveled up, he didn't find the other components of the [Immortal King] item set. It seemed like his luck was all used up.

In Hell Mode, dangers were everywhere. If Fei weren't careful, he might die for real. After all, the painful sensations that he felt when he was injured was no joke.

Since Fei wasn't sure if he could be revived just like the game in his previous life, he had to pay a lot of attention and treat each quest seriously.

The [Claw Viper Temple] was known for the potential dangers in the second map, so Fei only came here with Valkyrie Elena after getting well prepared.

"According to Cain's theory, the temple is divided into two levels. The first level is easier to pass, but the second level is filled with danger. Once we go in, don't rush around, alright? Even if we must spend more time on it, that is fine. Safety first, ok?" Fei reminded his Valkyrie wife as he summoned his armor. Then, he stepped into the stone gate and walked into the darkness.

After the wedding, the king realized that he started to become naggy. Of course, one reason was that the Valkyrie somehow became more direct and fearless recently while she and Fei completed quests. When facing monsters, she never backed off and battled until the very last moment. Her new direct battle style did increase their speed, but it also made her sustain more injuries. Therefore, whenever Elena battled, Fei felt like he was more nervous, and his heart would race.

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The [Claw Viper Temple] was a terrifying place; it didn't get its name from nowhere.

Fei and Elena spent more than four hours on clearing the first level. When they discovered the pathway to the second level, all the potions that they had on them were depleted, and they had to pause their progress and go back to [Lut Gholein] using the [Town Portal Scroll] to replenish their supplies.

After they returned to the [Claw Viper Temple] and got to the second level, they had to spend more than four hours again.

Just before the daily gaming limit was met, they paid a hefty price and were finally able to kill the boss, Fangskin, and clear all the monsters on the second level.

Fei was covered in blood, and one of his arms almost got chopped off; all kinds of injuries were visible on his body. Elena's abdomen was pierced by an arrow, and she was severely injured as well.

What disappointed Fei was that he still didn't get any top-tier items.

However, his barbarian character leveled up, reaching Hell Mode level 22. Also, Elena got enough experience points and reached Hell Mode level 13.

With the increase in levels, two golden light beams shot down from the sky and enveloped them. The injuries on their bodies were quickly healed, and their stamina got replenished. Therefore, they didn't suffer too much damage overall in this battle.

After quickly cleaning the battlefield, Fei found the Horadric Amulet which was on the Claw Viper Altar, and he completed the second quest, [The Horadric Staff].

Since he also killed the boss, Fangskin, during the process, he also completed the third quest, [The Tainted Sun].

Killing two birds with one stone! Fei's quest progression was pushed forward quickly!

After all that, the daily gaming limit was met.

Fei asked Elena about the recent situation back at the Chambord Kingdom, and he learned that the renovation project was coming along well, and the Ormondians weren't back for the revenge.

After spending some intimate time with the Valkyrie, Fei left Diablo World.

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When Fei walked out of the cabin, it was already the evening.

Chapter 769: Deep-Sea Giant Beast (Part One)

The weather was nice, and the battleship didn't encounter any storms or turbulence yet.

Right now, the nightly breeze was lightly blowing against the ship, and the bright Moon was hanging in the sky, spreading the moonlight onto the land and the ocean.

The temperature was lower in the evening, but Fei didn't mind it since he was a mighty warrior.

Some fishes that Fei didn't know the name of would jump out of the water randomly, and birds chirped and flew by while their white wings made it look like bolts of white lightning were flashing in the night.

The nightly breeze contained a lot of water elements, and it was warm and moist, making people feel very comfortable.

Seeing Fei walking out, Torres who was practicing archery on the deck quickly walked over and reported what happened during the day to the king.

Since the sailors who were operating the battleship were captured Leonians, and the guide was the bigger captive Buckingham, the Chambordians couldn't lower their guards.

Therefore, when Fei was training in his own room, Torres oversaw everything with help from the nine university students. Fei's other guard, Husky, was in charge of looking after the kitchen, the food, and the workers there.

This was the first day on the sea, and the ship didn't activate its magic cruising array under the king's command. Therefore, the speed was low. Except for running into a few merchant ships, nothing unexpected happened.

The captives of Leon were quite obedient, and King Buckingham also put away his stubborn and incorporative attitude. With this experienced commander of the navy of Leon guiding the way, the battleship moved forward smoothly and didn't run into any issues.

In the evening, Fei and the students enjoyed a nice dinner of barbecued fish on the deck while looking at the barely visible scenery around them.

Quickly, the night passed.

The morning of the second day still had great weather. The sky was clear with no clouds, presenting a great image. Also, there didn't seem to be wind. This battleship that was named [Brilliance] finally activated the magic cruising array, and it started to accelerate and travel at high speed.

Except for instructing and teaching the students in the morning, Fei locked himself inside his room for most of the day.

In Diablo World, Fei received the fourth and fifth quests at [Lut Gholein], which were [The Arcane Sanctuary] and [The Summoner] respectively.

The king of [Lut Gholein] trusted an evil person, and that made his royal palace fall into the wrong hands. In the end, his warriors were only able to save the city that was above the ground.

Fei was asked to enter the [Arcane Sanctuary] which was deep inside the palace, clear all the monsters, kill the Summoner who summoned all these monsters, and find Horazon's Journal which contained the information on defeating the lords in hell.

Fei had been to the [Arcane Sanctuary] twice already, once in Normal Mode and once in Nightmare Mode. However, he still didn't dare to be careless and thus moved forward slowly.

The [Arcane Sanctuary] was a maze-like complex structure that looked like it was built in the void, and it was a mystical place. The complicated corridors and the tunnels flowed in the void, and they intertwined with each other. There were corridors in every direction, and the white stone pathways and the black void formed a sharp contrast. The screams and howls of the demons made this strange space seem more silent when it was quiet, and the monsters and demons rushed at Fei from all directions including the void. There were a lot of them, and their powers were shocking.

Chapter 769: Deep-Sea Giant Beast (Part Two)

The maze-like structure and the seemingly uncountable monsters made the king progress forward very slowly.

After spending an entire day's gaming time on it, Fei and Elena still weren't able to clear all the monsters in the [Arcane Sanctuary]. When they left at the end of the day, they only leveled up once, and they barely explored one-third of the map.

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Another day passed.

Under the boost of the magic cruising array, [Brilliance] had already traveled more than tens of thousands of kilometers on the sea.

It was still another peaceful day, and the captives of Leon were obedient and didn't resist. It seemed like they were also trying to get back to their empire quickly, and they operated the battleship with full force. Since the beginning of the journey, [Brilliance] didn't encounter any issues.

When the night arrived, everything in the world got painted the color silver under the moonlight, and the surface of the ocean was really reflective like a mirror.

Fei stood on the deck of the ship and looked ahead, thinking about how he should initiate his plan once he got to the Leon Empire.

Suddenly, more than a dozen giant black shadows appeared several kilometers away underneath the ocean and stuck their heads out, breaking the calm surface. Cold blue lights flashed in their eyes as they looked in the direction of the ship, and then they quickly disappeared into the ocean.

“Water beasts? Demon Beasts?” Fei suddenly thought about something, and the sharp instinct of a barbarian told him that something strange was going on underneath the ocean.

Although these two days on the ocean was peaceful and smooth, Fei sensed some strangeness that was hard to discover. The king was sure that something would happen soon.

Those strange marine creatures didn’t appear again that night.

When the Sun appeared on the horizon, Fei went back into the cabin from the deck and entered Diablo World to kill more monsters. He was trying to get stronger before he got to the Leon Empire so that his plan’s success rate would increase a bit more.

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-Eight hours later-

Fei’s level increased, and he was now a Hell Mode level 24 Barbarian, and Elena got to Hell Mode level 15.

They had explored almost all the [Arcane Sanctuary], and only one-tenth of the area was still left. Even though they were still far away from the end of this place, they already sensed the fluctuations of that mysterious summoning power; it was coming from that evil summoner who turned the city of [Lut Gholein] into the living hell for humans and the paradise for monsters.

Fei used his spirit energy to sense this energy fluctuation a little, and he felt like this summoner was around low-tier Rising Sun Realm, which was more powerful than him at the moment.

Also, since today's daily gaming limit was almost up, Fei thought about it and decided to battle the Summoner next time.

After leaving Diablo World, Fei wanted to go onto the deck to relax a bit. However, as soon as he left the cabin, he heard a series of gasps, shouts, and screams coming from the captives of Leon.

Then, the battleship shook heavily as if it hit a reef.

Fei's face changed color, and he dashed and appeared on the deck.

"Sea beast! This is a deep-sea giant beast! Damn it! We ran into a terrifying deep-sea giant beast!" a captive of Leon screamed on top of his lungs as his face paled. He was naked on top, and he wanted to hide under the deck as he tried his best to get away. However, a red tentacle which was more than one meter thick in cross-sectional diameter dashed through the surface of the ocean and coiled around this man's waist, pulling him down into the ocean!

"NO... Ah, save me! Save me!" that sailor screamed in desperation.

The other sailors were terrified now, and other tentacles were appearing around the ship and pulling people down into the sea. Several sailors were thrown into the air, and it was chaotic on the deck.

Right now, the sailors all wanted to run away and save themselves, having no time to rescue others.

Chapter 770: Mysterious Power (Part One)

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Fei flipped his fingers and shot out many golden sword energies, and the sword energies dashed forward and cut through all those tentacles. Then, the king waved his hands and pulled back those sailors who were already dragged out of the ship.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

At the same time, dashes of green lights shot down into the sea from the mainsail, looking like missiles. With these green light beams dashing into the water, more than a dozen deep holes appeared in the ocean, each having a diameter of about one meter.

In the next moment, a series of whines and groans sounded underwater.

The surface of the ocean that was relatively calm suddenly became violent. Huge waves appeared as if terrifying beasts were struggling and stirring the water from underneath. Then, gushes of dark-red waves rolled onto the surface, dyeing the water within one square kilometer red.

The most important captive on [Brilliance], Buckingham, appeared on the deck, and he shouted and commanded the sailors who were running around and escaping.

With Buckingham's appearance, the sailors went back to their original positions and controlled [Brilliance] to the best of their abilities. Gradually, the battleship that was shaking and moving disorderly due to the rolling waves stabilized itself.

At this moment, the violent sea also calmed down, and the giant waves died down.

The corpses of six deep-sea giant beasts floated onto the surface of the water.

These corpses were each more than 100 meters long, almost catching up to the size of [Brilliance]. Their skin that had a red glow to it was covered by a thick liquid, making them look like giant octopuses. Each of these beasts had an enormous mouth which had many layers of teeth, and they each had 16 tentacles that were more than 100 meters long. These tentacles were the things that almost pulled the sailors into the ocean.

These deep-sea giant beasts were the ship killer in the ocean; numerous people die at sea because of them.

Unfortunately for them, they ran into Fei and these Chambordians who were 'vicious beasts' from the land.

In the end, they were all killed by [Son of Wind] Torres' impressive strength and shocking archery skills.

Torres jumped onto one giant corpse and carefully observed for a while. Suddenly, he gasped as if he discovered something, and he jumped back onto the ship and reported to Fei, “These giant beasts don’t have any magic energies or warrior energies; they can’t be counted as demon beasts. They only possess terrifying physical strength due to their large sizes. However, I found these on them...”

As he said that, Torres waved his hands and showed the things that he got from the corpses.

They looked like big pieces of bronze armor. Due to their long time in the water, some aquatic organisms were living on them such as little seaweeds. After wiping them clean, the simple patterns and marks on these bronze plates indicated that they were uniquely forged, and the back hooks on them were probably used to inlay these metal plates onto the beasts.

“Are these sea creatures controlled and bred by someone?” Fei was very surprised as he thought, “Who could have the ability to raise such giant beasts?”

Although this guess was too wild, the bronze plates in Torres’ hands proved everything.

Fei jumped onto the floating corpses with the nine students including Louise, Pato, and Brand. After observing, they noticed that there were at least 30 to 40 bronze plates on each deep-sea giant beast, and the bronze plates covered the vital points on them except for their tentacles. These bronze plates were arranged in such a way that it was impossible for these bronze plates to grow out of these sea creatures’ bodies naturally.

Chapter 770: Mysterious Power (Part Two)

“These aren’t ordinary bronze material. They are made from Seahorse Bronze, and they could only be found in the depths of the sea.” Out of the nine university students, a young man who had dark skin and short black hair observed more carefully and reported to Fei.

His name was Oscar, and he was a unique student in the university.

Oscar didn’t like warrior energy or magic energy. Instead, he was more interested in alchemy and all other strange fields. In Chambord’s Civil and Military University, he took metal smelting and magic derivative courses which were two classes that weren’t popular at all. However, he was extremely talented in these fields, and he was well-liked by people such as Akara, Cain, and Charsi. He could be considered as a little mad scientist himself.

“This kind of Seahorse Bronze could only be found in the deep sea, and ordinary people aren’t able to go that deep. Also, it is heard that only the fire in the sea could melt the Seahorse Bronze. The regular flames on land could barely change its property.”

Since he could finally get the chance to show off his knowledge in front of the king, Oscar was no longer adult-like and told Fei everything that he knew in excitement.

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Oscar collected more than a dozen intact metal plates made from Seahorse Bronze, and he wanted to run some experiments on them. Also, he wanted to study the patterns on them, and he felt like he could get more information.

After stopping for about an hour, [Brilliance] continued moving forward slowly.

However, a sudden storm appeared in the middle of the night. The dark clouds were low in the sky, pressing onto the ocean. It was dark; only the silver lightning bolts that were flashing in the sky lit up the area momentarily. Except for that, it was pitch-black everywhere. In the end, the rain was falling from the sky in waves as if the sky were collapsing.

[Brilliance] was finally challenged by the power of nature.

This time, the No.1 Captive, King Buckingham of Leon, stepped up. As one of the key commanders of Leon’s navy, he was very used to this situation. He issued orders to the other captives and made them control the ship safely.

They were only able to endure through this storm when lights appeared on the horizon.

However, there were still casualties.

Six sailors were taken by the enormous waves, disappearing altogether. Although Torres saved another ten sailors in time, they knocked into stairs and other things, losing their ability to work temporarily. Therefore, they had to rest in the cabin.

The Chambordians who were used to living on land experienced the power of the ocean for the first time.

After one night's turbulence, they were all feeling dizzy. Although they were powerful, they had thrown up many times. In the end, they had to lie in their beds and rest.

Only Oscar was able to somehow endure through this. While his classmates were throwing up at the edge of the deck, he was studying the Seahorse Bronze with interest as if nothing were happening to him.

Unexpectedly, [Brilliance] was attacked by the deep-sea giant beasts again at noon.

This time, more than 20 beasts came and attacked together, almost flipping [Brilliance] upside-down. If Fei didn't suddenly unleash his power and kill more than a dozen deep-sea giant beasts, the people on the ship could only swim toward the Leon Empire.

This sudden attack made it clear that it wasn't a coincidence.

[Brilliance] was being targeted by a mysterious force in the ocean.