

Strongest Mage with the Lust system

Chapter 501: Can't have enough of you~

Noticing the look of realization on his face, Rima asked, "Why is this so?"

"Why? You don't like it?" Max chuckled in response.

Rima narrowed her eyes at him before pouting. "Fine! Don't tell me."

Seeing this, Max stilled and then grabbed her hand and pulled her into his embrace.

"It's not that I don't want to tell you. It's that it will take a lot of time to explain and I don't want to waste that precious time at this moment. However, to satisfy your curiosity for now, I can tell you this must be because of my bloodline." Max whispered in her ear while playfully licking and biting her earlobe.

"Ahn~ Okay. Tell me when you can," Rima moaned and then kissed him fiercely before saying, "Now do me."

"With pleasure, my love." Max said, pushing her down on the bed. He then placed a pillow below her waist, placed his rock-hard cock on her entrance, and then pushed it inside her cave to the hilt in one big thrust.

"Ahhh~ So good~," Rima moaned loudly. Her back arched up and her eyes glazed over as she savored the pleasure coursing through her body.

Max stopped for a moment to savor the heavenly feeling he was feeling too, before he started to push his rod in and out of her.

Initially, his movements were slow and deep, but gradually, he sped up, thrusting in and out wildly.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

As the pleasure increased, his heart started beating faster and his sapphire eyes became a little blurry. But strangely enough, the sensations he was feeling increased. It was as if his sensitivity to pleasure had increased.

"Ahn~ Mm~ Yesss~ Fuck me~,"

The same seemed to happen to Rima. Her moans grew louder and her body became hotter. Although she always felt good having sex with him, this time her mind had almost overloaded with the pleasure.

Argh~!

Max let out a throaty groan as he continued to pound her tight, hot and wet pussy.

Squelch! Squelch! Squelch!

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Ahn~ Nngh~ Haah~

The room was filled with the erotic sounds and the scent of sex of spread through the room.

In her room, Garima was sitting cross-legged with her eyes closed. At a glance, one would think she was meditating, but if they looked a little closely, they would notice her perpetual ice-cold face was blushing red and breathing was slightly uneven.

'This guy... should... shouldn't he be resting or cultivating? Why... is he doing that? He is too perverted. Master was right. Men can only think of this.' She thought and then harrumphed, "And he wants me to be his woman. Dream on! Humph!"

Then her brows furrowed, and her face turned even redder. "But... but why the heck am I even watching them? They can do whatever they want."

Saying this, she retracted her soul sense and tried to calm her mind, but the pictures of Max thrusting his fat cock inside Rima's tight pussy kept appearing in her mind.

Whoosh!

Her soul sense flared up again and entered Max's room as she said to herself, "I'm just observing him to... to make my decision. Nothing else."

However, her mouth hung open when she saw the happenings in Max's room.

Max and Rima had changed positions. Rima was on her hands and knees, her tongue sticking out of her mouth as she moaned, while Max was on his knees behind her. With one hand, he was groping her supple ass and the other one had bunched up her nightdress in a ball on her mid-back and was using it as a rein as he wildly pumped his veiny rod into her slippery tunnel.

"Ah~ Yes~ It feels amazing~ Keep pounding me hard~," Rima let out sultry moans, exciting Max to no end.

After a while, her head shot backwards, her back arched up as she let out a loud moan, "I'm cummminggg~,"

With that, she squirted all over his cock, drenching it in her nectar.

Max was also on the verge of ejaculating, but was holding back to enjoy it more. However, when her pussy tightly clamped down on his cock, he couldn't control it anymore and, with a loud groan, he pumped out his baby batter into her womb.

Both of them were on cloud nine, reeling in the peak of ecstasy.

Thud!

Rima's hands and legs seemed to have turned into jelly as she fell face first on the bed, causing Max's cock to pop out of her pleasure hole.

"Ha~ Ah~ Ha~ It was~ It was just too amazing~," she let out, panting crazily. Although she always reached the peak of pleasure whenever they had sex, this time was just different. Not only was he rougher with her, the pleasure he gave her was even more amazing. She could still feel it.

"Yeah~ It sure was." Max groaned and fell on her body, his semi-erect cock pressing against into the crack on her ass.

After a while, they recovered a little. Rima turned her body around, placing his head onto her generous chest and said with a teasing smile, "It seems your new girl, Amara, wasn't enough for you. You seemed pent up. Or you just wanted me so much that you became a beast? My p-pussy is swollen and is aching."

Max was a little perplexed, too. Although it had been a week since he last had sex, he shouldn't have acted like how he did. However, he knew better than saying that.

"Of course. It's the latter." He grinned. "You are just too damn good. I can't have enough of you."

"Aren't you just saying this to make me feel better, hm?" Rima narrowed her eyes at him while lovingly caressing her cheeks.

"No. That's the truth." Max said, groping her right breast and biting her pink bud.

"Mm~ Prove it." She moaned.

Max moved up and captured her lips for a deep kiss. And as he moved up, his cock, which had become hard already, rubbed against her crotch.

He broke the kiss and moved his waist to rub it against her swollen labia and grinned, "Is that proof enough?"

"Yes. It is." Rima beamed and raised her hips to rub it more and then whispered in his ears, "Take me. I want you inside me."

Max felt a current course through his body when he heard this and the cock twitched. But he asked, "You sure you don't want to rest a little while more?"

The corner of her lips curled up into a charming smile as she said, "I do, especially since my little sister is still too sensitive, but... I want you inside me even more. So, shut up and give me what I want."

"As you wish." Max nodded. Kissing her lips, he adjusted his cock to her wet entrance and thrust his waist forward, putting his balls deep inside her.

"Ah~ Yes~," Rima moaned as she threw her hands around his neck and legs around his waist. She then whispered in his ear, "I want to be... rougher this time."

Max's already hard cock hardened even more inside her when he heard her.

"I will..."

Saying this, he removed her hands and legs from his body and took his cock out, confusing her.

"What are you—"

Whoosh!

Ignoring her question, he lifted one of her legs and put it on his shoulder before flipping her body on her side.

Rima understood what he wanted and pouted, "This position is uncomfortable— Ahn~,"

He didn't let her finish and shoved his fat cock into her depth in one stroke, making her moan.

"... gladly fulfill your wish." He completed his sentence and started moving his waist and fucked her with fast and deep thrusts.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

Squelch! Squelch! Squelch!

Nngh~ Ahn~ Oh~

After pounding her in this position for a while, he stopped for a moment and leaned forward with her leg still on his should. Fortunately, she didn't have a problem with this much stretching or it would've been uncomfortable for her.

He then resumed his thrusts.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

Squelch! Squelch! Squelch!

"Nngh~ Yes~ Just like that~ Ahn~ Oh~," Rima continued to moan and after a few minutes, her insides twitched and tightened around his cock, indicating her impending orgasm.

Noticing this, Max increased his pace and leaned further and took one of her nipples in his mouth and started sucking, flicking and biting it, giving her an additional bout of pleasure.

Ahhhhnnngg~

In the next moment, she let out a loud, throaty moan as her insides clamped even harder on his cock and ejaculated.

Arghh!

Max continued to thrust a few times more and then also came, depositing his seeds deep inside her.

They stayed put for a short while before his cock hardened once again inside her. He flipped her and making her lie on her front, and was about to start another round when,

Knock! Knock!

Someone knocked on the door.

Chapter 502: Night is still young [1]

"Who is it at this time?" Rima snorted with a displeased expression.

"Maybe Maria?" Max said, unsure. He had asked her to join them if she wanted, but it was already this late and he doubted she would come now.

"Why would little sister Maria come now?" Rima's expression softened when she heard it could be Maria, which slightly surprised Max.

Upon thinking for a moment, however, he realized it was only normal for them to get close with each other after such a long time. In the Ninam city, they only had each other who they could confide in as his fellow women, after all.

"Er... I had asked her to join us if she wanted." Max said with a sheepish grin.

Rima's eyes widened into a glare when she heard this. "You...!"

'Oh shit! I didn't think she wouldn't like the idea since we already had a threesome back then.' Max thought, but he realized he needed to be the dominant one in his relationships with his women or managing his harem which was growing bigger by the day would become difficult. Of course, by dominant he didn't mean he should force his will on his girls.

Thinking this, he moved his waist back, taking his cock out until only the tip remained inside her twitching pussy and then thrust it to the hilt in one go.

Thwop!

Ahngg~

Rima's expression faltered when she felt his cock slam into her cervix and a loud moan escaped her lips.

Max then leaned forward, nibbled her earlobe and whispered, "What? You don't want her to join us?"

"Ahn~ No. It would ruin our alone time." Rima said.

Max felt a little bad when he heard this. 'Maybe I shouldn't have invited her...' He thought.

But then he heard the knock on the door and Maria's sweet voice.

Knock! Knock!

"M-My lord, it's me."

Max turned Rima's face around to face him, gave her a smoldering kiss and said, "How about we let her this time? I'll make sure we are the only once next time."

Rima pouted, looking sullen, which made Max a little anxious. He didn't want Maria to stay outside any longer. But just as he was about to say something to convince her, she smirked.

"Alright. It's not like I can't take you alone, anyway."

"You...!" This time Max glared at her and slapped her bubble butt, making her flinch and moan playfully.

"I'll take care of you later. Just you wait," He said, revealing a grin that sent chills down her spine.

Whoosh!

Max pulled back, taking his cock out of her, and then rushed toward the door.

Gulp!

Rima gulped audibly as she watched him open the door and thought, feeling a little nervous and excited. 'What is he going to do?'

Max opened the door a little and sent his mana sense out to see if she was alone because, in his hurry, he didn't wear anything. It took him a split second to ascertain she was alone. So, he flung the door open, grabbed her hand and pulled her inside at lighting fast speed before closing the door shut.

"Kya~," Maria cried out in surprise when she was suddenly pulled inside and before she could figure out just what was happening, she found herself pressing against a naked body while a familiar pair of lips had captured her lips.

In her panic, she wanted to push whoever it was away but couldn't because a pair of strong hands were holding her in place.

Fortunately, she quickly realized it was Max who was kissing her. If she hadn't, she was prepared to release her mana and use all her strength to push him away.

She looked into his sapphire eyes with a blaming look before closing her eyes and leaned against him, trying to reciprocate the kiss the best she could.

After moment later, Max broke the kiss and smiled at her, "You are late."

Maria took a deep breath to regain her senses and apologetically said, "I-I'm sorry, my Lord. I couldn't come before my parents went to sleep."

Max flicked her forehead and smiled, "It's alright. I'm just glad you came."

"Mm." Maria bashfully nodded and when she saw naked Rima looking at her with a grin on her face, her face reddened.

Max wasted no time in lifting her in princess carry and led her to the bed. He gently placed her down, leaned down, and captured her lips for a deep kiss. His tongue

entered her mouth and started exploring it while massaging, kissing, and sucking her juicy tongue.

The kiss lasted for a few minutes, and when he pulled his face away, she was left breathless; her face blushing a charming shade of crimson.

"Hey, I'm still waiting." Rima complained when she saw them stop.

Max glanced at her before grinning at Maria. "It seems your big sister Rima is getting impatient. How about you take your clothes off while I take care of her?"

"Y-Yes, my Lord." Maria obediently nodded and started to take her clothes off one by one. Her submissive attitude excited him to no end, making his rock-hard cock throb.

For a moment, he was tempted to rip her clothes off, push her down and pound her hard, but controlled himself because Rima would complain. Besides, he had all the time in the world to enjoy her.

So, temporarily ignoring her, Max climbed onto the bed and went over to Rima, who was looking at him with burning lust in her eyes.

Gulp!

Max couldn't help but gulp as his gaze roamed over her sensual curves. Feeling his gaze, she smiled and raised her chest toward him and put one thigh over the other, showing her sacred cave sandwiched between them.

This scene caused Max's eyes to turn blurry with lust. Like a wild beast, he jumped her and without bothering to part her legs as her current position was a lot sexier and plunged his cock into her depths in a single thrust.

"Ahhhhnnng~ Yesss~." Rima moaned out loud, and her eyes glazed over in ecstasy. She clenched her warm folds around his shaft to make it more pleasurable, which made groan in pleasure.

He placed his hands on her crossed thighs, pushing them toward her body and raising her pussy higher, he started thrusting in and out with a wild abandon.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Squelch! Squelch! Squelch!

Ahn~ Haa~ Nngh~

The sound of his pelvis slapped against her bubbly ass, and the wet sounds of his cock entering and exiting her cave reverberated in the room like a beautiful melody. And Rima's pleasure filled moans only increased their beauty.

Watching him ruthlessly fuck her big sister Rima, Maria gulped in nervousness anticipation and thought, 'W-Would he be this rough with me too?'

As Max continued to pound Rima hard and fast, his eyes had become completely blurry and, just like before, the pleasure he was feeling multiplied instantly as his perception of pleasure increased.

This time Max noticed this and realized it was another effect of the gradually merging system's bloodline. However, he didn't try to curb it down because as far as he could see, there was no negative effect. The only slightly negative point he could feel was his increasing desire to dominate his partner and unleash all his desires on her.

After fucking her for a while more in the current position, he took his cock out and,

Whoosh!

Flop!

Flipped her body around, making her lie on her hands and knees, with her ass sticking out toward him.

He then placed the tip of his bulging rod on her entrance and pushed it in, hitting her cervix. He then bunched up her nightdress and used it as a rein like he was doing before Maria came and started pounding her again.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

"Ahnnggg~ Yess~ Husband! I'm comingggg~," Rima moaned aloud, her eyes turning blurry the same Max's. Then, with a loud moan, she orgasmed, drenching his cock in her juices.

And as the waves of this heavenly pleasure continued to hit her nerves and travel throughout her body, her insides clamped hard around his cock and her body stiffened.

"Oh, fuck~!" Max also groaned in pleasure and with a deep thrust, he unloaded inside her, coating her womb white.

As both climaxed, they were on cloud nine and neither of them moved lest they broke this amazing sensation.

Finally, after both finished orgasming, Rima felt her strength leaving her body and fell lifelessly on the bed, causing his still hard cock to eject out of her pussy, and started panting wildly with a wide, satisfied smile on her face.

Max released her reins and also took a few deep breaths. But then he moved once again and what he did next caused both Rima's eyes to almost pop out of her sockets.

Chapter 503: Night is still young [2]

After the duo climaxed, Rima was utterly exhausted after such hard pounding and thought since Max had also exerted himself quite a bit, he would rest for a while and even if he didn't, he would go for Maria and she could rest.

However, she didn't know Max was riding high on pleasure.

As soon as she fell limply on the bed, and his still hard cock slipped out of her, he grabbed her hips, made her lie on her knees once again, and raised her ass up.

"Ha~ Max... please let me~ rest. I can't ha~ go on."

Rima hurriedly said when she felt this, panicking a little. She then turned to look at Maria, who had taken all of her clothes off and was staring at the duo with a red face. "Maria, why don't you come over to let him... Ah! What are you doing?"

Mid-sentence, her eyes widened when she felt his mushroom head on her anal hole and yelped out in surprise.

Max rubbed his cock, which was drenched in their slimy fluids, on her back entrance and said in a husky voice,

"Did you forget... I said I'll... punish you. This is your punishment, but don't worry. Although it might be uncomfortable for you at the start, you'll surely enjoy it later on."

Rima's eyes widened in realization, 'So, he was talking about this punishment?' But this realization only made her panic even more because he was serious about putting his fat cock in her narrow back hole.

"M-Max, can you not do it? I-It already doesn't feel good and I don't know if I can take you thick things in there." She pleaded, her ass squirming in his hand.

As soon as she said this, she felt his cock move away, which made her sigh in relief. She just wanted to thank him when suddenly she felt two of his fingers inside her pussy.

"Ahn~," she moaned, a little confused why he was putting his fingers in her when he could use his cock, but she didn't say anything as it was a lot better than having it in her other hole.

However, her expression soon morphed when he took them out and then shoved them into her puckered back hole.

Ahhnn~!

She let out a mixture of pain and pleasure when she felt his digits stretch her anal tunnel.

"W-What are you doing?" She asked, her voice breaking.

Slap!

Max didn't answer, but slapped her butt cheek with his other hand, making her soft cheek ripple and eliciting another moan out of her.

"Don't move." He ordered.

"B-But you are... Mm~,"

He didn't let her finish and started moving his fingers in and out, making her moan. A short while later, when he felt her anal ring had loosened a little, he eased another finger inside her.

"Ahng~ Max, don't..."

Rima still protested, albeit only verbally now, but Max didn't stop and started to move his digits in and out of her.

Maria stared at this scene with a stunned look on her face and found herself clenching her backside.

'My Lord, h-he... is he going to do that to me, too?' As this thought flashed through her mind, she felt nervous fear gripping her heart. However, she could also feel herself getting wetter.

Meanwhile, in her room, Garima's eyes were wide open as she muttered, "H-He is absolutely crazy."

After a while, Max could move his three fingers without much difficulty and knew she was ready to take him in. By now, Rima had also realized he wouldn't stop unless she forcefully stopped him. But... could she do it, or rather... did she even want to stop him now?

'Fuck! I have lost my mind. I should protest a little more and maybe he would stop.' She thought, but aside from letting out faint moans, she didn't say anything. She had even raised her ass toward him slightly more so he would have an easier time fingering her since she had started to feel good.

'Argh! Just what am I doing? Why is my body not obeying me?' She inwardly growled in frustration.

Max's cock was throbbing in anticipation. He hadn't had anal sex until now because he felt it was a waste of LPs, but today he wanted to act on his hidden desires and not care about the LPs for once. And who knows, he might get LPs by doing this too?

Ascertaining that she was ready, he pulled his digits out and positioned himself properly behind her. Grabbing his raging dragon with his right hand, he put the tip on her twitching hole and, wasting no time, he eased his mushroom head inside her.

Ahn~

Rima's head shot up when she felt it and moaned while her anal muscle constricted around the tip, trying to stop it from entering any deeper.

Argh!

Max groaned when he felt her insides' vice grip on his glans. He winced and raised his right hand, and then,

Slap!

Slapped her right butt cheek, causing her to let out a moan filled with more pain and less pleasure. However, this also had the desired effects because he felt her grip relax a little.

"Relax. Don't resist or it'll be uncomfortable for both of us." He said before pushing his hips forward.

"Mm~ Okay. Be gentle~," As his rod slid further in, stretching out her narrow tunnel, Rima gritted her teeth to endure the pain and tried her best to not to clench her anal muscles and crush his little brother.

Because her tunnel was too tight, Max was having difficulty pushing his rod in and when he was just four inches deep, he had to stop.

Frowning, he took it out, slithered his saliva all over it, before putting it in. He then leaned forward and started to kiss her back, her nape, her ears, cheeks, trying to help her relax.

This had intended effects, as he felt her tunnel loosen slightly. However, he didn't try to push deeper. Instead, he gently turned her face toward him and captured her lips in his, and his tongue slithered inside her oral cavity.

Rima responded and started kissing back. As her focus diverted to her kiss, her body relaxed more, and he felt her insides easing a little more.

Feeling this, he slowly started pushing his waist forward.

After a while, only an inch of his shaft remained outside. He tried to force it, but Rima felt pain, so he let it be. He then slowly pulled back until only a few inches were inside her before pushing back inside.

Mm~ Ahn~ Angh~

Feeling him move, Rima broke the kiss and started to moan. Initially, her moans carried more pain and less pleasure, but as time passed, the pain subsided and only pleasure remained.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

Max sighed in relief when he felt it because it was taking his all just to stop himself from fucking her wildly. Now that he didn't have to worry about hurting her; he started increasing the intensity of his thrusts.

In response, Rima threw her head backwards, closed her eyes, her tongue dancing out of her mouth as she started moaning without restraint.

Ahhnn~ Mmm~ Yess~

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

As they picked up the pace, Maria was grinding her thighs together, her face looked feverish and her breathing was heavy, making her not so big chest heave up and down.

'She is feeling good. He was right. It's only painful in the beginning.' She thought, chewing her lips.

After a while, Rima's body was stuck to the bed and Max was having difficulty thrusting into her. So, he leaned back and ordered, "Give me your hands."

Rima obeyed and extended her hands backwards. Max grabbed them, and pulled her toward him, causing her upper body to lift, her ass to rise and move toward him.

He then started pounding into her ass again with renewed vigor.

Thwop! Thwop! Thwop!

Ahn~ Ha~ Nng~

This lasted for over five minutes before Max felt himself on the verge of climaxing.

For a moment, he wanted to pull out and cum inside her pussy, but decided against it. He then increased the intensity of his thrusts slightly more while one of his hands moved below her waist and started rubbing her clit, wanting her to climax with him.

Ahhhhnnnnngggg~

Arrghh!

It didn't take long before Rima let out a searing moan and climaxed. Max didn't hold back and did the same, filling her anal hole with his thick milk.

Ha! Huff! Huff!

After their orgasm ended, both flopped to the bed, panting.

Maria waited for a while before she crawled over to him and whispered, "M-My Lord, is it my turn now?"

Max's semi erect cock throbbed to life when he heard this.

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Whoosh!

Max lifted his body off of Rima, his cock sliding out of her tight asshole with it. Rima just moaned faintly when she felt it leave her.

He was about to pull Maria toward him when he remembered something and gently nudged Rima's shoulder. "Hey, get up. You can sleep later."

"Mm, nooo~ I can't do it again. Both my holes are hurting bad." She said with her eyes closed. She didn't want to move at all, and he wanted to fuck her again. No, she wouldn't let him.

Max smiled wryly when he heard this and said, "No. I don't want to do it. You need to cultivate and digest all the energy I've poured into you."

"Hm?" Hearing this, she finally opened her eyes, tried to move her body, but couldn't.

"You wrecked me completely. I can't even move." She said with a blaming look on her face.

Seeing that waste time talking, Maria became impatient and interjected, "Big sister, you should eat one of those rejuvenation pills you always give me for my parents. It'll help you."

Rima slowly moved her gassy eyes to Maria and her lips curled up in a teasing smirk. "Why? Our sweet Maria can't wait to have him inside her?"

Maria's face blushed red, which looked extremely charming to Max. Before she could respond to Rima's remark, he wrapped his arm around her slender waist and pulled her into his chest before placing his lips on hers.

"Ah, it seems my Lord husband can't wait anymore." Rima teased, but none of the duo responded to her, which made her pout.

She took out a rejuvenation pill from her storage ring and threw it in her mouth. A moment later, she felt a cooling sensation spread all over her body and most of her exhaustion vanished.

She slowly stood up, wincing as she did because both her pussy and back hole were too sore to move even with the rejuvenation pill's effect. Then she sat cross-legged, closed her eyes, and started cultivating.

Just a moment later, however, her eyes snapped open in surprise as she exclaimed, "So much energy!"

Not only was the Nascent energy, as he called it, was more than usual in quantity, but it was also purer.

Therefore, she immediately shut her eyes again and focused on digesting it. She knew if she digested all of it, she could covert a sizeable chunk of her mana to the three-star level.

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Max was ferociously 'devouring' Maria's soft pink lips and her juicy tongue. Maria had her eyes closed as she enjoyed it all and occasionally tried to respond, but was quickly overwhelmed by him each time.

As he savored her delicious lips and tongue, one of his hands held her waist close to his body to make sure she wouldn't fall back while his free hand snaked down her back to perky little buttocks and started feeling them up by groping and kneading them one by one.

A moment later, his hand slid further down on her pussy and found it was already dripping wet.

Mmf~

Maria moaned in his mouth when she felt his hand on her vertical lips and backed into his hand to feel it better.

Feeling her excitement, Max started rubbing her engorged labia with index and middle finger, sending waves of pleasure coursing through her body which made her let out muffled moans in his mouth.

He then stopped kissing her and, as he looked into her eyes, he could see the lust burning in her eyes.

"Ha~ M-My Lord, I can't endure it any longer. Mm~ P-Please put it inside." She said, gasping for air and her hand reaching for his bulging rod.

Who was Max to say no to such an offer? He immediately lifted her up by putting his hands on her buttocks. Maria responded to this by wrapping her hands around his neck and legs around his waist, which placed her vaginal folds right above his raging dragon.

When Maria felt his mushroom head kissing her folds, she loosened her legs' grip on his waist and lowered herself on it, but his cock slid along her wet lips, not entering her cave.

Maria let out a moan and reached down behind her with one of her hands, grabbed his member, rubbed it a few times on her vaginal opening before easing it inside her.

Mmnh~

She moaned as his veiny cock slid past her folds and stretched her insides. Max also grunted in pleasure when he felt her tight, soft and wet folds engulfing him.

He then grabbed her waist and started impaling her on his cock. He was slow at first and then gradually increased the intensity.

Ahn~ Mm~ Oh~

Maria threw her head back and started moaning in pure ecstasy.

Rima's eyebrows twitched as her pleasure filled moans entered her ears and this made her little sister tingle.

Whoosh!

Although she was tempted to get up, push Maria to the side and have him fuck her again, she didn't want to waste the Nascent energy inside her. So, she released her sound elemental mana and made an invisible shield around her which blocked all sounds.

After training under her master, Aria, her mastery over her element had increased quite a lot. In the future, when she would breakthrough to the three-star realm, her strength would shock everyone and because of the nature of her element, even Max would have a little difficulty fighting against her.

'Oh shit! I don't think Max has activated the sound blocking formation of the room.' She suddenly realized because when she entered the room, there was no formation activated and until now, she hadn't seen him activate it.

Whoosh!

Another wave of her elemental mana surged out of her and enveloped the bed, preventing all sounds from going out.

'He is too careless. Everyone must have heard our shameful sounds.' She sweated imagining the looks they would receive in the morning, especially since the Garfield family's mood was down because of her future father-in-law's condition.

All her worries would have become true if not for the woman currently spying on them with her soul sense. She had noticed this problem right at the start and had enveloped the entire room in a thin layer of icy mist to block all sounds.

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After a while, Maria bit her lower lip and moaned out loud, "My Lord~! It's cominggg~!"

Max had already felt it because he could feel her insides squeezing his shaft tightly. So, in response, he started moving her up and down faster.

Moments later...

Ahhhnnnggg~

Maria let out an animalistic moan, hugged him tighter and ejaculated all over his cock.

Arghh~!

Matching her timing, Max also grunted and shot ropes after ropes of his creamy liquid inside her womb.

Feeling his warm liquids, Maria had another mini orgasm, which pushed her to the peak of ecstasy.

After they finished orgasming, they remained in the same position because Maria had lost all her strength was panting on his shoulder while Max wanted to feel her warmth for a while longer.

Phew!

Right then, Rima opened her eyes and exhaled. There was a satisfied expression on her face. With the Nascent energy's help, she had just converted over 100 two-star mana units into three-star mana. Now she only needed to convert just over 5000 more mana units before she could reconstruct her core and step into the three-star realm.

She then glanced at the duo, and the corner of her lips curled up when she saw Max sitting on his knees while Maria sticking to his body like a koala with their privates still connected.

She opened her mouth to say something but stopped upon noticing their peaceful expressions and decided not to spoil their moment.

Half a minute later, Max moved and pulled his head back to look at Maria's beautiful face. Maria also opened her eyes when she lost his shoulder's support and pouted, "I wanted to stay like that for a while longer, my Lord."

"Hehe." Max chuckled when he saw her cute expression and couldn't help but place a quick kiss on her lips and said, "Can't you notice your big sis Rima's impatient gaze on us?"

"Oh?" Maria yelped when she remembered they weren't alone in the room and turned her head around to look at Rima's smiling face.

She also smiled sweetly in response and said, "Did you wait for long, big sister?"

"Nah. I just finished cultivating." Rima smiled and then said, "Why don't you climb down now and cultivate while I entertain our lord husband?"

"H-Husband?" Maria's heart started racing when she heard this and her grip around Max's neck and her pussy around his semi-erect cock tightened.

"What? You don't want to marry him?" Rima teased.

Max also looked at her with a smile on his face.

Maria blushed heavily and nodded imperceptibly. "O-Of course, I want to." She then added in a low voice, "But I won't be the one who gets the chance to marry him since he would only his first wife."

Although her voice was very low, both Max and Rima heard her loud and clear and in response, Rima's eyebrows drooped because she knew her chances of becoming his first wife were non-existent since that girl, Lilly, had reserved that place.

Max noticed their expressions and chuckled, "Who said I can only marry my first wife? I will marry all of you and all of you will be equal."

"Really?" Maria's eyes brightened when she heard this. Rima also beamed a charming smile.

"Of course." Max nodded and then grinned. "So, how about we continue now? The night is still young."

Chapter 505: Wifey wants something

In the morning, Anna came over to Max's room, humming lightly. She planned to spend some time training with him, which made her mood bright.

"This guy... he always gets up late. I have to ask Emily to scold him so he would change this bad habit. Hehe." She giggled when she imagined him standing meekly in front of Emily as she scolded him.

Then a dreamy look appeared in her eyes as she sighed inwardly. 'How amazing would it be if we could sleep together like we used to do in the academy? I won't mind him waking up late then. But I'm sure mother and others wouldn't like it at all.'

As she arrived in the hallway to Max's room, the door to Garima's room opened and she walked out, looking cold and indifferent as usual.

Seeing her, Anna put on a respectful expression on her face and politely greeted her, "Good morning, senior! Did you have a good sleep?"

Hearing this, the corner of Garima's lips twitched. When Anna noticed this, she sweated inwardly, 'Oh no! It seems I have annoyed her.'

She deeply respected Garima not only because she was a king rank mage but also because she was here to protect their family, so she didn't want to annoy her.

She was about to apologize when Garima nodded. "Good morning to you, too."

Anna's sighed in relief upon seeing this and then said, "Please go to the dining hall in a while senior, the breakfast is almost ready."

"Mm. I'll be there." Garima nodded before walking away.

Although mages above mortal boundary didn't need to eat or drink, since they could use their mana as the energy source for bodily functions. Most still occasionally ate and drank since they had already formed a habit of doing so. Of course, they didn't eat or drink daily and would only do it for enjoyment and to keep in touch with their 'human' side.

Clearly, Garima was one such person because ever since she joined their family, she would always eat with them if they offered. If not, she would just cultivate.

'It's really difficult to talk to her.' Anna smiled bitterly before walking toward Max's room.

Garima suddenly stopped in her tracks when she noticed it, turned around and called out, "Are you going to wake your brother?"

Anna stopped at her question. She was confused but still nodded. "Yes. Why did you ask senior?"

'Damn it! Why did I ask that?' Garima scolded herself and inwardly panicked, but didn't show it on her face. She then shook her head. "It's nothing." And vanished from the hallway, leaving a perplexed Anna.

"Did she have something she wanted me to tell him?" She muttered before shrugging and walking over to Max's room.

Knock! Knock!

She knocked on the door and called out, "Little Max, wake up. Breakfast is ready."

"..."

She waited for a while, but there was no response from inside.

"Is he still sleeping?" Frowning, she knocked on the door once again.

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Meanwhile, inside the room, Max was soundly asleep with two naked beauties snuggling to his each side.

They had 'wrestled' all night and only stopped when it was almost morning. Max wouldn't have stopped even then if both Rima and Maria hadn't fainted from exhaustion.

That's why even though Anna had been banging the door and calling out to him, none of them reacted to it.

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"Argh! Why isn't he waking up?" Anna cried out, annoyed.

Swoosh!

Just then, doors of the room next to Max's opened and Amara, wearing a displeased expression, walked out.

Seeing her, Anna said apologetically, "I must have disturbed you, right? I'm sorry."

"It's alright." Amara shook her head and then said, "Master won't wake up anytime soon. So, don't waste your time here."

"Hm? Why wouldn't he wake up?" Anna asked in confusion. Just as she did, however, her eyes opened wide in realization, "D-Don't tell me... he was..."

"Yes." Amara nodded, confirming her doubt. She then added, "If I'm not wrong, he must have lost control of himself since it had been a week since he last did it. So, he won't be waking up anytime soon."

Anna remained speechless for a while before her expression morphed and she became angry.

Stomping her feet, she walked away. "Let him sleep all he wants, then."

But then stopped, glanced at Amara and said, "Let's go. The breakfast should be ready by now."

"It's alright. Without Master, I wouldn't be comfortable among you guys." Amara shook her head.

Already angry, Anna snorted, "Do you want to remain his slave always? If not, you should try to get to know our family a little."

Saying this, she walked away, leaving a stunned Amara staring at her departing figure.

After a while, she frowned and mumbled, "What did she mean by that? Won't I be Master's slave if I get well acquainted with his family?"

Although she was confused and didn't believe it was possible, her heart couldn't help but race at the prospect of becoming something more than his slave: his woman.

Therefore, she decided to join the Garfield family for breakfast.

Max woke up in the afternoon and found two beauties staring at his face as they snuggled up to him.

"Good morning, ladies!" He said as he yawned and brought them closer to him before kissing their foreheads lovingly.

It was just an amazing feeling: waking up with your partner(s) in your arm.

"Good morning, lord husband!" Both Rima and Maria said at the same time before raising their face up to his and kissing him on his lips one by one.

Max was stunned for a moment, which made Maria nervous. Rima also didn't know what to think when he didn't respond and had a blank look on his face.

"Y-You didn't like it?" She asked, feeling a little apprehensive. She feared he wasn't serious when he allowed her to call him husband.

Suddenly,

Hahahahaha!

Max broke out in a loud, joyful laughter. For some reason, he just loved it when they called him husband.

To ease their worries, he hugged them tight, gave them a deep kiss each and smiled. "Of course, I like it. How could I not like it when my lovely wives call me husband with such affection?"

Both of their faces bloomed with a happy, blessed smiles when they heard it. Maria even had tears in her eyes as she buried her face in his chest and thanked the Elvin goddess for bestowing her with such happiness.

Rima was also feeling blessed right now, but she didn't cry. Instead, she planted her lips on his and put her tongue in his mouth for a deep kiss. She didn't stop for over ten minutes, leaving Max breathless.

After breaking the kiss, she looked him into his eyes affectionately, pecked his lips again, "Thank you!"

Max hugged her and shook his head. "There is no need for you to thank me. I should thank you instead for being in my life and accepting me regardless of my flaws."

A while later, when the girls calmed down, he glanced at them and asked, "So, who's idea it was?"

"Mine, of course. Our sweet Maria is too shy to suggest something like this," Rima teasingly said.

"You are right about that." Max nodded, which made Maria's expression drop a little. She also thought her shy and timid personality might not be Max's liking.

Noticing the change in her expression, Max looked into her eyes and kissed her sweet pink lips before saying, "I love the way you are. You don't need to change anything. But if you have something you want to say to me, don't ever hesitate, alright?"

"Y-Yes, my Lor- husband." Maria nodded, with tears in her eyes. She then took a deep breath, raised her head, and kissed him deeply. Just like Rima, she didn't remove her lips from his for over ten minutes.

When they broke the kiss, Max had a wide smile on his face and thought, 'They were right when they said one should always keep his wife or, in my case, wives, happy. If you keep her happy, she'll keep you happy.'

Maria blushed when she saw his smile, but didn't break eye contact with him. She then said, "H-husband, I do want something."

"Oh? Tell me, what is it?" Max said, feeling curious.

On the other side, Rima had a wide grin on her face. It seemed she knew what Maria was going to ask, and she couldn't help but chuckle. "I didn't know you were such a naughty girl."

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Maria blushed red and buried her face in his shoulder before muttering in a mosquito-like voice, "I want lord h-husband to do what you did with big sis Rima when I came into the room last night."

"Hm? You want to do that? Are you sure?"

Max asked in surprise when he understood she wanted to have anal sex. Despite going at it like rabbits, Max didn't do it with her back hole last night because he was worried that she might not be able to take it.

"Hehe, you don't know this since you haven't spent much time with her, but our sweet Maria is a very competitive girl. Since she had seen you enjoy mine, she wants you to enjoy hers, too."

Rima giggled, and this made Maria so embarrassed that she wanted nothing more than to find a hole to bury herself in.

Max chuckled at her and cupped Maria's face in his hands and made her look at him before saying, "Are you sure you want this? It could be very painful for you." Given how she had bled when he took her virginity, Max really didn't want to take the risk, at least not yet.

Hearing this, a look of uncertainty and fear flashed past her eyes. She also remembered that day. However, recalling how heavenly he made her feel afterwards, and how Rima was moaning in pleasure as he took her from behind last night, her gaze became determined.

She took a deep breath, looked into his eyes and nodded, "Yes, Lord husband. I want to do it regardless of pain."

"Very well." Max nodded and then said, "I'll fulfill your wish the next time. Right now, we need to get out of here and have some food."

"O-okay." Maria nodded, a little disappointed but happy that he agreed.

When Rima heard this, her eyes widened before she sprang up from the bed in a hurry.

"What happened?" Max asked, puzzled by the sudden change in her behavior.

"I was supposed to meet my master for training in the morning and its already afternoon. She will scold me." Rima said in panic before rushing to the bathroom. Within a few minutes, she rushed back out, dressed in a slightly loose clothing, fitting for training purposes.

Whoosh!

She came over to Max, gave him a peck on the lips, "I'm going, bye." She then rushed out of the room.

Max and Maria looked at each other and smiled. Then they also freshened up and walked out of the room.

Swoosh!

As soon as they stepped out of the room, the door of the room next to his opened and Amara walked out. She glanced at Max playfully, confusing him.

Before he could ask anything, however, another figure walked out of the room. It was his beautiful half-sister, Anna, and right now, she was glaring at him angrily.

Gulp!

Max gulped nervously and asked, "What's wrong, Anna?"

Anna walked over to him with slow steps, not breaking the eye contact. She then glanced at Maria before looking back at him and asked, "Did you have fun last night?"

"Uh, I... did. Yes. But why do you seem... angry?" He asked, feeling slightly nervous.

"Shouldn't I be?" Anna tilted her head to the side, looking confused. Max, however, could tell she was acting and if he said something wrong, it would upset her greatly.

He thought about what could he have done, which made her angry and quickly got his answer.

Before he could say anything, however, Anna put her arms around his head and pulled his face down toward him before placing her lips on his.

This surprised Max because he knew she wasn't ready to expose their relationship yet, but now, she was kissing him in front of Amara and Maria.

But no matter the reason, he was happy about this development and responded to her kiss by cupping her face. However, just as he was about to use his tongue, she broke the kiss, leaving him dissatisfied.

She then glared at him with a blushing face and said, "Everyone was waiting for you at the dining table in the morning while you were sleeping with them in your arms. And now you wake up? You also must have forgotten that you promised to train with me today, haven't you?"

'Sure enough. That's why is angry.' Max thought, smiling wryly. However, he was relieved that she wasn't feeling jealous of Maria.

"Sorry about that. We... slept late last night. I was helping them raise their cultivation." He said with a straight face before adding, "And I didn't forget about our training. I was going to find you if you didn't meet me here."

"Hmph! Who knows if you aren't lying right now?" Anna snorted, looking away.

"Let me prove you. Look at me." Max said,

"Heh, how are you going to—" Before she could finish her sentence, Max had captured her lips in his for a deep and passionate kiss.

Anna hadn't expected this and tried to pull away, but Max held her in place with one of his hands holding her slim waist and another behind her head.

Amara wasn't at all surprised by this because, the day she met Anna for the first time, she had noticed Max was more than just a sibling to her and because incest was ordinary among demons; she didn't find it weird.

The things were completely different for Maria, however. Her mouth was hung open and an expression of utter incomprehension was on her face. For Elves, just like most of the humans, incest was taboo and frowned upon. That's why Maria found this situation too hard to digest.

She also became worried because if her parents found out that the man she was in love with was romantically involved with his half-sister, they might not allow her to be with him any longer.

After a few seconds, Anna stopped trying to pull back and started responding to the kiss. When she felt his tongue lapping at her lips, she slowly opened her mouth and allowed him entry.

Max was more than happy by this and his tongue slithered inside her oral cavity immediately and found her juicy tongue, which was trying to stay away from it as though it had encountered a predator.

Noticing this, Max knew she was still not fully ready, but he didn't break the kiss and felt an overwhelming sense of excitement. He wanted to... dominate her.

Thus, he started kissing her even more fiercely, pulling her face into his even more and sucking on her sweet, flower petal-like lips. Also, he continued trying to get her tongue involved and he could feel her inhibitions slowly falling apart, which excited him even more.

However,

Whoosh!

Just as he was about to succeed and 'devour' her tongue, she used all her strength and pulled back.

Ha! Huff! Huff!

Panting and blushing, she said, teary-eyed, "I-I'm sorry, little Max. I don't think I'm ready yet."

When he saw her guilty expression, Max, although dissatisfied, quickly suppressed his surging excitement and put his finger on her lips, "Shhh! Don't apologize."

He said, gently smiling, "You can tell me whenever you are ready, alright? There is no need to push yourself if you are not ready."

"Mm." Anna forced a smile. She was afraid her continuous indecision would annoy Max, but thankfully, it didn't which made her sigh in relief.

She hugged him, burying her face in his chest and said, "Thank you."

Max gently caressed her back, reassuring her.

After a while, Max and Maria had their meal, satiating their hunger and the group of four arrived at one of the training rooms in the mansion.

"Let's spar first. I can learn a lot by fighting you." Anna said, pulling him toward the middle of the room.

"Alright." Max nodded.

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Initially, he held back quite a lot, afraid that he would accidentally injure Anna.

But very quickly, he realized, if he didn't get slightly serious, he would be the one getting injured because Anna was just too good at the hand to hand combat.

If it wasn't for his strong physique, then in the case where he didn't use any Mana, Anna would've utterly dominated him despite her being just a mid-stage two-star mage.

While they were sparring, an imposing group of fifty demons had arrived before the Ninam city gates.

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When the Elvin guards noticed them, their faces turned pale and their grips on their spears and bows tightened.

"So many demons! And they are from the horned devil race."

"Has the war already started? Are they going to launch an attack on our city?"

Until now, they only ever encountered small groups of demons and those demons didn't dare to get close to the city after many of them were killed by their warriors.

So, when they saw such a large group arrive before their city, seemingly fearless, they couldn't help but become nervous because such a thing should only be possible when the war officially begins.

"Should we... attack them?" One of the guards asked with uncertainty.

If it was a small group of ten or so demons, they wouldn't hesitate to attack and kill them, but the group in front of them had over 50 demons while the total number of the guards was only over 30. They were completely outnumbered.

"No, just watch them while I inform the lord commander about this." The leader of guards said and hurriedly took out his communication crystal.

Step! Step! Step!

Under the Elvin guards' wary gazes, the demons walked over to the city gate, one step at a time. It was as though they were trying to put pressure on them by deliberately waking so slow.

If that was what they wanted, thanks to their sheer number and the innate fear elves had towards the demon race, they were successful in doing so because every elf was very tense right now. If they were to fight, the elves wouldn't be able to use their full strength.

Halt!

The demon group stopped when they were fifty meters away from the city gates. One of the leading demons glanced around and spoke in disdain, "This is your war time security? If we want, we can easily kill you all and enter the city to continue the massacre."

The Elves, although afraid, couldn't bear the naked disdain and one of them scoffed angrily, "Why don't you try and see if it'll be us who'll die or you?"

The other Elves gave him bitter glances.

'Was it necessary to provoke them?' They thought, but got ready to fight if the demons decided to attack them.

"Oh?" The demon raised his head and looked at the elf on the city wall and then slowly nodded, "Very well, then."

As soon as he said this, he vanished from his spot he was standing and appeared in front of the Elf on the city wall with his hand lodged in the elf's chest.

"You..." The elf could say one word when the demon interrupted him, "Now do you still doubt my words, ant?"

When the other elves saw this, they were enraged.

"HOW DARE YOU!"

They shouted and lunged at him. The demon, however, didn't even spare them a glance and,

Splash!

Pulled his hand out of the elf's chest. In his grasp was a beating heart.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

The sight of his heart completely horrified the elf. He regretted being impulsive and challenging this demon.

The demon revealed a satisfied expression when he saw the look of horror in the elf's eyes and asked again, "Tell me, do you believe it or not? If your answer satisfies me, maybe I'll put this back in you and let you live."

The elf wasn't delusional enough to believe him and knew he wouldn't live past today. So, he gathered his courage and sneered, "You believe you are very strong, right? Let me tell you something. Cough!"

"Alright. Go on." The demon nodded.

The corner of his lips curled up in a mocking smile as the elf said, "You are going to die today not long after."

Crush!

The demon's expression shifted, and he crushed the heart, killing him.

"I don't believe you." He said and then glanced at the frenzied elves who were lunging at him. With a mocking smirk on his face, he slowly raised his hand, opened his mouth, and dropped the elf's crushed heart in it.

Gulp!

Gulping it down, he revealed a satisfied expression and commented that incensed the elves even more.

"Your hearts are tastier than humans'."

"Ahhhhh! I'll kill you." All the elves shouted and attacked.

Whoosh!

The demon chuckled and vanished from the city wall, appearing in front of his group.

Seeing their attacks miss, the elves shimmered with anger and some who shared a close relationship with the elf who had just died had tears in their eyes.

"Heh. As expected, these elves are nothing to fear." A relatively young demon, who had a purplish black horn on his head, said, looking disappointed.

An older demon standing at the back of the group shook his head. "Kid, you mustn't underestimate your enemy. It'll only get you killed sooner."

The young demon's expression turned respectful as he nodded at the older demon, "Yes, elder. I'll keep that in mind."

The older demon shook his head. He could see the youngling hadn't taken his words seriously.

As the elves glared at the demon with a murderous look in their eyes, the demon snickered, "What? Want revenge? Then call your leaders out, because you lot aren't worthy enough to fight me."

Whoosh!

As soon as he finished speaking, a figure appeared on the city wall before shooting toward him at a blinding fast speed.

It was so fast that none of the elves and most of the demons had noticed it.

However, the older demon's eyes narrowed, and a few others beside him wanted to intercept the figure when the older demon shook his head, "It's already too late."

Whoosh!

When the figure 'materialized' in front of the demon, demons narrowed their eyes and became alert while the elves cheered.

Standing in front of the demon was a strong-looking elf with his hand lodged in the demon's chest. He wore a black chest armor, which made him look heroic.

He was none other than Ryan—the guard commander and little Arya's father.

The demon in front of him looked at the hand which was in his chest, and he could feel it was grabbing his heart and then at Ryan with a horrified gaze.

"You are a five..."

Just like he had, Ryan also interrupted him. Glancing at the demons with an emotionless gaze, he said, "To think you horned demons would be the first ones to come to attack my city. But aren't you taking us too lightly?"

Not bothering to hear their response, he looked at the horrified demon in front of him and asked, "Now, tell me, do you believe I can kill you before any of those five-star demons at the back can even move a muscle?"

The terror in the demon's heart grew when he heard this. However, he forced himself to calm down and sneered, "You wouldn't dare because if you kill me, my elders would immediately attack your city and even that king mage of yours won't be able to stop the massacre."

As if to prove his point, the older demon and four others beside him stepped out of the group, eyeing the elves on the city wall. They seemed ready to rush in and kill everyone if Ryan dared to kill him.

All five were five-star demons.

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"Is that so?" Ryan muttered as if in thought and then suddenly,

Crush!

He pulled out the demon's heart and, before his stunned gaze; he crushed it, killing him.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The 5, five-star demons were stunned for a moment before they rushed toward the elves on the city wall and in front of the city gates.

However,

Boom!

A terrifying aura suddenly appeared and engulfed them. When they felt it, their expression turned ugly, but they didn't look panicked.

In the next moment, all of their horns glowed with black light and negated the aura's oppression. Then, instead of charging forward, they retreated to their group and looked

at the city wall where a beautiful Elvin woman stood, looking down at them with an indifferent gaze.

She was Aria, Rima's master.

The older demon sighed and glanced at Ryan. "No wonder you didn't take our threat seriously. Despite being in the early-stage six-star realm, your king mage is as strong as ordinary mid-stage six-star demons."

He then shifted his gaze to Aria and nodded. "I admit you are enough to handle all five of us, even with our horned devil's powers."

Then a mocking expression appeared on his face as he glanced at the other four and took out a black talisman before continuing,

"But what if our speed become as fast as an ordinary early-stage six-star demon? Are you confident you can stop us all before we massacre, let's say, at least half of your city's population and destroy most of your city's defenses?"

Aria narrowed her eyes at the challenge before regaining her indifferent expression, not bothering to say anything.

Whoosh!

Ryan returned to the city wall beside her. Glancing at the older horned demon, he casually said, "You are welcome to try."

The older demon and others were stunned.

Before coming here, they had found out that the city only had three five-star warriors and just one in the king realm.

So, they believed if they showed that they had 5, peak five-star demons, with the talismans capable of increasing their speeds to the level of an early-stage six-star demon, the elves would fear or at least hesitate.

But contrary to their expectations, the elves didn't show even a shred of fear or hesitation.

Why was this so?

'Either they don't care what happens to their people and the city which is unlike given the elves' kind nature or... our information about their strength was wrong which shouldn't be surprising since it was said that their king mage was just an early-stage six-star mage.'

The older demon pondered, feeling apprehensive about his deduction. If the elves had the strength to handle them all before they could cause any harm to the city, didn't it mean they delivered themselves at the death's door?

His expression turned ugly at this thought and he looked at a demoness standing in the middle of the group and coldly said in demon language, "If things go south today, I'll skin you alive if I survive."

If Max, Amara, and anyone else who was present at the valley where they killed Mehak's group, they would immediately recognize her because she was the same horned demoness who had escaped.

When the demoness heard this, her expression turned ugly.

'Fuck you! Weren't you the ones who vowed to avenge that idiot Mehak? I only helped you find where his killer is. And fuck! Wasn't it also you guys who gathered the information through your 'sources' about the elves' strength? So, why the fuck you are blaming me now?'

She cursed them in her mind. She was now regretting her decision to get involved in all this. 'Why the fuck do I have to want revenge? It's not like they killed someone close to me.'

After threatening her, the older demon took a deep breath, looked at Ryan and said, "We don't want to fight to the death. We just want a group of humans which is in your city right now. If you hand them over, we'll leave here peacefully. If not, you should be prepared to face the consequences."

"Hm?" Ryan's brows shot up when he heard this. 'So, the war hasn't officially started yet?' He thought, sighing in relief.

He then glanced at Aria, who nodded at him and asked, "Who are these humans?"

"They are murderers of a very important member of our race." The older demon said and then glanced at the demoness and ordered, "Tell them how they look like."

"Yes, elder." The demoness nodded and described Max's and others' appearances.

Ryan frowned when he heard their description. He then waved his hand and conjured up Max and others' images in the air.

"Are you talking about them?" He asked,

"Yes." The demoness nodded and then glanced at the older demon. "That blue-haired guy is the one who tortured young master Mehak before killing him and that girl is a demon from the bloodwing race."

The older demon and others narrowed their eyes and imprinted Max's appearance in their minds. From how he drew their pictures, they knew this elf, who was apparently one of the higher ups of the city, was most likely close to them and would most likely won't hand them over. So, they needed to know how Max looked like so they could kill him if they found him outside.

Meanwhile, Aria and Ryan frowned when they heard what the demoness said at last. However, they left this matter to handle later.

The older demon glanced at Ryan and said, "You heard her, right? They are the killers. If you hand them over, we promise you none from the horned devil race would bother your city until the war begins."

The corner of Ryan's lips curled up into a mocking smile when he heard this and asked, "First, do a mere five-star demon even have a say in your race's decisions? Second, do you think we fear your race? We have to fight every demon race. So, it wouldn't matter much if your race is included in them or not."

The older demon narrowed his eyes. "So, you won't hand them over. Is that what you are saying?"

"Heh, you have some brains, after all." Ryan mocked and then shouted, "Open the city gates and... slaughter them all!"

Whoosh! Whoosh!

As soon as he said this, he and Aria flew toward them. The city gates also opened instantly and more than a hundred armored warriors rushed out.

"You are going to regret this." The older demon shouted before ripping the black talisman. He then grabbed the young demon and a few others before rushing away.

The rest of the five-star demons also ripped their respective talismans before grabbing however many demons they could before rushing in the different directions.

Ryan wanted to chase them, but Aria stopped him.

"Why? Shouldn't we take the chance to kill as many as we can?" He asked, not understanding the situation.

"They are very crafty. If we chase any of them, the rest would return and slaughter our people," Aria said.

"But don't we have miss Garima and that senior? They can safeguard the city." Ryan said.

Although he didn't show it on his face, he was shimmering with anger because one of his warriors was killed right at their doorstep. It was a humiliation for him, the guard commander, who was supposed to safeguard the city.

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Aria sighed exasperatedly and spoke through telepathy, [If you haven't noticed it because that senior two major realms above you but she is seriously injured and wouldn't want to fight until she recovers enough. That's why you haven't felt her soul sense until now. And although miss Garima has been watching everything and would step in if needed...]

Speaking until this point, she spoke aloud, "...do you think those demons were foolish enough to come here knowing we have a king ranked mage protecting the city? Did you really believe all that nonsense that demon spouted? And with their enhanced speed, do you think miss Garima and that senior could handle them?"

Ryan was confused for a moment about why she communicated the first part through telepathy and the last part out loud and even saying that Garima and the old granny won't be able to deal with those five-star demons.

But he quickly realized why she did that and also realized he had fucked up by mentioning Garima's and old granny's existence.

Although Aria had tried it to downplay their strength, if the 'person' spying on them was someone shrewd, he would realize they had two powerful warriors.

'I hope he is someone brash.' Ryan thought, and he sweated how he would be 'scolded' for this mess up by Aria, old man Raku and, most fearsome of all, his wife.

Just then, a creepy voice resounded...

"Heh, it seems we have severely underestimated your strength and since this is the case, we'll be sure to treat your city the same as we'll treat this kingdom's royal city."

"I am fucked!" Ryan crushed and Aria's narrowed her eyes.

Just then, she seemed to have received some message and shot toward the left at her full speed.

Whoosh!

"Hm? You found my location? Surprising! But you can dream of keeping me her." The demon's voice resounded and seemed to be getting further away.

Boom!!!

Suddenly, an explosion resounded, and although it was quite far away from the city, Ryan could feel some tremors in the ground.

'They engaged him in the fight?' He thought and hoped they could kill him so this crucial piece of information wouldn't leak.

A few miles away from the city, a large patch of forest was completely destroyed. The ground was blasted and froze in ice.

Two beautiful women, Aria and Garima, stood facing a muscular demon with a purplish black horn. The demon's condition was quite pitiful right now.

He was currently kneeling, and half of his body was encased in ice. He had many deep wounds all over his body, but they weren't bleeding since they were frozen. However, blood was flowing down his mouth, and his horn was broken.

"Heh, if you think you can stop the spread of the news by killing me, I can say you are way too foolish. If you kill me, the demon army would realize your city is capable of killing a king demon and should be exterminated. So, they will send at least two mid-stage king demons if not more to kill you all. Kekeke... you are fucked either way." The demon let out an unrestrained laughter once he finished speaking.

Hearing this, Aria nodded. "Thank you for the warning." She opened her mouth, her throat constricting slightly, and then,

Nothing!

But...

Thud!

The demon's eyes became blurry, and he fell to the ground.

A hint of seriousness appeared in Garima's eyes when she witnessed this and commented, "No wonder almost on one wants to meet a sound elemental mage in battle. Your attacks are almost impossible to defend against."

"I'll take that as a compliment." Aria revealed a small smile and then gestured to the demon, "If you may, please destroy his core and then freeze him. But make sure you don't kill him."

Garima nodded and glanced at the demon without moving.

Then, a sharp ice shard took form in front of her. It then shot at him and pieced his chest and then his demon core.

Swoosh!

As soon as the demon core was pierced, condensed demon energy burst forth from it and the demon's chest started swelling.

Unbothered, Garima lightly waved her hand, and ice covered the demon completely, freezing the core and energy within it.

She then glanced at Aria and said, "This can only buy us some time because they will surely investigate his disappearance. We need to prepare."

"That's right." Aria nodded before waving her hand, which made the demon float.

"Let's go. We need to discuss this." She said before flying away. Garima nodded and flew beside her.

Ryan was pacing back and forth on the city wall when Aria's voice rang in his head, [Come to the Garfield family's mansion.]

Hearing this, he immediately ordered the guards to be alert and inform him if there is anything amiss before flying away.

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In the city lord's mansion, Elena was discussing something with her subordinates when she received Aria's message. She dismissed everyone before flying toward the Garfield mansion.

Old man Raku also got the message.

Whoosh!

Bang!

Thud!

In the training room, Max and Anna were engaged in a fierce close combat, rapidly moving from one corner to another.

Anna's training clothes were drenched in sweat and she had many bruises visible on the exposed parts of her body, such as hands and face. Some blood was also trickling

down from the corner of her lips, but she still had an excited, almost crazed expression on her face. Clearly, she was enjoying and learning a lot from it.

Max, however, wasn't enjoying it as much. He could if she wasn't his adorable sister because he wouldn't hesitate or feel pained when he hit her.

But he couldn't stop because he knew that would upset her a lot. And he couldn't upset her, could he? Besides, he knew she would only benefit from it. As for the injuries, they could be healed easily.

Also, Anna had amazed him thoroughly today and forced him to reevaluate her.

Although he wasn't using his mana to enhance himself, he was nearly using all his raw physical power to fight, and she wasn't at much disadvantage while fighting him. After using her mana to enhance herself, she was almost as fast and strong as him.

Of course, he knew it wouldn't be this easy for her if he stopped pulling his punches or, although he hated to admit, wasn't a little more skilled in combat because Anna surely was.

Suddenly, Garima's voice sounded in his head. [Come to the main hall.]

Taking advantage of his slight distraction, Anna immediately threw a punch at his abdomen while her leg kicked at his right knee.

Max, not wanting to be defeated, circulated his mana throughout his body, reinforcing his physical defense.

Bam! Bam!

Her punch and kick connected, but the result wasn't what Anna expected. Feeling the sting in her knuckles and legs, she winced and jumped back.

"That's cheating. You used mana." She cried out, pouting cutely as she rubbed her knuckles.

"Hehe," Max chuckled. Suddenly appearing in front of her, he grabbed her by her waist before she could react and placed a kiss on her lips, tasting the salty taste of her sweat and sweetness on her lips.

Anna melted in his embrace, but her eyes still glared at him, making her look extremely adorable.

A few moments later, he broke the kiss and pinched her nose playfully. "Weren't you the one who was asking me to use my full strength?"

Anna slapped his hand away and huffed, "Humph! You didn't agree, so I thought you weren't going to do it. That's clearly cheating."

"Alright. Alright. I concede." Max raised his free hand in surrender and then asked, "How about I gave another kiss as an apology?"

Anna's eyes flashed cunningly as she raised her face toward him. Max smiled and placed his lips on hers. He started by gently kissing her lips, and then included his tongue, sucking them with passion.

After he finished savoring them, he parted them with his tongue and forced it inside her mouth and started playing with her tongue. Anna was initially hesitant, but soon started responding, her hands snaking around his neck, pulling his face closer to hers.

Amara and Maria watched them, both feeling the heat rising in their bellies. The only difference was Amara showed it on her face, but Maria didn't. She even looked conflicted and uncomfortable.

After five minutes, Max broke the kiss. He was happy beyond reason right now because Anna had responded with equal passion, disregarding all her hesitation.

Looking into her cloudy eyes, he grinned, "Satisfied?"

Contrary to his expectation, she shook her head and asked, "By what?"

"My apology."

Anna grinned in response, "When did I agree to accept it as apology?"

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Hearing this, Max was stunned for a moment before he smiled wryly and asked, "Alright. You win. Tell me, what exactly do you want?"

Anna's smile widened when she heard this. Looking into his eyes, she brought her lips closer to his temptingly and said, "I want you... to take me with you when you go out to fight the demons next time."

Finished saying this, she placed her lips on his.

Max didn't reject and let her kiss him. After she moved her face away a while later, he smiled at her, making her smile too.

"You agree, right?" She asked expectantly.

Max shook his head and chuckled. "No. I don't."

His refusal made Anna's smile stiffen on her face. She then became angry, "You... why not? As you can see, I'm strong enough to take care of myself."

"I admit you are strong and you can easily fight and kill ordinary two-star demons. But there is no two-star demon among the demon army. The weakest is an early-stage three-star and..."

Max looked into her eyes and continued with a serious note in his voice, "...you are not strong enough to face them yet. I'll let you accompany me when you break through to the three-star realm. Until then, stay in the city and continue your training."

Ignoring her aggrieved look, he walked toward the door. "Now, excuse me for a while. I have to attend an important meeting."

Whoosh!

Amara rushed to follow him and asked, "May I join you, master?"

"No. You stay here and help Anna train. I'll be back in a while," Max said. Amara was a little disappointed but nodded, "Yes, master."

Just as he was about to step out, Anna called out, her tone firm.

"Not three-star realm, you'll let me accompany you as soon as I breakthrough to peak two-star."

Max raised his brows and responded without looking back, "If you can convince me of your strength, sure."

Saying this, he opened the door and walked out.

Anna clenched her fist and muttered with determination, "I'll definitely convince you."

Then she glanced at Amara. "Let's start. Don't hold back."

"Oh, you don't worry. I won't." Amara chuckled somewhat sadistically, making Anna flinch and the thought that she probably shouldn't have said that appeared in her mind.

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When Max arrived in the main hall, Garima, old granny, Gene, Aria, Elena, Ryan, old man Raku, Emily, Esther, Mina and, surprisingly, the beautiful auction hostess, Siana, were already there.

Max greeted everyone. Others returned the greeting while Siana smiled. "I never thought we would meet again."

"But I knew we would definitely, albeit not in such circumstances." Max smiled. He then took a seat beside Emily and glanced at Garima.

"So, what's the matter? Why are we gathered here so suddenly?"

Ryan glared at him and snorted. "You brought trouble, you brat."

"I don't understand. Care to explain properly so I can?" Max asked, frowning. He couldn't understand how he must have brought trouble, which prompted everyone to gather and look so serious.

Ryan took a deep breath and started to explain, "A while ago, a group of fifty demons came..."

After hearing everything, Max's expression also turned serious, but he didn't forget to say, "So, the main problem wasn't them coming here for revenge but the mistake uncle made by disclosing the key information about our strength, is that right?"

The corner of Ryan's lips twitched when he heard this. Fearfully glancing at his wife, he growled at him, "Is that really important now?"

"Of course, it isn't." Max nodded.

Elena glanced at Aria, Garima and the old granny. "Do the seniors have any idea what we should do now?"

Everyone went silent at the question.

Old granny sighed and broke the silence, "Some of you already know, but I'm severely injured and have only 20% of my original strength. So, if two or more king demons arrive, things would get ugly for us."

Everyone's expressions strained at this.

Elena took a deep breath and said, "I think the only thing we can do now is to prepare for the worst and also secure some escape routes."

Just then, Max felt his communication crystal vibrate in his spatial ring. When he took it out and heard the message, his expression became somber.

Everyone noticed this and Ryan asked, "What is it, kid?"

Max took a deep breath and announced. "The war has officially begun."

Ryan shot up from his seat and shouted. "What?!"

Everyone else's expressions also changed and Elena asked, her delicate brows furrowing in confusion,

"That shouldn't be possible because the reinforcements from the central plains have yet to arrive. Are you sure your information is correct?"

"Yes. I'm sure." Max nodded. The message just now was from Quinn, his new slave, and from his connection to him, he knew he wasn't lying.

"Isn't it way too soon? It has been only over a week since they have stepped foot on our continent and they are already starting the war." Ryan said, worried.

Old granny glanced at Max before saying, "Although it's a good thing, it isn't bad too."

"What do you mean, senior?" Old man Raku asked.

"Weren't we worried about the horned demons sending people to attack us once they notice the king demon Garima and Aria captured? Since the war has started, they won't be sure it was us and even if we are the prime suspect, they won't be able to focus solely on us and this will give us some much-needed time." The old granny said.

"Time to do what?" Old man Raku asked, glancing at Max as he had noticed her gaze on him before she said this.

"Time to prepare ourselves, of course." The granny said. "Since that's the only thing we can do. And hopefully, we can last until the reinforcements arrive."

With that, the meeting concluded, leaving everyone with a heavy heart.

Max took a deep breath, stood up, glanced at Elena, Ryan and old man Raku. "I have decided to go and join the war. I hope you can lend me some of your warriors."

"Have you lost your mind, kid?" Ryan shouted, and everyone else frowned. Only old man Raku and the old granny looked thoughtful.

"No, I haven't." Max shook his head. "To ensure we can survive long enough for the reinforcements to arrive, I need to go out on the battlefield."

"What will you do there? No matter how strong you are, you are just a three-star mage in the end. There will be hundreds if not thousands of warriors as strong or stronger than you." Ryan said, trying to discourage him.

Max, however, shook his head. "I know, and that's exactly the reason I'm going there. I need to kill a lot of demons, which I can't find in the forest outside."

His words confused everyone, but he didn't let anyone ask anything, and said. "You don't need to ask anything because I won't tell you the reason or change my mind." He knew he had revealed a little of his secrets, but he couldn't care less right now.

Just then, Emily stood up and said, "I'll go with you."

Max was hesitant because he didn't want her to risk her life out there, but knew she wasn't asking but telling. So, he nodded, "Alright."

Ryan still wanted to say something but old man Raku shook his head, "It's alright. Since they have decided, let them and give him as many warriors as you can."

"Thanks grandpa." Max nodded at the old man before excusing himself, "Alright. I'll need to prepare a little. So, I'll take my leave."

Saying this, he walked out, and Emily followed him.

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A while later, Max, Emily, Anna, Amara, Maria, Leticia and Belen walked out of the Garfield mansion and headed for the center of the Ninam city, where the city library was.

Whoosh!

They had gone just over 100 meters when a small figure rushed at them behind and jumped Belen, who was walking at the back of the group.

Everyone immediately turned around and Belen was about to attack when she saw it was little Arya. and stopped before holding out her hands to catch her.

"Hehe, big sister, are you going to the library?" She asked, giggling cheerfully.

Seeing her like that, a small smile appeared on Belen's face and she nodded, "Yes." And then asked, despite knowing the answer, "Do you want to come along?"

"Of course. Without me, you guys might get lost in the city." Little Arya snickered.

"Alright. Let's go." Belen nodded and put her down on the ground.

Leticia, who was close to Belen, grabbed her hand and asked, "How did you know we were going out just now? Were you waiting since morning?"

"Hehe, no." Little Arya giggled, "I requested the guards guarding your mansion's gate to inform me as soon as they saw you guys leave."

Amara glanced at her, and smiled fondly, surprising Max, as this was the first time he saw such an expression on her face.

"What is it?" he asked curiously.

"Seeing her, I was reminded of my childhood when I also used to do the same with my big brother." She said, a wistful expression on her face. There was also a tinge of worry in her eyes.

"Don't worry. Your brother will be alright. He isn't weak." Max said, reassuring her. He had asked Quinn about the people of the Bloodwing race and found out that they weren't in the Green leaf kingdom but had gone to invade other kingdoms and empires. That's why Amara couldn't contact him.

"Mm. I hope so." She nodded.

Emily glanced between Max and Amara, her eyes flickering.

After a while, they had arrived in front of a four-story tall, wooden building: the city library.

Rima was already standing there, waiting. She smiled when she saw them and then all of them entered the building after telling the guards at the entrance that Ryan had allowed them.

They seemed to have already gotten orders and allowed the group entry without any problem.

"Hus—Max, what kind of spells you want?" Rima asked, blushing a little because she had almost called him husband. Fortunately, no one, except Maria, noticed this.

"Movement techniques." Max answered.

"Okay. Let me bring you there." She said before turning to Emily and others, "On the first floor, there are only basic grade one and grade two spells. On the second floor are

grade three, which most you would need. And on the third and fourth floor are grade four and grade five spells. So, let's head to the second floor."

Max glanced at Maria and Anna, who were both two-star mages, "You guys look around here and see if there is any suitable spell for you."

Anna had an unresigned expression on her face and huffed. "Fine." She wished nothing more than to breakthrough to the three-star realm as soon as possible.

Maria, however, calmly nodded. Although she already had all the spells, she needs thanks to Rima's status as the only king ranked mage's disciple, she still stayed with Anna to accompany her.

The group arrive on the second floor and dispersed to find something suitable for them. Only Amara stayed with Max and Rima.

Rima glanced at her and asked, "Why aren't you looking for a suitable spell? They have quite good ones here."

"I don't any," Amara responded, which made Rima frown.

Max looked around to see if there was anyone near them, leaned over to her and whispered in her ear, "She is a... demon."

Rima froze and looked at Max wide eyed. "Y-You... she... are you joking?" She asked, finding it difficult to believe.

Max shrugged, "No. Now, let's go and look for spells, shall we?" He asked.

Rima nodded without saying anything. Her eyes were glued to Amara, deep in thought.

Feeling uncomfortable under her gaze, Amara said, "Master isn't lying."

Rima didn't say anything and just nodded. She knew he wasn't lying, but it was just too hard to digest for her. Her man had a demon subordinate following him and from what she could feel, their relationship was more than just master and servant.

Max was surprised when she didn't ask anything.

Under her lead, they quickly arrived in front of a large bookshelf that had over 50 spell books.

"Here you go. These are the best grade three movement technique you can find in the Green leaf and other nearby kingdoms. See if any of these suit you." Rima said.

Max nodded. Glancing around, he quickly located the [Fire elemental technique] section. There weren't many books, only five.

All books had a number written under them. It was the required contribution points which one needed to take it out and learn. Max didn't need to pay anything, of course.

He directly went for the book, which required the highest number of contribution points, and opened it.

[Phoenix's Wings: Uses fire elemental mana to form phoenix wings through the method written below. When the user attains basic mastery over the techniques, he can increase his maximum speed by three-folds. Circulation method: Channel your elemental mana...]

After reading it, he couldn't help but sigh emotionally, "It's a very powerful technique. Unfortunately, this is only the first part and I can only attain basic—"

Suddenly, he stopped when he remembered what the system had told him. To confirm it, he mentally asked, 'System, this technique only has the basic circulation method. In normal cases, it shouldn't be possible to attain a mastery level higher than basic mastery. However, from what you previously told me, I don't need the higher level of circulation and just need to increase my mana output, is that right?'

[That's correct, host. However, even with the system's assistance, just based on this basic circulation method, it's maximum potential won't exceed an ordinary grade 6 movement technique.] The system answered.

Max frowned when he heard this and asked, 'Didn't you say even the ordinary spells could be strong enough to threaten a supreme mage as long as I provide it with enough mana?'

[Yes, host. That's applicable to the spells that have a fixed circulation and channeling method which this technique doesn't have.]

Hearing this, he put the book back and picked another. He wanted a technique which he wouldn't need to change in the future.

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After checking the rest of the skills, he couldn't help but be disappointed because, according to the system, none of them could exceed grade four, making them worthless in his eyes.

Seeing his disappointed expression, Rima asked, "What is it? You don't like any of them?"

"Yeah. Only that one is slightly better while the rest are not up to par," Max sighed.

The corner of Rima's lips twitched when she heard this. Didn't that mean the movement techniques of several kingdoms were trash?

She then stepped forward and picked up the [Pheonix Wings] and said, "I don't know about the rest but this skill is not ordinary."

"How do you know?" Max asked because she hadn't even opened it yet.

In response, Rima grinned, "It's because I've already checked all the fire, Plant and wind elemental spells and techniques on this floor."

A tender look appeared in his eyes when he heard this. Because she clearly did that for him, Belen, and Leticia.

Leaning toward her, he gently kissed her. "Thank you!"

"Hehe, just this kiss was worth all the time I spend here." She smiled and then said, "Now, let's get back to the topic. As I was saying, this technique is one of the best even among the other elemental ones and that's not only because it can make you three times faster with just basic mastery but also because there is another part of it on the third floor. When combined, it won't be weaker than a normal grade five elemental technique."

Max suddenly grew excited. "Is that true?"

"Although I haven't seen it myself since I wasn't allowed to go on the third floor, even with my status, the librarian here had told me about this." Rima nodded.

"Good. Let's go to the third floor." Max said, putting away the first part of the [Pheonix Wings]. Since the first part could be as strong as an ordinary king ranked technique, maybe with both parts he won't need to look for a better one before he became a supreme mage.

"Alright." Rima nodded, thinking that he wanted it for when he broke through to the four-star realm.

Then the trio headed upstairs but were immediately blocked by an old Elvin woman in black clothes. She glanced at them and frowned. "Humans? Who allowed you in here?"

As soon as she appeared in front of them, Amara took a step back while Max felt as if he was standing in the presence of a monster.

'She is... terrifyingly strong.' He exclaimed in his heart. Meanwhile, Rima looked at them in confusion. Why did they look... scared?

"Interesting!" The old woman's eyes flickered briefly before she repeated the question, "Who allowed in here?"

Taking a deep breath, Max bowed slightly toward her, "Greetings, senior. We are here to see if we can find some suitable spells. Guard commander Ryan had allowed us to."

"That kid? Just what is he thinking, allowing three-star mages to enter the third floor?" The woman shook her head, muttering. She then stepped to the side, allowing them entry. "Go on."

They were surprised that Ryan hadn't informed her, but it was understandable because he wouldn't have expected them—

three-star mages—to come to the third floor where grade four spells are kept. Also, her calling him 'kid' surprised them a little too. His status was almost equal to the city lord, and people should address him respectfully.

"Um, don't you want to verify if we are speaking the truth?" Rima asked. Since she wasn't informed beforehand, shouldn't she check if they were speaking the truth or not?

"There is no need. Now go on." The old woman dismissively waved her hand before taking a seat on the wooden chair right beside the entrance.

Max and Rima exchanged glances before walking inside. After they were inside, Max mentally asked the system, 'System, how strong is that woman?'

[She is an emperor mage, host.]

'That doesn't make sense. Old granny is also an emperor ranked mage, but she doesn't feel as monstrous as this old woman.' Max said, 'Or is it because she is injured?'

[Yes, host. However, another host found this old woman monstrous because her nature is violent and bloodthirsty unlike host's granny who has a mild temperament.] The system explained.

'Okay.' Max nodded and thought, 'I never thought they would have an emperor mage hiding here. Well, I won't have to worry about my family's safety now, at least.'

A while later, they found the second part of the [Pheonix Wings].

[Pheonix Wings (Part two): Once mastered, the user can increase his original speed by ten folds. Circulation method: Channel your mana through...]

After reading it, he asked the system, 'System, what is this technique's maximum potential now?'

[Grade 8, host.]

'Which means I don't need to look for any other movement technique until I breakthrough to the supreme mage realm.' Max thought, satisfied. 'Now I only need to comprehend it.' He frowned because this would take quite some time, which he didn't have.

Just then, the system spoke up again.

[Host, the system shop has things that can improve comprehension abilities by multiple folds for a short amount of time. Host should try them.]

Max's eyes glowed when he heard this and he immediately said, 'Nice timing. Now, please help me find something suitable and affordable.'

[Yes, host.]

Just then, Rima asked, "What are you thinking, husband?"

"Mm?" Amara's brows shot up when she heard this but didn't say anything.

"No. Nothing." Max shook his head and said, "Let's go down and see if everyone has found what they need."

"Okay."

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When they came down, the ladies weren't done choosing their spells yet.

He glanced at Rima and said, "Why don't you go and help them? I'll wait here."

"Alright." Rima nodded and walked away to help Leticia and others.

'Have you found something suitable, system?' He asked the system.

[Yes, host.] The system answered, and immediately, a window popped up in front of him. There was a drop of red liquid in a small bottle with a brief introduction written beside it.

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[Ryser's tear: The Ryser, a mystical race, is renowned throughout the cosmos for their seemingly infinite wisdom. Their tears contain mystical powers. When consumed, it boosts the user's concentration, deduction and comprehension ability beyond their limit.]

[Price: 10,000 SPs]

As he read the description, he was surprised that such mystical races existed in the universe. However, when he saw the price, his expression stiffened.

'System, isn't there something... more affordable in the system shop?' He asked.

[No, host. As stated before, the items in the system shop are premium items and this price is already the lowest possible.] The system responded.

Max didn't respond and opened his status.

[Lust Points: 24,000]

[Kill Points: 17,000]

[Shop Points: 9,000]

Taking a breath, he said, 'Covert all Kill points into SPs and put all LPs into intelligence. I believe I would need better senses and mana control in the upcoming days.'

Swoosh!

[It's done, host.]

The system promptly replied, and his stats changed.

[Intelligence: 155 --> 179]

[Lust Points: 0]

[Kill Points: 0]

[Shop Points: 10,700]

'Good.' Max said, closing his eyes to check how much his sense had enhanced and was satisfied by the results.

'Now... buy the item.' He said and as he watched 10,000 SPs vanish, he couldn't help but feel a pang in his heart.

'It's alright. It's for the better.' Consoling himself, he waited for the system's notification, which sounded in the next moment.

[Ding! Purchase successful! The item has been stored in your inventory.]

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After half an hour, Emily and others were done choosing their spells. Rima didn't need to, since she already had what she needed.

Among them, Belen seemed pretty excited while Leticia had a pout.

"You didn't find anything suitable?" He asked her.

"No, I did, but just a movement technique. All offensive and defensive spells here are nothing extraordinary." She said, which made the nearby people give her odd looks.

Belen shook her head. "They are very good. But if you assess them by your bloodline ability's standard, I doubt you would find any good spell anywhere."

"You... are not wrong. But I hope I would find something good here." Leticia clicked her tongue.

Max looked at Leticia, and said, "I still haven't seen what kind of bloodline ability you have awakened."

After he rescued them from the demons, she had told him she had awakened an awesome bloodline ability, but she hadn't shown what it was because it was the kind of ability that could only be used once every half a month.

Leticia's face drooped when she heard him and then said with a pout, "If you wait for a few days, I'll show you. But you don't. Humph! And you also aren't taking me with you."

Max only smiled at this. From the moment she found out he was leaving the city and not taking her, she had complained about this at least 10 times.

Leticia stomped her foot when she saw his reaction but didn't say anything.

Max then glanced at Emily. "Did you find something suitable?"

"Yes." Emily nodded, not bothering to explain.

Max didn't mind it, since he would see them in action.

'Too bad I don't have more SPs to buy a Kyser's tear for her. It would've helped her a lot in comprehending her new spells.' He thought, sighing at his poverty. However, he

didn't know she was going to give him a nice surprise in a few days and he would realize he didn't need to feel regretful about not being able to give her a Ryser's tear.

"Let's go. Anna and Maria must have finished choosing their spells, too." He said and lead them downstairs.

As he said, Anna and Maria were already waiting for them to come down.

As soon as Anna saw them, she hopped toward them like an excited child and asked, "Hehe, did you find something good?"

"Yeah, what about you?" Max nodded, not bothering to explain what he got because he could see she didn't want to hear it and dying to tell them about her findings.

Sure enough, she bobbed her head up and down, trying to contain her excitement. "Good, good. I also got something amazing." After saying this, she stared at him, clearly waiting for him to ask what she got. Max chuckled at this and asked, "What did you get?"

Hearing this, Anna waved her hand, causing an old, tattered book to appear in her hand. "I got this." She proudly and excitedly declared.

"What is this?" Max asked, taking the book in his hand and read the title.

[Way of martial arts: A guide to becoming unmatched in close combat.]

'No wonder she liked it. Just the name is enough to make her excited.' He thought and shuffled through a few pages. Initially indifferent, he grew increasingly surprised as continued to flip the page after page.

Seeing this, Anna giggled, "Isn't this book great? With this, I won't be any weaker to you guys, even if I don't have a bloodline or don't awaken any element."

Closing the book, he looked at her with a strange look and asked, "You can read it?"

"Mm? Of course I can. You can't?" She asked, frowning in confusion.

"I can, but as I read further, the words get blurry." Max said, which made everyone raise their brows in surprise.

"Show me." Emily said, extending her hand toward him. Max nodded and give it to her and as she flipped pages, her brows knitted tightly.

"It's the same for me." She said, handing the book over to Leticia. "You try."

The result was the same. Leticia also couldn't read more than a few lines. The same was true for Belen and Amara.

Just then, a voice sounded in their heads. It was the voice of the old woman on the third floor.

[Only those who have an affinity with it can read it. Others can't. So, don't be surprised. And congratulations, little girl. Try not to die anytime soon. I want to see what can you achieve with that book. Now, get out. Your time in the library is up.]

As soon as the voice stopped, they found themselves out of the library.

"This... this was spatial teleportation?" Leticia uttered in shocked surprise.

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"That old lady... she is stronger than my father." Amara added with a frown on her face.

She was starting to feel worried for her branch family because they didn't have any emperor demon while she had already encountered two emperor mages in this backwater place.

"Mm?" Emily, Anna and others gave her and Max strange looks when they heard her. Everyone had the same question in mind: If your father is stronger than a five-star demon, how did Max enslave her? Of course, no one asked this since they could see their relationship had already exceeded a typical master-slave relationship.

Anna, however, couldn't help but ask, "How strong is your father Amara?"

"He should be a peak king d—warrior. Perhaps he has already broken through to the emperor realm?" She said with a pondering look.

The ladies nodded to themselves at the revelation. 'Indeed, we were right.' They thought.

"So, you are saying the one who sent us out is at least an emperor mage?" Leticia asked, her eyes glinting with excitement. She could feel that her bloodline was strong beyond her imagination and she should also reach these heights. So, the prospect of gaining such strength excited very much.

"Yes. She should be." Amara nodded.

Leticia clenched her fist and raised it above her head. "I'll become as strong, no, stronger than her in the future." She exclaimed in excitement.

Anna looked at the book in her hand and muttered, "I wonder if I can also become that strong."

Max heard her muttering, smiled and patted her head, "You will, definitely."

'...If this can't help you, I will.' He added in his mind.

Anna's face blushed slightly being treated like this in front of everyone, but didn't say anything because she liked it very much when he did it.

Emily's eyes narrowed slightly at this before she said, "Shouldn't we return to the mansion to say goodbyes to everyone or are you planning to leave at night?"

Although her voice was calm as usual, Max could feel she was a little displeased. So, he hurriedly nodded, "Alright. Let's go."

Saying this, he removed his hand from Anna's head and walked in the Garfield mansion's direction. While walking back, Anna came over to Emily's side and asked in a whisper, "What is it? Why did you get angry?"

Emily looked at her indifferently and shook her head. "No, I didn't."

"You did and you know I know it. So, spit it out. Why did you? Was it because you were jealous?" Anna asked in a playful voice.

Emily narrowed her eyes when she heard this. After seeing that no one was eavesdropping on them, she asked in a cold voice, "What's going on between you two? I can see things are... different between you guys now."

The corner of Anna's lips lifted to form a teasing grin. "So, you were indeed jealous." Although she seemed nonchalant, her heart was galloping like a racing horse. She wasn't ready to tell her family about her relationship with Max. The only reason she dared to tease Emily was because she knew she would support her, even if she didn't like it.

"Are you itching for some beating?" Emily dangerously narrowed her eyes and snorted. "I wasn't jealous, just uncomfortable. Now tell me what's going on."

"I'll tell you when I breakthrough to the three-star realm." Anna said and walked over to little Arya. Clearly not intending to talk further.

Emily frowned at this. She then went over to Max and asked, "Do you have something that can help Anna strengthen her foundation and increase her realm?"

Max glanced at Anna. She was a mid-stage two-star warrior and given it had been just less than one and a half month, her cultivation speed was already quite fast. But he could also understand why Emily was asking this. Of course, he didn't know the reason and just thought that she wanted her to become stronger because of the war.

"Let me see," Max said and appeared to be thinking while inwardly, he conversed with the system.

'System, find me something that can help a two-star mage strengthen their foundation and improve their realm. And you can see, my budget is a little tight, so be mindful of the price.'

[Yes, host.]

A moment later, a panel popped up in front of him with an item shown in it. It was a black berry type fruit.

[Ghost spirit fruit (Grade two): A less potent version of the Ghost spirit fruit. Can strengthen a person's foundation, increase compatibility with their foundation energy and refine it.]

[Limitation: Can only be consumed once.]

[Price: 200 SPs]

As he read its information, the system said.

[This fruit's primary function is to help strengthen a person's energy core and refine and purify their energy. However, as a side-effect, it can also help a two-star mage increase their strength by at least one minor realm, maybe two if they can digest all its essence.]

'Hm? Which means it can also help those who are at the peak of the two-star realm and are trying to break through to the three-star?' He asked, since energy refining was one of the major steps to breakthrough to the three-star realm.

[That's correct, host.]

'That's great. I can help Leticia, Belen and Rima too but...' He thought, glancing at his 700 SPs. He thought for a moment. He knew asking the system for a loan would be useless, so he thought about how he could get more SPs. Then his eyes glinted and with hope, he asked, 'System, can I sell mana stone in the system shop?'

The system was silent for a moment before it answered.

[Host can sell them. But the price would be very low.] 'I expected that much. So, tell me how much a single low-grade mana stone is worth?' He asked, not at all surprised. He

wouldn't be surprised if the system told him he couldn't sell them since mana stones couldn't be called 'premium', at least not the low-grade ones.

[Host can only get 1 Shop point for every 1000 low-grade and 100 mid-grade mana stones.] The system answered, which caused him to almost stumble on his feet. It was worse than he would have liked. But what could he do?

Sighing, he checked his inventory and found he had a little over 1 million low-grade mana stones.

'Let's keep 100,000 for my and Emily's needs.' He thought and then said to the system, 'System, sell 900,000 of them and buy 5 of these fruits.'

[Yes, host.] System then sold 900,000 of his stones, which gave him 900 SPs. It then purchased 5 ghost spirit fruits.

[Purchase successful! Your items have been stored in the inventory.]

[Lust Points: 0]

[Kill Points: 0]

[Shop Points: 600]

Seeing his points tally, Max sighed. 'It's difficult to earn but too easy to spend.'

Emily frowned when he didn't answer for a while.

"It's alright if you don't have—"

"No. I have." He interrupted her and took out five grape size, black fruits. "These are called ghost spirit fruits and can help a two-star mage strengthen their cores and also increase their strength." He explained it to her when he noticed her looking at them with a strange look.

"Oh? The rest must be because of your... women, right?" She asked.

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"That's right. They are in the two-star realm, too. So, these will be help—" Max nodded. However, before he could finish speaking, Emily interrupted him.

"Okay. I'm going to take care of a few things. I'll meet you at the city gate in half an hour. Don't be late."

Whoosh!

After saying her piece, she rushed away, disappearing from his sight in just a moment.

"What's up with her?"

He muttered, "Why does it feel she is angry with me? Isn't having a harem a common thing in this world?"

Deciding not to bother himself with this for the time being, he shrugged and turned to Anna and others.

"Anna, Leticia, Belen, Rima and Maria, here catch it." He said and threw a ghost spirit fruit toward each of them.

Everyone caught it and Leticia asked, "Is this a spirit fruit?"

"Yeah. Unlike the ones I gave you last time, these can only be used in the two-star realm, so you don't need to save it for later." Max smiled and then added, "When you eat them, try your best to digest as much of its essence as you can. It'll help you strengthen your core, refine and purify your mana, and increase your cultivation realm."

"Really? It can refine and purify our mana?" Rima asked, surprised. After staying in the Ninam city all this time, she knew elves could nurture many types of spirit fruits. And as Aria's disciple, she didn't lack spirit fruits. She had eaten a few to reach peak two-star.

But the spirit fruits that could refine and purify one's energy were rare, even for her, because they were too difficult to grow and nurture compared to others.

So, she was naturally surprised when she saw him give them five of such fruits in one go.

"Yes, it can." Max nodded.

"That's amazing. With this fruit, I should be able to refine all my two-star mana to the three-star level. And since it can strengthen the core too, my foundation won't be weak." She said, excited.

Her master had told her she only needed to enhance all of her mana to the three-star level and that she would help her reconstruct her core.

'That's great. Now, by the time he returns from the battlefield, I should already be a three-star mage and can accompany him wherever he goes.'

She thought and could barely stop herself from rushing off to her cultivation site to consume the fruit and cultivate.

Max, noticing her excitement, smiled, "It's alright. You go and culti

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"No. I'll see you off," Rima cut him off. She wanted to be with him for as long as she could.

Hearing this, a smile appeared on Max's face and nodded, "Alright."

Anna, Leticia and Belen were also happy to receive the fruit and quickly stored them in their wooden medicine boxes before storing them.

Maria, however, looked at the fruit in hand with a concerned look. From their conversation, she knew this little fruit was something very precious.

Anna, who was near her, noticed that she hadn't stored it away and asked, "What is it, Maria? Why aren't you putting it away?"

Maria hesitated and then said, "Mm? Big sis, this is something precious. I don't want to waste it on myself since I don't have much talent for cultivation."

"Shhh!" Anna put her finger on her lips and shushed her, which made Maria panic, thinking that she had made some mistake.

"Don't say that in front of him or he will be angry." Anna said, while giggling inwardly, 'Hehe, she is so fun to tease.'

"But—"

"No buts. It's something he gave to you, so use it. Don't think if it's precious or worthless, alright?" She said.

Maria glanced at Max before nodding. "I understand." She then put away the fruit while vowing to use it well and become stronger.

A while later, they arrived at the Garfield mansion. It took a few minutes for Max to bid his step mothers, Garima, old granny and Gene farewell. Amelia asked him to be back soon and fulfill his promise to Ashton.

"Don't worry. I'll be back in two weeks." Max reassured her.

Then Esther walked over, looked into his eyes and said, "Please keep Emily safe."

"I will." Max nodded.

"Alright. I'll take my leave now. Take care of yourselves and miss Garima and granny, please make sure everyone is safe if anything unexpected happens."

"Don't worry. You just take care of yourself and remember to never underestimate your enemy no matter how weak they seem to you. Also, be wary of other humans too."

Old granny advised.

"Understood." Max nodded and left the mansion under Anna's and others' worried gazes.

When he arrived at the city gates, Emily, Ryan and ten Elvin warriors were waiting for him.

"Ready?" Ryan asked.

"Yes."

"Alright." Ryan nodded and looked at the Elves. "He will be your leader for this outing. You are to listen and obey to his commands."

The elves seemed displeased by this, especially the three standing at the front, but nodded. "Yes, lord commander."

Ryan then looked at him and said in a serious tone,

"Seven of them are peak three-star mages, while the remaining three are in the early-stage four-star realm. And you are their leader. So, it's your responsibility to bring them back alive and well."

"I understand." Max nodded and suddenly felt an invisible pressure in his heart. For a moment, he wanted to leave alone so he won't need to be responsible for them, but he knew he needed them if he wanted to earn enough points to buy the [Drop of life] for his father and healing medicine for the old granny.

Taking a deep breath, he bowed toward him, "Thank you for all your help, uncle." With the war on their heads, he knew the Ninam city didn't have many peak three-star mages to spare, not to mention three four-star ones.

But even then, he got ten of them. So, he was naturally moved.

"Tch! You aren't that repulsive, heh? Now, go," Ryan joked while flicking a storage ring at him and then vanished.

Max scanned the storage ring, and a pleasantly surprised expression appeared on his face.

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With a smile on his face, he waved his hand and immediately after,

Swoosh!

A giant, silver-winged eagle appeared in front of them.

Scree~!

It let out a shrill cry, flapped its wings, and flew straight to the sky.

Whoosh!

The wind generated from its wings pushed Max back. He looked at the majestic eagle in the sky in awe.

The Elves were shocked when they saw it and one of the three four-star mages exclaimed, "Isn't that lord commander's steed?!"

They exchanged glances and could see shock and a look of understanding in each other's eyes. By giving his mount to him, Ryan was telling them to take Max seriously.

"It seems we don't have any choice." One of the three said, and the other two nodded.

After flying a few circles above their heads, the silver-eagle landed in front of Max, its large reddish black eyes staring down at him. And Max could see the disdain in them, which made him smile stiffly.

"What are you looking at? Didn't uncle Ryan tell you to obey me?" He glared back.

Scree~!

Whoosh!

The eagle screeched and flapped its wings, sending a gust of wind in his direction. Max hurriedly circulated his mana to defend, but was still pushed a few steps back. 'Well, that's a four-star beast for you.' He thought, a serious expression on his face. Just from this, he knew he wasn't a match for this beast. One of the three four-star mages spoke

up at this moment, "Team leader, besides lord commander, this eagle doesn't listen to anyone. So, it isn't advisable to challenge it."

Max nodded. He could see the eagle was very prideful. So challenging it wouldn't get him anywhere. However, he wasn't going to grovel in front of it.

So, without saying anything, he jumped up, intending to land on it. However, the eagle swatted him away with its wing.

After landing back to the ground, he put on an indifferent face and asked, "Are you going to disobey uncle Ryan by not allowing me to mount you?"

The eagle squinted its eyes. It then lowered its body.

Seeing this, Max nodded in satisfaction. He then jumped and landed on its back without any problem.

"Let's go, guys. We have quite a long journey ahead of us." He smiled at Emily and the Elves.

Whoosh!

Emily tapped her feet on the ground and floated up before landing beside him. The Elves exchanged glances, smiled wryly, and also mounted the eagle.

"Let's go. Show me how fast you are." Max sat down and patted its back.

Scree~!

The eagle screeched as though provoked by his words and flapped its wings.

Whoosh!

In just one flap, it shot up over 100 meters.

"Woah! You are quite fast, huh?" Max exclaimed. Apart from Garima, this eagle was the fastest.

The eagle raised its head proudly when it heard him. To this, Max smiled, 'Everyone likes praise.' He then pointed in the north direction where one of the battlefields was supposed to be, and ordered. "Head north."

Scree~! Whoosh!

The eagle screeched once again and flapped its wings, shooting in the north direction.

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Three hours later, they had flown for thousands of miles. On the way, they had spotted a few groups of demons and killed them. Because everyone was almost as strong or stronger than Max, he could only kill 5 three-star demons which netted him 15,000 Kill Points. After selling the demon he and Emily got, he gained another 100 SPs. Unfortunately, none of the demon bodies were qualified to be sold in the system shop or he would have earned some SPs, too.

On the way when they didn't encounter any demon, he had consumed [Ryser's tear]. Immediately, he had felt his mind become clearer and all of his senses were enhanced tens of times.

Although this lasted for just over ten minutes, he had managed to comprehend the first part of the [Phoenix Wings] and now only needed to practice it to be able to use in the battle.

Also, while comprehending, he could feel a violent and destructive power within him and he knew it wasn't his fire element but... his bloodline, and not the one system was integrating him with, but another, which he inherited from his mother.

He had asked old granny if he could awaken his thunder bloodline and after checking him; she had told him it was dormant and needed intense stimulation for it to awaken. Unfortunately, despite being an emperor mage, she couldn't help him with.

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Right now, they were flying above a mountainous, rocky terrain when suddenly, they noticed a small town up ahead. Smoke was rising in the air, indicating that there was a fire.

As they came closer, they could hear terrified shrieks, crying sounds and demons' signature unbridled laughter.

Emily frowned and said, "The demons have attacked this town. Why haven't they evacuated like other towns?"

Max glanced around and sighed, "Perhaps because this town is cut off by the rest of the world by these hills and rocky terrain, they didn't get the news."

As they came closer, they could see many hideous looking demons running rampant in the town, decimating the wooden houses, killing and eating the people. Some were even raping the town's women and young girls.

"These bastards..." One of the three-star elves gritted his teeth in anger.

"Let's go down." Max said, patting the eagle.

"Wait!" One of the four-star elves suddenly called out, stopping him.

"Hm? What is it?" Max asked, frowning.

"Team leader, there are at least 50 demons down there and some of them might be four-star demons too. Going down there will be very dangerous." The elf said.

"Where are we going?" Max asked, not commenting on what he said.

The elf raised an eyebrow and replied, "To the battlefield."

Max nodded and asked, "Won't the battlefield be more dangerous? Are we supposed to cower and not go because it'll be dangerous?"

He then glanced at others. "Of course, if any of you don't want to join the fight, I won't force you."

The elf team leader who had fought Max with the serpent demons was first to speak up, "You are right, team leader. If we cower from facing just over 50 demons, how will we face hundreds or even thousands on the battlefield? So I'll go down and fight with you."

Max looked at him and nodded. This guy was very good. "What's your name?" He asked,

The elf smiled wryly. They had fought together but still didn't know each-others' names.

"I'm Rey." He said.

"Rey, I'm Max. You can address me by my name. No need to call me team leader." Max said and after he nodded, he glanced at others.

"I'll fight." Another elf said and then one by one, all three-star and the two four-star elves expressed their willingness to fight and looked at the last four-star elf.

He glanced at his companions and then looked at Max. Smiling bitterly, he said, "Team leader, you misunderstood me. I never said I wasn't willing to fight. I was just worried about them, but since everyone is willing, let's go."

"Good." Max nodded and patted the eagle, pointing some distance away from the town. He ordered, "Land there."

They landed quietly without alerting anyone. After he stored the eagle in the beast ring, they rushed toward the town while making sure they didn't make any noise.

"Ahhhhhh! Noooo! Don't kill me!"

"Nooo! My son. I'll kill you demon... arghh!"

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As they entered the town, many cries entered their ears.

"Form four three-men team and spread out, but stay in contact with each other. And remember not to engage if there are more than two demons or you are unsure of your victory without causing much commotion. Last thing we want is to be surrounded by every demon here." Max ordered in a hushed voice.

Everyone nodded in acknowledgement and then formed four teams of three. In Max's team were Emily and Rey. He took Rey instead of one of the three four-star mages because he wanted others to be safe. Besides, Emily and Rey were fast enough to survive even against a four-star demon and he, with his new skill, should be able to, too. Moreover, it wasn't like they couldn't call them for help if they encountered some tough opponents.

"Alright. Go and be alert. Good luck." Max said and then rushed into the town with Emily and Rey.

The four-star elves exchanged glances before one of them said, "This human isn't bad."

"Yeah. No wonder lord Ryan thinks highly of him. Now, I just hope he is strong enough." Another nodded.

"From what Rey told us, he is even stronger than him. Now let's go. We have demons to hunt." The third one said.

Everyone nodded and rushed away.

Chapter 517: Earth spirit village

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Earth spirit village. This was this town's name and only a hundred or so families lived here. Most of these people were ordinary folks without a hint of mana in their bodies.

Only the first male offspring of a generation from the Riggaltan family would have the potential to become a mage. Hence, naturally, the Riggaltan family became the town's leader.

Everyone obeyed and respected them and the Riggaltan family also didn't grow arrogant just because they were the strongest in the town and had mages. They would

do their best to assist the town's folk and protect the town, although there weren't many dangers thanks to the isolated location of the town.

There was another peculiar thing about the Riggaltan family.

All the male offspring apart from the first one would succumb to death within a week after they were born and the one who didn't and would become the mage in the future could only awaken the Earth Element.

In this generation, the Riggaltan family only had a son and a daughter. Unfortunately, the son, Leo Riggaltan, didn't want to stay cooped up in the town and wanted to explore the world instead.

(A/N: Does anyone remember the name Leo Riggaltan?)

But his parents, grandparents and the rest of the villagers were strictly against it because anyone who left town never returned. This was the curse placed upon them, especially the Riggaltan family, that stopped them from leaving the town.

Leo, however, didn't believe this and on one fateful night, with his sister's help, he sneaked out of the town with no one noticing. He also left a letter for his parents in which he said,

[Don't worry, father, mother. I'll return after seeing the outer world and when I do, I promise I will be very strong. I will protect and make the town flourish. -Your son.]

When his parents found out about this, they were angry and sad but couldn't do anything about it. Despite knowing the chances of him returning were very slim because of the curse placed upon their town, especially on their family, they could only hope he will return safe and sound.

But half a year later, instead of their son, this demon calamity arrived.

Currently, in the Riggaltan house, a middle-aged man, woman, a young girl and a few ordinary villagers were hiding in the basement.

"Chief. What's happening? Who are these monsters and why are they attacking us?" A man asked as he hugged his five-year-old son.

The middle-aged man took a deep breath. With a grim look on his face, he said, "If my family's ancestral records aren't wrong, then these monsters outside should be demons."

"Demons? Those from the legends?" The man asked, frowning. He only ever heard of the term 'demon' in the stories.

"Yes." The middle-aged man, the chief, nodded, "However, as you can see, they are not just legends but real living beings."

Everyone shivered when they heard this. From the stories they heard from their parents as kids, they had a rough idea that demons were cruel and liked to kill and feed on humans.

There was silence in the basement before one of them asked, "Chief, what should we do? We can't stay here and hope that they will leave, right? Once they find out we are here, we will be killed and eaten like the rest of the villagers."

Middle-aged man's expression turned grimmer when he heard this, but just as he was about to reply, a wild laughter resounded.

"Kekeke! Find you? We already know where you are. Don't worry, we'll come to you when we are done with the people outside."

Everyone paled when they heard this.

The man who spoke just now stammered in fear. "T-They already know about us. H-How?"

"We are doomed."

"No! Why is this happening?"

"Damn it! If that brat Leo was here, maybe with his and chief's help, we could have fought our way out."

"Yeah. Why did he have to leave? What would he achieve if he saw the outside world? Haven't we stayed in the village all our lives?"

"Such an ungrateful bastard!"

As fear overwhelmed their heart, the town's folk started cursing Leo. Upon hearing this, the middle-aged chief, the middle-aged women and the young girl's expression turned ugly.

She glanced at her father and mother and, seeing they didn't say anything, she shouted, "Shut up! What will you achieve by cursing my big brother? Do really believe if he was here, we wouldn't be in this situation?"

Her outburst, however, didn't have the effect she was hoping for and the town's folk became more aggressive with their curses.

"You damned girl! Who are you shouting at for? Did we say anything wrong?"

"It's all because of your family."

"If your family hadn't been arrogant all those years ago and didn't piss off someone they shouldn't have, would our town be cursed?"

The middle-aged chief couldn't endure it any longer when he heard this.

Swoosh!

He released his mana, making them go quiet, and shouted, "I know you are afraid, but you shouldn't cross certain limits. Piss off someone we shouldn't have? If not for our family's sacrifice back then, this town would have been razed to the ground and none of you would be here to curse at our family. If you don't shut up, you won't have to wait for the demons because I'll kill you myself."

This time, everyone quietened down.

Just then,

Boom!

The gate to the basement was destroyed, and a group of four demons appeared in front of them.

Each had a different body type. One was tall, one was, one was short and one was muscular. However, the thing in common between them was their gray skin color and their hideous, slimy faces. The skin on their faces and chests was wiggling as if many worms were moving under it.

The taller one looked at their fearful faces and revealed a nasty smile. Then he spoke in human language, "Let's divide them equally among ourselves. We'll first enjoy these women and then eat them all."

"Kekeke. That's what I was thinking." The short demon cackled evilly.

The middle-aged chief clenched his teeth and glanced at his wife. "Take Naira and escape."

Tear welled up in her eyes when she heard this, but nodded, "Yes."

He then rubbed the ring on his finger and a black beast hide that had some inscriptions written with blood appeared in his hand.

As soon as it appeared, the expression of the four demons changed and immediately they lunged at him, wanting to stop before he could activate it.

The chief, however, had already expected this and way before taking it out, he had mobilized his mana and once the talisman appeared in his hand; he infused his mana into it.

At the same time, the earth behind him shifted, and his wife and daughter disappeared. The expression of the town's folk changed when they witnessed this.

However, before they could say anything or the demons could reach the chief, the talisman emitted an ominous black light, which reduced him to dust within a split second and then it expanded in all directions, enveloping everyone in the basement.