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Chapter 631 New Sovereigns

Sarah Mercer, who was expected to finish first, was the first to leave the Fuller family's training room.

Sarah took the opportunity to get stronger and reached the next level, becoming the family's third 4th stage magician!

Onyx felt her cultivation finish stabilizing at the beginning of the 4th stage before she left the family's large cultivation room.

When Sarah left, several 3rd stage guards congratulated her advancement, many of them looking forward to the day they would have such an opportunity.

Most of them were only Low-level Mages, but they all received constant opportunities in the Fuller family. Consequently, when one of them advanced, they were happy for that person, but also for themselves, because sooner or later, it would be their turn.

Since the creation of the Fuller family, there has not been a single case of a soldier being abandoned or left aside. Everyone received their opportunities according to their position, level, and merit!

Sarah was grateful for the many comments and was soon in the common area of the estate, determined to wait for the rest of the staff.

'I don't know how long Vicente will take, but the others should end their seclusions soon.' She thought to herself as she sat down on a sofa in the living area of the residence.

'Eve will be the next to finish and should be out of the cultivation room in the next few hours. As for the others, it might take them another day or two to finish their seclusion. The amount of vampire blood they got was greater than ours.' She pondered.

Just as she had thought, in the next two hours, Eve would finish her seclusion, leaving the family's cultivation room much stronger and closer to her advancement to the 4th stage.

She didn't advance, as she was much weaker than Sarah and also had inferior talent. Still, she had reached the middle of a High-level Mage level, enough to see herself at the beginning of the 4th stage in the not-too-distant future.

When she came across the black-haired woman in the living area of this headquarters, Eve immediately congratulated Sarah before returning to attend to the affairs of this residence.

Nina was there and would soon meet up with the two of them, happy for the improvements of the family members.

She had nothing to do these last few days and couldn't leave the house until her brother had finished cultivating. As such, she had been studying most of her time, with Newton coming to the property every day.

Through Nina, Eve discovered how the city was in the midst of the seclusion of the Fuller family specialists.

Although there was a long way to go to recover from the devastation caused by the previous battle, the city was rapidly improving.

The sewage system had already been re-established, while there were no more leaks in the city's drinking water pipeline network.

The streets were being repaired, while the city's best and most important properties were rapidly gaining their old looks.

The common people, despite their losses in the previous battle, were by no means unhappy. Many of them had lost their homes or been injured, but the local forces would build their homes again. What's more, in order to rebuild the city, many people were being hired to be part of the group repairing the many local problems.

That was an earning opportunity for many families!

Eve was happy to hear this from Nina because a happy population was the most conducive to the growth of local forces and the peaceful development of plans like theirs.

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Two more days after Eve and Sarah's cultivation sessions ended, most of the other Mages cultivating on the Fuller estate for vampire blood finished what they had been doing for the last few days.

Of Nova, Rory, Casey, Benson, and Bart, the Basilisk was the only one who hadn't woken up yet and was sleeping in the backyard of the Fuller estate.

As for Nova, Rory, Casey, and Benson, they had awakened, and one of them had obtained a new advancement!

Nova and Casey had the same level of talent as Rory. However, they were older than the young redhead, having cultivated mana for years before having the chance to walk the magical journey alongside Vicente.

Rory's case was different. Since his Awakening, he has been walking his magical journey alongside Vicente, having had his magical foundation constantly stimulated by his friend's problems and opportunities.

The younger someone was, the easier it was for them to get the best of their resources and thus advance more quickly.

That day, he advanced to the 4th stage, becoming the fourth Sovereign of the family!

But Nova, Casey, and Benson had progressed a lot with the vampire blood they had received from Vicente.

Nova and Casey were not old, being only 3 to 6 years older than Rory and Vicente. So their difference from Vice's red-haired friend hadn't been great, and they were both very close to the 4th stage.

Even though they were in the weak Seidel Kingdom, especially the Scott Province, they could reach the 4th stage in that place even if they only meditated for the next months without using special resources!

It might take a year or two, but because of that blood, they would reach the beginning of the 4th stage in such a period!

As for Benson, he was already an old man and had the least talent among the High-level Mages who received this opportunity from Vicente. As such, he was the furthest away from the 4th stage.

However, he didn't waste the opportunity and was definitely closer to the 4th stage than ever before.

If his chances before were slim of him reaching the 4th stage before the calamity scheduled to happen after Nina's Awakening, then now his chances were good enough for him to hope.

Anyway, soon after Benson left the family's cultivation room, everyone expected that it would take a few more days for Bart to finish his cultivation before Vicente finished his meditation.

However, to everyone's surprise, Vicente finished his cultivation sooner than expected, considering that he had twice as much vampire blood to process as Rory's group.

By the end of the 5th afternoon since the incident with the 3rd stage vampire, the whole of Saltstar City trembled as Vicente advanced to the end of the 4th stage, with him becoming a Sky Sovereign!

Chapter 632 Sky Sovereign

Before nightfall in Saltstar City, the mana in the richest part of the city changed significantly, becoming 1.4 times denser than normal, a significant increase by local standards.

All the Mages in the city quickly noticed this, sensing that someone had just advanced to the level of a Sky Sovereign in the direction of the Fuller estate.

All the strongest people in the city knew that only one person could achieve this here, so the local nobility quickly realized Vicente's advancement.

Some nobles left their places to go to that place, while others sent their subordinates to get gifts and go visit Vicente.

Vicente would now be even stronger than before!

Not only the local nobles realized. At the Fuller estate itself, all men noticed their leader's success in reaching the next level.

Even Onyx left his position by shrinking the size of his body and moving to the estate's interior to congratulate his master.

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When Vicente finished his advance, the cyan symbols and lines on his second pentagram became even more intense than they had been previously.

However, the vampire blood wasn't enough for his essence to evolve qualitatively.

He had also gained much more mana than before and was finishing the formation of the mana core in his consciousness space, an important step for his future advancement to the 5th stage.

As soon as he had finished the important part of his meditation, alone in that training room, Torne said in his mind. 'Congratulations on your breakthrough, master. Now, you just need to cultivate and get on with the family's short-term plans. We can go after your fourth pentagram as soon as Nina goes through the Awakening.'

'Hmm, by then, I'll be close to the absolute peak of the 4th stage.' Vicente agreed with an exuberant smile on his face.

Then, as he opened his eyes and stood up, the lamia on his necklace said to him. "Congratulations on your breakthrough. You should be able to free me now, shouldn't you?"

"Not yet. I'll only do that after I've absorbed my next pentagram... Besides, I wouldn't have a lamia body for you just yet, Prische."

"You should get one as soon as possible." She suggested. "I might be able to help you in your hunt for your fourth pentagram."

"I'll look into that in the future. It's too early to talk about it now." He said as he left the place.

As soon as he passed the exit of the training room, he saw more than ten members of his family there, including Layla and Jasmine.

He saw Sarah and Rory and their auras, noticing they had become Sovereigns.

"Congratulations, Vicente..."

Several people said similar things before shaking Vicente's hands or hugging him with smiles, full of anticipation for the future.

Nina celebrated the most, extremely happy for her older brother's success.

He played with her hair as he looked at his family members and allies. "Thank you all for being part of my journey. I've made progress, but let's not make too much of it.

As much as I can already be considered an expert, we've already seen what a superior 3rd stage vampire can do... In the future, we might have to face individuals like that from the 4th stage, so we have to get back to working hard."

He looked at Rory and Sarah and said. "Congratulations to you both on your progress. Now that you're Sovereigns, I'll give you some missions that are slightly different from what you've had.

But in the short term, I want you to accompany me on my next trip out of Saltstar City. We'll stay in the city until things settle down here, and then we'll visit the lands that Nova has given us to explore."

"When are they going to hunt their pentagrams?" Benson asked.

"I think we'd better do it when I go hunting for my fourth pentagram. The way to my 4th pentagram will be very interesting for the Sovereigns of the family to get good pentagrams.

As neither of you should become a Sky Sovereign by then, I think waiting might be interesting." He said, looking at Rory and Sarah.

The two would follow whatever Vicente told them to do, so neither of them went against his words.

"As for the rest of you, return to your recent routines. Those who advance as far as Nina's Awakening will be able to join my group, which will set off to hunt pentagrams." He said before dispersing the group to the exit of his cultivation room.

After that, Vicente exchanged a few words with some of them before they left the estate.

As important as his advance was, their plans wouldn't change much with that alone.

Perhaps Vicente's influence would grow, and the chances of their plans succeeding would be greater now. But overall, they still had the same plans and missions to fulfill.

Vicente would soon find several nobles and representatives of nobles at his door, looking for him to present him with gifts, congratulate him on his progress, and strengthen their ties with him.

More than ever, the local nobles were willing to support and stand by Vicente's side.

He was already strong enough to destroy a city like this when he was 'just' an Earth Sovereign. So now that he had become a Sky Sovereign, he should be much worse. Even the royal forces would have to respect him and be careful with him!

Even the soldiers who were unhappy with Nova and Vicente's situation came over to talk to him and show their determination to cooperate with the Fuller family.

Vicente would welcome everyone alongside Rory and Sarah, showing the people of this city that they were stronger than ever.

With that, he intended to stay in the city for the next few weeks before moving on with his next trip.

From what he had heard from the various people he had spoken to after his advance, news of the vampire's death had already left the province, and soon, forces from the capital would be arriving in Saltstar City to check on the local situation.

A Count had died, so there was a succession of power to take place, along with an investigation into what had happened that day and how the vampire had died.

Vicente couldn't leave Saltstar City before this was resolved, so for the time being he would remain in the city working alongside his family.

The person who would gain the most from this over the next few days would be Nina, who could finally get back to learning more alongside her brother while she was on vacation from her classes at the local Royal Academy.

At this rate, the one-month anniversary of the vampire's death would soon arrive!

Chapter 633 Arrival of the Royal Forces

After only a month since the battle against the 3rd stage vampire, Saltstar City had already had 60% of its infrastructure repaired.

The city was still buzzing with the many workers rebuilding buildings and homes in various city districts, but the most important places in the city were already back to their condition before the vampire's arrival. Meanwhile, local citizens were gradually returning to their usual routines.

The city's strongest people were also returning to their routines. Several local nobles and rich men had already received Vicente's pills or potions, items produced from the vampire's body parts.

The Fuller family's chief alchemist still had half of the vampire's organs, so he would continue to produce items for the family for the next few weeks.

Vicente and Benson had already created new artifacts using the superior vampire skin. At the same time, the other two family professionals who had been left with those remains had produced other types of items for the family.

Bart had awoken from his seclusion and reached the beginning of the 4th stage!

Soon after the basilisk's advance, Bart took over Onyx's responsibilities, and Vicente gave Onyx the vampire's flesh for the beast to eat.

Onyx was currently sleeping soundly in the Fuller family's rebuilt garden.

In addition, the family members had begun to develop Vicente's plans for the aftermath of the vampire's defeat. Some blacksmiths had already left the city to go to Millfall, where they would begin the construction of the railway line between that city and Martell Village.

Meanwhile, Vicente and his stronger companions were just waiting for the problems of the previous battle to hit them before setting off on their new journey outside the city.

But after a month since that battle, those problems would finally arrive in the city!

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In the middle of the afternoon, the temperature in Saltstar City was perfect, and there was no cloud over the city.

The sound of broken hammers and stones could be heard everywhere in the city as people came and went along the local streets and sidewalks.

On the city's main avenue, wagons and carriages went from one side of the city to the other, while some vehicles bearing the symbol of the royal family and the royal army passed together through the wide streets of the city center.

In these carriages were none other than the king's envoys, who had promptly begun their journey to this city until, about 20 days ago, news of a vampire falling in this city reached the capital.

Consequently, a group of Sovereigns and High-level Mages was there to ascertain the local situation and find those who had eliminated the 3rd stage vampire.

This was no mean feat. The king wanted to bring these people over to his side and had already issued a decree inviting them to his city!

This decree was in the hands of the leader of this group, Princess Lina Seidel, who was in one of the five carriages of this group.

In that carriage, she was alongside her advisor and two royal guards, both Sky Sovereigns!

She was observing the surroundings through the windows of her carriage, noticing how this city was being rebuilt.

"It looks like the battle against the vampire was terrible." She commented to her group.

The strongest Colonel in the group, who was in front of Lina, nodded positively. "It sure was. I don't know if I could kill a Mid-level Mage vampire without causing great destruction, Your Highness. Such a creature has many methods of defending itself and attacking."

"Hmm, it's a surprise that so few people in the whole city died in the confrontation against the vampire." The other Colonel there commented, aware of the number of losses in Saltstar City on the day of the vampire's 'visit' to the city.

"The person who did this must be a genius. It's no wonder His Majesty wants to find him." Said Lina's old advisor.

"Who is this person exactly? Where is he now?"

The old advisor said, "His name is Vicente Fuller, and he's supposedly been in the city since the vampire came here. He's a successful merchant and talented blacksmith. I've heard rumors that he's already a 4th stage blacksmith."

"Oh? That sounds pretty impressive."

Being a Sovereign and being a 4th stage blacksmith were quite different things. There were several Sovereigns in the kingdom, although not many. But there were only four 4th stage blacksmiths in the Seidel Kingdom until Vicente's advance.

"Does Your Highness wish to go to him first?" The strongest man there asked.

"Hmm, it would be good to start with the most important, wouldn't it?" She asked. "We'll go to his estate to find out where he is. After that, we'll see the local nobles and the city's soldiers for our talks."

Their convoy soon headed towards the Fuller estate.

After 13 minutes, they would arrive in front of Vicente's large estate, where the group's guards would soon sense the presence of four Sovereigns there.

But even before Lina got down from her carriage, Rory appeared at the estate's gate alongside Sarah, having already been notified by their many local observers that such a group was coming towards them.

He looked at the beautiful princess, whom he and Vicente had spoken to many times before because of her beauty.

'She really is fantastic.' He thought to himself as he made a gesture of greeting to the princess.

"Your Highness Lina Seidel, welcome to Saltstar City," Rory said in a courteous tone.

"Are you Vicente Fuller?" Lina asked before the old man beside her said in a low voice, "That Vicente has black hair, Your Highness."

Rory replied. "No, I'm not. My name is Rory Point. I'm a friend of him. Our patriarch is at the Royal Academy at the moment, but if Your Highness accepts, I can receive you while we wait for him. He'll be back soon."

"Royal Academy? What's he doing there?" She asked in curiosity.

"Today is the first day of the new academy year. As Your Highness may know, the parents of the students of the Royal Academy have to go with the students of that institution on the first day of the year to find out what the timetable will be like and other important information. Vicente is with his younger sister there now."

"Oh?" Lina understood, while her staff remained silent.

"Then I thank you for the information, but I won't wait," she said to Rory before ordering her group. "Let's go to the Royal Academy."

The group left as quickly as they arrived, leaving Rory and Sarah watching them from the doorway of that estate.

"It looks like you missed your chance to interact with the princess." Sarah patted one of Rory's shoulders before going back inside.

He laughed to himself. His luck with women wasn't the same as Vicente's!

Chapter 634 Friends?

Meanwhile, at the Royal Academy of Saltstar City...

Vicente was now standing next to Nina, Eve, and Newton, but also a brown-haired young man the same age as Nina, who was a classmate and friend of hers.

Next to him was a well-dressed old man with High-level Mage cultivation, who was supposed to be this boy's uncle.

Shortly after attending the academy director's lecture on what the students' guardians should expect this year, they met while going to enroll the two in their respective electives.

When she met that young man, Killian Miller, Nina couldn't help but seize the opportunity to finally introduce her brother to her good friend.

"So you're the friend I've been hearing about more and more often?" Vicente looked the young man up and down while Eve smiled bitterly, seeing Vice's jealousy towards Nina.

Nina didn't understand what her brother was doing but stood silently behind him while Vicente squeezed one of Killian's hands.

Killian's old uncle understood the situation very well, but he could do nothing.

'You went to get close to a girl who is the sister of someone so strong and powerful... Now you can only take it, ' this old man thought to himself as he smiled. 'I can't protect you today. Even your father wouldn't do that if he were here.

"Yes, Nina and I are good friends," Killian said as he looked sternly into Vicente's eyes.

But while he seemed fine, he couldn't help thinking how strong this person in front of him was.

'What kind of monster does Nina have for a brother? He looks stronger than my father!' Killian thought to himself, for the first time having the opportunity to come face to face with Vicente Fuller.

"Is that so?" Vicente asked before adding. "Then let's hope you stay that way."

You know, Killian, Nina is very important to me. I would slowly flay and kill anyone who hurt her." He said. Meanwhile, the people on the outskirts of that area, where many young people and their guardians were doing their duties, turned their gazes to them.

"To be by her side, one must be committed to protecting and sacrificing oneself for her. One has to treat her like a queen and ask my permission before doing anything irreversible..." He said in a suggestive tone, imagining this young man would soon feel his hormones kick in and think the wrong things.

Vicente wanted Nina to have a family, but not just anyone could marry her. That didn't just depend on strength or talent. It had to do with commitment, loyalty, fidelity, and the ability to win his approval.

She would be free to choose her date, but Vicente would watch such an individual closely and not take him lightly!

"I understand. Nina deserves all this." Killian bitterly said as he looked into Vicente's eyes, not noticing the group that had just arrived in the area, attracting the attention of the people in the surroundings.

While Vicente only had Killian in his eyes, Lina Seidel and her group couldn't help but stare in silence at those two for a moment.

'Your Highness?' The old man next to her thought as he looked at Killian. 'Why are you being pressured by Vicente Fuller?'

'Little brother...' Lina looked at Killian, who was actually the youngest prince of this empire, who was using a false name while studying in Saltstar City.

The old man, Killian's 'uncle,' noticed the arrival of that group and alerted his young master. "My nephew, Mister Fuller seems to have some people who want to talk to him. Let's not bother him anymore."

Killian looked back and saw his older sister standing there while several royal guards stood around.

"That..."

Vicente looked back, annoyed at having his moment disturbed by someone.

When he looked back, he saw the face of the beautiful princess, whom he had seen in Millfall before through the eyes of one of his men at the event where the Staples family had won the title of Viscount.

The old man next to Lina murmured to her. "That's the boy we saw months ago in the capital, Your Highness."

"Vicente Fuller..." She murmured as she looked at this tall, strong, and powerful man in front of her, momentarily ignoring her little brother to look at Vice.

"Your Highness," Vicente commented before using one of his hands to stop Killian from running away. "I was just finishing teaching this brat a few things. Can you give me a moment? You must be interested in talking to me, but I have serious business with this boy."

The royal guards there narrowed their eyes, watching Killian smile as Vicente touched the third in the line of succession.

Lina smiled and asked. "Has that young man done anything to you?"

"Not yet. But I'm making sure that doesn't happen." Vicente said as he looked at Nina.

Lina looked at the pretty black-haired girl, who was the same age as Killian.

She and most of her group understood what this was about.

'What are you planning, little brother?' She looked at Killian as the young man looked away.

"I understand." She closed her eyes and smiled as she approached Vicente and Killian.

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But then Nina said. "Big brother, stop playing with this. Killian is just my friend."

"Is that right, Killian?" Lina asked.

"Yes, yes, I have no bad intentions," Killian said to Vicente.

"Then I guess that's settled, huh?" Lina patted her brother on the shoulder, slowly pulling him away from Vicente. "This young man doesn't seem malicious, Mister Fuller. Give him a chance."

Vicente ignored the princess and said, looking at Killian. "Kid, don't forget what I told you. If you touch what you shouldn't, I'll hunt you down anywhere and put you to honor my sister."

Killian ran off in a hurry, while Nina turned red with embarrassment, quickly hiding her face as she hugged Eve.

"You were too hard on him," Lina commented in a low voice as she stood next to Vicente. "Is there any need for all this, Mister Fuller?"

"Of course. Nina is not a girl without a family. That brat has to understand that. If he touches my sister, he'll either marry her, or I'll kill him. I'm doing him and my sister a favor by clarifying everything here and now." Vicente said, unaware that he was threatening the Third Royal Prince.

Lina smiled as she took it as a joke, even though she imagined this person would be capable of it.

"Then let's hope that doesn't happen... But that's just a teenage thing."

"That's how I got my first woman into bed," Vicente murmured, aware of what young men like Killian had in mind when they hit puberty.

Lina blushed a little before changing the subject. "Anyway, are you free now? I have important matters to discuss with you."

"Hmm." He agreed before looking at Newton, Eve, and Nina. "Carry on with what we were doing and wait for me in the academy garden."

With that said, he set off with Lina and her group.

Chapter 635 Questions from Royalty

"So, Princess Lina, what do you want from me?" Vicente asked as he sat down next to Lina on a stone bench in the Royal Academy's garden.

Her guards spread out around, monitoring the area, while the soldiers with the highest military rank stood very close to Vicente and Lina.

She wasn't bothered by Vicente's informal manner of referring to her and got straight to the point. "Well, we're here to deal with the matter of the 3rd stage vampire you defeated."

"What exactly do you want to know?"

She indicated. "Start from the beginning. When he appeared, why he was after you, and how you defeated him."

"You can learn that from anyone. The vampire appeared in the city in the middle of that afternoon along with his group.

Vampires are great trackers. I think he may have come to me because of my above-average talent. Fortunately, I had enough strength on my side to fight him off. Otherwise, I'm afraid a massacre would have taken place in this city that day."

"So you think he came to you because of your talent?" asked one of the Sky Sovereigns from that group standing near the two of them.

"That's my theory."

"There's no chance he followed you here during your recent trip?" Lina asked as she looked into Vicente's eyes.

"That I wouldn't be able to say. If it happened, it was out of my control." Vicente replied with a serious tone and neutral expression.

He could tell the truth, but this lie was much more convenient. It would allow him to show the provincial nobles the dangers of The Purification and make them more inclined to support his plans.

If the province or kingdom's powers knew the truth, they might have thought that the whole battle had happened because of a problem unconnected to the threat developing in the north of the continent.

That was the truth, but the truth was not convenient for alerting the powers of that region!

The soldiers at Lina's side believed him for a moment, for it was indeed possible that the vampire had found Vicente's trail and started following this young man without him knowing.

"How exactly did you kill him?" Lina asked.

"Well, I used everything my family had at its disposal to make him spend his strength. He tried to run away when he was close to having his existence threatened. I had expected this and moved before he did.

He teleported away, only I managed to keep up with him. When he least expected it, I destroyed his heart while using my mana to crush the essence of his soul. Although he was a formidable opponent, killing him was easy. He didn't expect me to act, and he was more tired than I was." Vicente said, sometimes looking at Lina, sometimes at those soldiers.

"And what did you do with his body?" One of the soldiers asked.

Vicente laughed. "We made the best use of him, of course. My group has already consumed his blood, and we've used his organs to produce pills and potions."

Vicente had anticipated that he would be pressed by the parts of the body of the superior vampire. As such, he had given the first batch of potions and pills to his allies.

What did this action say? His family had probably used up everything they had and had, therefore, given the nobles these last resources.

However, the truth was different. Vicente's family still had more than half of the vampire's organs, which would take more than a month to use to produce pills and potions.

But only the members of the Fuller family knew this!

Those soldiers obviously didn't like that, feeling it had taken them too long to come to this place.

Unfortunately, they couldn't complain. If the vampire's body had already been completely consumed, then there was no point in getting into an argument with this young Sovereign.

"Your family is swift to assimilate resources, Vicente Fuller." Lina smiled at him.

"Yes, we must be." He smiled back, aware that these people understood that he didn't want to share his wealth.

"Sigh... Did the fight against the vampire cause the destruction around the city? Are you behind the local reforms?" Lina's advisor asked.

"Yes, the city was badly damaged. But it's not just me behind the reforms. All the influential families in Saltstar City have helped so far with coins and men.

Even though my group was the one to expose its powers the most that day and consequently caused destruction, the nobles and wealthy men of the city understood that blaming us for everything would get us nowhere.

They have businesses that would be damaged if the city continued to be destroyed for too long, so they all agreed to cooperate.

"That was good for you," Lina commented, seeing that as well as being strong, Vicente was also very business savvy.

If the city wasn't already halfway to its best, they could hold him responsible somehow. But since the vampire incident had caused almost no casualties and the city seemed to be doing well, there was no way they could hold this guy responsible for anything.

"What do you intend to do now?" One of the soldiers asked.

"Getting ready for The Purification."

The people around Vicente narrowed their eyes, seeing that this news had already spread. If Vice knew about it, then the nobles and rich men from all over the province must already be aware of the problem.

"Do you intend to join my family and become a noble?" Lina asked him in an offering tone.

"No, I wouldn't fulfill my responsibilities doing that. I'm already in the 4th stage, Princess Lina, but I don't intend to stop here. Soon, I'll have to leave the kingdom to hunt pentagrams, and when the other problem is solved, I'll have no reason to return to these lands. I'll take my family to a more affluent place."

"The consequences of The Purification could take decades or centuries to resolve—if they are resolved at all. The vampires' plan is to end the dominance of magicians on the continent. Anyway, becoming a noble of the kingdom wouldn't stop you from leaving if, eventually, our race manages to overcome this problem," Lina commented with a smile.

"That may be true. But it also wouldn't make any difference whether I decide today or in the future." He smiled back at her. "If it turns out that I'm here for that long, I might change my mind. But for now, that's my plan. Prepare my defense and leave the kingdom when the worst is over."

Vicente didn't know where he would be in five or ten years. He might not get very far, and the consequences of The Purification would be too terrible. But he believed that he would be strong

enough, even amid the calamity, to leave the Seidel Kingdom and continue his life in the north of the continent.

The best way to escape a commitment today was to make these people hope to turn him into a subordinate in the future. As such, he pretended to be willing to change his mind depending on how things developed.

Chapter 636 End of conversation

Seeing that she couldn't convince Vicente to come over to her family's side immediately, Lina gave up pressing the issue, satisfied that he was at least willing to rethink the matter in the future.

'If The Purification really does come to life, then he'll probably change his mind, ' she thought to herself. 'If the calamity doesn't happen, he'll probably leave the kingdom in a few years. Then it wouldn't make any difference to us.'

"Then take your time to think about it." She stood up before picking up a scroll and throwing it into Vicente's hands. "This is the royal edict that His Majesty recently issued. You have three months to report to the capital, Vicente Fuller."

Vicente opened that parchment and saw the king's orders, who wanted a face-to-face conversation with him.

"That..."

"Don't be late." One of the soldiers closest to him and Lina advised. "If you miss that deadline, a group will be sent to 'escort' you to the capital."

Vicente laughed. "I actually have a matter to settle in Diamond Province. It's not against my plans to go to Grandis."

"That's good," Lina commented, thinking of letting Vicente go for the time being since they had already discussed what they wanted to talk to him about.

They would investigate in depth what had happened in the city and, depending on what happened, would talk to him again. But for now, they had fulfilled their responsibilities related to Vicente.

Before leaving, Lina advised. "Don't be so hard on your little sister. If you try to forbid her anything or keep boys away from her, she'll have more desire to do those things you don't want her to do.

Let her make up her own mind and make her own mistakes. That will make her less inclined to rebellious attitudes and terrible mistakes.

That boy from earlier didn't seem to look at her the way you fear. And even if he did, would it be so bad for her to be with him?"

"As long as he's willing to follow the rules, no. But that's the problem, princess." Vicente said sincerely. "Who knows what's in that young man's mind?

I don't have the power to undo things. Once the milk is spilled, we can only wipe the floor...

If he does something he shouldn't, I can only seek justice for my sister. But I won't be able to undo what he does to her, and that will be the case forever.

I'd rather scare him now than let him think he can do anything and get away with it. He can't. Either he follows my rules, or no one can save him."

The soldiers around him understood Vicente's mentality and, in a way, agreed with him. However, this young Sovereign was talking about the Third Prince, which naturally mattered as much as their opinion.

Lina smiled at Vicente, as he only seemed to be looking out for his own sister.

"See you later." She said goodbye, soon heading towards the interior of that academy, while Vicente went to Nina to return home.

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As Nina and Vicente left the academy, the young Killian entered alongside his 'uncle' into the academy's boardroom. None of today's visitors had access to it.

Arriving there, he came across Lina and some of the soldiers who had come to this city with the princess.

"Big sister..." He smiled bitterly at the brown-haired woman sitting in the armchair of the person in charge of the academy.

"Killian, what are you planning?" Lina asked, serious. "That girl's brother isn't simple. Bear that in mind before you decide what you're going to do. He wasn't joking earlier. If you get involved with her, you must take on all the responsibilities.

That includes marrying her and having only her as your wife.

From what little I've talked to Vicente Fuller, I can tell he wouldn't allow you to have relationships with other women if you married Nina."

Killian said nothing, imagining this must be the case. "Don't worry, big sister. I'm just a friend of Nina's. I got close to her at first because of Vicente Fuller, but I soon realized that there was no way I could have someone like him in my sphere of influence.

It would be presumptuous to think I could have his support."

"Humph! It would be presumptuous of me to think I could achieve that. Just imagine a boy like you?" She said as she laughed at Killian's initial thought.

"That's why I abandoned that idea. But Nina is an intelligent girl and a good friend. Without realizing it, I became her friend, and even after abandoning that plan, I kept getting closer to her. So don't worry, our friendship is sincere. We enjoy each other's company." He said in a voice that was no longer so childish but still bore traces of his youthful age.

Lina didn't say anything to Killian about moving away from Nina or anything else. She approached him and put one of her hands on his left shoulder. "Just remember what Vicente Fuller said, and don't cause trouble for the family. Just be her friend or follow his rules. Whatever it is, make it clear to the family, to her, and to him."

Soon after, she set off with her group, leaving only Killian and his bodyguard, his 'uncle', behind.

Seeing the expression on the young prince's face, the old man next to him smiled, watching Killian being pressed from all sides while such a young man didn't comprehend much.

But the adults understood well. From relationships like Killian and Nina's, many babies and marriages were born around the continent. The two youngsters might not see it, but the adults saw it easily.

Nina was currently 12, the same age as Killian. While he was thickening his voice and gaining muscles and hair here and there, her waist was thinning, her hips were growing, and her breasts were getting bigger every day.

It was only a matter of time before the two young people left their childhoods behind and began looking at each other as a man and a woman.

Was their friendship just that, or could it develop into something more? There was no way of knowing until they became adults.

However, Vicente wasn't the kind of person who would accept a young man 'trying on' Nina and then realizing it wasn't exactly what he wanted. Whoever would be with his sister would have to take on all the responsibilities before getting into bed with her!

That made total sense to adults, but Killian and Nina were more or less floating in this situation, feeling many adults were viewing them strangely.

"Don't think about it, Your Highness. Just continue your journey calmly. It's not as complicated as you think. Time will make you understand everything better."

Chapter 637 Leaving Saltstar City

During the days that Lina and her group spent in Saltstar City, they didn't find out anything about Vicente Fuller being Cesar Mazzanti.

In the meantime, Vicente remained in the city dealing with his affairs, occasionally meeting Newton and some allies but mostly occupied with his family's affairs.

They were already preparing a group to move to the area that Nova had arranged for them. This group would move with Vicente into the territory as soon as he left for the capital.

They would start building the metal city with a smaller group of blacksmiths and laborers since they intended to build a village first.

Because of these plans, the family was very busy preparing the wagons, materials, and food they would take to the area, which was a 13-day wagon ride from where they were.

Meanwhile, Benson and a few other men from the family should have been arriving in Martell Village, where they would study the route Vicente's railway would take.

Vicente intended to take part in the production of this railway, so Benson's group would just do the preparatory work so that everything would be ready when he returned from his trip.

Amid the family's many plans, Nina returned to her usual routine at the academy while new resources from the vampire's body were being delivered daily to the men of the Fuller family.

With these new resources, more men were advancing to the middle and end of the 3rd stage.

Finally, on Lina's eighth day in the city, she would meet Vicente for one last time before his departure. But this would just be a goodbye and 'see you later.'

She would tell him that she would be waiting for him in the capital before leaving the city for good after consecrating a new local Count and finishing her investigations.

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Two days after Lina left Saltstar City, Vicente, Sarah, and Rory left the city along with the men who were going to build their metal city.

Onyx was still sleeping at the Fuller estate, while Bart had stood guard to help the family's men protect Vicente's interests. So, neither of them was with their master.

Layla and Jasmine were in the city sorting out their affairs, while Nova and Casey had stayed behind with orders to help Eve lead the family in Vicente and Rory's absence.

Finally, the three young Sovereigns were currently in a metal carriage while their group climbed the mountains near the coastal area they had just left.

"What do you think the king wants?" Sarah asked Vicente, a little worried, given that Lina had just visited them.

Why did the king want to see Vicente in person?

Rory was also curious and turned his eyes to his friend.

"Well, I think he wants to establish his dominance. You know, make me go to him. He's not going to do anything. Apart from the fact that it's already too dangerous for him to do something like that, the situation in the kingdom isn't the best.

I imagine the king knows about dozens of monster clusters around his state... I doubt he'd bother taking action against a citizen like me right now." Vicente replied without much concern, feeling that this must be the case.

"He might try to force you to join him," Sarah muttered, thinking the worst.

"I don't think so. Our monarch has plenty of resources and ways to please even Paragons. But he wouldn't gain anything from it. Lina has already scouted me out, so I doubt he'll waste his time inviting me to join him." Vicente commented, imagining the king might even want that. Still, the monarch wouldn't try to invite him or force him into anything.

"Maybe it's about The Purification?" Rory asked his friend.

"It's possible. The king has better contacts than we do. He probably knows a lot more about this problem than we do." Vicente's eyes narrowed. "That's why I hope to gain something from this meeting."

"Gain something?" Sarah asked without understanding where that was coming from.

"What are you talking about?" Rory frowned.

"We only have three pentagrams... What if the king wants to invest in us with information about special essences?" He smiled as he showed what he had been thinking.

The agreements he had signed after the vampire's fall guaranteed the secret about his magical form. However, it was very likely that the princess and her men had discovered that Vicente only had three pentagrams.

Not only that, as Vicente was still only a Sovereign, others of the same stage, stronger in terms of mana than him, could perceive such a thing when very close to him if he didn't hide.

Since he could already be considered a valuable magical resource for the kingdom, the king could help him so that he could help the kingdom in the future!

In the fight against the monsters, there was no distinction even between Dark and Light Path magicians. All there were were the monsters, the enemies, and the magicians, the allies.

The same went for people from different organizations and states. Even the Chutha Dynasty and Kenyth Empire would stop their conflicts as the threat from the north intensified!

Even if Vicente didn't join His Majesty Seidel's forces, he was still a resident of the kingdom, someone who had a little sister in one of the king's provinces. Whether or not he was subordinate to the local monarch, he would end up protecting part of the lands in King Seidel's domain!

The stronger he was, the more effective his action would be, which made Vicente think about the possibility.

Newton had already started sending letters to the capital talking about Vicente weeks ago, so this young man's hopes of gaining some high-value information were not small!

"That makes sense," Rory commented as a smile formed on his face, having not thought of it before. "The king is only a Sky Sovereign, but he has close contact with sects and clans with Paragons in their ranks.

He must have information of high value to us!"

Sarah looked at those two and felt things in the capital might not be so bad for them.

"He probably won't tell you what you want for your fourth pentagram, but he might point us in the right direction to look for our next essences," Sarah said, confident that the king would never recommend something like a cyan pentagram to Vicente.

Vicente agreed with her. "If he can direct us to perfect pentagrams for the two of you, that would be great."

They would continue to talk about this and many other subjects during the almost two-week journey ahead of them.

But soon, they would reach their first stop!

Chapter 638 Construction of the Metal City Begins

A few days later, Vicente's caravan would arrive at the site that Nova had secured for them.

Vicente's group's 33 vehicles arrived at the site early that afternoon, passing over a small hill and then coming face-to-face with the flat area of around 60 square kilometers in front of them.

From there, a group of around 180 people could see the area, which had practically only undergrowth and was surrounded by hills and forested areas.

The natural beauty there was remarkable, but because it was in an area dominated by beasts from the surrounding hills, it wasn't exactly the best place for magicians to settle.

That's precisely why this piece of land had no explorers or even a city already built there.

Although many human areas had forests and other spaces with the presence of beasts nearby, normally, these areas were not as close to the urban area as they would be in this place.

While it would take at least an hour to get from Martell Village to the Crows Woods, it would take no more than 15 minutes from the land in front of the group to the nearby hills. That's why it wasn't such an interesting place to build a human settlement.

But that made the place available to Vicente's group, and he naturally liked how it looked.

As he got down from his carriage, he couldn't help muttering to Sarah and Rory.

"If we build our city here, we'll be able to set up guard posts on these five hills around this area. It will be practically impossible for anyone to reach us without seeing them in advance." He pointed in the direction of the peaks that surrounded the area.

Then, one of the group's builders approached him and said, "Building here will be easy. The terrain is flat, so we won't have to create any special support structures. However, this could also become a defensive problem. As much as the nearby peaks will help us, defending a flat area is more difficult than defending other types of terrain."

"Maybe we should build a wall..."

"That wouldn't be feasible. At least not until we have a large built-up area."

Some of the leaders of the builders, blacksmiths, and engineers approached Vicente to discuss problems and possibilities given the terrain.

"... Ultimately, we have to think about the beasts nearby. If they don't work for us, it will be difficult to build here."

"Don't worry. I'm going to dominate all the beasts on the adjacent peaks." Vicente announced. "I'll make them watch the surrounding area for us, and don't let any beasts come to the place you'll be working from now on."

The men there immediately felt relieved. Most of them were only Acolytes, so they were pretty afraid of having to live and work so close to beast territory.

"Sarah, you will stay here to lead and protect this group," Vicente announced as he looked at the black-haired woman next to him.

Sarah had expected something like this and nodded at him in understanding.

Vicente turned his gaze back to the group and said. "Now, choose a place to start this settlement!"

After that, the coachmen returned to driving their wagons and carriages, heading towards the point chosen by the group's leaders.

Arriving in the middle of that area, they would soon start unloading the materials there while part of the group would start building a camp.

The group leaders would stay by Vicente and Rory's side, and the builders and engineers would exchange ideas while they had already made some markings on the ground.

Vicente would stay in this place for a week to help the group sort out their situation in the surrounding area, so he was in no hurry to leave with Rory for Diamond Province.

One of the Fuller family's 3rd-stage builders then pointed out to his boss an area a little further away and also less flat than the one they were in.

"Boss, you can extract the minerals from that place. Try to extract it so that we can build a significant drinking water reservoir there in the future.

Vicente nodded in the affirmative but didn't start right away. He listened to some of the men's plans, watching them start with some plans.

After giving a few orders and hints about what he wanted them to do, Vicente moved off alone, leaving the whole group working in that area.

Before extracting ores from the ground, he headed towards the peak, where he felt the most noticeable magical fluctuation in the surroundings.

First of all, he had to subdue the beasts in the vicinity and ensure that his group would not be disturbed!

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When it started to get dark, anyone passing through the area today would see a somewhat different situation there.

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Where it usually was very dark at night, and a few beasts grazed or even slept, there were a lot of torches and magical devices illuminating an area of about a thousand square meters in the middle of this region surrounded by forests today.

The only beasts and animals there were those brought in by the group of magicians now settled in the area, who had already built a total of 24 tents, a barn, two corrals, 5 large warehouses, and 10 toilets.

Magicians were very quick at what they did, so when Vicente returned in the middle of the night after completing his mission to tame the strongest beasts in the vicinity, the group had already built the essentials for them to start living in the area.

Vicente didn't enter this small camp when he returned from the forests adjacent to his new domain. He went to the place where one of his men had pointed him out so that he could start exploring the area for minerals.

He would spend the whole night working there, using his magnetic powers, spells based on the earth element, and knowledge of forging.

When dawn broke the next day, those who had spent the night resting began to wake up. The first to come to him would be shocked by what he had done in just one night.

Near where he had started his exploration were five large piles of metal ingots of different metals!

The first blacksmith to approach the area would look at it wide-eyed, seeing a quantity of metals there capable of filling the entire association building if they were sent to that city.

Meanwhile, not far from these materials for his group to use in the near future, Vicente was inside a crater 40 meters in diameter and 18 meters deep at ground level.

Vicente felt someone watching him and said. "Tell our builders I'll be mining in this area for three days. Once I've gathered a good amount of metal, I'll build something for you to shelter in case you run into trouble, and then I'll leave."

"Yes, boss!"

Chapter 639 Foundations of the Future Metal City

After three days, Vicente had mined a large quantity of metals.

If his men only used the metals he had mined in those three days, they could build 30 houses the size of the Fuller family's headquarters!

With all these metals piled up near the excavation site, Vicente finished what he was doing in this area, leaving a huge crater on one of the steepest sides of the land.

There was now a hole 55 meters deep at its deepest point, 210 meters long and 96 meters wide.

When the group finished collecting ore in that area, they could build a large water reservoir for the future city that would be built there.

But that crater was done for now, as there were rocks with useful metals for the group there.

Vicente would be leaving very soon, but the men in that group were fully capable of mining whatever they needed in that place.

Since they couldn't compare Vicente's mining speed with their own, even though there were already so many metallic materials, they would start mining the next day.

The group would focus on building the metal city from now on, but part of the group would focus on producing metal sheets for future use.

After finishing the promised metal extraction, Vicente left the area where he had been working for the past few days and went to the center of the territory where his city would be built.

He then made his three pentagrams appear and manipulated some of the most valuable metals he had there to create a square box-shaped metal structure in an excavation area of the same shape as the one in that area.

He quickly created the walls and floor of the structure, fitting them into the ground, while the surrounding men helped him fill in and fix the structure to the ground.

While the men did what they were supposed to, he created the internal area of that structure, which included a small warehouse, a dormitory, and a cafeteria.

He created the stairs to this three-story underground area before creating the entrance/exit, where he put a hatch that could only be opened from the inside or by someone with his skills.

When he had finished producing this place of refuge for his men, Vicente helped the workers in the area by casting a spell based on the earth element.

He covered the structure with earth, leaving only the hatch uncovered, about 90 centimeters high, visible on the ground.

He also created support bars around the hatch to facilitate his men's movement.

"All right, the place is ready. You need to install small devices inside it, such as lighting items and furniture. But the area is ready to be used.

This bunker here can withstand the powers of high-level 4th-stage beings, so you'll be pretty safe here as long as the hatch is closed." He said as he pointed in that direction.

"You should be fine using this place unless a Paragon or some kind of special 4th-stage monster shows up here."

The people there sighed when they heard that, relieved they wouldn't always have to sleep in tents.

Vicente ordered some of the men over, "Put a big tent over this area. It will be better if the place isn't visible to beings passing by."

He wanted to create his metal city, which required that the buildings and structures not be hidden under earth and other materials.

But as well as all construction needing bases buried in the ground, the group had to have a safe and inconspicuous place for the time being. Only when the city began to take shape would hiding not make sense.

The place where they were should be very safe. Apart from the fact that the beasts in the vicinity were already working for Vicente and that this was a not very busy place in a province 'dominated' by the Fuller family, there was no way they could have foreseen the kind of trouble that could arrive there.

Monsters were moving and becoming increasingly frequent around the kingdom, so Vicente preferred to be safe for now.

The men then moved to create a tent in that newly earth-

covered area, quickly concealing the entrance to the large underground structure there.

With that done, Vicente gave some orders to the builders, reminding them that, as much as they were going to start by building a village, this place would one day be a city, so the village would have to function as a base for the city.

He didn't want to waste time and materials rebuilding in the future.

He also told the men not to forget to create areas of conviviality, such as squares and gardens. As much as this would be a metal city, it needed to have spaces like this.

Ordinary citizens need leisure areas; otherwise, they will be too stressed and lose efficiency in their activities.

After all his orders, he and Rory said goodbye to the group and flew off toward Diamond Province.

"What now?" Rory asked his friend.

"Now, we go to the place I told you about regarding the Cataclysm Order. There's a secret altar near the kingdom's capital, so we won't be late for our appointments with the king. That will take a couple of hours at most to sort out once we get there." Vicente said as he flew side by side with Rory.

"What are we going to do there? Apart from collecting resources, do you want me to stay behind and wait for our men who will go there in the future?"

"I want you to lead this outpost in the future," Vicente said as he looked at Rory's face. "But for now, your job will be something else. I will build a robotic armor to guard that place for us and receive our men when they go there."

Vicente's robotic armors could do a variety of things when not used by magicians. They weren't as powerful when they had someone supplying them with mana, but they could be used as metal vigilantes.

"While such an armor will protect and keep the place under our control, you will organize what we need to get that place up and running.

While I talk to the king, you can buy what you need for the place. Then, we can get the altar ready before we go back to Saltstar City.

When the group we will send there is ready, you'll travel with them to begin our operations in Diamond Province." Vicente declared, showing that the time was coming for their family to start operating outside of Scott Province!

Chapter 640 New Exploration

Three weeks later...

After traveling quickly through the Seidel Kingdom, Vicente and Rory had already entered the Diamond Province and were currently heading to the place Torne had spoken to his master about years ago.

Given their level of power, their flying speeds were excellent. At the same time, no problems hindered them on this trip.

Thus, the two of them were very close to reaching the kingdom's capital, where the secret altar of the order should be in this state.

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'Master, the altar I told you about must be in these woods. Some plants have grown since I passed this place, and battles or earth movements may have slightly changed the surroundings. But even so, I feel we're close.' Torne said in Vicente's mind as soon as Rory and the young man stopped before a patch of dense woodland on the mainland.

"We'll have to search the place from now on," Vicente said to Rory. "We're following a clue left by magicians thousands of years ago. Unfortunately, we don't have a map with the precise location, so we have to get a feel for the place."

"And how do we do that?" Rory asked, not surprised that Vicente didn't know the exact location of this altar.

"That's simple. We look for places with a high density of negative elements. Part of the protective devices on an altar like the one we're looking for are the creations of Dark Path magicians. They certainly have negative elements that make their surroundings more sinister than other places."

Elements of all kinds were scattered unevenly across the continent. The presence or absence of negative or positive elements was not a sign of the existence of organizations, secret posts, or people on one side or the other.

Having areas concentrated in darkness or light all over the continent was extremely normal, so the mere fact that such an area existed near the order's altars would not be enough for one to find these places without prior information.

Anyone traveling through the area where Vicente and Rory were now would pass by without noticing the secret altar's location, even if they felt the area's negativity.

The two of them would soon scour the terrain separately, looking for anything that might catch their eye.

The two were Sovereigns and could fly so that large forested area near the kingdom's capital was no big deal for them. After just 15 minutes of searching, Vicente found something and called his friend.

"Rory, I think I've found the place." He said, using a special communicator.

Rory quickly moved to where Vicente was until the two landed in front of a large tree with a trunk as thick as a house.

This tree had a grayish trunk, while the undergrowth around it seemed to be of the poisonous type.

Vicente did what Torne had taught him at the order's other secret altar and picked up the necklace Professor Julian had given him years ago. Rory narrowed his eyes at the sight of it, aware of the item's origin.

"Is that what this thing is for? Did you tell Julian the truth he was looking for?" Rory asked, aware that his friend had promised that professor to tell him the truth about that item if he ever found out.

Vicente moved the necklace closer to the tree trunk as he answered Rory. "I wrote Julian a letter. I told him what I could say without causing problems for both of us. But he doesn't need to know this was a valuable Cataclysm Order item."

"I see... It looks like we got lucky then." Rory realized this could help them find other secret outposts, which could guarantee them a structure from a large ancient organization on the continent.

He just didn't know if these order sites would need repairing. But they would certainly be good spaces for the family to carry out some of their activities.

While he was thinking about it, Rory saw the trunk of that tree change slightly, dispelling the illusion around it and showing a small metal hatch.

Vicente used his Cataclysm Moon Pendant to open the entrance, soon gaining access to the inside of that trunk, where the ladder led underground.

He and Rory descended the ladder, soon arriving at an entrance area, where a large round metal door stood in the way of the actual entrance to this secret altar.

Rory narrowed his eyes as he noticed how well-preserved the surrounding structures seemed to be, as well as noting the amount of defensive mechanisms in the vicinity.

It would be almost impossible to find this place without the item used by Vicente or even the information they had.

Getting in there wouldn't be easy, either. Rory could sense that even Sovereigns would have great difficulty getting in there!

'This place seems to be better than I thought.' He thought to himself as he followed his friend after Vicente opened the door into their path.

Passing through a 10-meter-long corridor, the two soon reached the first level of this secret altar, where men from a post like this would normally hang out, eat, or rest.

The place seemed to be very similar in structure to the other secret altar Vicente had explored with Torne and Onyx.

But that was to be expected. After all, the Cataclysm Order was an organization, and its posts followed similar patterns.

Rory watched the place with his mouth open when he saw how large and well-built the post was.

Vicente had already seen something similar in Kenyth Empire. He quickly made his way to the lower levels of this area, where there should be resources and items of interest to them.

They would soon pass through the training area of this secret outpost, and it wasn't long before they reached the third floor of the basement, where the first of the two storage rooms for artifacts and resources was located.

As soon as they left the stairs to this area, Rory opened his mouth to comment in a surprised tone. "This... This is much more than you got at the other altar you explored!

There are even 4th-grade resources here!"

Rory walked around an area that seemed to be a small store. On the shelves were pills, potions, plants, flowers, roots, precious stones and crystals, combat artifacts, and other useful items for various situations.

Many things were there, much more than Vicente had found on his other exploration.

'This place has not been found by anyone before you, master.' Torne confirmed what Vicente was already thinking.

'Why do you sound so pessimistic, old Torne?' Vicente noticed the ghost's strange tone.

'Sigh, if no one has come here, that's not a good sign for the order. It's great for us and our plans, master. However, the part of me that served in the Cataclysm Order wishes there were still members of this force hiding somewhere, trying to re-establish the group.

No one having come here before us is not a hopeful sign for me.'

'I see... Well, there are many secret outposts like this around the continent. Maybe the weak Seidel Kingdom hasn't caught the attention of your old comrades in the group.'

'Maybe...' Torne commented, but he didn't believe it.

His people may have explored other places like this, but perhaps they had given up or been forced to give up exploring them because of bigger problems!

'In any case, I can only count on you now, master.' Torne thought to himself as Rory identified many valuable resources for both Dark Path and Light Path magicians.