

## **Y. Goddess 144**

Chapter 144 The Burden And Hope For Me

Stealth slime number forty-seven received an interrogation from my mother.

The interrogation conducted by my mother involved a physical approach and friendly manners.

During the interrogation, my mother immediately ordered Sebastian to prepare a special table for a tea party at night which was still entering the winter season.

Sebastian seemed to make a small protest because the conditions at night in winter were not ideal for holding a tea party, but my mother remained firm in holding the tea party together, encouraged by her authority as Marchioness Amagi.

"I hope you prepare a tea party with special dishes, Sebastian," while giving a triumphant smile at her status as Marchioness Amagi, then Sebastian could only submit to the orders given by my mother.

Plokk... Plookk...

By clapping her hands to attract the attention of stealth slime number forty-seven who was within the range of my mother's light interrogation, her body trembled slightly and looked at my face as if expecting help.

[ C-Commander... what should I do about this? ]

Through the communication network of my Soul Tame magic spell that was still active on her, stealth slime number forty-seven asked a question in a small tone that begged for help and expected a little help from me.

I just smiled at her and looked to endure the interrogation that was being given by my mother.

"This interrogation is not too bad, I think it's much more humane than the interrogation that my mother usually does," I whispered to give an answer that made stealth slime number forty-seven feel calm.

[ M-More humane than usual? ]

[ I-I don't want to doubt the words of my own Supreme Commander... ]

[ However, does it look very human when talking while receiving magic energy that presses my body like this? ]

I could only smile calmly when I got a question like that from stealth slime number forty-seven.

Just before the interrogation of stealth slime number forty-seven took place, my mother had cast magic to make stealth slime number forty-seven stand still without being able to move her body that was trying to escape from my mother's interrogation.

"If you can pass the interrogation given by my mother, I can give you a magic catalyst that can make the entire herd of stealth slimes feel very jealous of you," I continued my small mumble to talk to stealth slime number forty-seven through Soul Tame communication.

[ T-The magic catalyst given directly by my Supreme Commander? ]

[ I want to get it! ]

[ I will do my best to survive a deadly interrogation like this. ]

I smiled and chuckled again after listening to the answer given by stealth slime number forty-seven which caught the attention of my mother and my twin step-sisters.

"Is there something funny that makes you laugh, Lily?" asked my mother while stopping her small interrogation.

"It's okay, Mama. I just feel like they need to be responsible for cleaning the Mansion where we live which is already full of dust and dirt after being left on vacation for long time," I replied while acting calm like a noble woman who had just finished her heavy duties as Matriarch.

By playing the command baton given by my father on my wrist and throwing it up, I seemed too indifferent to the command baton that was able to move all the assets owned by the Marquess Rommel family.

My mother who saw me playing the command baton belonging to the Marquess Rommel family immediately stopped her little interrogation of stealth slime number forty-seven and approached me with panic on her face.

"Huupp!!" with a cute little scream, my mother immediately caught the command baton that I was playing and looked at me with a look in her eyes that looked like she wanted to scold me.

"Lily, this is not something you can play with like that!" with her hands on her hips and holding the command baton carefully, my mother immediately walked toward the back of my body.

"You really made Mama's heart almost stop beating, you know, if this thing is destroyed then there will be no legitimate power holder to continue the Marquess Rommel family," whispered my mother when she was behind my body.

"You must take good care of this item because it is the legitimate source of power to become the Matriarch or Patriarch who controls all the assets owned by the Marquess Rommel family," my mother continued to whisper while stroking my hair and pinning it with a hair ribbon that suddenly appeared on my mother's wrist.

"If this thing falls into the wrong hands, then our family will be under the leadership of the person holding this command baton."

The small whisper uttered by my mother had given me a warning about the existence of the command stick that could end the Marquess Rommel family and its assets.

"I understand, Mama. Thank you for telling me something as important as this," I replied with a whisper from my mouth.

The more I understood about the burden carried by the command baton given by my father, the more I felt that this was a responsibility that I did not want to take on.

I wanted to hand over this heavy responsibility to someone who had a strong desire to carry the path that the Marquess Rommel family would take.

While I was lost in such thoughts, Alice and Alyssa crossed my mind.

"What about Alice and Alyssa?" I muttered softly while asking my mother in a small voice.

My mother who heard this question continued to move her hand in stroking my hair and put on a tight hair band on my head.

"They can't possibly carry that heavy responsibility," replied my mother in a curt tone.

"If they can't, then I can't carry this heavy responsibility too?" I replied using an unconfident intonation.

"Hahaha... that's very funny, Lily. Marquess Rommel and someone who calls herself Marchioness Amagi have agreed to appoint a girl who will become the Matriarch because it's impossible to persuade her to find a man who is capable of becoming the Marquess to replace Marquess Rommel himself," the answer

given by my mother had given a new puzzle compared to the big question about the group of stealth slimes that had inhabited the Mansion where Marquess Rommel's family lived to the point of knowing the accurate layout of the rooms.

"What do you mean by that, Mama?" I, who didn't understand my mother's answer, reflexively tilted my head with a questioning expression on my face.

"You will know when the time comes and be grateful that you are the Matriarch that your parents who love you so much have been hoping for," while giving an ambiguous answer and another riddle, my mother gave a small kiss on my cheek after her hands finished putting the hair ribbon on my head.

"You just have to wait to find out the answer I give today," with a small smile and walking away, my mother returned to her small interrogation to get an answer from stealth slime number forty-seven.

My mother's whispers and words have made me wonder about this.

What made my father and mother agree that I would become the Matriarch of the Marquess Rommel family?

That great power full of responsibility was delegated to me who still had no experience in decision making.

Do I deserve to receive such great expectations from my parents?

The more I try to understand and use my brain capacity to think about this, the answer I get is only that I am not worthy of such great expectations.

[ You don't understand yourself, Lily-chan? ]

In my hesitation, my Goddess suddenly spoke to me.

[ Lily-chan should at least look in the mirror once in a while... ]

[ Belittling your abilities like that, isn't that something that a Saintess who was personally chosen by the Goddess should do? ]

"Uuhh..." I grumbled a little after hearing that.

I'm not belittling my abilities...

I just feel like I don't deserve the expectations of my two great parents like that...

If you look closely, Alice and Alyssa should be much more suited to be Matriarchs who can move the entire Marquess Rommel family and its assets.

[ If only the Goddess Aurora were still here, she would have uttered fiery words of wisdom about Lily-chan who was belittling herself like this. ]

"Huh? What's that supposed to mean?" I said to my Goddess.

"Eh? Oppss..."

While I was replying to my Goddess's words while my head was filled with burdens of thoughts, I unconsciously said a sentence that caught the attention of the people around me.

"Is something wrong, Lily-sama?" Earl Timoti immediately approached me and looked worried about my words which caught everyone's attention.

I immediately shook my head and tapped my head with my finger.

"No problem, Earl Timoti. Just answering a small question that made me accidentally say that sentence," I replied while smiling at Earl Timoti.

The conversation between me and such a heavy topic made my body feel tired.

For now, the remaining responsibilities were to collect the remains of the Golden King Bear's herd and pay the adventurers who had woken up from their fear after being exposed to the Golden King Bear's powerful magic wave radiation.

"Lily-sama, I think you should rest now. Lily-sama looks very tired..." Earl Timoti lowered his head as he gave me the advice I needed right now.

However, I rejected the advice.

"There is still work that has not been completed and it makes me uncomfortable to rest," I replied while observing the work being done by Earl Timoti's soldiers and looking up at the sky which showed the perspective of the stealth slime herd that was patrolling to clean the cave where they lived.

"I think I'll take a break after all this is over," with a small forced smile on my face that wasn't used to smiling, I tried to convince Earl Timoti not to worry too much about me who was exhausted like this.

"I understand, Lily-sama. After Lily-sama's fight with the Golden King Bear and the cursed sword is over, Lily-sama should have the great right to rest Lily-sama's tired body."

"It's okay, I can still survive if I just sit like this," I forced a small smile so that Earl Timoti wouldn't worry too much about me.

I could see Earl Timoti taking a deep breath before closing his eyes.

"Lily-sama is really like Marquess Rommel. Not resting until this matter is over. This kind of action is very rare for the nobles of the Aurora kingdom. I am truly amazed and touched by this honorable act," Earl Timoti muttered loudly.

As a result of Earl Timoti's words, several of Earl Timoti's soldiers and Marquess Rommel's family soldiers looked at me with sparkling eyes.

T-This feeling...

It seems like Earl Timoti has unknowingly raised my status by leaps and bounds.

[ Do you see that, Lily-chan? ]

[ You are very suitable to be the Matriarch... ]

[ So don't underestimate yourself anymore! ]

"I-I understand," I muttered softly in response to my Goddess's command.

"Uuuhh... this makes me feel embarrassed," while grumbling softly like that, I tried to hold back the gazes that were directed at my body with full respect.