

《Spirit King》

Chapter 54 - Trouble

Lying on his bed, Niko quickly opened his eyes as his heart began to race.

"Someone has entered my territory." He murmured, not knowing what to expect.

Niko rushed off of his bed and darted out of his room. As he ran downstairs he spotted Ivanic sitting on the sofa reading a book. Niko was taken back at the moment and unsure of where Ivanic could have found such a book, however, his question was quickly answered as Ivanic spoke, "Niko, I've found a small library at the back of the-"

Before Ivanic even got a chance to finish his statement, Niko interrupted, "Not now, someone has entered our territory."

Ivanic's face fell, as he quickly closed his book. Looking towards Niko he asked, "Who?"

Niko shook his head and replied, " I am unsure, my skill doesn't allow me to see their features and instead just feel their presence, I was alerted by the rat men and there should be two intruders making their way up the mountain."

Quickly getting up, Ivanic placed the book down, " Let's prepare then if it's the men from Tera we must prepare for the worst."

Niko nodded as he ordered his spirits to hide near the main entrance and await his command. If anything, he would unleash all of them. They were on home soil therefore, they will be much stronger.

"Bang!"

A loud noise came from the front door. It didn't sound like a polite knock or even an urgent one, and instead more like a rude kick.

Niko and Ivanic looked towards one another, as both nodded at the same time.

Outside of the entrance stood two armored men waiting for a response. Their heads were held up high as a hint of superiority was seen in their eyes.

Both men wore the same kind of armor that the protectors of Tera wore making them look like warriors ready for combat.

Behind him was a shorter man with a slimmer build. His helm was almost too big for him as he kept rearranging it to his liking every few seconds. On his waist was a shortsword which looked completely average.

The bigger man raised his foot as he approached the door and released it with force towards it.

"Bang"

"Hehe, hopefully, these punks open up." The bigger man spoke.

"We must be cautious though... They were able to conquer a dungeon, so they must have some skill..." The shorter man was cautious.

"Humph! I bet it was all a fluke." The taller man laughed.

A few seconds went by and the door slowly begins to open, revealing a young man in black robes, wielding a staff. Upon seeing this scene a look of disdain appeared on the protector's faces.

"May I help you?" Niko spoke calmly sizing up the two men.

At this point, Niko could already tell their levels, and to his surprise, they were no stronger than the first protector he ever met, Marcos. Both men were level eleven and ten, which meant if things got to the worst Niko and his spirits would definitely be able to take them on. This made Niko ease up a bit more, but he still needed to deal with what was in front of him.

Not a single change of expression could be seen on Nikos face, which greatly startled both protectors.

"You're speaking to him." Niko spoke once more, however, this time with a hint of annoyance.

"Isn't it rude to not invite guests in?" The short man in the back threw shots at Niko.

"You both were never my guests, to begin with. I don't remember inviting either of you." Niko smiled.

"Hah! Smart mouth ey!? Listen up!" The tall man spoke loudly and proudly, "We come from Tera! A mighty force from this world created by the founding humans! We are giving you a chance now of joining us, and it all takes a simple action. Give Tera your territory, we swear to give you a leading position in our guild."

In the background, the short man nodded satisfied with the speech.

Silence filled the air, as both protectors stared at Niko.

"Is this all you came here for?" Niko asked unmoved.

Both protectors seemed to be losing their patience as the short man spoke, "You should consider it, its for the best of humanity in this world."

"I want to see you out." Niko spoke as he closed the door in front of the men.

Both protectors were startled, they were never expecting such a response.

The taller man looked extremely angry as he grabbed the greatsword behind his back and spoke, "I bet this fucker is alone! He might be the only survivor of his party and somehow received this territory!"

"Wait! Maybe he could be a freak like that old freak form the other mountain..." The shorter man spoke showing his thinking ability.

"Hmph! We should find out! He wouldn't dare offend Tera!" The taller man spoke as he pulled out his greatsword, however before he could even do anything, the trees around him began to make noises. Bushes and the leaves began to move back and forth at the same pattern. Clearly the work of Niko ordeing his spirits to create a scene so these people know not to mess around.

The taller man paused and looked around as he felt a sense of danger coming from his surroundings. He possessed a skill called, [Keen Sense] which made him great combat, due to the fact he was able to read movements and danger much better, and at this moment he was feeling a danger he rarely felt.

Beads of sweat began to appear on his forehead as he began to understand that maybe his partner was right, maybe this man was a freak.

"Let's report back. We must tell the higher-ups and return with more people if we are

able to conquer such a great territory, we can expand and take care of those damned pigmen, and take over their territory as well." The shorter man spoke.

Placing his greatsword on his back, the taller man nodded as both walked back down the path.