

Swoosh!

Seth's body suddenly appeared in a flash of flames, inside the secret bunker located in the forest area behind the castle at the Blazing Phoenix Sect territory.

His mood was bitter and heavy and even after he left the Fire Labyrinth, he still couldn't bring himself to fully believe the things that had happened there. He was still a bit lost and disoriented, not knowing how to proceed, so he stood still for some minutes, not knowing what to do.

"Sigh..." Seth could only sigh and move forward. If it was already something complicated for him to deal with, imagine how Lilian and Yuyin were feeling.

Seth only hoped that the Lord Phoenix Sirit would be able to heal their hearts and give them a path forward.

Seth decided to finally leave the area and go back to Misty Horizon. To do it, he needed to know the way, that's why he used his Soul Sense to identify the correct path. But when he activated it, he was able to see the situation inside the Blazing Phoenix Sect.

There were many Wu Martial Kingdom soldiers taking control of everything, searching for people everywhere and scouting for defensive formations. Many others were responsible to loot everything and notify their superiors of their findings.

All in all, Seth wasn't able to recognize a single disciple from the Blazing Phoenix Sect.

With his Soul Sense still active, he was able to capture the conversation of some soldiers. They seemed to be proud of something, since they talked loudly.

"Hahaha! We won! They deserved that for killing the Second Prince. The Blazing Phoenix Sect is done for."

"True. Hey... What do you think will happen with the commander? He irresponsibly let the Second Prince go to the frontline alone. That was what gave the Blazing Phoenix bastards, the chance to kill him."

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"What? Why are you looking like that?"

"Don't you think that was a bit strange? I mean... the way he died was too strange. Maybe he was poisoned..."

"No... Don't start making conjectures like that! Keep your mouth shut and continue to do your work, else you might get us killed."

Seth didn't stay to keep hearing their conversation, he suddenly vanished, moving towards the Blazing Phoenix city. There were many questions on his mind, but he first wanted to see the situation that place was in.

Some minutes later he arrived there. When his Soul Sense passed through that mountain of corpses, he couldn't believe it. Everyone walking inside the city, was donned in robes that belonged to the Wu Martial Kingdom and there was a certain place where those soldiers gathered the bodies of the Elders that belonged to the Blazing Phoenix Sect.

The Wu Martial Kingdom had won the war, decimating their enemy forces. A bit less than three thousand warrior remained alive in the end. They've lost seven thousand people, but they were able to wipe out fifteen thousand combatants from the Blazing Phoenix Country. A total victory for their side.

A boiling rage started to rise in Seth's heart, but he managed to control himself. The Blazing Phoenix Sect have lost and nothing he did here would bring those people back to life. That's why Seth chose to not do anything now. He would wait for Lilian's arrival and decide on what to do together with her.

Seth was about to turn around and leave the city, when he suddenly picked something intriguing with his Soul Sense.

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Inside a big building, the commander of the Wu Martial Kingdom army, orders for everyone to stay away from the room he was in.

He was pacing back and forth in front of a body that was covered in white sheets, an incongruous action for a commander from an army that had just won a war.

'How am I going to explain this...? Sigh... What the fuck happened? Maybe... It will be better if I escape...'

All those things were passing through his head, making that commander not notice that there was an additional presence inside the room.

Seth didn't initially go to question him, since he already knew what must have happened with the person that was below those white sheets. He knew it, because he and Lexi felt the energy signature of something they both knew very well. The Soul Trap.

In terms of soul strength and expertise, both of them were on another level in comparison to anyone living in this world. Lexi had even more knowledge about that topic than Seth had, and together, they were a hundred percent sure that there were solid signals the Second Prince fell into that Soul Trap.

"That's it. I'll fucking run away from this mess. I'll rob what we were able to get and run way right now."

Suddenly, the commander started to express his idea out loud, making Seth look towards him. He was about to turn around and leave, when he realized the world around him was changing.

He rubbed his eyes, since he wasn't able to understand the situation.

The walls disappeared, being replaced by a never-ending sea of raging flames. He frantically started to turn around, spinning on the same place he was, since he was surrounded by those flames. His eyes passed through everywhere, ascertaining that he was just in the middle of an endless burning hell.

Those flames started to move at his direction, but there was nowhere for him to run, denying him the thing he wanted to do the most. There were flames everywhere.

"ARGH!!!"

Very quickly, his whole body was taken by that fire, but he didn't dissipate into ashes, like how it usually happened. That only happened, because he was not being burned by normal fire, but by a very special fire produced by Seth's Hades inheritance.

The commander didn't know how that painful sensation was only growing stronger and not lessening the least. His energy was useless, since it wasn't able to extinguish those flames and even after using all the Mana he had, he was still burning.

He didn't know how his body was able to resist not turning into cinders or how much time he has been burning for. All he could feel was that ever increasing painful sensation. At a certain point, he wasn't able to handle it anymore and started to scream in despair.

"AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!"

However, no one was able to hear his screams, since he was just standing alone on the middle of that room, trapped inside that hellish purgatory. His soul was deteriorating bit by bit, very slowly. When it stopped deteriorating, would be the moment of his death.

Seth had put him in one of Hades Soul Tortures. That wicked god, liked to call it as "Warm Embrace", a very cruel torture meant to destroy a target the worst way possible. Seth had to admit that it was just perfect for those masterminds behind all the cruelty that had happened inside the Blazing Phoenix Country.

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Ninth Shadow arrived at an abandoned house inside the forest. He had left in a hurry after receiving a signal from Velgor.

He entered that abandoned house, setting up a protective formation on the outside. After that, he started to set up the Sound Transmit Formation and kept waiting for Velgor's call.

Not even thirty seconds later, they were already connected.

Ninth Shadow knelt down and asked: "Master... What can I serve you for?"

Velgor didn't say anything. His silence made Ninth Shadow realize that there was something really wrong.

"Third, Fifth and Seventh Shadows are dead. They were responsible for investigating and acquiring the Divine Treasure inside the Fire Labyrinth... There are only two possibilities for this... One being that the Phoenix Spirit is indeed real and possess an ability to kill all three of them. The other is that it wasn't the Phoenix Spirit but someone else. Both of them are

disadvantageous for us, so I'm ordering you to step back from there. I'll have to postpone my plans regarding that place."

"Understood."

Velgor disconnected the formation and stood up from his throne. He wasn't showing on his face, but he was really pissed by how things have ended. He didn't know who was the one responsible for destroying his plans, but he wasn't a fool to dive into finding that information.

The doors of his castle opened up and he passed through them, leaving slowly. After he left the castle, his body disappeared, leaving not a single trace behind. No one noticed he had left and no one knew where he would go to.

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Seth left the Blazing Phoenix city, going back to Misty Horizon, where Rina, Meiyi and Meihui were.

When he arrived there, everything was just like it was before had he left. Just that the silence inside the city seemed to be a bit heavier.

Knock! Knock!

He knocked on the door of Meihui's house and she came running to attend. When she noticed it was Seth, she opened up a relieving smile.

"You're safe! Thank god!"

"Mother-in-law, I'm back."

"Come on in."

He entered her house and after the door was locked, it was as if that entire place had vanished.

