

"Seth!"

"Rina, I'm back."

"It's really good that you've returned. Were you able to do everything you wanted?"

"Sigh... It's a long story..." Seth said in a dispirited intonation.

Chu Meihui looked full of worry towards Seth and said: "One day and a half ago, we heard loud booming noises, just as if the entire city was suffering a massive spell bombardment. We thought you might have been caught in that mess and got worried. Lady Rina almost went after you, but I luckily managed to stop her."

Seth looked towards Rina and saw that she was a bit embarrassed after being exposed.

"Thanks for worrying so much about me, but I'm alright. However, that isn't the same for this whole nation..."

"What do you mean?"

Seth's words left Chun Meihui startled. There was a very heavy feeling behind each word he had said, what had started to make her feel anxious. The way he was talking was gloomy, totally different from how he normally talked.

"Sigh... The Wu Martial Kingdom successfully invaded the Blazing Phoenix city. Things are going to change and you and Meiyi may not be safe here anymore."

Boom!

His words were like a bomb for Chun Meihui. She has lived here for all her life, under the protection of the Blazing Phoenix Sect. However, it was going to change. Everything was going to change.

She didn't know what to do and wasn't able to believe it at first.

"Are you really telling the truth...?"

"Sigh... Why would I lie about it? I and Meiyi were members of the Blazing Phoenix Sect, but for some reasons we were able to not take part on this war, staying out of the initial fight. However, even though we survived, that does not necessarily mean that we are safe."

Meihui looked towards him, thoroughly lost.

"I don't want to lie to you mother-in-law... Even if all of them tried to attack me together, I would still win the fight. But, if there is something I can't do right now, is to fight against them. If I were to fight, I'm sure I would be further endangering Meiyi's situation, since there are many hidden factors and people observing everything that is happening. That is why... We should leave the city. Actually, we should leave the country."

"No! How can I abandon everything behind?" Meihui didn't properly understand his words, but she instantly panicked after hearing she needed to leave her home.

"I know that it is a very hard decision to be made, but are you really willing to risk Meiyi's life because of that?" Seth looked at her eyes and asked.

"But before, you had said this house was protected by a formation and that..."

"That's right! There is a formation protecting this house and it is unlikely that anyone from the Wu Martial Kingdom would find this place. But that only applies to people at their level. I can't allow you staying here, given that there is a risk you will be found by forces stronger than them. Even if that risk wasn't

that high, it would still be better to leave. Have you forgotten about Meiyi's situation?"

Chun Meihui stopped talking, staying silent for some time. But even though she analyzed Seth's words, she was still unable to take that step forward. She was a really simple woman and the thought of abandoning everything was something that never crossed her mind, even given the current circumstances.

She was about to disagree with Seth again, when suddenly she felt someone grabbing her hand.

"Please, believe him. Seth would never propose you something like that, if it wasn't a really dangerous situation, and I'm sure that wherever he brings us, will be a place that could improve Meiyi's chances of leaving that condition." Rina tried to calm Chun Meihui down and make her consider Seth's words once again.

Rina's warm hands were able to bring her to a peaceful state, where Meihui was finally able to think about the whole picture.

"... Alright. You're right. It will be better to leave this place for the time being."

"Don't worry mother-in-law. I bet no one will come here and when everything normalizes, you'll be able to come back to live peacefully once again."

"Then, when are we going to leave?"

"As soon as possible. Make sure you put everything you have inside this ring. Don't worry about Meiyi since I will carry her whenever we are traveling."

"Good."

Chun Meihui accepted the dimensional ring Seth was giving her. She only knew about these things, because Meiyi had shown and taught her how to

use it. She went to her bedroom and started to stuff everything she could inside it.

While waiting for her, Seth stood in front of a window, staring to the world outside. There were so many things going on, that even he wasn't able to comprehend them all.

"Sigh..."

Rina watched him from the side. She has never seen him sighing so many times as he has been sighing today. Whatever that happened, had destroyed his mood, throwing him down.

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Desolate Scorching Wasteland.

The brownish terrain was full of marks that showed how badly destroyed the soil was. The weather there was so hot, that someone could die from dehydration in a matter of minutes. The rocks and soil were full of cracks, from where fire occasionally blew upwards.

This was a place no one wanted to go, be it because of the harsh condition or because that at the end of this wasteland, there was the infamous entrance to the Forbidden Lands.

At such a place, there was a person donned in a very simple black robe, calmly walking as if taking a stroll through the park.

Everyone knew that there were multiple wild and fierce beasts lurking everywhere on those lands, but none of them dared to come out and attack that person. He slowly walked towards a certain cave, located deep inside the Desolate Scorching Wastelands.

When he neared that cave, he was already able to see two rows of demons, kneeling down on the scorching sand, waiting for his arrival.

Standing in front of those demons, there was a man, a demonic being from the Cerberus Clan. He was the one responsible for bringing Seth to the demon territory, the one partly responsible for his adoptive mother's death and for him inheriting the Seed of Tyranny. Yet, he had a respectful stare after seeing the man that was slowly approaching their location.

Velgor approached them, not bothering to glance towards any of them. After he arrived beside the leader of the Cerberus Clan, he passed by him, entering the cave they were guarding.

The Cerberus Clan Head, silently followed him while all the other demons kept kneeling down at the entrance. They didn't dare to even breathe loudly, else all of them would die a miserable death.

Only after both of them disappeared inside that dark cave, those demons slowly stood up without saying anything, keeping an eye on whatever happened outside. None of them dared to express the pain they were feeling on their knees.

Deep inside the cave, Velgor arrived at a restricted area where only a low number of people had access to. Even before entering, he was able to feel the tyrant energy filling the air, an energy he knew better than anyone and an energy he dreamt of obtaining and controlling.

A dark light passed through his eyes as he quickly imagined the future. Velgor extended his hand, opening the door in front of him. He entered inside and the Head of the Cerberus Clan continued to follow him silently.

Inside, there was hundreds of tubes containing specimen of multiple species. Some of them were humans, others were elves, beasts and even plants. Not

even demons were missing, since there were at least twenty tubes where there were demons inside.

Those were the unfortunate souls caught to be used as guinea pigs for their experiments.

Those tubes were covering the outer layer of that room, but what Velgor wanted to see was actually on the inner layer.

After walking a little bit more, he was finally able to see a huge tube filled with a red liquid. Actually, the liquid inside wasn't initially red. It acquired that color after being infected by the energy that was leaving the body of the thing inside.

That thing was at least fifteen meters tall and grotesque. A monster that should not be living.

The Clan Head of the Cerberus Clan looked at it and smiled while recalling how this thing was produced.

This grotesque creature, full of crimson red spikes and an overflowing malignant crimson energy, was actually a barely adult boy he had kidnapped from one of the human villages he had raided. A boy called Miro.

That poor soul turned out to be one of their most successful experiments, but Velgor didn't want him to be the proudest one of his creations. In his eyes, that post already had an owner, it's just that that experiment was yet to be a success. For that to happen there was still one important factor missing.. And that factor was time.