

Bang!

The throne shattered with the impact and the king smashed hard against one of the hall pillars, breaking it around the middle. His body continued to roll for some more meters, stopping at a remote corner.

Qiao Duyi suddenly appeared beside him, with his fists shining with a golden hue.

The king was a Mana Perception peak-stage Realm cultivator and he would never be able to resist a hit from a practitioner like Qiao Duyi, one of the Eight Lion Guardians.

The Eight Lion Guardians were a powerful group responsible for protecting and doing important missions for the Lion's Pride Golden Palace. They were just like the Twelve Shadows; people that the Wu Martial Kingdom couldn't afford to offend. Other than the Eight Lion Guardians, the Lion's Pride Golden Palace had two Profound Mana Golden Lions as tamed beasts, under their command.

Cough! Cough! Cough!

The king tried to stand up, but there were many bone fractures around his whole body, so he could only wait for the end. After gathering all his energy, he managed to utter some words..

"How... did I... offend you?"

"Heh! Try asking it to your wife." His golden fist descended to meet the king's body and finish him off.

The king looked towards his wife with a shocked expression, not knowing what he had done, but before he could hear any words from her, a heavy blow impacted against his chest.

Crack!

His chest caved in and a hole formed there, deforming his body. The floor where he was lying, shattered into thousand pieces and many spider-web-like cracks destroyed, the whole hall.

Wu Cuifen had an ecstatic expression as one of the main culprits behind the death of her beloved son died. She had even forgotten the fact he was her husband for some moments.

"It's done. I've complied with my part of the deal." Qiao Duyi slowly approached her.

Wu Cuifen bowed and said: "Thank you."

Suddenly reality dawned on her and her body started to tremble.

She was uncontrollably shaking, but even Wu Cuifen herself, didn't know if it was because she had achieved her goals or because she was suffering from a sudden regretful crisis. Her mind was so full of many things, that her attention was heavily prejudiced, making her stay with her guard down. She was emotionally unstable and feeling a strange internal pain.

Wu Cuifen wasn't even able to notice as a powerful golden fist smashed against her chest, sending her flying all the way to the other side of the room. When her body finally crashed down and stopped, she had already lost her life.

All the bones of her body were crushed by the power behind that golden fist.

"Tch. I upheld with my words; however, unfortunately for you, Qiao Xuan wants to keep the purple Skystone mine as an internal secret. So, everyone who witnessed it or knows about it must die."

Qiao Duyi was able to hear the steps of many soldiers rushing from afar, coming to the rescue of their king and queen. However, it was already too late. His task here was completed, so he left through the main entrance, killing everyone that came using the same methods he used on the king. A single punch from him, was enough to turn the bones of his enemies into powder. No one knew who he was and no one was able to stop him from leaving.

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While a huge uproar was happening on the Wu Martial Kingdom, Seth and Jiang Yi had just finished doing something as thunderous as that.

Just like the other time, Jiang Yi felt she didn't have energy to even lift her fingers. Once again, she tried to win over Seth in their private wild battle, treating him as a submissive partner. But he turned the tables on her, ravaging her body in a crazy manner she loved.

This session they had was particularly more intense, since Seth would be leaving the Glazed Lake Sect tomorrow and may not have the chance to enjoy this with her again.

Suddenly, Seth heard someone knocking on the door of his room.

Knock! Knock!

He activated his Soul Sense to see who it was, identifying Ruolan's graceful figure waiting for him outside. At the same time, his Soul Sense captured that

Rina had already finished absorbing the Glazed Lily and was currently having a conversation with Jiayi.

Seth dressed himself properly and opened the door to see what she wanted to talk with him.

"Good morning, Seth. Master asked me to call for you. She is..." Suddenly, she stopped talking, because at that moment, Seth decided to totally open the door and leave. But just as he was leaving, she was able to see the image of a woman lying naked on the bed. She seemed to be in a totally messy state, as if she had been thrown in the eye of a huge storm, causing a traumatic image to form in Ruolan's mind.

Seth quickly closed the door, making it impossible for her to see anything else. It was only for a brief second, but Ruolan thoroughly lost her ability to speak.

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"Ruolan? Are you hearing me?"

"Eh... Ah..."

"As I said. Please tell her that I will meet with her in less than ten minutes. I need to go talk with Rina first."

"Ah... Ok."

Seth inwardly smiled. Somehow, he was able to even the scores between him and her. He was still keeping that small grudge for making his room be the only one at the second floor.

Both of them walked through the corridors, but Ruolan kept silent all the time. Her complexion was even paler than normal, just as if she had been spooked by something. The image of a totally devastated Jiang Yi wasn't able to leave her mind.

Seth separated from her, descending down the stairs and going to Rina's room. She had already finished her conversation with Jiayi and was free to talk with him. After knocking on the door, he met with her and observed her situation.

He made sure to ask her if she was feeling any discomfort or any pain, but everything seemed normal. However, Rina showed him she was able to perfectly make and control water with her Mana. The rate of her advancement with the water element, was thousand times faster than how she advanced with wind too. All thanks to that mythical flower.

"Incredible. That Glazed Lily was really a wonderful flower. As expected from an entity like Darya." Seth was really amazed by the results.

"Darya?"

"Yeah. She is the water spiritual being that gave me that flower. Rina, did you like staying here?"

"Hm? I loved it! Why are you asking?"

"Well... I plan on leaving this place tonight, so if you want to come with me, we will be heading back to the Elven Kingdom. I have plans on going to a really dangerous area and I will not be able to keep your safety over there. So, my second idea, is letting you stay here and train water type elemental skills and techniques, but that's up to you."

"You... You're leaving? Where are you going? A dangerous area?" Rina was a bit lost with everything he told her, so Seth entered her room and explained everything to her.

He told her he needed to get stronger for Meiyi and that his next journey would be a very dangerous one, that's why he was thinking of bringing Rina back to the Elven Territory. After a long moment of silence, Rina decided to say some things.

"I think I want to stay here."

"Good. I will ask Palace Master Yushui to let you peacefully live here and train with her."

"Seth, I want to ask you one thing. Could you please postpone your departure for tomorrow?" Rina looked directly into his eyes.

Seth held her hand and said: "Of course."

He was able to feel Rina's worry after realizing he would be risking his life on his next journey.

"Alright. I'll tell you my definite answer tonight, so make sure to come here." Rina would take that time to think her next steps as well.

Seth nodded and after talking about some other minor things, he left. Palace Master Yushui wanted to talk with him and there were some things he needed to tell her as well. He was going towards her office, but he met her on the main palace hall.

"Seth, please come with me. We can discuss other things later, but for now, it seems they are requesting for our presence at the meeting hall."

"Oh? Did something happen?"

"I don't know, but it seems it is indeed a serious matter. Maybe it is related to the Lake Mother situation."

Seth furrowed his eyebrows, but he wasn't able to figure out anything.

"Alright. Let's go then."

They left together, going to meet the other Palace Masters. Although it was a meeting related to the Lake Mother situation, the real topic would be something else. Something Palace Master Shanhu was aching to reveal for them all.

