

"That's it!"

Qiao Xuan abruptly stood up after that realization. There were two to three months remaining until the ceremony was ready, but they were in a desperate need for support now and that could be a great solution for their problems. If they were to acquire the Demonic Shadow Royal Clan backup, they could storm their way to those other two Higher Ground doorsteps and recover what was stolen from them.

Truth be told, Qiao Xuan wasn't bothered by the loss of one of his Lion Guardian, what mattered the most for him were those purple Skystones. They were a fortune that could only be acquired once in a lifetime. Being robbed of such a quantity of resources has left him distressed.

"I want you to prepare the Sound Transmit Formation and connect it with the Demonic Shadow Royal Clan for me, right now. I will personally ask Velgor to speed up the marriage process."

"Understood."

A Lion Guardian left Qiao Xuan's office room to prepare the things they would need to activate that formation.

Accelerating the marriage was one of the fastest ways they could use to get some support now, but Qiao Xuan ultimately failed to realize how Velgor did things. He was still under the impression that Velgor at least cared about his nephew Serene, when in reality, she was literally nothing but a tool for him, just like the Lion's Pride Golden Palace was one as well.

He would never wage war against a group of strong individuals, if he didn't win something in return, but this time around, there was actually something Velgor wanted to accomplish. Actually, after causing all this situation, Velgor had

already considered the possibility Qiao Xuan would come to ask for his help and he would make sure to get the most out of that situation.

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While things were happening at a strange pace in between those behemoth sects, in a country name StormWind Valley, there were many people moving fast through some strategic points, defending the borders against a very dangerous calamity that had silently arrived upon them.

Many wind elemental practitioners were organizing themselves in some groups of twenty people, in order to fight some strange beasts that were ceaselessly attacking them. They seemed to have a crimson energy moving around their bodies, that in those practitioners' minds, it could possibly be the reason they were acting so rampant.

Actually, this nation was not very far from the Ygnolia forest and the Hilkhell city, and the beast riot they are experiencing now, is the same calamity that befell that city and the minor villages around it at that time. However, there were two different things between that situation and this one.

The StormWind Valley was considered to be the strongest one amongst all the countries at the continent of Alteria and it has many strong groups of cultivators and sects that could better protect it, in the case of a crisis.

At a crucial moment, those practitioners could be summoned to help containing the beast riot coming from the StormWind Point.

The Corruption had arrived at a place called StormWind Point. It is more like a beast mountain were lost of wind elemental creatures live in, due to the high activity of that particular element there. Right now, some of the weaker beasts

that lived in that area, were discharging multiple aerial attacks against some cities that were closer to that place.

"Fast! Fast!"

"Move fast! Prepare to defend the next point!"

"No! We won't make it! We need to ask for help!"

Many aerial type beasts, controlled by a crimson energy were engaging in a fierce fight against the humans, creating a bloody scene that has been going for over a week already. Bit by bit, the creatures advanced further while destroying many structures and reaping many lives.

However, the people from that particular nation, were still relatively better than the Wu Martial Kingdom soldiers that were taking control of the Blazing Phoenix Sect now.

While that private meeting between the three higher grounds was still happening, the sky over the Blazing Phoenix city started to change.

The event referred as the Fire Vortex, had opened itself up again at the skies, covering the whole city. All the people still residing inside that conquered city, felt the temperature rising quickly, reaching a threshold that was starting to get uncomfortable.

However, the soldier and officials that belonged to the Wu Martial Kingdom, felt like hell had opened up in the skies above them.

CHIRP!

Suddenly, a huge phoenix made of flames left from inside the portal and started to circle in the air. A magnificent aura suddenly pressed down on everyone, rendering them useless and sealing their cultivation.

That phoenix was circling through the air, marking every single individual that wasn't supposed to be at that place. It was time for a reckoning. They had

invaded a sacred territory they shouldn't have, and now, it was time to pay with their lives.

CHIRP!

Suddenly, the people from the Wu Martial Kingdom, started to feel the heat had arrived at unbearable levels and their skin started to combust. All of a sudden, many painful screams started to echo around that area.

"AAAAAAHHH!!!"

"ARGH!"

"Save Me! Save me!"

"AAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!"

Throughout the whole city, soldier and buildings constructed by the Wu Martial Kingdom started to burn with fierce and merciless flames. However, it was impressive that it didn't burn them to cinders so quickly, but made them experience the sharp pain of being fried alive.

None of them were able to use their cultivation to assist them at that time and were forced to feel that torturing hell for some minutes, till they eventually became ashes.

The Blazing Phoenix citizens that were being held as slaves or somehow were still living inside the city and all the buildings that originally belonged to them, were spared. None of them suffered that torture they were witnessing the soldiers from the Wu Martial Kingdom suffer. They just felt the temperature was slightly hotter.

Naturally, tears started to fall from their eyes as they knelt down in reverence towards their Phoenix God. However, they failed to notice that there were two beautiful figures standing straight in the air up there. One of them was the one controlling the Phoenix that was subjugating the enemies.

After the last official from the Wu Martial Kingdom died, the Phoenix suddenly circled once again and shot towards a distant place, like an arrow made of fierce flames. The two female figures disappeared together with it.

Everyone watched as the phoenix burned everything on its way, while it disappeared. However, none of them were able to realize that the place it was moving to, was where the Wu Martial Kingdom was located. Less than a day later, it would already be visiting that kingdom and delivering a great gift right to their doorstep.

The woman controlling the phoenix wouldn't let it end with just that meager retaliation. The Wu Martial Kingdom had initiated a war, and now they would have to pay the price.

Unfortunately, the nobles living in that kingdom didn't even know what calamity was about to befall them. After the death of the Wu Martial King and his official wife, the whole kingdom was experiencing something like a civil war.

Many nobles had colluded with a group of strong individuals, to take the power from the hands of the Royal Family, but the remaining members of that destroyed family were still resisting their advances.

While many secret operations were happening at the Wu Martial Kingdom Capital City, everyone felt the temperature rising some degrees all of a sudden. This situation caused many of them to feel something was off and they decided to stay alert.

Some minutes later, many people started to view an orange dot up in the sky and initially thought it was a meteor, but when it approached the city, they were surprised by the sight of a huge flaming phoenix that brought the temperatures around there to a new level.

This time, there were no restrictions happening on the energy veins of the citizens of the Wu Martial Kingdom. The woman controlling the phoenix, judged it wouldn't be necessary.

Her eyes were resolute while they burned with scarlet flames and her decision was absolute. It was war and she had to be merciless, like her enemies were.

CHIRP!

The phoenix circled twice through the skies above that city, generating a huge momentum and scaring everyone down there. It started to fly higher and higher and its power accumulated faster and faster, until it resembled a raging sun.

Nobles, normal citizens, warriors, soldier, cultivators, criminals, innocent people and even the remaining members of the Royal Family, looked towards it while feeling fear, feeling apprehension.

Suddenly, the phoenix opened its wings and dove down towards the ground. The speed with which it came down, gave no chance for anyone to even properly react, before they were engulfed in scarlet flames.

That day, a huge explosion obliterated every single thing in that city.. The whole kingdom shook at the time of that event, creating a nightmare the future citizens of that kingdom would always remember.