

## Chapter 48 - No Chance To Struggle

Seth and Lilian had just entered the sect grounds and started to feel the pressure coming from the giant vortex spinning right above their heads. It was a feeling of tininess before such a magnificent event. When they first felt that aura, time seemed to stop.

"How can something so mythical even exist?" Lilian got mesmerized by the phenomenon that was part of her country.

"There are so many inexplicable things in the world that we aren't even able to imagine."

Seth looked at the vortex with complex emotions. He was anxious to explore the Fire Labyrinth, but first, he had to go visit Meiyi and tell her he was alive and well. Actually, he felt that he missed her and her naive way.

"Lilian, I think I'll go quickly visit Meiyi before entering the Fire Labyrinth. You can enter it earlier and I..."

At the middle of his speech, he felt a signal coming from the imprint he had left on Meiyi. It was a skill that he created by himself, mixing his soul energy together with a dark attribute imprint. Since it was created using soul power, it acted as an aerial within her soul. When a strong emotion made her soul tremble, it would warn Seth.

'Seth, I want to see you again.'

He heard her thoughts very clear. The signal went as far as making him feel the helplessness and despair she was passing through.

It didn't matter for Seth that Lilian was by his side, or that there could potentially be someone watching them. He simply immediately took out the bracelet that was sealing his real cultivation and used every single bit of mana he was able to gather at the moment, to release the most powerful Shadow

Step he has until now, going as far as to breakthrough instantly on the technique.

Lilian was looking directly at him, but suddenly his figure blurred, merging with his own shadow and disappearing on thin air. There was not even a fluctuation of power as he concentrated until the last bit of mana to execute the movement.

Lilian sucked in a mouthful of fresh air. If she hadn't witnessed, she would have thought that he was kidnapped while she wasn't looking, however, she immediately understood that something really serious was happening, or else he would never blindly expose himself.

She was sure of his destination, so she rushed there with the best speed possible for her as well.

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"AHAHAHAHA. That's just the beginning. Changming, finish undressing this whore! Let's see if she is still worthy of being defiled with all those burning marks."

Tao Changming raised his left hand to rip her clothes off and made a motion using a bit of his Qi, but nothing happened. He failed to understand what have gone wrong and tried again, but now he felt a bit of pain. He looked towards his left hand to see what was causing him pain, but realized that he didn't have a left hand at all.

"AAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!"

A blood-curdling scream came out of the depths of his lung. However, he didn't have time to savor that pain as he felt something binding his feet. He

looked down and saw that he was slowly being swallowed by the ground, or more precisely, by his own shadow.

Five seconds later, his screams stopped as he vanished from the place he stood.

"Who's there?" Tao Zhong didn't panic, but stood a hundred percent alert. He released his entire cultivation base, trying to discover the person that caught them off guard.

"You don't need to know that, just go have a "peaceful" time for now." Seth's voice came from behind Tao Zhong.

Tao Zhong tried to turn around and destroy his opponent with his devilish fire, but it was already too late, the shadows below his feet swallowed him whole.

In mere twenty seconds the backyard turned silent again.

Tao Zhong and Tao Changming were at the Profound Qi initial-stage realm and Qi Gathering peak-stage realm respectively. Within the Blazing Phoenix sect rankings they were absolute gods, since they were young and with such high talents. They were existences known as core disciples, those that could enjoy every resource possible and even have their priorities over many other people.

However, how were they any good compared with a Mana Perception middle-stage cultivator? Not even putting into account that Seth was an anomaly that could skip ranks.

Their struggle before Seth was as pitiful as a single ant trying to go against an elephant. Not possible at all. Even putting in consideration that they were two slightly more fed ants, they were still ants trying to resist a behemoth.

There was not even a chance for them to struggle, against absolute power.

Whatever they were experiencing right now, was for certain very painful. Although Seth would love to torture them right now and relieve some of his anger, he was more concerned about Meiyi. Even his decision to not completely destroy them first, was putting in consideration that she would need to suffer slightly more.

Seth went forward and approached Meiyi that was lying on the floor. She had some burning marks around her body, but they didn't seem to be deep enough to be permanent. Her countenance was that of someone suffering with an internal injury.

Her body seemed to suffer with fever but even if her injuries were a bit heavier, she should still be conscious at this moment, however, she wasn't. Something was preventing her from waking up.

"She was poisoned. His flame arts are poisonous." Lexi quickly told Seth.

But it was unnecessary, since Seth knew very well about those flames. He witnessed them before. Hellish flames from the Cerberus Clan.

"Damn it. These cursed flames again?"

Many questions were popping up inside his head, but he pushed them all for later. His focus now was to quickly save Meiyi.

"Can you purify her poison Lexi?" Seth asked with hope.

"I can, but I have no power in another person's body since they aren't a spirit. For my powers to work on her, I'll need a medium. You already know it, since you already experienced it in first hand on that girl, Caizhi."

Seth realized what Lexi was talking about. If he ever wanted to heal someone, there were just a few ways he could do it. If he was proficient on medicine, he could directly try to heal her using such knowledge; he could try dispelling the poison with a pill, but he wasn't an alchemist nor did he have a pill like that.

There was a possibility to forcefully expel the poison with his own energy, but Meiyi strength gap with his was so wide, that he could end up damaging her veins more.

Although things would be different if they were linked. He could then, provide her cells the same treatment he has put Caizhi through, enhancing Meiyi's constitution. However, Seth would never Soul Link with a person that didn't want to. If they were Soul Linked, Meiyi's body would feel just like an extension of his own and the Seed of Tyranny would be effective to purge that inferior poison from her.

There were so many positive effects happening between him and the target he linked his soul with that it seemed unreal, but Seth hadn't had the time to explore all those benefits yet. Some of them he hasn't even discovered yet.

Hades was an evil god. His inheritance was meant to entice and steal souls. The only relatively good technique, not meant to cause total chaos and evil, was the Soul Link. Although, even this technique would bind the souls of the targets with the one that was performing the ritual.

There were actually two downsides on this technique. First of all, Seth could never force the Soul Link as it was a connection between two souls. Forcing a connection with a refusing side, would end up on a total failure. The second disadvantage was where one could finally understand that Hades was a thoroughly bad character. If Seth, the main soul, the one holding all the links, were to die, all the other links would end up suffering the same destiny, hence why the rites were: After tasting from my soul, there is no more life for you without me.

"No. There must be another way, think about it Seth!" Seth said it loudly to himself.

What was needed in order for Lexi to be able to use her abilities of purification was his soul. So, if he somehow infused his soul inside Meiyi, it could possibly work.

Seth made a resolute expression and closed his eyes that were already shining in a deep blue hue. He reappeared inside his soul space, where there was a deep blue lake, filled with crystalline droplets of soul essence, his own soul essence.

He focused his strong soul force on the unconscious Meiyi and her soul projection appeared at his side, just like what he had done with Caizhi. His hades inheritance gave him an extensive control over his soul and he was using that control right now, manipulating other individual souls.

"What is the need of this inheritance if I can't use it the way I want?"

He entered the lake and joined his hands, taking a bit of the "water" from the lake.

"What are you doing?" Lexi voice resounded inside his head.

"Sharing a bit."

"Are you crazy? That's the same of trying to kill yourself. Whatever you're trying to do, is the same as ripping off a part of your soul. You do not understand what kind of pain would assault you.." Lexi trying to stop his foolish action.