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Chapter 61 - Complete Sever

Seth's eyes turned into a deep shade of blue. He looked down on his enemies like their lives meant nothing. It wasn't his own feelings, but an effect induced by his Hades inheritance. The God of the underworld was a superior being, that would look down on all of the other races.

Seth slowly walked towards them with an aura of superiority.

"Sever."

The entire world started to tremble, shaking violently as if announcing the end of the times. The hunters, Tao Shing and the elder from his family almost wetted their pants, the fear was consuming them from inside, and their legs were starting to get soft.

A rift appeared in the middle of the entire Fire Labyrinth, severing space into two. The crack started to get bigger, very quickly, splitting the entire universe into two. A huge demonic hand opened the rift from the inside, spreading the crack even further.

At this moment the seven of them were already keeling on the floor, unable to stand up. Actually, they couldn't even talk as they were being suppressed, let alone move.

A second hand slowly extended out of the rift and grabbed the five hunters, pulling them towards that abyss black space. The five of them vanished from the surface of the planet, while Tao Shing stood rooted on the floor.

The elder from his family felt that an irresistible suction force started to pull him towards the rift and his countenance changed for one of pure fear and panic. He was dragged towards the abyss, leaving behind only his wails of despair.

On the real world though, what actually happened was that out of nowhere, six of the seven people that were fighting against Seth, dropped down on the ground lifeless. Their connection with their Soul was thoroughly severed. Their soul essence was quickly absorbed by Seth and stored inside his soul space.

Everything that happened just now, was only real inside the minds of those people who experienced the illusion, since it was a fearful soul attack Seth utilized against them.

Seth deliberately let Tao Shing suffer less pressure than the others, and the effect he desired was achieved. While the other enemies were all killed, Tao Shing was reduced to a worthless cultivator that didn't know how to control his mana right now. It turned Seth's work easy, since he wanted to knock him out, without killing him for now.

Seth approached Tao Shing and extended his right hand, touching his enemy's chest area. He used his mana to turn it into a thousand of thin needles, and sent it to attack Tao Shing's energy veins. His mana instantly cut the entire energy veins around Tao Shing's body, rendering him useless. His cultivation dissipated and he turned into a cripple right after. Tao Shing dropped on the floor unconscious, but still alive.

"What the fuck just happened?" A powerhouse of the Mana Perception initial-stage realm from the Wu Martial kingdom asked, unbelieving what he has seen.

From their group perspective, the hunters and Tao Shing gave up all their struggle and let Seth deal with them without any resistance.

'Why would someone give their life like that?' The group of five people kept asking inside their minds.

This group of five were the last people alive now. While Wu Shuhui and the prince were the first to fight, the other three from their group didn't even make

a move yet. They were lucky enough to not fall for Seth's darkness trap, ending up in a safe position until now.

For Seth, it wasn't the result he expected, but it was still within what could be considered as alright. He was feeling really spent right now. His soul would need a lot of time to recover, since he used all the soul energy he had, on that last attack. However, he still needed to fight against five Mana realm practitioners, while he was already tired.

He made the utmost effort to not show his fatigue and weakness in front of his enemies, but Wu Shuhui was a veteran and could feel that Seth was a bit tired already.

Wu Shuhui took a red pill from inside his spatial ring, secretly giving it to the first prince.

The prince swiftly grabbed the pill and saw that it contained a really tyrannical energy inside. He could feel that it was probably one of those forbidden pills.

"Just in case something unexpected happens, this could be a life saver, however, do not use it until we are in a hopeless situation." Wu Shuhui warned the prince. He only had one of those pills now, and it would serve its purpose better on the prince's hands, since that pill would give him the ability to stand up and fight with a power higher than he could muster normally for some minutes.

The prince nodded his head and continued to concentrate on healing a bit of his wounds.

Wu Shuhui signaled for his other three companions and they started to ready themselves for the battle.

"Friend, although we had no enmity with you previously, you attacked our group of people without an explanation. Why are you siding with the Blazing Phoenix Sect?"

"Why do you need to know that?" Seth asked coldly.

"Hehe, why don't we discuss a price and we could let this situation between our sides die here and forever, what do you think? If possible, I would like to avoid this meaningless fight and explore more of this labyrinth."

"I do not need any money. If you back down right now and give up your chances of obtaining the resources inside this chamber, we could go each their way. If not, it is useless trying to convince me." Seth said while snorting. Seth discovered that his main objective would probably be inside that chamber, so he didn't want to let his enemies inside it.

"Since it's like this..." Wu Shuhui eyes turned sharp.

"Elders, let's go. We are going to use the secret formation." A crafty light shone inside his eyes.

The three elders heard their leader statement and prepared themselves for the fight. They already knew what to do.

The group of four dashed towards Seth, covering the distance of almost a kilometer really quick. When the distance between them was almost non-existent, Wu Shuhui moved alone to fight against Seth.

Wu Shuhui used his mana to engage Seth in a melee combat, while the elders tried to flank him from the sides. His fist met Seth's hand in a quick succession as they kept exchanging more than hundreds of those similar blows. After some time, one of the elders approached Seth while Wu Shuhui moved a distance away.

"Now!" He commanded from afar.

The elder that was about to start engaging in a fight against Seth, inflated his mana inside his own body, making it turn into a bomb and exploding into a

mess of blood and chunks of flesh. The mana inside his body was converted into a shockwave, that took Seth off guard, striking against his chest.

Boom!

When he finally noticed that it was a suicide attack, he only had time to put a bit of his mana into protecting his body superficially. Seth was sent flying by the mana explosion, but it was not the end of the attack. The other two elders took the opportunity to launch themselves towards Seth, when he was flying through the air, exploding at his sides one after the other.

Boom! Boom!

A rain of blood painted the entire area red. Wu Shuhui didn't even flinch at his companions' deaths, since it was their honor to be able to serve the Wu Martial Kingdom until the end.

He saw that with the destruction power emitted by their explosion, even a Mana Perception late-stage realm cultivator like him, would suffer grave injuries at least. Seth that was actually a middle-stage cultivator, could only dream of leaving this uninjured.

However, his victorious smile faded when he actually saw Seth's silhouette standing up from the ground. He was bleeding from head to toe, but there was not a single limb missing. His battle aura had decreased by a huge margin and his mana was almost entirely used, because he needed to use his "Shrouding Light" on a desperate attempt to stop the destruction power from killing him.

Even then, what really saved him was his strong and tough body.

"Ahahaha! Now you do not seem that menacing. Let's see how you will survive this." Wu Shuhui didn't waste time and dashed forwards to engage in a fight again, not letting Seth rest.

He kicked towards Seth, putting a good amount of mana behind his martial move, hitting him at his side.

Cough!

Seth tried to use his mana to defend against the kick, but even so he wasn't able to fully escape the power that it contained. He coughed a bit of blood and tried to recompose himself quickly after being pushed back by more than ten meters.

He had just a little bit more of mana, and his enemy still had a lot. Chances were not at his side now, but he didn't panic. He got the ring from the alchemist he killed, quickly retrieving some pills and consuming them.

His state started to improve at a slow pace, but it was just enough for his senses to normalize.

"Tch! Those alchemists were indeed useless." Wu Shuhui went forwards again, he didn't want to let Seth have any space or time to breath.

However, he was surprised when Seth disappeared from his sight. On his conception, it would be impossible for him to put a good fight right now.

Seth could not afford to spend too much of his energy with Shadow Walk, so he reappeared a bit farther, emptying the pill bottle he got from the alchemist ring. He ate them all and absorbed their energy.. He was prepared for one last round now.

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Chapter 62 - Last Opponents

Seth was already quite spent, after battling with more than twenty experts. He regained a bit of stamina and power, but it was clearly lacking in front of the powerful aura of a Mana Perception late-stage realm cultivator like Wu Shuhui.

There were clear signs of exhaustion on him, but his battle intent had never wavered. He felt more than ready to fight Wu Shuhui now, even with his pitiful condition and completely drenched in blood.

Wu Shuhui learnt the lesson this time, not letting his carelessness make him commit any more mistakes. He circulated his mana and used one of the martial skills the Wu Martial Kingdom was known to be proficient in.

"Mana Metal Body!"

His mana started to cover the surface of his body, making it really resilient. There was even a metal glint on his skin, that was now as tough as iron. This skill would fortify his defenses, without any decrease on his attack capabilities. Actually, it would even improve his power, making his punches weight some hundred tones.

The impact of his attacks now, were enough to shatter a huge boulder to smithereens. The downside was that he would be spending a lot of mana to maintain that stance, but considering the state of his enemy, he could afford to stay like that for some time.

Wu Shuhui cut the distance between them in half in a few seconds, ready to strike Seth. He was utilizing his best movement technique to approach his target, prepared to fight with everything he got.

Seth felt like he would be in deep trouble if one of those punches were to hit him. Not letting his enemy get the advantage on this fight, he vanished again using his shadow steps, but this time he couldn't conceal his presence, only being able to display the speed of the technique. While avoiding Wu Shuhui attacks, he was observing the environment around.

Seth noticed that there were some fire walls nearby and made minor changes on his position every time he evaded Wu Shuhui assaults., slowly bringing their battle toward there.

A fist almost connected on Seth, but he was able to shift his body just in time. He didn't try to counterattack at this moment, unless he wanted to spend the little bit of Mana he still had.

"Ha! All you know to do is to dodge. How do you plan to fight like that?" Wu Shuhui taunted him, trying to rile Seth up, but did not obtain a response from him.

Wu Shuhui was already feeling that his mana was being drained pretty quickly and decided to go for a decisive blow. He couldn't understand how Seth still had energy to dodge his assaults time and time again.

Seth was trying to spend the minimum amount of Mana possible, whenever he needed to use his shadow steps, while observing the changes that were happening on the area the fire walls were. He noticed that a calm fissure was starting to show some signs of activity.

'It is time.' Seth eyes shone with resoluteness as he decided to put his plan into practice.

"Haha, you're getting slower, I knew you didn't have any energy left." Wu Shuhui caught up to Seth and clawed towards his shoulders. He wasn't expecting that his attack would even hit, but he got amazed when his clawed fingers pierced Seth's shoulder, digging deep inside his muscles.

Wu Shuhui's hand was drenched in blood and he had a victorious smile on his lips. He was finally able to obtain the upper hand of the fight.

Seth endured the pain after having five finger size blood holes carved on his shoulder and back, as he used the energy he had left, to execute one last movement technique. He grabbed firmly on Wu Shuhui's forearm with both his hands, dragging him quickly towards the fissure.

Wu Shuhui saw the environment rapidly accelerating as he was dragged along, since he was held by Seth.

They appeared some thirty meters away right above a deep fissure. Seth only had the time to forcefully pull Wu Shuhui's hand away from him, worsening his condition, before using a second small Shadow Step to shift his position to some meters away. When he finally stepped on the floor, he directly knelt on a single knee and held his shoulder, trying to close the wounds.

Wu Shuhui didn't expect that he would appear on the air, but before he could even think of doing anything, he felt as if a mighty red dragon had awakened right below him. The fire jet emerged from the fissure with rage and displeasure, since it felt like it has been ages that it was sleeping down there.

The huge fifty meters tall fire wall, cooked Wu Shuhui that was standing on its way. He wasn't expecting an outcome like this at all, so he had not prepared a measure for such situation.

The flames were way hotter than any other fire he felt during his entire life, burning his hair instantly. For his misfortune, he was protected by his mana, that gave him a really tough exterior, however, the insides of his body were unprotected.

The temperature rose so fast that he was literally cooked. His body was propelled by the force of the flame, being launched more than a hundred meters in the air. When he fell down, his state was horrible.

Thud!

Seth had used his protective energy earlier, when he just entered the labyrinth, and it was only able to last for five seconds on a fire wall that was at least ten times weaker than this one.

Wu Shuhui would never expect to fall on trap like this, losing his life in a single moment. He thought that he had the control over the situation, but in truth he was led to a trap.

"Haaah. It was tiresome." Seth observed the charred body in front of him, and remembered the despicable methods that man employed to deal with him. The man has gone as far as sacrificing the lives of three elders just to injure him. The Wu Martial Kingdom treated the lives of their people as they were nothing.

"Thank god, that Caizhi was able to escape from that vile environment." Seth didn't have a single bit of pity towards these kinds of people.

He mustered all the strength he could to stand up and looked at himself, he was riddled with bruised and had no more Mana left.

"Watch out! Seth!"

Seth heard Lilian's anxious voice from behind and when he turned to look what was happening, with his condition, he wasn't even able to notice her presence until she screamed for him. He saw the prince from the Wu Martial Kingdom, with a really frenzied countenance charging madly at him. There were some air distortions around his body, signaling that he spent a huge quantity of mana to deal this fatal blow. There was no chance for Seth to avoid the incoming attack.

Lilian held the hairpin inside his hands while exerting everything she could to reach him faster. The situation happened so quickly that none of them could even process what clearly happened in the end.

Lilian Jumped in front of Seth while holding her protective treasure. The hairpin glowed brightly, erecting a powerful barrier around them.

The prince had consumed the forbidden pill his teacher had given him, after witnessing his end. He madly rushed towards Seth like a vengeful spirit, blind by hatred. The injuries on his legs seemed to not even bother him after having taken that forbidden pill.

His body collided with the newly erected shield, and the forces between them started to nullify each other. But in the end, the power behind the prince attack, was a bit stronger than the sacred treasure Lilian brought forwards to protect them.

Since she was in front of Seth, she received the weakened blow from the prince. The entire scenario happened in less than ten seconds, there wasn't time for them to change it at all.

Lilian's back hit Seth that was behind her as they fell some meters away. He made sure to protect her body from the impact, but he could do nothing about the attack she suffered.

The first thing he did, was trying to send his mana inside her body, to check on her condition, but he felt that there was no mana on his reserve at all. Seth turned her body and saw that Lilian was unconscious and there was blood coming out of her lips.

His heart started to ache for some reason. He concentrated really hard until blood started to leak from his nose and he was finally able to produce a bit of energy. He sent it inside her body and his mind stilled.

Her energy veins were shattered and there were many internal injuries. Some of her organs were damaged and weren't able to recover on their own anymore. If she was left here like this, she would be dead in an hour.

"You... Why did you..." Seth couldn't understand why would she do something like this for a person like him.. Only a moth has passed since they met each other and she didn't even know who he really was.

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Chapter 63 - Lord Phoenix Spirit

"Lexi, I need your help here please." Seth asked for her help, but she had closed her external senses while focusing on absorbing the spiritual energy. She wasn't able to help him right now.

Even if she were to appear and try to help Lilian somehow, it would be a useless attempt. Lilian's situation was critical, out of Seth's reach. If he were connected with her through Soul Link, he could at least help her hold on for a bit more, but it was impossible right now.

Seth felt the first prince turbulent aura behind them and a feeling of hatred and anger took control of him. Those emotions have never been so strong inside of him before.

The first prince felt that his aura was really strong, but at the same time, totally out of control. He took a lot of time to adjust his entire body in order to attack again. His murderous intent was as strong as before.

He was about to charge again to finish his enemy, when suddenly he felt his entire body turn cold. However, for some reason, his blood was boiling. He looked towards Seth and saw that there was a sinister aura around him, making him unconsciously take a step backwards.

Seth couldn't even feel his power coming back and stronger than it was before, since all that mattered to him right now, was to rip his opponent apart.

The Seed of Tyranny resonated with his corrupted emotions, giving him more power. There was something making his blood restless, something closely related to the third seal of the seed. That seal was weakened after the slaughter of those beasts and was already able to provide him a bit of energy now, even though it was still sealed.

Seth did not move to meet his enemy, he wanted to end his life quickly, so he used his Darkness Cage. However, what was once a dark attribute skill, was now totally different and distorted.

Dark red spikes appeared everywhere around the prince, instead of pitch-black ones. The energy circling around them resembled a bloodthirsty beast feeling thirsty for its favorite drink.

Instead of piercing the first prince, the spikes started to spin before being launched towards him. The speed presented by the spikes was nothing compared to the speed it has shown before. They shot through the air, not giving a single chance for him to react. When the Wu Martial First Prince noticed, he was already pierced by those dreadful drills.

They drilled the prince's body from all sides, sealing him inside a coffin of bloody spikes, however his blood didn't spurt everywhere, because it was sucked, making the spikes turn into deep red crystals.

The wild energy around the Wu Martial Kingdom First Prince, was thoroughly destroyed by that attack. He couldn't even scream before his gruesome death.

Seth was still feeling that it was not enough, his mind was starting to get corrupted by those bad feelings, but when he saw Lilian on the floor, he somehow came back to his senses. If he wanted to save her, he would need to act fast.

However, before he could even start to think of a way to save Lilian, he heard the sound of a huge door opening on the distance. He looked at the place the sound came from and saw that the giant exquisite phoenix gate was open. There was a mystic feeling coming from inside, trying to invite him to come closer.

Seth had a feeling that whatever was inside, if it was related to the phoenix beast, then it could be helpful to Lilian. The phoenix was known for being a Divine Beast with a supreme fire attribute, but it had a mythical ability to heal as well. There were even some fabled stories about its ability to rebirth.

Seth took Lilian with a princess carry first, injecting his Mana inside her body, controlling most part of her injuries and stopping them from further deteriorating. He could feel his connections with his Mana now, since the Seed of Tyranny recharged some of his energy.

This labyrinth would stay opened for six more days and the people inside would only be able to leave it through normal ways, after that time has passed. Since he was stuck with Lilian at this place, he decided to try his luck and see if he could find something that could heal her, inside that chamber.

He carried her with care, while passing through the gate, entering in a big imperial corridor. Seth proceeded with caution, but it was unnecessary, because there was no threat for them inside that chamber.

After crossing the corridor, he arrived in a spacious hall, that was littered with treasures. There were so many relics and treasures, that it could supply the need of an entire sect. But what caught Seth's attention, was an altar fully decorated with phoenix patterns. It was located right in the middle of the hall.

Seth was planning to approach the altar, but as he was getting closer an immeasurably strong pressure descended towards him.

Chirp!

A phoenix of fire appeared atop the altar, showing the world its might and prowess. At the same time, many torches were lighted around the hall, making the environment really bright.

Seth could not move a single muscle. All he could do was wait and pray that it wouldn't be an enemy.

The phoenix of fire changed its shape, turning into a big pair of eyes that burned with an endless flame. Those eyes looked at Seth and the human girl he was carrying.

"Very well, human. This Venerable One has been watching your fight outside and it's enough to be approved. You have earned the rights to retrieve a treasure from this chamber. Choose wisely." A mythical voice echoed around the hall and the pressure pressing down of Seth vanished.

Seth knelt of the ground and asked: "Please, I beg you to save her."

Those big eyes looked towards Lilian, and said: "There is a thin thread of my bloodline inside of her body, she must be a descendent of an inheritor from a long time ago, however, this Venerable One cannot save her life."

Seth insisted: "Please, Lord Phoenix Spirit. If you cannot directly save her, is there any treasure around this room able to do it?"

"There isn't. But, is she even worthy for you to waste a precious chance like this with her?"

Seth was stunned after hearing the Lord Phoenix question. First, he thought it made sense, but there was a feeling of anger inside his heart after hearing the question. Somehow, Lilian has crossed his threshold of value, and he would never allow anyone to say that she wasn't worth.

Seth gritted his teeth in order to not be rude and said: "Since Lord Phoenix cannot cure her, I'll take my leave."

Before Seth could even start to leave, the Lord Phoenix replied: "Indeed this venerable one can't heal her, since I would need to spend my precious energy in order to accomplish that, but who said that there isn't a way?"

Seth's hopes lit up.

"Please teach me the way!" Seth bowed again.

"There is not a single treasure inside this hall that is able to accomplish that, but there is something that can certainly heal her thoroughly."

After the mythical voice finished talking a huge bolt of flames descended from the heaven and a legendary item appeared in front of Seth. It was the thing he was searching all this while, the treasure that made him infiltrate inside the Blazing Phoenix Sect.

A beautiful Phoenix Feather was hovering in the air, with a mild and warm aura around.

"This is my last Feather. When I was still alive, I put my soul source inside that feather and concentrated most of my energy in order to maintain it in a perfect shape. If you were able to obtain it, you would be able to heal all her injuries. But... Would you waste it on her?" The big Phoenix eyes stared at Seth, waiting for his response. It was able to see through any lies or deceit.

Seth stared at the Phoenix Feather hovering on the air lost within his own thoughts. If he obtained that desired object, would he rather save Lilian or use it for his other objective? This might sound simple, but for Seth, it was the hardest choice he had to make on his entire life. Something akin to save your father or your mother.

"I..." Seth's phrase was stuck inside his throat, but after a while a resolute glint passed through his eyes.

"I would save Lilian's life."

The Phoenix spirit observed him and saw that there was no deceit on his words.

"Very well."

A bolt of fire rose from the ground and went through the roof, bring away the Phoenix Feather.

"If you want to obtain that feather, then you will need to accomplish a task. First, let me ask you, do you have any idea, why a place like this even exists? Why was there a need to create a separate dimension just to house some resources and treasures?"

The questions the Lord Phoenix Spirit asked, made Seth finally realize that there may be something really important about this place.

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Chapter 64 - Fragmented Law Of Fire

"No, I have no idea why would there be a separate dimension above the Blazing Phoenix Country." Seth shook his head.

"It's a long story, but what this Venerable One have to say is that this dimension was not always stationed here, we had to move it to this limited place that you live in, in order to not attract too much attention. The things we discovered here, were enough to shock all the gods, even going as far as causing an ancient war. But it's story from millions of years ago, a lost record. And now, this place only has some utility for you, mortals."

The Phoenix Spirit closed its eyes as it remembered the past.

"This dimension used to have a lot of flame divine grade resources and it was all thanks to a single thing. The thing that lay at the center of the labyrinth. First of all, let this Venerable One ask you one thing, what do you know about laws?"

"Laws? I didn't even hear about it before."

"Sigh... as expected. The mortals would never touch such concepts, it is useless to give you a detailed information, so the venerable one shall impart some basic knowledge with you."

"From the six beings that were considered the creators of all things, one of them was the Elemental Goddess. She created all the elements that exists in the universe and that includes all the particles that constitute our bodies and the objects."

Seth sucked a mouthful of air. 'To think that someone could create all that. How much powerful should a person be to achieve that?'

The Phoenix Spirit saw Seth's reaction and continued: "It may sound hard to believe at first, but those six beings were the first beings to ever exist in the

entire cosmos. Each of them birthed with something that we call Primordial Energy Core. It was a gift from Heaven and Earth, and with that gift they were able to mold the universe. The power contained inside the Primordial Energy Core was really mythical. It could create any concept they wished for, but there was enough energy to use it only twice. So, with that, Eleven Supreme Laws were created while exhausting all the energy inside the Primordial Energy Cores they had. The Elemental Goddess for example, created all the elements and particles on her first time. The second time, she created the Supreme Law of Balance, that operates on every single thing, in order to balance the entire universe."

Seth was speechless with the information he just received. But he didn't know how would this labyrinth be connected with such a story. But one thing he knew for sure. 'Eleven?' That count did not match.

The Phoenix Spirit saw through one of Seth's worries and said: "The thing that lay inside this labyrinth, is none other than the Fragmented Law of Fire, a part of the Supreme Law of the Elements."

"Fragmented Law of Fire? And what should I do to accomplish your task?"

"The Fragmented Law of Fire is something beyond any mortal understandings. Even us gods and mythical beasts, could only dream of understanding the concepts behind that Law, however we failed miserably after millions of years trying to. None of us could understand it. What I want you to do is to try to understand the concepts behind that Law, however bear in mind that it's something that not even those powerful gods from the ancient times were able to do. Since it's an impossible thing to accomplish for a mortal, if you can understand even a tiny bit about that fire, then I'll give you the Phoenix Feather."

"It's just that? Where can I find the Law of Fire?" Seth carried Lilian, already impatient from having to hear all that explanation. He wanted to save Lilian faster.

"You do not need to be impatient. This Venerable One will use a wisp of my power to secure that the condition of that girl won't worsen, so you'll be able to travel freely. But bear in mind, there will be some challenges along the way."

A spark of phoenix flames descended on Lilian's body, enveloping her. She flew towards the altar and laid there like a sleeping beauty.

Another spark flew towards Seth's glabella, entering his soul space and giving him the information, he needed. Now that he knew where the Fragmented Law of Fire was, he left hurriedly, even forgetting to say goodbye to the Phoenix Spirit.

After he left the Phoenix Spirit kept looking towards the place he went.

"If I had more time, there wouldn't be a need to resort to such means. Sigh... to think that a human will be bound here, having to watch over this place... But... There is no need for me to feel guilty, it's the price he will have to pay for me to be able to heal this woman."

After some time, those burning eyes disappeared while only Lilian stood on the entire hall.

Seth left the chamber and saw the previous flatland, that turned into a desolate place that seemed to be destroyed by a huge meteor. There were still some dead bodies lying on the floor while some of them were missing some parts. He ignored that horrible scene and just made sure to force a bit of his mana inside Tao Shing, in order to prevent his consciousness from waking up. He could easily do something like that, since he had the Hades arts.

After that, Seth departed for a distant place, where he would be able to find the Fragmented Law of Fire.

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Huo Shihong had already treated most of his injuries, however, the arm and leg he lost, would never be able to regenerate. Although he was a cripple right now, he could still use his Mana to help him with his needs. He didn't lose too much of his ranged fire power, however he would never be able to fight properly or manage an entire sect on the conditions his body was.

The worst thing for him though, it was that he was losing his hope that his sect and family would survive this ordeal. Theoretically speaking, there wasn't a single chance that a Mana Perception middle-stage cultivator like Seth, would be able to single-handed handle twenty or more enemies around that power level. Even though most of them were at the Qi Transformation late-stage and peak-stage realm, they would be a huge problem to deal with, if they were together with Mana realm practitioners.

Huo Shihong could only see a dead end out of this situation, on top of it all, his daughter ran behind that demon bastard. He was gritting his teeth in fear and anger, Lilian was putting her life in grave danger on doing that and he could do nothing about it.

It's been almost three hours since Lilian left and Huo Shihong's Mana started to recover slowly. At least he was able to support his body up with the help of his energy. However, it was a comical scene if one saw he trying to move with a single leg, but in truth, it was a pitiful situation for a person with the status that Huo Shihong had.

Yuyin saw her father trying to move and blocked his path.

"Where do you think you're going?!" She seemed to be a natural at berating people.

"Yuyin, your sister has gone to that deadly battlefield, now that I recovered some of my energy I have to go after her!"

"Dad, do not worry, Big Sis is together with Big Brother Seth. She will be fine."

"Seth, is that the name of that demon?"

"What are you talking about?! Seth is a good person, why are calling him like that? I forbid you to refer about him like that again!" Yuyin pointed a finger at her own father scolding him as if he was a child.

Huo Shihong was speechless again. He ignored her and tried to move past the area she was, but Yuyin kept blocking him.

While they were on their family struggle, from the fire walls nearby, a phoenix made of flames surged.

Chirp!

It flew towards Yuyin and Shihong, making the temperature around them rise, but there wasn't a pressure like Seth felt. The Phoenix Spirit felt their cultivation and state, and opted to not exert any pressure. The phoenix quickly turned into two big eyes made of phoenix flames.

When Huo Shihong noticed that divine presence he hurriedly tried to kneel on the ground but failed miserably, almost falling on his face. Yuyin was keen enough to hold him before he embarrassed himself for his impulsive actions. They were a family of impulsive people. Yuyin was a hundred percent like Huo Shihong, only Lilian was born different, with patience and a good sense of observation.

Huo Yuyin looked at those big eyes with curiosity, while Shihong could only feel respect and reverence.

"Fret not. Whatever were the causes of your worries, they were already resolved. This Venerable One shall show you and appease your

anxiousness." The Phoenix Spirit eyes burned brighter and the flames nearby converged into a mystical screen, showing Huo Shihong how was the current state of the place he was just some hours ago.

Huo Shihong saw that all of his enemies were already dead and he felt even more reverence towards the Phoenix Spirit. On his conception, it was the only possible cause for what has happened.

"Thank you, Venerable Phoenix God. There are no words to describe my gratitude towards you. If there is anything I can do, please order this lowly servant." Huo Shihong said from the bottom of his heart.

"You are misunderstanding everything. This Venerable One was not the cause of their defeat."

Huo Shihong couldn't believe what he just heard.

"May I ask who was the one behind that?" He asked in a respectful tone.

"That you'll need to find by yourself. What you need to know right now, is that this Venerable One shall bestow that human girl called Lilian, my inheritance. For that, she will be staying inside this labyrinth for at least an entire year."

Shihong felt elated by that information, while Yuyin lively started to jump around, she felt happy for her sister even though she didn't really know what was happening at all.

"With your health condition and weak cultivation, there is nothing to be done inside this place. You shall return to your dimension earlier." After saying those words, the Phoenix Spirit disappeared.

A warm fire enveloped Yuyin and Huo Shihong, teleporting them outside.

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Chapter 65 - Strongest Fire Elemental

Four whole days passed while Seth made his way through the Labyrinth, trying to get to his destination. He received the complete charted labyrinth

area, but even with the map, there were so many complicated paths he had to take, that it took him more than four days to approach that place.

Seth's injuries were already healed, even the blood holes on his shoulder were closed already. The regeneration factor of a Mana realm practitioner was already high, and boosted with his powerful regeneration given by the Seed of Tyranny, he was almost at a perfect condition.

He was being really careful, because the quantity of fire elementals around here has increased by a lot. Even the fire traps were getting more common to see.

A fire butterfly came flying towards Seth, trying to land on top of his head. Seth instantly used his Shadow Walk to avoid the butterfly.

Boom!

The fire butterfly exploded, creating a loud noise and attracting some fire elementals where it had exploded. It was a trap, but Seth knew it. He used the distraction, to proceed fast towards the right direction.

He kept walking through the labyrinth for some more minutes until he found a spinning fire vortex in an open area.

"I finally found the entrance." He took four days to reach this place, there were so many fire walls intercepting his way, that he was starting to think that he would never arrive here.

Seth noticed that there were no flame elementals or any traps nearby, and a feeling that something was not right dawned upon him. The same feeling he had, just before he encountered the Blackwind Panther on the Ygnolia forest. He looked up and saw a bright red star falling towards him.

Seth didn't think twice, before executing the second stance of his Shadow Walk, vanishing from the place he was in just a second. A moment later a huge meteor landed on the area he was standing previously.

BOOOOOOOOOOOM!

The entire area shook, the only thing left undamaged was the spinning fire vortex, because it was literally indestructible. Seth watched the scene from afar, and he finally saw what was the cause of all that destruction.

A huge elemental that took the form of a dragon entirely made of flames, was looking at his direction. It was prepared to burn him to a crisp if he ever tried to get near the vortex.

Seth felt an immense pressure from the aura of the elemental. Its aura was as strong as a Mana Control initial-stage realm cultivator. There was not a single chance that Seth would be able to defeat it.

'Damn! How am I going to fight against that?'

The fire dragon opened its mouth and a fire breath burned everything in front of it, reaching Seth's location really quick.

Seth was not a fool to try to fight against such an entity head on. He vanished again, avoiding the sea of flames that formed around the area. He took some distance away from the elemental in order to devise a plan.

The fire elemental felt that the human was trying to escape and took flight. It was going to chase Seth and deal with him before he could come up with any help or any strange idea.

Seth felt that it was going to be really difficult to shake that elemental off, but he had to do so. He thought of a quick plan, but it was something that he hadn't tested before and it would be risky to try new things on a situation like this.

But when he remembered the state Lilian was, after protecting him from that hateful prince, he decided to take the risk. The time was almost up, so he had to be quick.

The elemental dragon speed was on another level, it reached Seth in just some seconds. Seth was standing around three kilometers away from it after using his Shadow Walk, but that distance seemed to be nonexistent for beings at that threshold of power.

The fire dragon came towards him, spurting a huge wave of fire.

Seth knew that there would be no chance to survive, if he were to get burned with that powerful fire. He chose once again to avoid the attack with his movement skill. Although it seemed to be a simple task for him, each time he escaped the attack, a huge quantity of his Mana was used, because he needed to move at least two or three thousand meters away from those huge area fire skills, since they would always spread after hitting the ground. Five or so more times and he would be totally spent.

After reappearing two thousand meters away, he quickly put his plan into action. A shadowy figure emerged from his own shadow. It was a Specter of Darkness, a skill he developed himself, while using his dark element, together with his soul power.

A practitioner would usually acquire their skills from skillbooks, because they were already developed concepts that just needed to be used. But when a practitioner had sufficient mastery over an element, he could try creating skills on his own, however, it's easier said than done. The amount of attention, knowledge and experience one needed to have in order to develop a skill, wasn't a joke at all.

Seth thought of this ability after trying to separate a tiny bit of his soul, to feed Meiyi his Soul Essence. What would happen if he molded a specter and gave

it a bit of his soul power? He got his answer. A clone, made of pure darkness power.

Seth was still understanding about how this new ability worked and still needed a lot of time to enhance it to perfection, but he could already use it with ease.

"For now, it will do." Seth used his darkness to cover himself and disguise his own body just like the Specter of Darkness. After that, he left towards one side while the specter left towards the other.

The elemental was prepared to chase after that tricky human again, when he suddenly saw that he had multiplied, running to two different directions. It stood rooted trying to decide the next course of action. This elemental had already developed a consciousness, but its intelligence was not enough to rival a human being. Those few seconds it hesitated to move, gave Seth a considerate advantage.

After almost a minute it decided to burn everything and destroy both of them. For that, it didn't spare any effort or energy while forming the next attack.

A terrifying amount of energy gathered towards its huge mouth, making an immense ball of fire form inside. The attack was about to blast a five-thousand-meters area to cinders. The elemental flew as high as it could while it was still forming, spitting it towards the ground just as he finished to form the skill.

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!

The explosion was so strong, that the previous blast caused by the red Skystone, did barely a fifth of the damage caused by this powerful attack.

After the dust settled, there was literally nothing on the entire area. Not even the fire walls remained. Seth's figure? It had vanished along the explosion,

both of them. The fire elemental felt the attack hitting both Specters of Darkness, so it was sure the human was dead now.

A few thousand meters away Seth was standing in front of a fire vortex, the one that he needed to enter in order to find the Law of Fire. The two dark figures that were destroyed by the huge fire explosion, were merely two Specters of Darkness, while Seth's real body successfully escaped using that deceptive method.

"Alright, no time to waste." Seth walked towards the vortex, once again being teleported to a separate dimension. This was a third-layer dimension, a place not easily found. It was even less easy to create it. The ancient gods and beasts must have paid a hefty sum of resources to come up with a place like this.

Seth felt his body standing in a huge platform. When he looked towards the sides, he got thoroughly shocked, amazed by what he was currently seeing. There were no walls or landscape. He was standing in a platform and it was floating in the void, drifting in the endless space that was constituted of dark matter.

In the middle of the platform, there was a really mild and common flame that kept burning since time immemorial. It was endless, eternal.

'Is that the flame that I am supposed to understand? Seems so normal.'

Seth approached the flame and tried to touch it. It was a strange feeling when he felt that it wasn't warm or cold. It had no temperature at all, staying at the same temperature as the environment, however, it was clearly burning.

Seth sat on the ground and observed that flame for some minutes. With his keen vision, he saw that there was something different for sure, he just couldn't point out what it was.

Focusing some more, he finally noticed that the fire was actually composed of tiny little letters, runes, drawings and so on. Sometimes he would discover a tiny phoenix and it would suddenly turn into a fire Qilin. A dragon would change into a human or a letter. A rune would turn into another one and so on. The combinations were endless.

He felt that he could not understand how it worked at all. It would be a headache trying to discover a thing that not even the gods could. If it was an easy job, then the Phoenix Spirit might have already obtained this Law of Fire for itself.

Seth was giving a hundred percent of his attention to the special flame. While concentrated on his studies, he didn't notice that the Seed of Tyranny had somehow awakened.. It was acting like it was eyeing a prey, just waiting for the right time to devour it entirely.

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Chapter 66 - The Experiment

Seth was baffled.

After some time studying this strange flame, he could not bring himself to believe it was the origin of all fires and flames that existed on the entire universe. Other than observing the infinite number of patterns the runes and drawings were showing him, he could not learn anything different.

But Seth would never give up, Lilian's life depended on this.

Suddenly, he started to feel something different. Something that came from inside him. The Seed of Tyranny was acting restless, making his blood churn because of its excitement.

Seth knelt on the ground since his energy and blood was out of his control. There was a pain inside his chest, like he was stabbed with a hot knife. A pain no less painful than an injury to the soul.

He was almost losing his consciousness when he heard Lexi's voice: "Don't pass out! Try to control the flow of your energy, or else you'll die by an implosion."

Seth's countenance paled. He mustered all his will to handle the pain, while he normalized his energy and blood flow. With time, his pain started to subside.

"What is happening? Why did the seed go out of control?"

"I don't know." Seth said while gritting his teeth.

The Seed of Tyranny felt thirsty for the thing that was right in front of it. What was the seed exactly? That was still a mystery for Seth and Lexi, however it was slowly showing its true colors. After what was about to happen, Seth would at least discover something about it.

A fierce blood-red energy was liberated from his body and a hole opened on his chest area, right where his heart was, but there wasn't a heart inside. What lay there was a crimson seed, the source of that energy.

Seth didn't feel any pain at all now and he didn't have the time to muse over it, because the Fragmented Law of Fire was attracted towards the Seed of Tyranny. It couldn't resist the pull at all, being totally sucked and absorbed inside the seed.

The hole on the middle of his chest healed instantly, leaving two awestruck figures that were Seth and Lexi. Whatever happened was incomprehensible.

Out of nowhere Seth felt his eyes losing focus while some changes were forcibly happening inside his own body.

Without an omen, Seth's consciousness blanked and he was brought back to the time he was locked on those desolate caves.

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Seth and the hundred other survivors were locked inside some huge tubes that were completely filled with a cooling liquid. Each person around the room, was inside one of those. There were at least a hundred of Cerberus Clan researchers working on this "project".

They had put a cable on each of those tubes, that was directly connected with something on the middle of the room. There was a huge formation around it, a formation that was able to block the senses and attacks from a Mana Sovereign cultivator with ease. There was a huge shield of darkness covering the thing in the middle. The darkness seemed alive and constantly moving, it was blocking the aura of what was inside, preventing it from reaching the researchers. But for some reason, not a single person dared to come closer to that place.

There were multiple other defensive mechanisms to protect the Cerberus Clan researchers around the area, but all of them, with no exception, were directed towards the thing inside that formation.

A man patiently walked towards the researchers, holding his hands behind his back. There was the infamous Cerberus ring on his finger, showing his important position inside the Clan.

A researcher came forward and bowed towards the man that just arrived.

"Clan head, everything is ready. We are able to start conducting the final phase of our plan, it's just that we aren't a hundred percent certain about the security of our operation." The head researcher reported with respect.

"Then start it now, the Great One is already impatient. We took too much time trying to filter the useless samples." When he talked about the one called "Great One" his eyes were transmitting the fervor of his reverence.

"Now?! Give us at least three more months, so we would be able to devise a better method to control that thing."

"That is not possible, time is up. What are you even fearing? There is the ancient formation from the Demonic Ancestors protecting the people here, do you think that there is something even better than that formation on our entire continent?" The leader of the Cerberus Clan asked in a discontent tone. He was exuding some killing intent, ready to dispose of such and incompetent underling.

"That's not it, Clan head. Forgive my foolish remark, I'll make sure to start the operation right now." The head researcher's back was drenched in cold sweat, he was certain that he would be replaced if he didn't haste the operation.

"Attention, we are going to start the main operation right now! Turn on the connection between the samples and the formation. Start exposing them to one percent of the maximum capacity. We are officially starting the operation Shadow Rise!"

The researchers around the huge room, turned on the connections and the cables started to extract a tiny bit of energy that came from inside the ancient formation. Those cables seemed to be made of a purple crystal and were capable of handling at least that amount of energy.

"Argh!"

One of the samples inside the tubes felt his blood boiling as a foreign aura was invading his body. He screamed for some seconds, before turning into red crystals and shattering from inside.

"What a trash. I don't have the entire day for this, raise the potency of the exposition!"

"You heard our Clan Head! Raise it to five percent!"

"AAAAAAAAAA!"

"AARGH!"

This time a dozen of the samples ended up suffering the same destiny than the first one. They unceremoniously turned into a crystalized blood, shattering right after.

The researchers kept increasing the capacity until it reached thirty percent. There were only ten people alive after such a cruel experiment.

"We have ten worthy samples. What do you think Clan Head? Should we stop?" The head researcher asked excited. They were after those who could resist at least thirty percent of that strange aura.

"Do not stop, I want to push it further. Increase it to fifty percent!"

"What?! Fifty percent? We will be throwing all our work away if we do that and our lives will be at risk, we can't go to that extent right now."

The Cerberus Clan Head narrowed his eyes in displeasure. A thick hellish flame danced inside his palms, before he threw it towards the researcher.

The poor man had no time to prepare himself, as he was caught off guard. Even if he were prepared, he could not go against a Profound Mana realm practitioner. He was burned alive in just some seconds, serving as a warning towards the other researchers.

"Do not stop your work and do as I have told! I would not mind having to burn more of you if you do not obey me properly." He threatened his own clan members, but none of them complained, since they knew that there was no way they could go against a powerful individual like their Clan Master. It was unfortunately, the law of this world.

The researchers raised the potency to fifty percent and instantly eight of the ten people inside those tubes were turned into red dust particles, the cooling

liquid was already boiling with the wild energy but the two other individuals still alive, were having different reactions.

Miro, Dyno's brother, was hanging on a thread, but it didn't seem he would be dying like the other people. It seemed that his body was entering a transformation, getting disfigured, blotted with red patches that covered his entire body. He was suffering a mutation.

On the other side, Seth felt nothing. Since the beginning of the experiment, he didn't show a single trace of aversion. His body seemed resistant to that energy. But in truth, there was a spirit awakening inside his body, and she was unconsciously purifying the energy that was trying to contaminate his body.

Naturally, it was Lexi. She hasn't fully awakened yet, but her skill was passively working, nonetheless. She wasn't the Seed of Tyranny spirit, because she was inside his body even before he obtained it.

"AHAHAHAHA! Look at that, they can handle fifty percent. I bet the Great One will love the results, hehehe. Alright, you can stop the test now."

The researchers felt relieved that they would be able to stop this madness, before it turned into something irreversible.

They were about to disconnect the cables, when suddenly the ancient formation from the Demonic Ancestors was torn to pieces and a bright red star emerged from inside. The potency instantly increased to a hundred percent making some huge transformations inside Miro's body. The purple cables broke up but there wasn't a need for them any longer.

"What is happening?" The researchers felt a huge pressure descend on them and could only observe as Miro started to transform inside his tube.

"AAAAARGH!" "ARGH!" "GRRR!"

His limbs grew distorted and his height was already surpassing five meters. There were countless red spiky crystals appearing on the surface of his skin and his physical strength grew immeasurably. He broke through the tube and smashed his distorted limbs on the Cerberus Clan people nearby.

ROAR!

BOOM!

Blood and limbs splashed everywhere, as a deep crater formed on the place he had struck.. He turned into a distorted monster powered by corruption.

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Chapter 67 - Huge Surprise

The distorted monster kept wreaking havoc inside that huge hall. Wherever it went, it would inevitably lead to death and destruction. There was no more consciousness inside it, it was powered by hatred and anger.

The leader of the Cerberus Clan kept observing that gruesome creature as he was developing new ideas for the future, based on the mutations that have happened with him. His main focus however, was on Seth's body, because Seth didn't show any abnormal behavior. There were no aversions or any signs of incompatibility.

"He must be the perfect host!"

Just when he finished deducing about Seth being hundred percent compactible. A loud noise resounded inside the Hall.

BANG!

BOOOOOM!

The formation was thoroughly destroyed by the first wave of energy liberated by the object that was inside. Right after that, a powerful shockwave destroyed everything inside that spacious room. Even the traps that were previously laid around the entire hall, were extinguished.

The researchers were obliterated, after being hit by the shockwave. The huge monster was knocked back towards the outer parts of the cave, while the Cerberus Clan Master spat a mouthful of blood even after using all his cultivation to defend against that shockwave.

With its path clean, the crimson star shot towards Seth, crashing against his chest and entering the area his heart was. It destroyed his heart and took its place, connecting his veins with it. In the middle of his chest a crimson seed started to pump blood to nourish his body, transforming his constitution.

It didn't stop there, a corrupted energy entered his soul space, trying to infiltrate his Soul Essence to destroy his consciousness and turn him into someone or something else. But right before it could do anything, a bright white glow emerged from inside Seth's soul, exuding a pure and bright aura.

The corrupted energy hastily backed away, fearing it would be purified. Both energies observed each other and they retreated to the place they took root. The bright energy went back to the depths of his soul, while the Seed of Tyranny took root on his heart.

The energy destroying the entire room receded and everything went back to normal, but Seth and the Cerberus Clan Master were the only ones still alive inside.

After what happened Seth passed out, not being able to figure out the outcome.

His consciousness came back to the present as he felt his entire body being involved in something warm. He saw that same fire he was studying, enveloping him like it was a natural thing to do. As that flame embraced Seth, The Seed of Tyranny finished the process of assimilating the Fragmented Law and corrupted it.

Boom!

Space shook and the flames around Seth's body turned crimson, raging with tyranny.

On the space outside, the entire Fire Labyrinth shook. The myriad flame elementals around the entire labyrinth felt that they were on the presence of their overlord. They danced with excitement and fear, because before that tyrant, they were nothing.

The Phoenix Spirit felt the fluctuations from the corrupted flame Seth released and started to feel fear. It was just but a spec of what it was before, but it still was a spirit of a divine beast. What stage should a flame reach in order for it to feel fear? Not even the Fragmented Law of Fire was enough to evoke such a feeling on it.

Seth observed those flames circling his body and willed them to spread. A sea of crimson fire started to burn the platform, turning it into ashes in a single moment. Those flames seemed like they wanted to burn even the space itself.

He willed again and the crimson flames turned into normal flames, losing the tyranny it contained. The power of these normal flames couldn't even compare to those corrupted flames from before. Seth tried to burn another part of the platform, but failed.

He was sure that the Seed of Tyranny had absorbed that Fragmented Law of Fire and transformed it into something else. He was shocked to see that the crimson flame was so much more powerful, that it seemed unreal.

"Lexi, do you have any idea or theory about why is this even possible?" Seth was trying to understand his own powers. He was kind of lost, since there wasn't a manual or someone that could explain for him what actually was the Seed of Tyranny.

"From what I observed from your past memories and what just happened right now, that object is able to transform things. It started with your own body,

changing your constitution to something stronger. Hell, it even tried to transform your mind. However, there is something very clear... You were unaffected by its power, at least your body is immune to it. As for your mind, I protected it with my purifying powers."

Some understandings dawned upon Seth. He finally realized how much important Lexi has been throughout his journey.

"Thank you, Lexi." He said the words that came directly from his "heart".

"There is no need for those words between us. Let me tell you something, if your mind were to be taken or destroyed one day, I would die together with you, so I was barely protecting my precious life." She entered that unique mode of hers while talking with him, gaining the famous tsundere powers.

Seth heard her explanation, but the way he felt didn't change at all. Without her, he would be dead already. If he wasn't dead, he would be a puppet for something or someone then.

"Time to head back, there are only two days, before the labyrinth closes."

"Wrong, there is only a single day! It took an entire day for that process you witnessed to occur. It is just that you were in a trance for most of the time."

"What?! Damn, I need to hurry or else I won't make it on time." Seth left that dimension through the same vortex he used to arrive there.

Outside the entrance, space fluctuations were announcing that Seth was about to leave the special dimension.

The fire elemental noticed the changes around the vortex of fire and flew high above the ground. The fire dragon noticed that Seth wasn't one of those Specters he burnt to ashes and was mad in fury. It stood by the entrance of the third dimension, waiting for the insolent human. It would teach him a lesson.

Seth passed through space and his field of vision cleared, revealing the interior of the Fire Labyrinth. However, he felt that something was off. It was brighter than normal.

Seth looked upwards and watched with horror, a hundred-meters wide orb of fire that was already descending towards him. It was already too late to escape; the collision was inevitable.

BOOOOOOOOOOOOM!

This finishing move, was the same skill that it had used while fighting Seth's Specters of Darkness. It is just that this time around, Seth unwillingly met it head on.

A five-thousand-meter radius terrain turned into a flat landscape, since that skill turned everything into ashes.

The fire dragon, looked towards the area below, satisfied by what it had done. The puny human was nothing more than dust and cinders right now.

However, it's elation didn't last for long, because it noticed Seth standing on the same spot he was before the explosion occurred.

Seth on the other hand was even more stupefied than the elemental of fire. He couldn't do a single thing to avoid that attack in time, taking it directly. But, for his amazement, the fire energy contained on that attack didn't even make a scratch on his skin, only his robes were burnt. He was immune to fire!

The dragon made of flames, could not process what have happened with its limited intelligence, so it thought Seth had avoided the attack again. It went furious, releasing all the energy it had to create a hellish landscape of dreadful flames, that burned everything ten kilometers around it.

Seth stood inside that sea of fire and felt nothing more than a warm sensation. He was excited seeing that he was immune to that fire. He raised his hand

and a crimson spark appeared on his palm. With a flick of his wrist, he dropped that crimson spark, making the entire hellish landscape change its colors. It burned bright red destroying even the floor below.

GROWL!

The crimson fire started to burn the fire elemental that was entirely made of flames. Seth's crimson flames were able to burn other flames.

Seth willed and the fire elemental body turned into a crimson color. The fire essence that constituted its body, was captured by Seth. He opened his arms and that essence started to flow towards him, entering his pores and merging with his energy veins.

The fire elemental kept shrinking until its monstrous size vanished inside that sea of crimson flames. At the same time, Seth felt that powerful fire essence, merging with his Mana. From the Mana Perception middle-stage realm, he jumped directly to the Mana Perception peak-stage.

However, it didn't stop increasing his power, and his aura kept getting thicker.

Boom!

A shockwave of Mana erupted from within his body, extinguishing the sea of flames around.

When Seth opened his eyes, he was exuding a pressure that only Mana Control practitioners would.

He successfully entered the Mana Control initial-stage realm, the same realm of power that Ilbrien and Finnea's master was, however, that man was a three hundred years old powerhouse, while Seth was just eighteen.

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Seth could feel the power coursing through his veins and felt the need to test it out. He used his Shadow Walk and started to sprint to the place the Phoenix Spirit and Lilian were.

The first thing he noticed was the perfect control he had over his Mana now. He wasn't wasting even a single bit of energy when utilizing his skills. Naturally, that would lead him on being able to continuously use his arsenal of skills for much longer than before.

His Mana was way denser too. It was at least ten times stronger than what it was before, what led to his speed abruptly rising. He could cover a distance of thousand meters in just ten or so seconds before. But now, he was able to cover a five thousand meters distance while using his Shadow Walk in that same time window.

His speed was on another league. He even felt that it would be possible to arrive at the place Lilian was in a single day. The only thing bothering him were the fire walls.

An idea crossed his mind. If he was practically immune to fire, or at least resistant to the point where the elemental flames could do nothing with him, then it would be possible to ignore the labyrinth mechanics and pass through the fire walls easily.

He stopped avoiding the fire walls and tried to break through one of them in order to test his theory out.

Seth passed through the wall of fire and the only thing he felt, was a warm current of air blowing at him, while in truth, he was entering a thick jet of hellfire, that burned a character like Wu Shuhui to death. It was literally magical.

'With this speed and heading in a straight line to the phoenix chamber, I will be able to get there in time for sure.'

"Seth now that you found that you have a bit of time to spare while you're running, I have to tell you something." Lexi said inside Seth's head.

"What is it?"

"While absorbing the pure Spiritual Energy present inside this labyrinth, I was able to advance a bit on my skills. The best part is that I have grasped a deeper understanding about souls in general. The fragments of memories I kept receiving, were all connected to that topic, and what I actually have to tell you is that, there is a way to cultivate the soul."

"Cultivate the soul? Isn't cultivation the method people use to enhance their strength? Why would one need to cultivate their soul?"

"I don't quite understand it at all too, but it is definitely important. Only if I could remember more about it. Sigh..."

"There is no need to force yourself with that Lexi. With time you'll recover your memories and everything will sort out."

"Actually, there is another thing I discovered. I was able to access some deeper places within your Soul Essence and extract some long lost memories, do you want to see them?" Lexi asked with a bit of uncertainty. She didn't know if she was being too nosy, or if he wouldn't mind it at all.

"I do!" Seth didn't mind it at all, he already considered Lexi a part of his own.

"Alright. It will only take five minutes of your time, but I think it is a crucial information for you."

A white flash clouded Seth's vision, making everything go dark right after.

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Seth felt that he was laying down on some sort of a bed. He could not open his eyes, nor move any part of his body. The only sensorial organ working on his body, were his ears.

He heard a voice he thought it was kind of familiar for him, talking with someone.

"How were the results of the experiment?" The voice was deep and calm. His intonation gave the feeling he was an old person.

"Brilliant, my lord! The boy is a hundred percent compatible and has already inherited that strange power." The voice of the Cerberus Clan Master replied back.

"Then the preliminaries of our plan are concluded. All we need to do is plant the Soul Trap, to control him when needed and nurture his power until it reaches maturity."

Seth felt like he knew that voice, but nothing came into his mind right now.

"If everything goes according to the plan, then in a hundred or so years, we will be able to storm the entire continent and dominate any of the other races." The Cerberus Clan Master was already getting excited while thinking of the destruction they would bring to the entire continent of Alteria.

"A step at a time. I'll start planting the Soul Trap inside his soul, after that we can forge a situation where he will be rescued from this place."

Lexi then, showed Seth how a wisp of purple energy invaded his soul space, trying to lodge there. She had already awakened at that time, when she saw that unholy energy invading her space.

Lexi quickly tried to purify it, but was too inexperienced to do so, what could lead to permanent damage on Seth's soul. So instead of trying to battle

against the Soul Trap, she entrapped it inside a cocoon made of her own energy.

Back to the present, Seth saw that inside his soul space, there was a purple wisp of energy, wrapped in a white light, hovering in the air.

"If you want, I have enough power and experience to extinguish that trap right now." Lexi said.

"Hm. There is no need, since it's under your control and you can overpower it anytime we need, let it be there. I think that one day we can use it to fish out who that person was." Seth said while looking towards that Soul Trap with an icy glint on his eyes. He would never forgive whoever did that with him. He placed that person on top of the list of the targets for his vengeance.

"Alright then." Lexi willed and the Soul Trap was hidden deep inside his soul space.

"Let me primarily focus on the things I can accomplish now." Seth left his soul space and started to run again. It took him twelve hours of straight running with his Shadow Walk active, to reach the destination in time.

Seth arrived before that exquisite phoenix gate and saw how wide, was the area of destruction their battle did. The multiple corpses on the ground only served to reinforce the image of what was a war.

Before entering, Seth quickly went to the place Tao Shing was. He unconsciously laid on the floor for all this time, unable to stand up. But now was the time to forcefully wake him up.

Seth put his hand on Tao Shing's head and channeled his soul power. He was about to use one of the cruel tortures of the Hades inheritance. His soul power invaded Tao Shing's soul, diving directly at his Soul Essence. From there, Seth started to dissect it in order to find the information he wanted.

Tao Shing abruptly opened his eyes feeling and unbearable quantity of pain. His body had no strength to resist Seth, so he could only wail like a banshee during the time Seth executed his technique.

Tao Shing dropped lifeless while Seth found the information he wanted; however, it was not that satisfactory. After leaving the labyrinth, he would pay a visit to the Tao Family manor.

Seth headed towards the phoenix chamber and the gate opened automatically for him to enter. He passed through the passageway reaching the main hall where a mountain of treasures, were trying to make him go blind with their luminous glint.

Just after he entered the room, two big eyes completely made of phoenix flames appeared in front of him. They seemed to be shaking with a mixture of fear and anticipation.

"What have actually happened? Why did this Venerable One feel such a terrifying pressure coming from the hidden dimension? Even my connection with the Fragmented Law of Fire was erased."

Seth used his actions to reply. He lifted his right hand and a normal flame started to burn mildly.

"?" The Phoenix Spirit's gaze was reflecting the many questions it had, while looking at that flame.

Suddenly, Seth made the fire ignite with ferocity as the Seed of Tyranny released the Corrupted Law of Fire. The crimson flame exerted a tyrannical pressure that made the Phoenix Spirit have the urge to bow down and kneel in reverence. It immediately felt the power of the Fragmented Law of Fire inside those flames, however, it seemed unholy and complete.

"H-How?!" It looked towards Seth, like he was the beast within the beasts. A monster that surpassed the deeds of those called Ancient Beasts, like the Phoenixes, Dragons and Qilins. It even stuttered while trying to talk.

"I don't know. It just happened. Somehow, the Fragmented Law of Fire chose me as it's host." Seth told the partial truth, since he didn't want to expose the Seed of Tyranny.

The Phoenix Spirit was thoroughly shocked, it didn't even seem to hear Seth's response. It just kept staring at those flames in awe. It could not fathom the powers it contained, nor understand what happened actually with the Fragmented Law of Fire. It was very different from normal, like it was menacing and corrupted.

"Can this Venerable One touch it?" The Phoenix Spirit was asking for permission. It was unintentionally considering Seth a being of equal ground, or even superior already.

"Go ahead."

A filament of phoenix flames went towards the crimson fire on Seth's hand. It tried to touch those crimson red flames and ended being completely burned by it.

"!!!" The Phoenix Spirit for the first time, felt the sense of helplessness beside Seth's corrupted flames. It felt in the presence of a real sovereign.

"Sigh... This Venerable One, never thought that something like this would ever happen. To tell you the truth, after entering the inner dimension, your soul would be unable to leave it and return to the Fire Labyrinth unless you made a contract with the Fragmented Law of Fire. A contract that would bind you to this palace, like me. However, you actually obtained it and is now able to go anywhere you want. With that, this Fire Labyrinth will slowly die, since its root has been uprooted."

"What? Do you mean this place will cease to exist?" Seth asked flabbergasted.

"Yes, this place serves for no purpose any longer and will disappear along with everything inside."

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"Everything... will, disappear?" Seth couldn't bring himself to accept such an outcome would befall a land that was full of fresh herbs, items and artifacts. What a waste of resources.

"You do not have to bother with what will happen with everything that is inside the Fire Labyrinth. This Venerable One already has a solution of what to do with it. But first, let me give you what was promised."

A bolt of Fire descended right in front of Seth, bringing the magical Phoenix Feather. A feather with a reddish-orange color, radiating with vitality. The Phoenix Spirit detached its soul from the feather, officially parting with the last item of its inheritance. What was left, was the ancient spirit of the phoenix, that would dissipate along with the labyrinth.

"I thank you, Lord Phoenix Spirit."

Seth grabbed the Phoenix Feather and went towards Lilian, ready to use it and save her life.

"Stop! You do not need to use the Phoenix Feather on her. This Venerable One decided to impart its full inheritance with that lass and the feather will no longer be needed."

Seth stopped with puzzlement.

"Then, how will you be able to save her life?"

"That is something that this Venerable One should be preoccupied with. But, just to dispel any of your doubts, you shall observe it from aside."

The big burning eyes started to burn with more ferocity, making the entire hall shake. All the treasures that were scattered around the floor and shelves, started to levitate while catching fire.

The fire burning them was none other than the real Phoenix Flames, a fire ten thousand times stronger than the normal fire that practitioners normally encountered.

The artifacts and herbs turned into dust and that dust turned into energy right after. The Phoenix Spirit directed that energy towards Lilian's body, controlling it precisely, so it could enter her veins and transform her entire foundation.

A torrential bolt of energy kept entering her body non-stop, reforming her cells from scratch.

"There is no need for you to stay here, this whole process will take about an entire year. At the end of the process, the resources around the labyrinth will be thoroughly used too. Her body will then be ready to receive my full inheritance. Go, there is nothing left for you to do here."

"Alright, I thank you again Lord Phoenix Spirit."

A harmless fire surrounded Seth, sending him to the world outside. While leaving he gave one last look towards Lilian.

The Phoenix Spirit kept looking where he was standing some seconds ago, thinking about the shocking events that happened around that young man.

"Sigh... At least, I can guarantee that my Phoenix Flames will be able to shine again through the whole universe if this lass is by his side." It turned its focus towards Lilian, making sure to perfectly handle her transformation process, since it wanted that its full inheritance was passed down flawlessly.

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Ereinrith City.

It was considered the most beautiful city of the Elven Kingdom. The way this city was built, could only be described as unique. Nothing less would be expected from the city that represented the elf race.

The houses were most made of wood, polished marble or an exquisite mixture of them. Some of the houses were even connected with the huge trunks of the ancient trees that were part of the city. The environment was very clean and fresh, the sunlight was passing through the vast foliage on top of the trees to illuminate the city below, giving it the necessary warmth.

Practically every single person walking in the city had a very pale skin and long hairs. Some were blonde and others had black hairs, but they were all long and shiny. Their pointy ears were taking a peek at the outside world through the gap they made in their hairs. This was a racial trait the elves were proud of.

Rarely, one would be able to witness a human walking through the crowd of elves. Humanity had a friendly relationship with the elf race nowadays. They have fought over territory in the distant past, but they overcame their disagreements, building up at least an amicable relationship.

However, it didn't mean that humans would be warmly welcomed on their territory, there was a certain kind of resistance towards humans. So, the humans around the city were very few, and most if not all of them, were doing business.

Paeris Beihorn had just arrived at the city with his disciples. After excusing himself from his duties, he left his disciples behind to directly head towards the most important place of the entire Elven Kingdom.

Ereinrith Sacred Palace.

The part of the city where the palace was, for some reason, had way less people and guards than it should. Another characteristic that one would notice, was that the guards around the palace were way stronger than the others patrolling the city. Of course, the protection of the royalty had to be stricter, but the difference of power between them was stark.

But this wasn't a secret information that the public didn't have the access to. It was actually a prerequisite for the guards around the palace to be strong, since it was for their own good.

Paeris entered the palace after passing through all the security. Since he was a well-known character around the city and an important member of the expedition squad, he was allowed entry. He arrived at the main hall inside the palace and requested an audience with the queen.

A beautiful woman appeared to probe his reasons for requesting an audience.

"Greetings, miss Allannia." Paeris bowed with respect. He was a Mana control late-stage realm practitioner, but in front of miss Allannia, he felt pressured and fragile.

Allannia nodded and asked: "What are mister Paeris reasons for requesting an audience from our queen? You know that it is a great sin to waste our queen's precious time, right?"

Paeris felt beads of sweat trickling from his forehead, but he acknowledged her words while not backing down. He was certain that he brought important news back.

"If you know, then come with me. Make sure to go directly to the point, since it is unknow if you'll be able to survive for a long time there." Allannia gave some advices.

Impressively Paeris didn't take it as a threat, since he knew about what she was referring to. It would indeed be a life-risking situation for him if he overstepped his boundaries.

They passed through a corridor and entered another passageway after. This passageway was long and Paeris could feel how heavy the environment was becoming after each step he took. After walking through the passageway, they saw a huge white marble door, that led directly to the royal chamber, where the queen stood right now.

Before entering the royal chamber, Paeris was already feeling the heaviness surrounding his body, he quickly activated his Mana, circling it around himself, for protection. Allannia was faring better than him, but she did the same.

The door opened for him and Paeris went inside, while Allannia stood guarding on the outside. After entering that beautiful hall, he saw the silhouette of the Elf Queen sitting on her throne, however, he didn't dare to raise his head and look directly towards her.

Paeris knelt on the floor and said: "Your loyal servant Paeris Beihorn brings important news for your highness."

"Please, say."

The gentle voice of the queen resounded on his ears, but Paeris didn't dare to take things lightly.

He quickly took the contaminated crystal with the red droplet inside, showing it to the Elf Queen.

"This was discovered by one of my disciples, Ilbrien. It turned red after he fought with a group of three people. A woman with fiery red hair, a young man with a considerable strength and the recent direct disciple of the Deep Lake Goddess. I made sure to record their appearances with the Eternal Glazed Crystal that my family bought from the Glazed Lake a long time ago."

Paeris took another crystal out, placing it on the floor alongside the first one. However, the queen didn't make a single move to grab the crystals, what left Paeris speechless and drowning in a pool of apprehension.

He felt the heavy atmosphere around him repressing him even more than it was, and he was forced to release even more mana in order to resist the heavy feeling. He quickly thought if he was forgetting to mention something, until he remembered another piece of information his disciple told him.

"Finnea said that the human male was poisoned by the evergreen poison, however a week later he was standing straight in front of us. That man seemed to have a deep and mysterious background."

The queen finally showed some reaction, because that was an information that piqued her interests.

"Is that all?"

"Yes, your highness."

"Alright, you may leave. You can redeem another droplet of the World Tree for your efforts as well as have your disciple skip the preliminaries of the upcoming tournament."

Paeris was already feeling it unbearable to keep in the presence of that heavy pressure, but he felt really happy after receiving the gifts from the Elf Queen.. He left the royal chamber, leaving the crystals behind.

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After Paeris left, the Elf Queen kept silent for some time. She took the crystals that Paeris left behind and watched its content.

"Allannia, I need you to prepare something for me." She called for the female elf commander that was waiting outside.

Allannia opened the door and entered the room, she knelt while waiting for her orders.

The Elf Queen frowned.

"Allannia, I have strictly told you before, that it is forbidden for you to be so formal before me when we are alone. How many years do we know each other? I guess it is over a hundred, and you're still not considering me as a friend?"

Allannia seemed troubled. She knew that the Elf Queen was not the unapproachable and frigid person, she was often referred of. The Queen only passed that image in order to deter people from approaching her, but it was different thing with Allannia. She replied: "Your Highness, I can't be disrespectful in any way before you..."

"Stop! What Your Highness? Call me by my name." The Elf Queen seemed really annoyed that the person she considered her only friend, had those customs deeply ingrained on her bones.

"Your Highness..."

"Are you trying to disrespect me by not following my order?" The Elf Queen tone changed a bit.

"I would never, Your High..."

The queen was seriously gazing at her.

"Arwen."

"Good! Let me be fast at instructing you, since I don't want you to be pressured by this damned aura."

"Do not worry Your High... Arwen, I can handle this pressure for longer than the others."

The Elf Queen looked towards Allannia with a judging gaze, she knew it would take time for her to be accustomed with that.

"Well then, prepare that hidden place for me, because I'll need to investigate the situation of the Plague with more attention. There is a possibility that it is already affecting human beings, and could soon reach our Elven Kingdom, so we need to be stricter while allowing any merchants from passing the borders."

"Why don't you let me take care of that investigation?" Allannia asked.

"No, I'm probably the best person for that, since that plague will never infect me so easily."

"Alright, I will prepare that place for you."

"There is one more thing. It is actually even more important than the former." The Elf Queen threw a crystal towards Allannia.

"I need you to send a trustworthy person to travel to the human territory and invite that male human as a guest participant for the tournament. It would be better to send at least a Mana Control powerhouse, because it got to be fast. If I'm not wrong, the girl with red hair from the image, hails from the Blazing Phoenix Sect, she is the oldest daughter of their Sect Master. She could lead you towards the boy."

The Elf Queen took a royal crest out of her spatial ring and continued: "Give him this royal crest, so he can safely cross the borders and reach this city. I won't be able to return before the tournament begins, so make sure to entertain him somehow until I get back. Remember to be friendly, since we do not know the extent of their relationship with that Deep Lake Goddess."

"I will immediately prepare someone to travel to the human territory." Allannia excused herself and left to prepare the things the Elf Queen needed.

"I'll need some more sacred droplets. Time to visit the World Tree again." The Elf Queen stood up and went to a beautiful restricted garden behind the palace. It was the most important area of the entire Elven Kingdom.

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Seth felt the changes on the world around him as he was transported back to the main dimension. He found himself standing on the same place he was, before he left to enter the labyrinth.

The fire vortex started to slowly recede, until it vanished. It marked the ending of the event, a definitive ending this time.

People all around the Blazing Phoenix City observed the beautiful phenomenon disappearing from the skies. They kept thinking if they would one day, be able to enter the labyrinth, without knowing that it was the last time they were able to see it.

"Big brother Seth!" Yuyin was waiting for his return together with her father that was sitting on a wheelchair. His aura was still as strong as ever, but his mobile capabilities were prejudiced.

Seth had already put his bracelet on, so his aura was already sealed. He used it in order to not attract too much attention, since with his youthful appearance, it was considered to be impossible to obtain his current realm of cultivation.

"Hi there Yuyin, father-in-law." Seth casually replied.

Huo Shihong felt his mood sour after hearing Seth's words.

"Who are you really?"

"Hm? Your son-in-law of course." Seth mysteriously smiled while saying.

Huo Shihong was almost losing his patience with Seth already.

"I'm sorry, but I won't be able to tell you that. However, you do not need to worry with something like that, since I already completed my objectives inside the Fire Labyrinth. But if you do not mind, I would like to keep my status as an inner-court disciple of your Blazing Phoenix Sect."

"Hmph, do as you please." Huo Shihong knew that with his condition, Seth could do anything he wanted within his sect grounds; however, it didn't seem like he wanted to go against the Blazing Phoenix Sect. Whatever Seth did inside the Fire Labyrinth wasn't of his concern too, but what actually made him put up with Seth, was that he saved his life and his sect future.

"Yuyin, I promised Meiyi that I would pass some time with her after the Fire Labyrinth. So, if you ever need me, you know where to find me."

"Alright, big brother Seth. Hmm... I would like to thank you for saving my father." Yuyin said fidgety. It seemed to be the first time this spoiled princess was thanking someone. The things that happened inside the labyrinth, made her grow up a little.

"There is no need for that. As I have said, how could I let my father-in-law die on that place? Ahaha." Seth left, leaving those words behind.

Huo Shihong could not contain himself any longer. He almost casted a fire ball towards Seth.

"That demon is so irritating. Argh!"

"What are you talking about big brother Seth, dad?"

"No, I... Uhm..."

Yuyin started to berate him, shaming him in front of the guards stationed a bit far.

Seth immediately went towards Meiyi house, he was missing her a lot, since there was an entire month, that they didn't interact properly. His last encounter with her was so brief that it left a bad taste on his mouth. He wanted more.

Seth of course, entered her house through the backyard, easily discovering that she was inside her bedroom. He sneaked through the rooms until he reached her bedroom.

Knock! Knock!

Meiyi almost jumped from her bed. She was reading a cultivation book, diligently studying, when out of nowhere someone knocked on her bedroom door.

"Who's there?" Meiyi asked while already holding a sword to defend herself from a possible assault. It wouldn't be the first time she was assaulted, so she started to be more careful from that day onwards.

But no one answered her question. Meiyi went forwards to open the door, but her Qi energy was already circling, ready to attack whoever knocked on her door.

She opened the door and saw that there was no one outside.

'Am I getting crazy? Or was it a ghost?' She started to feel a bit of fear, but suddenly someone hugged her from behind, making her heart almost come out of her mouth.

"AAAAAAAAA!"

"Calm down, Meiyi. It's me Seth." Seth kept hugging her while identifying himself.

"Are you trying to scare me to death?" Meiyi was almost crying.

"Ahahaha, of course not. I just wanted to make a surprise entry for you."

"Are you trying to surprise me to death then?" Meiyi seemed to be really angered by his prank.

"Don't be like that, Meiyi. Here look, I brought you a gift from inside the Fire Labyrinth." Seth took out the Firebrand from a space ring he got from one of the alchemists he killed. He gifted both items to Meiyi.

The Firebrand was a cursed sword, able to curse the enemy and the wielder alike. However, Lexi made sure to control the medium-grade spirit within that sword, destroying its ability to injure the user, leaving behind only the desired effects against the enemies.

It was now a sword capable of doing much more damage without hurting the user at all.

"That sword contains a medium-grade fire spirit inside. After you start training with it, you will understand how to use its abilities. As for the ring, it is just something for you to conveniently carry your things around." Seth explained the gifts he brought for her.

Meiyi eyes sparkled. Not even trying to appraise the sword, just the spatial ring was something she never dreamt of obtaining. It would cost thousands of blue Skystones, a value she couldn't afford at all. As for the sword, she didn't even dare to guess its price.

"How did you obtain such valuable items? Did you steal them?" Meiyi looked at Seth suspiciously.

"Ahaha, not at all. Do not worry, they were justly acquired by me." Seth couldn't believe how these women could be so keen on their guesses.. First it was Lilian and now Meiyi as well. Was that what they called female instinct?