

EMPEROR 1351

Chapter 1351: Burning A Top Disciple

The translucent crimson domain expanded in an instant.

The domain was quickly identified to be an Impeccable Domain as its radius reached a kilometer long, covering a part of the battle stage in its crimson outline.

Almost everyone knew this Impeccable Domain's strongest point as they saw senior sister Shirley make a move, their heated breaths becoming agitated in expectations.

Shirley's palms surged with her tumultuous essence energy as it rested on the end of her ten fingers. Flames ignited on her body as two flaming wings spread out from her back.

The crowd became a bit flabbergasted, not understanding why senior sister Shirley adopted a defensive stance to summon the wings again to increase her speed, evade, and defend when they suddenly noticed the peculiarity.

"This is..." A Grand Elder suddenly stood up but stopped halfway, his expression becoming tinged with disbelief.

Shirley blinked her eyes as she felt almost twenty-five percent of her essence energy being consumed in this single move. She didn't bother to consider it a waste as her eyes flashed with a bit of killing intent while she waved her fingers as if she was playing a melodious tune and spoke.

"Everburning Dance of the Burning Phoenix!"

A low hum escaped from her voice as a Burning Phoenix suddenly manifested from her body while the wings behind Shirley seemed to belong to it as it flew towards Top Disciple Evald!

Top Disciple Evald became stunned at the attack that was flying at him. His scalp turned numb as he heard Shirley's low voice. However, he didn't lose his mind and instinctively raised the ability of his domain.

"Burning Phoenix Feather Scale Domain!"

He echoed the name of his self-named domain and drastically increased its defense as fiery crimson flames erupted within the side facing Shirley, appearing as if it were going to stop the incoming Burning Phoenix from intruding into his domain.

However, before it could even get near him, he could feel the intense pressure and the blazing temperature from the Burning Phoenix heading towards him that he almost got a delusion that it was a real Burning Phoenix.

"Die!!!"

He screamed and pushed his palms towards it to defend against it as a crazy smile appeared on his face. His domain being specialized in defense was why he was so cocky in indirectly taunting Shirley to defeat him in a single move so that he could counterattack her, but now that the single move had arrived right before his domain, he practically shat his pants as he did his best.

However...

Crack!~

The moment the beak of the Burning Phoenix hit the domain, it cracked when the Burning Phoenix pierced through, invoking an intense calamity as blazes began to swirl around. Within the raging flames, the Burning Phoenix began to rotate with its wings taking the form of a tornado as it crashed down on Top Disciple Evald, who was already retreating for his life as he spat a mouthful of blood!

'Shit...!'

The referee reacted, but it was already too late!

Boom!!!~

A loud booming cry of a Burning Phoenix echoed as the raging flames danced at the point of explosion. It was as if many Burning Phoenixes had gathered within the sea of flames and were dancing to their heart's content.

The middle-aged referee waved his hands as his Low-Level Law Rune Stage undulations flew towards the raging flames and erased them in an instant while a figure draped in burned crimson robes shot out from the mess, spraying a mouthful of blood all over the surface as it fell to the ground, raising a cloud of smoke from the remnant flames that got stepped on by his body.

Every disciple had their eyes wide as their hearts almost leapt out their throats. Their dilated pupils stared at the twitching figure, their minds deeply aware that it was none other than Top Disciple Evald! However, to look at his completely burnt face and skin that was charred black, their expressions changed as they jerked in revulsion and pity.

The current state of his injuries was definitely critical! However, they also mused that there wasn't any danger to his life. Otherwise, his protective artifact might've automatically saved him from dying easily.

Top Disciple Evald tried to stand up despite his injuries. However, feeling a breeze pass by him, he raised his head and saw that a crimson sword radiance was hanging over his forehead, ready to pierce through his soul, the same as the time Top Disciple Rudolf Mair was defeated.

His crimson pupils began to tremble. He was undoubtedly defeated at this point.

But why... why was he defeated in a single move again like the previous battle!?

He could feel his face burning up even though the burnt face hurt like hell. He refused to admit, refused to give up. However, a melodious yet cold voice echoed.

"I won't show mercy if you refuse to admit defeat because of your past deeds. If you think I won't kill you, you can try me..."

His pupils dilated as he recalled what kind of an asshole he was in the mini-realm as he harassed Shirley and Esvele from letting them encounter danger so that he could benefit from their hard work later.

His body increasingly trembled as he recalled that Shirley might've truly killed Schneider in the mini-realm.

He no longer dared to think about anything and lowered his head.

"I... I accept... defeat..."

A low mutter escaped from his mouth, causing the tense referee to instantly drop his hand.

"Winner, Top Disciple Shirley!"

At the same time, Shirley's name moved up the rankings as she entered the ninth place.

However, the crowd didn't erupt into a boisterous roar of excitement. Instead, they were all silent as snails as they possessed a dumbfounded expression on their faces.

Top Disciple Evald was known to have the hardest and most challenging domain amongst the Law Dominion Stage Top Disciples. If his domain was broken so easily, did Top Disciple Vito Rein and Top Disciple Verona Stein even stand a chance to block Top Disciple Shirley's attacks?

Indeed, Top Disciple Vito Rein and Top Disciple Verona Stein both had varying, complex expressions on their faces. However, only the woman's was complicated while the man's expression was a bit twisted, looking angered as well as offended as he banged his arm on the armrest.

"How...!? How is she this powerful!? She isn't even a descendant of our Burning Phoenix Ridge's ten families, and yet, she is way overpowered for her young age that is below a hundred!"

"Hahaha! That's my woman for you, little brother. I take back my words. You wouldn't be able to harm her much at this point. She has already grown to be a worthy bride for me!"

Top Disciple Azzuren Rein laughed as he held his stomach, tears running down his eyes as if he couldn't suppress his happiness. Top Disciple Vito Rein was rather stuck between choosing Verona and Shirley before, but this battle's results told him that he should undoubtedly stick to Shirley as he could tell who the most powerful women in the Burning Phoenix Ridge were.

His eyes moved left and right before he calmed down and leaned back on his seat, looking poised.

In the meantime...

Seeing that she won, Shirley let go of Top Disciple Evald as she knew that this wasn't the place to kill. Even if she had to kill, it must be those two brothers or Grand Elder Valerian, or else she didn't feel like it was worth it.

Nevertheless, there were only two opponents left for her to defeat so that she could enter the first rank in the Law Dominion Stage category to gain the reward for her beloved Davis.

Top Disciple Evald was carried away by his followers while Shirley stayed, turning to look at Davis to garner his reaction to her victory once again.

In the third story of the northern side, a Grand Elder spoke.

"If I recall correctly, one should've at least comprehended Level Seven Intent to have learned Everburning Dance of the Burning Phoenix, but if it were that easy, many Elders might've already learned this Mid-Level Emperor Grade Technique of the Burning Phoenix's Scorching Sky World Manual."

"Yes... This female Top Disciple named Shirley is terrifying. Not even my cute little descendants would be able to learn this technique and unleash it when they are in the Seventh Stage. Very difficult, almost impossible..." A masked Grand Elder spoke.

Hearing their chat, some of the ignorant Elders quickly became aware of the glory of invoking this technique at a young age with a lower cultivation base, making them also nod their heads in regards to this female disciple named Shirley. It was said that she possessed the greatest potential, and now they could understand why.

Shirley once again became elated by Davis's gratified response to her victory. Feeling herself become satisfied, she cast her gaze to her next opponent as an icy look appeared in her eyes.

Top Disciple Vito Rein stood up, looking around as he enjoyed the attention before leaping out of the seating area. He looked calm and slowly made his way towards Shirley when he suddenly paused, looking confused.

He looked towards Shirley, who flew past him back towards the seating area before his calm expression faded, replaced with a frown on his face.

"Wait! Why are you going back!?"

Shirley landed before her seat, turning to look back as a mocking look appeared in her eyes.

"I never called you to the battle stage, idiot."

Her melodious voice echoed calmly, but that caused the silent crowd to erupt into a fit of laughter.

"Hahahahaha!!!"

The entire battle arena released a cacophony of laughter as Top Disciple Vito Rein's face went red in humiliation!

Chapter 1352: How Can It Not Be Dangerous?

"Hahahahaha!!!"

Top Disciple Vito Rein's ears were full of mocking laughter that even his thick face couldn't help but blush in shame. He glared at Shirley before giving a sweeping glance over the entire battle arena as if remembering all who dared to laugh at him.

The disciples who were laughing reacted as they became quiet, not willing to incur his wrath. Soon, the laughter died down with Top Disciple Vito Rein's full sweep. When he looked back at Shirley, they coldly stared at each other for a while before he harrumphed and looked towards Top Disciple Verona Stein.

To save what was left of his face, he could challenge her and battle above the battle stage. Still, she was his woman, and he felt little to no greed over that overly dangerous heavenly resource. Hence, feeling no need to aggravate her, he suppressed his anger and swallowed the humiliation at this moment as he didn't want to offend his other option.

If Top Disciple Shirley wasn't for him, he must entertain and court Top Disciple Verona Stein. That didn't change, but he had hoped to obtain both women. He began to smile as he flew back to his seat, seating beside his elder brother, who possessed a mocking expression on his face.

"Elder brother, your Shirley is so feisty. Can't you tell her to give me a bit of respect?" He raised his brows as if wanting to garner his elder brother's reaction.

"Who told you to fly off like others when she hadn't said anything to you? It was rather obvious that she was going to make fun of you when she gets the chance, so don't blame her or me for your own foolishness." Top Disciple Azzuren Rein chuckled.

While they were talking rather loudly, Shirley's brows furrowed as she commented, "Look at them talking as if I am very close with them."

"Don't worry..." Davis kept his indifferent expression as he sent a soul transmission.

"They won't live for much longer than you think they would..."

Shirley couldn't help but have her lips curve, her beautiful smile hidden behind her crimson veil, "I'm waiting for it, but don't do anything dangerous."

'Hehe... How can it not be dangerous, Shirley? If those two brothers die, you're the number one suspect regardless if they have evidence or not...'

Davis ruefully thought as he shook his head.

Shirley was already suspected of killing Schneider even though they had no evidence on their part. If these two elder brothers were to mysteriously die, she would again be suspected regardless of the evidence. Because she possessed a low cultivation base, she would undoubtedly be taken advantage of, but if she possessed a higher cultivation base like, perhaps a Grand Elder, then she probably won't even be disturbed on the account if they fail to find evidence.

Davis understood that was how this world worked.

If he or anyone expected sympathy from a stranger, then they have nothing else but to face a rude awakening, the reality of the world, but of course, there were also true sympathetic and kind people. He didn't erase them from his calculations, but he also knew encountering them is rare as ascending at this point, so they were as good as non-existent in his calculations.

Likely, Shirley knew these points as well, but she had faith in him and how he would carry out his plan.

Davis inwardly sighed, feeling the weight of the faith placed on him. He turned to look towards Sect Master Lea Weiss, wondering if he should make a deal as he did with Ancestor Dian Alstreim and Mival Silverwind. Surely, Grand Elder Valerian was also Sect Master Lea Weiss's enemy from the stories he heard so far, so there's quite a bit of chance that she might accept his proposition.

Suddenly, Sect Master Lea Weiss's head moved, and her crimson pupils connected with his eyes. One was looking up, and the other was looking down, the positions of their seats denoting the wide difference in their status. However, they both seemed to be wary of each other, regardless of their statuses.

'Mhm... She's likely suspicious and possibly anxious, wondering if I know about her Fire Phoenix Flames as Shirley does...'

Davis narrowed his eyes before he took his gaze away as he felt the intensity of her gaze. Her soul was actually at the High-Level King Soul Stage! Of course, it was not enough to threaten him, but along with her other two cultivation bases, the pressure she released from her gaze alone was nothing to laugh about.

Nevertheless, his thoughts were on some other matter as he began to contemplate.

With her prowess, she could absolutely disregard and thrash Grand Elder Valerian as it was said that their cultivation bases were not the same, possessing a difference of one level. One should not underestimate that one level because that one level alone was enough for Sect Master Lea Weiss to kill Grand Elder Valerian as long as he doesn't escape.

The gaps between levels in the Ninth Stage were the difference between heaven and earth, and that's why it was also said that out of the ten thousand known Ninth Stage Powerhouses in the Fifty-Two Territories were mostly Low-Level Law Rune Stage Powerhouses.

Making progress after entering that stage also became extremely difficult so it would take hundreds and thousands of years of progress for them to possibly move into the next level. Furthermore, it wasn't a given as resources like Peak-Level Spirit Stone Vein Fragments weren't easily obtained, not to mention the banned resource, the Peak-Level Spirit Stone Vein Source or Cores, which could never be used in fear of depleting it.

If all the Peak-Level Spirit Stone Vein Sources were somehow consumed, then the era of Ninth Stage Powerhouses would come to an end, and the dream of ascension might be severed! That was why the four large Territories had banned the consumption of Peak-Level Spirit Stone Vein Sources to protect their descendants' future.

It was something that the Grand Sea Continent also foresaw yet failed to protect.

Davis felt like he could compare it to environmental awareness as well, but he didn't go too far and thought of the reason why Sect Master Lea Weiss hadn't made a move on Grand Elder Valerian yet.

He felt that there were two possibilities, both enough to make him nod in understanding.

One, they were secretly working together.

Then everything that happened so far would make sense, but to go so far to suppress the background-less Shirley, that was going too far, but he didn't instantly reject it from his mind as they might have teamed up to do something else, something he had no idea about.

Of course, it was just a far-fetched possibility, so he didn't ponder too much on it.

The other was naturally a powerful intervention, like...

"Are you not going to ask why I didn't use my Perfect Domain...?" Shirley's voice suddenly resounded in his head, causing him to come out of his reverie.

He looked at her and blinked, "Because it would reveal your Fire Phoenix Flames?"

Shirley nodded her head but then shook, "My domain is a bit variable where I can interchange Fire Phoenix Flames and Burning Phoenix Flames as I please. I assume this is possible because they are a bit similar as the Burning Phoenix is a descendant of the Fire Phoenix."

"Woah, you can do that...?"

Davis became convinced in his ability to manipulate two forms of lightning if this were the case. The extinction lightning and Blazing Thunderlight Kirin's lightning are said to be similar in nature by that Blazing Thunderlight Kirin Immortal. Therefore, Shirley's variable use of domain gave him many options.

Shirley nodded her head.

"Therefore, I'm not worried about displaying my domain. Hehe, I've already displayed my Supreme Domain in the mini-realm, so most top disciples should know what kind of prowess I possessed previously, so I simply did not display my Perfect Domain to bring out the dumbstruck faces in them later."

"Shirley, you're quite the poser... I mean, in a good way..." Davis commented as soon as he realized his mistake.

"Well," Shirley didn't seem offended, "I like those reactions that validate my superiority."

"Me too..." Davis sounded convincing that Shirley couldn't help but smile, but her expression froze on hearing his next words.

"I just recently awakened to it. It's rather addicting, I should say truly..."

"Don't say like it's a fetish or something...!" Shirley's ears became red before she shook her head.

"In any case, I'm still hesitant to display my Perfect Domain for another reason. My fame will then shoot through the skies, and numerous suitors would ask for my hand in marriage, not to mention the number of miscreants who target me would start to increase, and even these Elders and Grand Elders might get an idea because of my talent and rich blood..."

"These are all too much trouble for me to reveal my Perfect Domain..."

Shirley sounded worried in Davis's head that he chuckled and couldn't help but say.

"No, go all out if you want. Your sect must naturally see you as the top priority to care about and nurture while they forget about those two vile brothers when I kill them. As for those who dare to come near you, just leave them to me."

"Are you sure...?"

"Yes..."

Davis did not hesitate to nod.

It became apparent to him that she was asking for his permission like a good wife who did not want to trouble him. After all, he knew that the number of people who conjured a Perfect Domain in the mid-sized and large-sized Territories was way less than the number of Ninth Stage Powerhouses present in the entire Fifty-Two Territories.

Their fame wouldn't be any less than the Ninth Stage Powerhouses!

Shirley nodded her head in reaction to his approval, feeling extremely fortunate. Many men would prioritize their own life when it came to offending powerful and influential people, but then, here was her beloved, telling her to act unbridled so that he could take care of anything that cropped up.

It made her want to use her Perfect Domain to make him feel proud of her but also not use it as she might end up troubling him.

'I hoped that he would say no... It would've at least saved me the trouble of having to decide whether to use it or not. But now, sigh...'

Shirley thought as she felt conflicted.

Davis was aware that the troubles would increase but conversely, Shirley's protection would also increase. She would become the greatest asset of the sect, and naturally, they would treat her as their goddess.

But would that be the case? Wouldn't they try to marry her off to someone else?

Davis smiled as that is where he came in, to incite fear amongst those burning phoenixes to not touch Shirley.

His identity? Fake and anonymous...

Could he be traced? Probably not, as nothing could be obtained from his soul body...

The enemies would probably become stuck in a loop if they are not courageous enough to make a move, but if they made a move, he would kill them anyway.

He was careful, but there was a limit to how careful he should be. If he kept steering away because he did not want troubles, he should probably retire and live freely in the Grand Sea Continent!

Chapter 1353: We Each Would've Had One

Time passed as the rankings shuffled.

Some top disciples managed to make their way up, and some naturally lost their position in turn. Shirley took this time to recuperate her lost essence energy while Davis calmly watched the battles in preparation for conjuring his own domain.

He got some ideas, but he didn't ponder on it too much as none made him overly satisfied, maybe because he felt that he was already invincible among his peers. Some ideas of support domains did excite him, but they probably did not conform to his domain as his manifestation was both overbearingly offensive and defensive.

Davis knew that to form a domain, the Law Manifestation must return to its roots, back to its seed form. The compressed form of Law Manifestation, called the 'law manifestation seed', is still capable of releasing its energy, but that is also where the domain is conceived. In other words, the Law Dominion Stage was directly a superior version of the Law Manifestation Stage, the concentrated manifestation becoming more enormous and extremely powerful in the radius of the conjured domain.

Therefore, the number of changes he could conceive in his domain was limited to the type of power the manifestation had.

For example, his Superior Law Manifestation was both offensive and defensive in an extremely wide range, so his domain would also adopt something of similar nature. Of course, he could forcefully try changing it to support type, but he imagined that his prowess would drop by a large margin, making him instantly negate those ideas.

What he considered were those additional support-type ideas on top of having the offensive and defensive prowess. They catered to his imagination of becoming a supreme being who could rain lightning, create a lightning sea barrier and use the lightning to make his lightning-attributed techniques extremely powerful.

However, before considering all this, he had to conjure a fire-attributed law seed after getting the Infernal Core Flame Leaf, successfully mutating his revolving core, which he lacked confidence in. Still, after conjuring the fire law seed, he would have to manifest a fire law manifestation and produce a domain.

There were so many steps before he could enter the Law Dominion Stage.

But!

Davis was of the idea of fusing his two fire and lightning law seeds! The way to fuse it was written in the Blazing Thunderlight Kirin's manual, but he did not know if he could succeed in such an absurdity without having its lightning and flames!

He knew this because he had already gone through the Blazing Thunderlight Kirin's manual and found that it supports fusion to a minimal degree, just like Blazing Thunderlight Kirin itself is able to combine its fire and lightning attributes, not more than that.

However, he wasn't disappointed but understood.

To perform a fusion of laws was extremely difficult in the first place, and to fuse the berserk energies of fire and lightning was even more difficult than fusing the gentle yin and cold ice. Even if the Blazing Thunderlight Kirin was an Immortal Magical Beast, its limits in fusing these two aggressive laws remained to be seen.

The circulation pathways of the Firestorm World Ode were extremely complex, with some committed to circulate fire and some to circulate lightning, but there were a few meridian pathways where both fire and lightning intersected and ran, giving him another reason to believe that this manual supported the fusion of fire and lightning laws.

All that remained of him was to comprehend such intricacies of the Blazing Thunderlight Kirin's flames and lightning, which remained a daunting task without its blood essence. Fortunately, he had consumed a tiny part of its soul essence, making him learn a bit about these intricacies and, from there, perform fusion between fire and lightning with some effort from him.

It should be a pretty big effort from him if he were honest, as he only gained little insights into the fusion of fire and lightning laws after absorbing its exhausted soul essence. He still didn't digest and was not capable of digesting it as he still hadn't tried out combining fire and lightning, and that's why he also

mused that the Blazing Thunderlight Kirin's prowess in fusing fire and lightning was limited. Otherwise, that absorption of its soul essence alone should've provided him with many insights into fusion along with the bestowal of fire laws and lightning laws.

Nevertheless, he was deeply satisfied with what he got, and it was up to him to utilize it.

He had advised Evelyn and Shirley not to be hasty, but he forgot to understand that he should also not be hasty as well. Otherwise, innumerable problems might crop up in his stable and healthy Essence Gathering Cultivation, which he didn't want to experience, and he certainly didn't want his revolving core exploding on him.

As he pondered, he saw Esvele winning her battle and reaching the fourteenth place before she was completely out of energy. She moved her tired body amidst the crowd as she flew back to her seating. However, the gazes she received now were full of admiration instead of just lust. The latter was still there, but it was not blatant anymore, becoming desire and longing instead.

Esvele was now a powerful top disciple, quickly clearing the ranks, crossing from the twenty-third position to fourteenth. She fought nine battles and was finally exhausted as she sat on her seat, looking drained as her bosoms heaved.

Shirley arrived before her and began to help her restore her energy. This caused all the disciples to know that there was unmistakably a sense of friendship and loyalty between them. Moreover, seeing two beauties, one extremely beautiful and the other voluptuous, made them imagine innumerable fantasies.

"Sigh, it's a pity that our little brother Schneider died. Otherwise, he could've taken Esvele as his woman, and we would've each had one proud phoenix, making our father extremely proud..." Top Disciple Azzuren Rein looked sorrowful, while Top Disciple Vito Rein also nodded his head.

"True..."

"But elder brother," He continued with sending a soul transmission, "Do you think that Schneider was really killed by Shirley? After all, we all know that something transpired after he gave back a master token to Esvele's and a few other core disciples abodes to Sect Master, which allowed Sect Master to berate our father and punish Schneider."

"Hahaha... I don't know if my Shirley had killed him, but if she killed him, then he probably tried to take advantage of her, which I say is natural. He deserved to be killed by her if it were the case, but I don't care if she killed him or not, unlike father. I just want her to be mine."

"I see..." Top Disciple Vito Rein's contemplative expression quickly turned lewd.

"Do you think our little brother had already taken Esvele's innocence? After all, he had the master token to her abode..."

"If he did, he could be proud of himself." Top Disciple Azzuren Rein deeply smiled, "If he didn't, then I am lucky."

"Huh...?" Top Disciple Vito Rein looked reluctant, "Elder brother, do you think I'll let Esvele go to you? You have Shirley whose incredible prowess you had just seen a while ago, so let me have Verona and Esvele!"

"Fool!"

PaahhH!~

A resounding slap echoed as Top Disciple Azzuren Rein slapped his little brother.

"You...!"

Top Disciple Vito Rein stood up, his face becoming filled with a shameful blush while his eyes teared up.

"Esvele is deeply loyal to Shirley, so it is natural that I must keep her with my Shirley, with me! They can both be my charming wives in the near future, so don't you dare test my patience after this event."

The elder brother gave his warning through soul transmission before he no longer bothered to look at his little brother.

'Fuck! This bastard already thinks Esvele is his woman... Just you wait...! I'll rob them both from you and kill you when I have the chance...!' Top Disciple Vito Rein's expression increasingly turned hideous as he glared at his elder brother.

However, he didn't dare to make a scene at this moment as his elder brother was at the Mid-Level Law Sea Stage. Unlike a fight between disciples, this would be taken as a fight between brothers, and naturally, he was the one who was going to get his ass kicked while none of the elders would help him because he felt that most of them would side with his elder brother, Azzuren Rein.

Thinking of how helpless he was in terms of support, he almost fumed.

'If I can't, I swear I'll make a cuckold out of you in the future!!!'

With a blasphemous thought, he returned his gaze to the empty battle stage, not minding the mocking gazes he received from the others as rage enveloped him. Moreover, if it was humiliation, he was already humiliated a while ago when Shirley made him look like an idiot.

All these events made him want to vent as he shot a look towards his followers, a number of core disciples who chose to be his, entertaining him for these few days after coming out of the mini-realm. He began to crave them, wanting to vent his frustrations and lust on them, when a voice suddenly echoed.

"I gave you enough time to scam out of this battle arena, but since you were shameless enough to stay, step on the battle stage, Top Disciple Vito Rein..."

He froze, looking at the sudden crimson-robed figure that rushed past him, landing on the northern side of the battle stage. His expression that had just calmed down once again became twisted.

"How dare you!?" He shot up as he bellowed, looking immensely enraged before he leaped and flew towards the battle stage.

He felt that today was not a good day for him, unaware that it was going to turn into even more of a bad day for him as he arrived at the southern end of the battle stage, turning to look at the top disciple who had challenged him.

"I will make you know your place, Shirley."

Shirley calmly stood on the pristine white floor, her ruby-like eyes shining in an amused light.

"What a coincidence... I felt like saying the same thing, you human trash."

Top Disciple Vito Rein gritted his teeth as his body trembled, his fists clenching in rage when a voice echoed.

"Let the battle begin!"

Whoosh!~

The sound of wind tearing echoed as Top Disciple Vito Rein made his way towards Shirley with his extreme speed!

Chapter 1354: Supreme Domains?

A blood-red domain abruptly expanded with Top Disciple Vito Rein as the center.

It began to cross the two hundred and fifty-meter radius in the threshold, surpassing Flawed Domain and entering Mediocre Domain. It did not stop and continued to expand in radius, traversing the five hundred meter threshold, transcending the Mediocre Domain, entering the level of Impeccable Domain before it continued to rise and reached a kilometer in radius, the very limit of an Impeccable Domain!

However, it still did not stop and continued to rise!

Everyone instantly knew that the domain reached the threshold to be counted as a Supreme Domain!

Looking at the domain that continued to rise in range, their eyes bulged in doubt as they stared at Top Disciple Vito Rein's increasing prowess.

Thousand and fifty meters...

Thousand and hundred meters...

Thousand and three hundred meters...

It reached a thousand and five hundred meters in radius before it stopped expanding, beginning to radiate intense burning phoenix flames within the range of the domain!

"You aren't going to naively think that I'm going to give you the time to use the Everburning Dance of the Burning Phoenix, right?"

Top Disciple Vito Rein cracked a smile as he pointed at Shirley, who seemed to raise her hands instead of summoning her domain like him. He knew that she would cast the Everburning Dance of the Burning Phoenix, so he quickly neared her and caught her in the range of his domain.

Sssss!~

Burning phoenix flames abruptly erupted inside his domain as it pounced on Shirley from the side as they tried to burn her to ashes! Shirley looked unable to retaliate as she dropped her arms and retreated.

However, she was already inside his domain.

Top Disciple Vito Rein cruelly smiled as he knew that he caught her off guard. He felt that it was better to say that she made the wrong opening move and fell to his preemptive strike!

"!!!"

The deadly burning phoenix flames quickly caught onto Shirley's crimson robes as her expression changed, instantly lighting her up into a human torch!

He sneakily snarled as he heard gasps and screams from the crowd who seemed to worry for Shirley, but looking at her image fade into the blazing fire, he knew that he had been fooled by the Burning Phoenix Plume Burst Technique, which is the supreme movement technique of their Burning Phoenix Ridge.

However, he had precisely used this to quickly close the distance, so he wasn't surprised to see her dodge and evade his domain's attack. His narrowed eyes moved around as he saw her silhouette moving at an incredible speed around him. She was even faster than him as she maintained her distance with his domain, not allowing herself to be caught in it.

"Hehe... Shirley, don't run away from me because I'm going to very carefully mold you in my warmth..."

A soul transmission fell on Shirley's mind, causing her to slow down her flying as she looked at him, her ruby-like eyes flashing in a strange light.

"Are you sure that your elder brother will not slap you again if you dare to harm me...?" She sent an amused soul transmission back, causing Top Disciple Vito Rein to feel a stinging pain resurface on his cheek because of the earlier slap.

He moved his arm and almost touched his cheek, but then realized that he was once again humiliated by this prideful woman! His expression became hideous, but he didn't say anything as he rushed and no longer held back!

Whoosh!~

His two feet were now covered in two pairs of tiny wings just like Shirley's as he chased her to attack. It wasn't even an instant before he caught up to her, his domain's edge covering Shirley in it as his burning phoenix flames quickly spawned beside her, ready to leap.

Shirley's red brows frowned as she flew back, trying to get out of the domain as she waved her hand in a graceful manner.

Her own burning phoenix flames surged out of her hand, blocking Top Disciple Vito Rein's burning phoenix flames.

Sizzle!~ *Sizzle!~*

The burning phoenix flames clashed and began to sizzle as they tried to wipe out each other!

Everyone looked at the struggle between the two flames, and their eyes went wide in astonishment to see that senior sister Shirley's own burning phoenix flames were capable of holding up to Top Disciple Vito Rein's burning phoenix flames. It didn't even extinguish after two seconds.

It wasn't that Shirley's burning phoenix flames were weaker, but everyone knew that she had the strongest flames amongst the Law Dominion Stage Top Disciples. However, Top Disciple Vito Rein had his domain active, and in it, his burning phoenix flames were nothing to laugh about as their prowess had probably increased by many times!

Moreover, it was a Supreme Domain, so the increase in strength could be imagined.

Furthermore, they all knew that Top Disciple Vito Rein possessed a Supreme Domain way back before this competition. However, even in a normal domain, there were plenty of differences, with the most obvious one being the range of the domain. It denotes the prowess and the domain's level, whether the domain may be supportive, defensive, or offensive in type.

The top disciples may have all formed an Impeccable Domain in the beginning. Even talented core disciples may have formed the same, but making their domains reach a kilometer radius was extremely hard. If it reached that point, the core disciples could even be subjected to reevaluation to promote and make them become top disciples.

However, reaching the very limit of a kilometer in the level of Impeccable Domain remained impossible for the extreme majority of the core disciples. One or two might luck out and form to reach that level, but they would not be able to keep up their pace and end up being the weakest top disciple like Top Disciple Lauren Zucker, whom Davis had secretly killed.

Nevertheless, Top Disciple Vito Rein had surpassed this level. His Supreme Domain reached the range of thousand and five hundred kilometers, which is better than the most Supreme Domains the top six possessed, except his elder brother who was in the first!

All top disciples in the top six possessed Supreme Domains because all top disciples were required to have a Supreme Domain before they entered the Law Sea Stage. Otherwise, they would be automatically demoted to core disciples upon breaking through into the Law Sea Stage with their measly Impeccable Domain.

This requirement was also why most top disciples took their time, staying in the Peak-Level Law Dominion Stage, collecting resources and solid enough essence energy to reform their domains to Supreme Domain. Otherwise, they would've long stepped into the Law Sea Stages as their ages were already above a hundred.

In any case, with that kind of prowess in Top Disciple Vito Rein's grasp, they knew that he could easily kill the common Low-Level Law Sea Stage Experts and even fight against the weaker Mid-Level Law Sea Stage Experts! It was that fantastic and powerful, and yet, senior sister Shirley's burning phoenix flames were holding up against that, making them deeply astonished.

Indeed, Top Disciple Vito Rein's eyes were wide in incredulity as he watched her evenly block his attack. Earlier, he watched her escape, and that made him satisfied, but looking at her now matching his prowess equally, he didn't understand.

However, looking at her retreat out of his domain again while their burning Phoenix flames dissipated on sizzling against each other, he suddenly had an epiphany.

'Oh, she's using concentrated flames to counter mine? Is that a simple version of the Condensed Burning Sun Technique? How ingenious!'

Top Disciple Vito Rein became enamored by her ability to easily manipulate the burning phoenix flames. It wasn't an easy feat. The techniques that they all used were all noted in the manual. All they had to do was comprehend the intricacies of the technique, drive their essence energy through the right meridian points along the correct meridian pathways and use the technique.

It was that simple yet difficult as surging with enough intensity and slowing down when intensity is not required is not an easy feat. One could not variate, and if they did variate, it was possible that the technique itself might collapse and harm their own meridians.

To not make it collapse and find the right intensity and pressure to use the technique in another form was a daunting task, and yet Shirley managed to do it, causing him to have an intense desire for her. If he were to obtain her and make her his woman, surely, the benefits in terms of cultivation he would receive would be immense, but he also did not forget the talented progeny that would be born between them.

All this caused him to deeply desire her, but for that, he had to conquer her first!

Burning phoenix flames surged all over the domain as Top Disciple Vito Rein used up forty percent of his essence energy in this single move. His flames continuously cropped up, looking lethal as they kept forming one after another in the one and a half kilometer radius of the domain.

Looking at the many wisps of burning phoenix flames, everyone instantly became aware that Top Disciple Vito Rein was planning to end this battle from this moment forth!

Shirley also stopped running, seemingly raising her hands as intense essence energy surged out of her to release the Everburning Dance of the Burning Phoenix. Her back became covered with the beautiful crimson wings while wisps of burning phoenix flames began to congregate in the domain, forming an extremely big thousand-meter wisp of burning phoenix flame that transformed into a big burning phoenix, looked utterly deadly, capable of causing intense destruction as the cry of the burning phoenix echoed!

The reactions of the elders changed!

They could sense that his attack alone could take out the weaker Mid-Level Law Sea Stage Experts if caught off-guard. It had reached the threshold of Mid-Level Law Sea Stage, causing them to nod in approval, and yet at the same time, they saw Shirley releasing only a single technique that their faces couldn't help but change into one of worry for her.

No one liked to see women be needlessly harmed, but if this attack managed to overwhelm the Everburning Dance of the Burning Phoenix, then wouldn't it become severe?

Some Grand Elders even sat slightly at the edges of their seats, looking ready to save Shirley.

However, they all had a single doubt attached to the frown on their faces.

Why has Shirley still not used her Supreme Domain to counter Top Disciple Vito Rein's Supreme Domain yet? It should be easier to form a domain and escape from this pinch even at this point, right?

Chapter 1355: Clash Between Burning Phoenix Flames

Intense burning phoenix flames blazed on both sides.

Shirley and Top Disciple Vito Rein glared at each other, one secretly having the intent to kill and the other to conquer. However, Top Disciple Vito Rein didn't seem like he was holding back with his prowess, and it spoke volumes of Shirley's own prowess, making the crowds' heart pound loudly as they watched with their mouths slightly agape.

Shirley had already retreated to a safe distance, but unlike Top Disciple Vito Rein, who could maintain his attack in his domain, she found it hard to keep holding her attack. She waited till her very limit, energizing her technique even more than before as she played a tune with her fingers.

Screech!~

A burning phoenix burst out from her body as its cry echoed throughout the battle arena! Its wings magnificently spread as it shot towards the domain, but there was another monstrosity that floated inside the domain.

It was a burning phoenix almost ten times bigger than the burning phoenix that Shirley released. The contrast made eyes widen and jaws drop in incredulity, but those who possessed knowledge knew that the two burning phoenix's prowess were near to each other, with Shirley's probably losing out in the end even after being strengthened for its maximum time.

However, Sect Master Lea Weiss and a few other Grand Elders noticed a peculiarity from the Everburning Dance of the Burning Phoenix. It was just too... compressed!

There was no time to ponder as the two beautiful burning phoenixes had already neared each other! Shirley's technique pierced into the domain and exploded at the huge burning phoenix that had also flown towards it!

Boom!~

It was not a resounding explosion as one would expect.

A dull sound echoed throughout the battle arena as flames sizzled and rippled. The Everburning Dance of the Burning Phoenix began its dance upon explosion, constantly erasing the huge wisp of Top Disciple Vito Rein's burning phoenix that stuck to it, wanting to evenly obliterate it.

But despite the size and the flame difference, the dancing form of the burning phoenixes became relevant as the huge burning phoenix began to erode in its own domain!

"What...?"

Top Disciple Vito Rein looked utterly dumbfounded at the scene. How her burning phoenix flames engulfed his full power burning phoenix flames became a mystery to the current him until he realized that he had given her too much time to strengthen her technique.

'She can use the second form of the Everburning Dance of the Burning Phoenix as well!?'

His face turned shocked at the brilliance of her feat before it turned ugly as he suddenly saw her figure shoot past the still sizzling flames.

He shook as he came out of his reverie and retreated, but Shirley was already using the Burning Phoenix Plume Burst Technique to instantly close the distance between them. She was already considerably close, and when he saw her instantly arrive before him a hundred meters away, he raised his hand as his palms surged with intense burning phoenix flames!

"Condensed Burning Sun Technique!"

The concentrated ball of burning phoenix flames shot straight towards Shirley and exploded without even coming into contact. Burning phoenix flames burst apart, engulfing Shirley in it, causing Top Disciple Vito Rein to relax, but he saw his flames scatter when two wings suddenly flapped into existence, erasing his flames as if they were blowing candle flames.

"How can you use techniques this fast!?"

Top Disciple Vito Rein screamed in exasperation as he saw her use a defensive technique and retreated again.

He couldn't understand!

Why was Shirley so powerful!? Not only were they at the same stage and level, she hadn't even used her domain yet! Furthermore, her cultivation base was practically flickering like a candle, making it painfully obvious that she hadn't consolidated her cultivation base.

But then, why was she the powerful one instead of him!?

His chaotic and panicked mind couldn't arrive at an answer as he fled using the movement technique.

Bang!~

However, he felt a kick to his back that deeply impacted his dantian as flames invaded through his pores, causing his circulation of essence energy to become awry as he spat a mouthful of blood!

Puj!~

He lost his balance and began to plunge a few meters before he regained himself and turned back.

PahhH!~

A slap instantly arrived and sent him flying away, his body twisting under the sheer pressure of the slap to accommodate his head from severing. However, a wisp of burning phoenix flame stuck to his cheek, causing him to receive deep burns as he hurriedly slapped himself with whatever essence energy was left in his palms to disperse the flames.

Looking at Top Disciple Vito Rein slap himself three to four times, the spectators went utterly astonished before their lips curved into a suppressed smile. They tried hard not to release the laughter they suppressed before their expressions changed.

Puchi!~

Four spears that had their sharp ends in the form of talons pierced through Top Disciple Vito Rein's limbs as it struck the surface.

"Ahhh!~"

Top Disciple Vito Rein echoed out a cry of pain as his face contorted. Blood splashed and began to ooze out in copious amounts from the four points he was pierced through.

The flaming talons made up of burning phoenix flames that stuck to the pristine white surface did not even scratch it but still clung tightly. It didn't let him move. He gritted his teeth and endured the pain. However, looking at Shirley closing in on him, his mind revolved.

His domain that was still active conjured burning phoenix flames that were sent to two places. One to stop Shirley and the other to the four talon spears that made him immobilized. The burning phoenix flames he conjured quickly caught on to the talons and did a quick work of it. He managed to remove the binds and stood up, but then a kick to the stomach sent him crashing down on the hard floor.

Top Disciple Vito Rein's entire body shook from the impact. His dantian trembled under her clean kick as he rolled before he stabilized himself!

"Why you...! Ahhh!!!"

He let out an enraged shout as burning phoenix flames encased his body, but a stomp further arrived, making him spit a mouthful of blood once again as he was forced to lie back down on the cold, pristine ground!

Top Disciple Vito Rein's crimson eyes were staring at Shirley in extreme rage!

At this point, he wanted to kill her but wasn't even able to move properly as Low-Level Elder Soul Stage soul force descended on him, suppressing his own soul that was at Peak-Level Adult Soul Stage.

His Peak-Level Gold Stage physical body was able to handle the impact of her ruthless stomp, but her cold ruby-like eyes that were mockingly staring at him made him want to die. The humiliation was just too much that he could feel all the blood in his body travel to his head while he could also tell that his reputation had dropped into the gutter!

"Fuck! Release me!" He screamed as he struggled, but his struggles were completely useless under Shirley's suppression.

Her burning phoenix flames conjured by both her hands were constantly struggling with his burning phoenix flames that were released from his active domain.

That hadn't been destroyed, and she hadn't bothered to destroy it too, all of it because she didn't want the referee interfering with her.

Shirley's beautiful eyes creased as an evil smile crept up on her face. Her foot that was floating in the air swung forward abruptly!

Crack!~

The faces of men who had seen it coming changed, and when the dull sound echoed, they unwittingly closed their legs as they felt an illusionary sharp pain flooding their minds!

Silence echoed throughout the battle arena before a cry of sharp pain echoed out!

"Ahhhhhh!!!!"

It was a miserable cry that caused numerous elders to turn their heads away in sympathy while their hearts pounded in response to her ruthlessness.

Shirley retreated and looked at her left heel that had been bloodied a bit. Her kick wasn't powerful enough to explode because her Body Tempering Cultivation was only at Low-Level Gold Stage, but even then, she wasn't disappointed with it as she had painstakingly cultivated her Body Tempering Cultivation with her own effort and sect resources.

The kick she had given Top Disciple Vito Rein made her extremely satisfied, but she cast a disgusted gaze as her burning phoenix flames erased the vile blood that remained on the soles of her heels.

"Surrender..."

A word escaped from her crimson lips, but that caused the miserable Top Disciple Vito Rein to fiercely react as he screamed in rage.

"Fuck off, you wench! I'm going to kill you!!!"

"I see you have chosen death..."

Shirley muttered as she didn't hesitate to point her finger at him.

Burning phoenix flames abruptly shot from her as they transformed into crimson sword radiance directly piercing through his neck! It was just an instant while there was no hesitation on her part!

Puchi!~

Blood splashed from Top Disciple Vito Rein's neck from both sides! He hurriedly clung onto his neck as if to stop the blood from escaping his body, but it poured out and drenched his crimson robes blood red.

The faces of the elders began to frown at the amount of bloodshed. However, their eyes widened when they saw Top Disciple Vito Rein reacting fiercely as his entire body began to tremble and his eyes became bloodshot!

Crack!~

The active Supreme Domain that tried to wreak havoc was unable to hold itself as it crumbled away.

Shirley kept her index finger raised, a tinge of her burning phoenix flames continuously being shot into the wound he tried to hide.

"Stop!~"

The referee's voice echoed as he hurriedly arrived between them and waved his hand. Shirley took a few steps back in retreat as the blazing undulations of the referee had her essence energy, martial energy, and soul force she was using abruptly severed from usage for a moment.

The referee stretched out his hand and grabbed Top Disciple Vito Rein. He looked as if he was choking him, but in truth, he was helping him eradicate Shirley's berserk flames inside his body that were running amok like poison.

"Quick! Channel your tri-cultivation to suppress her energy from running amok in your body!"

The referee reminded Top Disciple Vito Rein, causing him to use all of his three cultivation systems in order to suppress Shirley's ruthless move of wanting to burn all his organs!

"How dare you!? To deal a life-threatening blow to Top Disciple Vito Rein in an ordinary competition, you have gone too far, Top Disciple Shirley!"

A few Grand Elders stood up as they flew towards the battle stage!

Chapter 1356: Try Repeating

Davis was watching all this happen with satisfaction.

His Shirley beating up and tormenting Top Disciple Vito Rein was a fantastic spectacle to him, feeling that it was well deserved. Among the men in the crowd, perhaps he was the only one who didn't close his legs upon seeing Top Disciple Vito Rein's life jewels be crushed because he had already seen it coming and was prepared for it.

He remained utterly satisfied by her ruthlessness and hoped that she wouldn't kick him there if he were to do any wrong, that was at least until these Grand Elders began to fly towards her. His black eyes became colder by the second. His body flashed from where he was seated as he arrived before them, looking at these old fogies with a frown on his face.

The Grand Elders also stopped, their crimson eyes narrowing in scrutiny, not to his identity but his true cultivation, which they couldn't garner even after much deliberation.

"Protector Chu Feng, you can remain seated. It's not like we're going to harm Top Disciple Shirley." One of them spoke up.

He possessed a crimson beard that extended to the base of his neck.

"Yes," Another Grand Elder with a crimson mustache spoke, "We just want to ask why she would be ruthless eno-"

"Do you think I care about that?" Davis interrupted as he raised his hand and pointed at each of them, "If you all come near Shirley without her permission, I will naturally have to make a move in advance to protect her. That's all I care about, and you elders would all know what I would do as her protector...."

"Insolence!"

The third and last Grand Elder who flew here flared as his Low-Level Law Rune Stage undulations began to swell. His face looked stern and strict like Grand Elder Claus Strom, but he possessed a devious curve to his crimson eyebrows. He took a step forward, but a melodious voice caused him to stop in his tracks!

"Stand down..."

That Grand Elder looked shaken as he turned back. Everyone turned to look at the source of the voice as they saw that it was none other than Sect Master Lea Weiss.

She sat straight, her regal gaze glaring down on them.

"But Sect Master... Shirley caused Top Disciple Vito Rein to be gravely injured. It is rather obvious that she had the intent to kill...!"

Everyone shifted their gaze to Top Disciple Vito Rein and saw that he was breathing heavily, his chest heaving up and down as he craved for the heaven and earth energy. It seemed that he had just recovered from clearing Shirley's burning phoenix flames running amok inside his body. He struggled to get up but fell before he raised his head and cried out with moistened eyes.

"Grand Elders, you must get justice for me!"

"Look at what you did to me, Shirley! How are you going to compensate me!?"

Shirley looked indifferent to his screams, not at all bothering about him as if she had no conscience. People couldn't help but have pity well up within them, but as soon as they realized what kind of scum he was, their pity was all thrown into the trash bin in their souls.

"Look at that Sect Master. Top Disciple Shirley shows no remorse and refuses to answer Top Disciple Vito Rein's plea. I think we need to question the character and morals Top Disciple Shirley possesses, or else, we risk the danger of nurturing a potential wicked path character..."

Everyone sucked in a breath of cold air! Wicked path character?

Wasn't it going too far? Actually, wasn't Top Disciple Vito Rein more of a wicked path character? Abusing his talent and status to have his way with almost everything, including women?

Who were they trying to kid?

However, none of them dared to open their mouth and say it out loud because they craved for their lives. They all had a bright future ahead of them if they knew their place, so why would they go out of their way to behead themselves?

"Grand Elders, I muse that we were watching the same battle, right?" Sect Master Lea Weiss suddenly voiced out.

"Uh... Yes..."

The devious eyebrowed Grand Elder looked a bit confused.

Wasn't that rather obvious?

"Then, we did hear Shirley asking him to surrender, right?"

"Yes, but-"

"But she was ruthless?" Sect Master Lea Weiss's voice became a bit amused, "Why do you think that she was ruthless? Perhaps, you can try repeating to me what Top Disciple Vito Rein said to Shirley after she asked him to surrender and see if I become ruthless or not?"

"!!!"

That Grand Elder gulped as the step he took forward was placed back in its initial position. He turned around in a smooth manner in mid-air and left, followed by the other two Grand Elders before all of them returned to their seats.

Everyone naturally saw this happen. It played out right in front of their eyes, but other than watching it with wide eyes painted with disbelief, they were not even able to laugh. The level of the conversation was that unreachable for them.

Even Davis looked flabbergasted by Sect Master Lea Weiss's question and her daringness.

She had basically asked them to say to her: "Fuck you, you wench! I'm going to kill you!"

These were Top Disciple Vito Rein's own words.

But who in their right mind would say it to the Sect Master's face?

That was undoubtedly... courting death!

Nevertheless, he removed his gaze from her and turned around to look at Shirley, nodding his head. Shirley reciprocated the nod with a smile hidden behind her crimson veil while her eyes also smiled. Her body flashed as she arrived beside him, seemingly talking through soul transmission.

Nobody was suspicious about their closeness despite the rumors that Top Disciple Shirley doesn't like to be close with male disciples. They only thought he might be an elder of her reserved background and nothing more.

Top Disciple Vito Rein saw Shirley flying away scot-free before he lowered his head, gazing at his balls that were crushed by the soles of her heels. Severe pain was still running through him as one of it was destroyed, making him feel deep fear in regards to his future and descendants.

Even though he had slept with many women, he was careful not to impregnate them as he wanted his very first progeny to be extremely talented, but now, it was questionable if he could even make a woman give birth to his progeny.

This kind of twist left him reeling in anxiety and depression that his eyes shot up as he collapsed, appearing to have fainted.

The referee shook his head and flew away to his position in mid-air. An elder arrived from Grand Elder Valerian's camp and took the fainted Top Disciple Vito Rein away.

When Davis returned to his seat after having praised Shirley, a soul transmission fell on Shirley's mind.

"With this, you have offended us two times, Shirley. If you obediently give up, then I won't take these two matters into account when it's finally time. I assure you that my father would also not trouble you anymore. You know how I treat my women, right? They're my world, and you're also my world."

Top Disciple Azzuren Rein shot a handsome smile at Shirley as he spoke from his seat, having one of his legs crossed on top of the other in a prideful manner.

Shirley rolled her eyes at his words. She had already relayed her intent to these three brothers that she wasn't interested, but they never knew when to give up.

She secretly killed their third brother, Schneider Rein, publically humiliated the second brother, Vito Rein, and the only one left was this sick Azzuren Rein. She began contemplating whether to challenge him or not, but without using her fire phoenix flames, she wasn't sure or arrogant enough to believe that she could win against him.

What she showed a while ago was already her max with her unstable cultivation base. If it became stable and grew to the very peak, she mused that she could even defeat Top Disciple Vito Rein with the same moves and intensity even if his cultivation base was at the Low-Level Law Sea Stage.

That was how powerful she was, but Top Disciple Azzuren Rein was in the Mid-Level Law Sea Stage, and he had similar prowess relative to his brothers, meaning that he could slightly battle against Peak-Level Law Sea Stage Experts. He was even eligible to become an Elder as he had reached the required prowess, but to lose the top disciple position in exchange for an Elder's status was folly.

The former rewarded much more compared to becoming an Elder of the Burning Phoenix Ridge.

For top disciples, promoting themselves straight to the status of Grand Elder was the right thing to do, unless, of course, their time as top disciples matures, having to settle for the position of an Elder. Settling for the latter is even considered a disgrace among top disciples, so it is rather obvious that they would strive to become a Grand Elder even if they must scheme and kill to reach that level.

In any case, Shirley already knew that she was not quite powerful enough yet to challenge Top Disciple Azzuren Rein at this point in time. If her cultivation base was stable, then she was convinced that she could defeat him. So she didn't bother with him now and looked at the proud female who reigned as the beauty of the entire sect before she came.

"Verona, I challenge you to a battle."

"I've been waiting all for this moment, Shirley."

Top Disciple Verona Stein stood up, her crimson eyes curving joyfully as she gracefully floated and flew towards the battle stage.

Chapter 1357: Final Attack

Top Disciple Verona Stein arrived at the north end while Shirley moved south.

"Hehe, you really stepped onto the battle stage..." Shirley spoke with a giggle, "Are you sure that you can defeat me?"

"Why not...?" Top Disciple Verona Stein's clear and sweet voice sounded amused, "The day is almost going to end, and you have probably used a bit less than half of your energy to battle that dislikeable man. Although I agree that you're strong, I have also gotten stronger, so it remains to be seen if you would win, and it is even more the case as you are already at a disadvantage in terms of the remaining essence energy we possess. I haven't even battled a single time yet."

"Haha, aren't you glad to fight me in this state?" Shirley sounded equally amused.

Top Disciple Verona Stein shook her head as her expression became sorrowful, "I think it's a pity because it's unfair to you. However, it's your fault that you stopped at that time. You should've defeated that dislikeable man before stopping to rest and then finally challenge me. I can't do anything about this unfairness as it's your own doing."

Her eyes suddenly narrowed.

"Nevertheless, even if I'm wrong and lost in the end, I will still take the same decision if the heavens would allow me to battle you in this stage once again!~"

Shirley blinked.

However, she knew that this woman was overly stuck up with honor, face and whatnot, just like her family elder Grand Elder Newgate Stein.

'Who am I kidding? Most of the people present here are like that...!' She shook her head and smiled.

"Well, then don't be disgruntled when I defeat you today..."

"We'll see about that..."

Top Disciple Verona Stein's undulations began to tremble while Shirley remained the same, not putting up any defenses like she previously had acted.

However, looking at these two beauties converse as their melodious voices reached their ears, it was rather obvious that these two gave each other some respect, perhaps due to being the only two female top disciples, at least until now as Esvele Zelte joined their ranks.

The referee who cast his glance at the two beauties from above nodded his head in satisfaction as his hand dropped.

"Let the battle begin!"

Almost as soon as the battle commenced, Top Disciple Verona Stein's figure flashed from her initial position, making it known that she chose to be aggressive in this fight rather than adopting a defensive stance. She rushed towards Shirley as if she had the intent to kill, but her undulations were steady, like the calm before the storm.

She neared Shirley within the range of two kilometers before a low murmur escaped her mouth.

"Domain~"

No fancy names came off from her mouth as a crimson force field expanded from her body, instantly reaching a kilometer in radius! The Supreme Domain bloomed as burning phoenix flames burst out like beautiful lotuses and other flowers, each having an extreme yet complex shape that made the spectators' scalps turn numb.

They felt if those flames ever caught them, they would be goners without a doubt!

The people were in a state of stupor as they saw her Supreme Domain reach one and a half kilometers and yet still not stop. It was already more powerful than what Top Disciple Vito Rein could form,

instantly establishing her superiority over him. It wasn't a fluke that her rank was greater than Top Disciple Vito Rein's, but it became an established fact as she was truly powerful at this moment.

However, when they saw it extend past the range of thousand and six hundred meters, finally reaching thousand and nine hundred meters wide in radius, they became utterly shocked because even Top Disciple Azzuren Rein was known to have summoned only a thousand and eight hundred meters radius domain.

Hssss!~

The crimson domain engulfed Shirley as Top Disciple Verona Stein closed the distance to a kilometer. Vines erupted from the empty space as if they were summoned from nothing. However, it was part of her domain, and the body of the vine was full of burning phoenix flames, scorching with intensity as it made its way to Shirley.

Shirley still didn't move. Her eyes curved into a smile as her iconic burning phoenix wings appeared behind her back and covered her in its embrace. The flaming vines neared her and surrounded Shirley's defensive technique in flames.

Bang!~ *Bang!~* *Bang!~*

The flaming vines whipped, tightened, and tried to pry open Shirley's defensive wings, but it was of no use as only the flames kept sizzling against and trying to wipe out each other.

Hsss!~

Abruptly, a lotus-shaped burning phoenix flame appeared above Shirley and fell on the embrace of her wings before it suddenly exploded!

Booom!~

A few more flaming lotuses fell as they simultaneously exploded as well, while Shirley seemed as if she could do nothing but defend!

Booom!~ *Booom!~* *Booom!~*

The crowd let out a gasp at the intensity of Top Disciple Verona Stein's attacks!

Top Disciple Azzuren Rein's eyes shone with a desirous glint when he realized that she was even more dazzling than him when he was in the Law Dominion Stage. Although it was just a hundred meters, it constituted a sea's worth of difference!

'Little brother, since your life jewels are already in danger, you don't need to recover. I shall make it permanently unusable. You are not worthy of taking Verona as your woman...' His eyes flashed in an insidious manner.

All he had to do was secretly poison his little brother's yang and impair his two kidneys, and his father, Grand Elder Valerian, would naturally support him in having all three women to himself.

His body trembled as he couldn't wait to have them all serve him as his women!

However, it was unlikely that the sect would allow for him to take all three of them, meaning that he probably had to forcefully take them, which he found challenging, not even faltering a bit as he loved challenges.

The Elders and Grand Elders had their eyes shining, nodding in approval to Top Disciple Verona Stein's prowess while some of them recalled that the last time Shirley displayed her Supreme Domain, it was also thousand and nine hundred meters in radius. This meant that these two top beauties now equaled in prowess, but Shirley still hadn't revealed her domain yet.

For all they knew, it might've reached two kilometers in radius, becoming the strongest Supreme Domain that a human could conjure!

Watching Shirley defend against the Top Disciple Verona Stein's domain with the burning phoenix flames she summoned, they impatiently began to wait for Shirley to reveal her true strength!

The explosion of the flaming lotus composed of burning phoenix flames seemed to have done nothing to Shirley as her wings uncovered a bit, revealing her lovely eyes.

"Stop using your favorite Crimson Burning Shade Wings Technique and take this battle seriously, Shirley. You know what I mean..."

Top Disciple Verona Stein uttered as her mouth curved into a smile.

"Oh, I am serious, at least, am going to be..."

Shirley nonchalantly replied to which Top Disciple Verona Stein had an amused smile behind her crimson veil.

"I don't know if you're careless or confident, but if you don't move, you'll be bound by my flaming vines while my flaming lotus would engulf you into purgatory. On that note, I thought of naming my domain Flowery Purgatory, but it felt so childish that I didn't dare to make myself a laughing stock."

"What do you think, Shirley?"

"Truly wonderful, and even the name is to my liking." Shirley replied with her brows raised, "Why didn't you use it? Who cares about the stinky men who think that all names should be domineering? I like this Flowery Purgatory, in how one would think that it is weak but, in truth, is incredibly strong in its ability to bind and burn, almost as if it were specifically created to trap and deal a killing blow without letting the enemy escape!"

Top Disciple Verona Stein looked genuinely surprised before she nodded, "I knew that we're the same, Shirley."

Looking at these two women talk instead of battling, everyone possessed perplexed and amused expressions on their faces. However, they still couldn't help but nod to Shirley's statement. The Flowery Purgatory was indeed a comical name, but when it looked uncanny and deadly enough to trap and burn, it no longer sounded comical but instead eerie and dangerous.

"Then, I won't hold back anymore!" Top Disciple Verona Stein's crimson eyes abruptly widened, "Take this, junior sister Shirley!"

Hundreds of lotuses and thousands of vines, all blazing with burning phoenix flames, suddenly came into existence as they shot towards Shirley! They were not an illusion but instantly conjured from the power of her domain! The lotuses were all several meters long and wide, while the vines stretched infinitely within the domain.

There seemed to be no end to them as the temperature rapidly rose in the battle stage, seeking to burn Shirley alive!

Shirley, who was defending against the previous vines and lotuses with the Crimson Burning Shade Wings Technique, looked at the incoming flowery onslaught. Her crimson lips curved into even more of a smile when she realized that she wouldn't get out scot-free from this attack and would incur severe damages.

"Truly, you have surpassed your previous self, senior sister Verona..."

A glint of respect shone in her eyes before her crimson lips moved as she let out a low mutter.

"Domain~"

Hmmm!~

A low hum resounded throughout the battle arena as another crimson domain bloomed into existence, overlapping with the pre-existing domain!

Everyone's eyes widened in excitement as they finally saw senior sister Shirley summon her domain.

Shirley waved her hand as her powerful burning phoenix flames burst into existence, instantly encountering the flaming vines and lotuses. However, as soon as the adversary flames clashed, the vines disintegrated, and the lotuses exploded into nothingness while Shirley's burning phoenix flames that took the form of many phoenixes overwhelmed the incoming attack and advanced in the skies like an army.

"Wha-!!!?"

The little burning phoenixes all made their way towards the dumbfounded Verona Stein in an instant before they all came to a stop as they surrounded her.

There was utter silence in the battle stage, which caused her voice to echo in the battle arena.

Top Disciple Verona Stein didn't put up any measures to defend as she looked at the encompassing domain that overwhelmed and encased hers within its range as it kept growing to a whopping four thousand meters radius domain! It covered almost one-third of the battle stage, causing her scalp to tingle in shock while her body trembled in inferiority!

"As I thought, Shirley really does have a Perfect Domain. No wonder her prowess remained abnormally strong while she didn't care to use her domain to counter others..."

"!!!"

Sect Master Lea Weiss's voice echoed in the battle arena, causing the dumbfounded people to come out of their reverie as they took in a deep breath of cold air!

Hsss!~

Boom!

There were instantly numerous people talking in excitement, having their undulations released at the same time that it created a low boom reverberating in the battle arena! They no longer seemed to care about the battle as they began discussing Shirley's Perfect Domain!

Chapter 1358: First In Law Dominion Stage Battles

The battle arena was full of uproar!

The entire space was filled with discussions regarding the legendary Perfect Domain, which the Burning Phoenix Ridge hadn't seen in well over fifty thousand years. However, the disciples had no idea about the significance as they continued to make up Perfect Domain to be something that came from myths as if it could twist heaven and earth.

They made it sound so exaggerated that a few knowledgeable disciples couldn't help but educate them. Various scenes like this could be seen playing out in all directions of the battle arena.

Even a few Elders seem to be ignorant, but they didn't shoot off their mouths and instead patiently listened to others pointing out the significance of a Perfect Domain.

Having a Perfect Domain meant that the cultivator has a ninety-nine percent chance to enter the Law Rune Stage, not to mention that they could make it to the Peak-Level without a doubt.

The Burning Phoenix Ridge had Peak-Level Law Rune Stage Powerhouses in its prime, but with the bloodline thinning-out problem continually wreaking havoc in their prowess, it was no longer the case. The only thing making them secure in this entire Territory were their Peak-Level Emperor Grade Formations placed in various strategic locations to protect the sect from the time the sect was established.

It ensured their survival along with the Karmic Treasures like the Grand Burning Phoenix Crown.

Therefore, one could see the significance of their top disciple forming a Perfect Domain. Not even their Sect Master Lea Weiss was said to have formed a Perfect Domain, so Top Disciple Shirley would undoubtedly become the most important person to the sect, only second to the Sect Master herself!

Top Disciple Verona Stein remained dumbfounded while she kept gazing at Shirley with her dilated crimson pupils. The realization that she had been thoroughly and utterly defeated had welled up in her heart and mind long ago, but she didn't care about that as she stared at Shirley in incredulity, finding it hard to digest that the woman who came not long after her not only surpassed her but had also formed the legendary Perfect Domain.

Even the middle-aged referee who had been calm and poised all this time was unable to maintain his composure. He looked at the beautiful crimson Perfect Domain, admiring its magnificence with all his soul before he inwardly praised its user. He came out of his reverie before his voice echoed out.

"Top Disciple Verona Stein, will you surrender?"

Top Disciple Verona Stein subconsciously nodded her head, whereupon Shirley dissolved her Perfect Domain as it compressed back to her dantian, the small phoenixes disappearing as if they never existed in the first place.

Many people reacted as if their wealth had been taken away. They reached out with their hands, wanting to see the magnificence of the Perfect Domain that they had never laid their eyes on for their entire lives.

As for the elders, they had only seen youths from the large-sized Territories possess such a monstrous domain, but finally, a member of their sect formed a Perfect Domain!

Some of them were even shedding tears of joy!

"Winner of the battle! Top Disciple Shirley!" The referee announced.

Ding!~

Shirley's name moved up to the seventh rank while Top Disciple Verona Stein's name dropped to the eighth place.

"!!!"

While the crowd began to become boisterous again, Shirley moved. She was about to leave when a voice echoed.

"Wait!"

Shirley simply turned to look at Top Disciple Verona Stein, waiting for the latter to arrange her chaotic thoughts.

"You... Congratulations..." Top Disciple Verona Stein's face looked complex, "You have far outstripped me in terms of prowess that I don't think I can ever catch up..."

"Of course. I never considered you my rival in the first place, Verona." Shirley haughtily replied.

Top Disciple Verona Stein's face changed as some spectators became silent to hear what they're talking about, with many more following suit. They couldn't believe what Top Disciple Shirley uttered.

"After all," Shirley's entrancing eyes smiled even more, "You were more like an elder sister to me than a rival. I thank you for taking care of me in the mini-realm for a while. It was fun while it lasted."

"...?"

Top Disciple Verona Stein's expression became confused, "You used your Perfect Domain on me but not on anyone else because...?"

"Not because I want to humiliate you..." Shirley shook her head, "But because I want to give the greatest respect senior sister deserves. The ones before were unworthy to face my domain!"

"Ohhhh!!!~"

The crowd let out an abundant sound of realization full of admiration for Shirley.

It was an invisible face slap for Top Disciple Vito Rein and the previous top disciples Shirley fought. Their expressions changed as they sat in their seats, but they didn't seem to say anything about it. Instead, their eyes were rather complex as they probably felt humbled.

Davis looked around and saw the many reactions that the people displayed. They were looking at Shirley as if she were an immortal fairy, and it was clear to him that she was undoubtedly the most important disciple of the sect now!

Looking at their reactions, he saw that their gazes were no longer desirous but were filled with awe and admiration. Indeed, when a person was too much out of their league, their desire turns into one of reverence or respect, further transforming their little bit of confidence to court into inferiority or humbleness.

Even the top disciples looked pretty taken aback as they looked like countryside goons admiring a princess in her castle from afar. However, one top disciple looked at Shirley with even more of a desirous light as he stood up.

'This Azzuren Rein genuinely wants to die by coveting my Shirley... Sigh, he gives me no other choice. Even if I search the deepest depths of my kind heart, I can't find the compassion that could let him live...'

Davis inwardly lamented as if he were sorry, but an odd smile appeared on his lips. He couldn't help but think that it had been a long time since he possessed this much killing intent towards someone but the way he hid it made him scared of himself.

Not a single trace of killing intent oozed out of Davis's eyes. It was so controlled and calm of him that nobody noticed anything disastrous from him.

Davis knew that this was because of Heart Intent.

Not only did it allow him to understand the perspectives of others through learning their emotions, but it also enabled him to remain relatively calm in the face of danger or even anger. It certainly was an advantage, not only making him feel and understand other people's perspectives.

Sometimes, he didn't even have to use Heart Intent but could feel their perspective from just looking at their movements, gestures, expressions, and other notable points. While Heart Intent may be a peculiar advantage, it was also a curse in how it wanted to influence his emotions while learning the emotions of others, making him feel rather sympathetic for them as that was who he was in nature.

However, sympathizing was certainly limited to people he had approved of, not to trash like Azzuren Rein. This was also a part of Heart Intent, meaning that he had to regulate his actions according to the truth of the matter and act accordingly to make progress in Heart Intent.

He had learned many things about Heart Intent in the Alstreim Family's Grand Library, garnering that for him to improve in this law intent, he had to understand more about himself and regulate his actions, understand the perspectives of other people and comprehend the reason for their actions.

However, it wasn't certainly restricted to these requirements as there was much more to Heart Intent than meets the eye.

"..."

Davis came out of his reverie as he saw Shirley returning towards him after all the clamor had died down. But even then, everyone's gaze was still on her, making her the brightly burning star of today. In the dusky night sky, she looked even more dazzling and sumptuous.

She arrived beside him and sat, turning to look at him as she raised her red-colored brows.

"What's wrong...? You didn't praise me this time...?"

Davis couldn't help but blink.

He had already praised her three times already, but she wants a fourth praise? Wasn't she tired of being praised by him?

That was what he thought, but his Heart Intent instantly caught her expectant ruby-like eyes and made him garner that she was craving for it regardless of how many times he may have praised her, further making him understand that it wasn't the praise that she craved but the words he could offer her!

"Shirley, I want to bed you right now..."

"Wha-?!"

Shirley turned her head away as her ears became bright red, and as expected, many people noticed her peculiarity, but even then, they were too entranced to notice that she was speaking with her protector through soul transmission.

Shirley obviously knew that they couldn't do something like that now, especially when he was here in his soul body. However, his blatant and bold words made her heart skip a beat regardless of how she denied that they couldn't do it at this point in time.

Furthermore, it made her deeply realize how much he desired her right now, and she couldn't describe how she felt, but she felt that it was incredibly fulfilling!

"Don't be foolish... I am not satisfied yet. I'm not satisfied with my... Perfect Domain...! It hasn't reached the radius of five kilometers yet!"

Shirley stuttered to form sentences even in her soul transmission.

Davis became utterly flabbergasted at her words that he couldn't help but wryly smile.

"Shirley... forming a Perfect Domain is already enough in terms of prowess and securing growth potential to form even better law seas and runes, but more than that is purely for increasing prowess. It isn't that importa-"

"Hmph! What do you know!?" Shirley looked back at him but slightly lowered her head, not matching gaze with him.

"I'm assured that you will form a five-kilometer radius Perfect Domain! So how can I afford to relax? I need to stay closer to you, or else I'm going to find myself overtaken by you in Essence Gathering Cultivation as well!"

"...!"

Chapter 1359: Forcefully Taken

Looking at Shirley sulk adorably, Davis was taken aback while the reply he kept in his mind was blown away.

He really couldn't argue when she said that she wanted to stick with him. However, he also couldn't help but feel that there was little need for Shirley to push herself too far.

Shirley's Perfect Domain was not a bit more than two or two and a half or three kilometers in radius but reached four kilometers, which was already stronger than most Perfect Domains the talented youths in large-sized Territories could've possibly formed according to Davis's current knowledge!

He hadn't heard much, but surely, the difference between a three-kilometer Perfect Domain and a four-kilometer Perfect Domain was vast enough to form a significant discrepancy, making it capable for the larger-sized domain to suppress the smaller-sized domain.

Of course, domains could always be condensed into a small range to increase their potency so as to withstand a higher-level domain. Still, when the higher-level domain also compresses, it is possible to keep the status quo of suppression on the previously weaker domain. Hence, the bigger the domain one could expand, the stronger their domain would be in terms of pure prowess.

That was the consensus among ancient scholars and also the current verified reality.

Shirley was already fairly strong. No, she was stronger than most youths in the entire Fifty-Two Territories if he could exaggerate a bit. Yet, she still wanted to improve.

He could understand her motivation, so he couldn't say for her to stop, but her expectations for him made him wryly smile as well.

A five-kilometer radius Perfect Domain?

'That's the most perfect... Perfect Domain...!' He inwardly cried.

Who did she think he was?

On top of having to fuse fire and lightning before forming a five-kilometer radius Perfect Domain, he might have to strain his back, bend his legs, drop his arms and lower his head in exhaustion. He didn't have the confidence nor the resources to form such an infallible Perfect Domain.

'Wait a minute... With the Ashen Dawn Herb, it just might be possible...'

Davis reeled in his fantasies as he recalled this fabled herb that would help him comprehend till Level Nine Intent, but of course, he knew that it wouldn't be that simple.

There were so many complications.

Furthermore, he had to succeed on the first try upon entering the Law Dominion Stage and consuming the herb to make it work, or else, the only way was to reform the domain, but that was harder than succeeding on the first try.

He stared at Shirley, wondering how she could tell that he could possibly form a five-kilometer Perfect Domain when he himself wasn't sure of it. However, her belief in him made him not want to disappoint her fantasies and further boosted his own motivation to form a Perfect Domain at that level.

"Thank you..." Davis suddenly opened his mouth.

"Huh... why?" Shirley turned to look at him amidst the clamor, wondering why she was thanked in confusion.

Davis sent a soul transmission, "I felt like forming a Perfect Domain was enough to proceed through as I said, but after seeing your tenacity, I changed my mind. I'll aim for the utmost prowess I could reach."

Shirley blinked before she deeply smiled, "You're welcome..."

Davis couldn't help but chuckle as he shook his head.

"!!!"

Soon, the entire battle arena began to celebrate, raising cheers and releasing their burning phoenix flames fireworks to celebrate the birth of a top disciple who formed a Perfect Domain. Even the referee and the Sect Master didn't say anything to this interruption as they watched the uproar with smiles.

Right now, the entire sect felt fortunate!

Shirley watched all this while feeling that she was in another world. She was the center of attention, but when Davis was together with her, right beside her, she felt all the more heartened and joyous at this moment. Perhaps, she would not have dared shown her Perfect Domain without him encouraging her as it was a double-edged sword.

She would get more protection, but she would also encounter many dangers as opposed to before. However, with Davis beside her, she felt like nothing could happen to her, making her feel incredibly safe. Even though he was in his soul body, not dying in reality even if he was killed while she could be absolutely killed, she didn't doubt him at all.

Her faith in him was that extraordinary, without logic and evidence.

Love was blind... She profoundly realized that as she turned to look at him, his real face overlapping with his disguised face in her perspective.

Soon, the competition came to an end with a closing speech by Grand Elder Newgate Stein.

Everyone began to disperse, having bright smiles on their faces as they witnessed the extraordinary Perfect Domain. Elders came down to personally congratulate her after the top disciples congratulated her.

Davis even saw Elder Karlheinz Strom. That poor chap didn't even notice him.

Nevertheless, noticing the long queue forming, it was not long before the Elders decided to congratulate her together.

"Congratulations on forming the Perfect Domain, Top Disciple Shirley Ashton!~"

Their voices reverberated like a clap of thunder, causing a boom to echo everywhere as it almost shook the battle arena itself. Their bodies experienced a vibration as if they lightly shook.

Shirley became rather flabbergasted before she wryly giggled, understanding that she now became the sect's treasure. But treasures were coveted, so she really didn't feel proud or overjoyed and only nodded her head in response as she clasped her hands.

Next, the Grand Elders arrived, but...

Davis grabbed Shirley's hands and took off!

"!!!?"

Everyone looked at them leave with dumbfounded expressions on their faces, while even Shirley seemed astonished as her eyes went wide.

"Stop! What do you think you are doing!?"

Grand Elders appeared before Davis and Shirley, stopping him from leaving as they glared at him as if he were a mortal enemy.

"Not letting Shirley encounter danger, of course..."

"Wha-!?"

The Grand Elders absolutely became incensed. They were all here with the intent to congratulate Shirley and protect her from any adversities from now on, but her protector told them that they were the danger?

"How atrocious! Elder Chu Feng, you must publically issue an apology for rudely behaving with Top Disciple Shirley! This isn't your home for you to take her away like that but the Burning Phoenix Ridge! Shirley Ashton is the most esteemed top disciple here, and from now on, her very presence demands extreme respect only second to the Sect Master!"

That Grand Elder with those shrewd crimson eyebrows uttered with a stern expression on his face.

"That's right... Take your hands off her, you old man...!"

Top Disciple Azzuren Rein shot a cold look at Davis as he uttered. However, Davis didn't bother to look at Top Disciple Azzuren Rein as he did not move his gaze from the Grand Elders blocking his path.

"Shirley, was I rude?"

"No... Take me back to my crimson palace, Elder Chu Feng. I'm tired..."

Shirley instantly answered as she shook her head with closed eyes, causing the Grand Elders' faces to change as they became twisted in humiliation.

This... wasn't this a direct slap to their faces!?

Davis oddly smiled as if he were an alpha male and took Shirley away as he flew over them, towering across them as he made his way to the exit.

Everyone just kept looking without doing anything. The Grand Elders and Elders didn't dare to do so as Top Disciple Shirley gave her consent. There was literally nothing they could do about this Elder Chu Feng unless they were forceful about it. However, today was a felicitous day, and they didn't dare to slight Shirley at this moment.

It was remarkably the case as Grand Elder Valerian was absent while Sect Master Lea Weiss and the elders in her camp simply stood by and watched them with judging eyes. If they dared to make a move, the consequences were quite imaginable.

Top Disciple Azzuren Rein looked on with an extremely cold gaze. His face was a bit ugly to see someone else other than him grab Shirley like that and take her away as if she belonged to them.

Esvele and Freya were the only ones to follow them back as they neared them. The former's black eyes were practically shining as she looked at her idol, while the little girl looked overjoyed as she danced in the skies before transforming into a Burning Phoenix, simply flying around them while releasing her phoenix cries.

As they left the battle arena without trouble, Davis shot a look back and chuckled at them all.

"...!"

It instantly caused their expressions to change, but then again, they still stayed their hands despite the provocation. Even after Elder Chu Feng turned around and left, Sect Master Lea Weiss did not utter a word. So it was rather obvious that she tacitly allowed this to happen.

In the deafening silence that was the current Burning Phoenix Ridge, Davis and the others made it back to Shirley's crimson palace without encountering trouble.

Esvele was practically going to scream in joy for Shirley, but looking at how they only had eyes for each other, she wryly smiled and pulled Freya out of the way as she left the entrance towards another place.

Both Davis and Shirley held each other's hand. They did not release it even after stepping into the crimson palace, heading deeper before arriving in the main hall.

Shirley noticed Esvele's concern, but her face was rather blushing in embarrassment. The whole way, she could feel her heart abnormally beating, knowing that this was the feeling of romance that she expected to experience.

She bit her lips lightly before it moved.

"Davis..."

"What...?"

"You caught me off-guard... That was exhilarating..." Shirley's small fingers shook in his hold, "I didn't think that I would be able to humiliate those Grand Elders who are in Grand Elder Valerian's side like that... It felt extremely refreshing!"

"Hehe... How can I let those old foggies disturb you? Sect Master Lea Weiss's camp is still a bit okay as I think Sect Master Lea Weiss doesn't mean any harm with how she changed the rules to protect you, but I will continue to doubt her until I understand her reasons to help you."

"I've already noticed who and are all in Valerian's camp, so if I see them coming near you, I'm going to be extra careful. I've just made them aware that they are seen as threats and should not near you anymore. If they don't get the message, then they're truly begging to die..."

"Therefore, while I may let Sect Master Lea Weiss's camp near you, I'm not going to let anyone in Valerian's camp near you as I can't afford to lose you."

"Why...?" Shirley blinked, "I mean, there's no need to go overboard in protecting me inside the sect, right? At this point, I think that I would only encounter danger outside the sect as my status isn't the same before. If I'm not wrong, Sect Master would also assign two Grand Elders as my protectors rather than one like she said before."

"You are right..."

Davis looked at her with clear eyes before his gaze wandered.

"However, the last time I took Evelynn to your city telling her that I would protect her, my carelessness cost her an arm."

With a determined gaze, he stared back at her again, "I won't let that mistake repeat again, Shirley."

Shirley's ruby-like pupils trembled as she lowered her head, "I'm sorry..."

"Hey, wait...!" Davis shook his head, "I'm not jabbing at you for that matter-"

"No, I didn't mean that as we're past it already. When I meant sorry, I meant..." Shirley's eyes turned moist as her crimson lips opened and, "I'm sorry that I questioned you for going too far to protect me..."

Davis couldn't help but smile at her as he instantly saw through her pause.

"Don't worry about it. On the other hand, I know that you're likely worried about getting me killed, but that isn't a matter to worry about. I can create these soul bodies as much as I want. It only requires me a few weeks or a month at max, so don't be ever sad if I get killed here. But of course, you can act sad to fool the enemies. Hahaha..."

Davis wryly laughed, trying to cheer her up.

Shirley sniffled as she bit her lips and smiled, "Don't die, stupid... I don't want to see such a scene. I'd rather leave with you right now than witness your death no matter what form it may be..."

"!!!"

Davis couldn't help himself and embraced Shirley as he wrapped his arms around her waist as he held her close, utilizing his Fire Laws to make her feel the warmth as if she were holding the real him. Shirley became taken aback before she felt secure, loved, and cherished.

This feeling... It just felt too damn good on the level of the soul if she were to describe it!

However, Davis suddenly separated from her while looking annoyed.

"Damn... She's here again..!"

Shirley looked dumbfounded before she recalled.

"Sect Master Lea Weiss..."

Chapter 1360: Rely On Me

Davis and Shirley looked at the narrow pathway that led to this main hall. They possessed exasperated faces, all because the Sect Master interrupted their romantic moment once again.

Soon, the Sect Master's lovely figure became visible. She floated towards them, her two feet just an inch away from the artistically tiled floor of the pathway. Stopping right before them a few meters away, she didn't respond for a while as she just kept looking at Shirley.

"Sect Master...?"

Shirley asked with a confused expression on her face. She had already removed her crimson veil after entering the crimson palace, so her beautiful face was plain to be seen.

"Shirley, you really don't place me in your eyes, do you?"

Shirley's expression instantly changed into a wry one.

"Sect Master, I-"

"If you did, you would've already informed me that you had formed the Perfect Domain." Sect Master Lea Weiss shook her head as she interrupted, her expression hidden behind her crimson veil, but her closed eyes appeared disappointed.

Shirley kept her wry smile.

It was imperative of disciples to inform the elders or their closest and trustable elders if they had made an improvement so that they could be treated with certain unique privileges according to the level in their improvements, but she kept it hidden.

She really couldn't find any excuses to make a comeback because all else seemed like nothing but vain excuses.

"In any case, I'm not here to talk about that." Sect Master Lea Weiss opened her crimson eyes as it lightly smiled, "Congratulations on forming the Perfect Domain, Shirley. You have surpassed my Supreme Domain and stepped into a higher realm of your current Law Dominion Stage cultivation. Without a doubt, you can reach the Peak-Level Law Rune Stage with the resources of our sect, that is, if you were poured with everything we have to nurture you."

Her voice sounded rather joyful, very different from the indifferent or cold voice they had heard before.

However, before Shirley could even thank Sect Master Lea Weiss, the latter's smile faded from her eyes.

"It hadn't even been fifteen minutes yet since you revealed that you have a Perfect Domain, but you're already in seventh place on the kill list of the wicked path. It's pretty ironic because you reached the same place in the competition today."

"..."

"Haha..."

Shirley couldn't help but wryly laugh at Sect Master Lea Weiss's words.

She was placed seventh on the kill list? The last time she saw it, wasn't she somewhere around the three hundred?

"Shirley, is your life a joke to you?"

Sect Master Lea Weiss's voice changed, suddenly becoming solemn.

"Do you know about the recently emerged Dragon Queen? She's ranked third in the wicked path's kill list, but no one from the wicked path dares to offend her because the Dragon Families are behind her. Any power that attacks her will likely face the wrath of the four great Dragon Families while you have only us."

"The Dragon Families have Peak-Level Ninth Stage Powerhouses while we don't. I'm a bit embarrassed to say that we only possess a bit of power to protect you if you go outside the sect. Therefore, from now on, if it isn't for your cultivation, you are not allowed to go outside without three Grand Elders protecting you, you understand?"

Shirley blinked, "Sect Master, why did you bring up that Dragon Queen Isabella now?"

Sect Master Lea Weiss looked dissatisfied at receiving no answer, but she gently sighed as her crimson lips moved behind her veil.

"Not only have the four great Dragon Families surrounded the Alstreim Family Territory to protect Dragon Queen Isabella, but they also have her surrounded so that she wouldn't be able to escape. At least, it seems like that from what I've heard. However, those four families, judging by their movements that seem cautious of each other, it is already obvious that Dragon Queen Isabella is not a part of them but someone they're trying to recruit for her unique prowess. In other words, you and she are the same in terms of uniqueness."

Davis heard Sect Master Lea Weiss's words clear and well. Even though he was still with Evelyn in the bed, he was already aware that these pricks from the Dragon Families had congregated on the other side of the three Territory Gates.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim had already informed him, but they didn't seem to enter for some reason, and perhaps as Sect Master Lea Weiss mused, they were really unable to come to a consensus and decided to wait those few months for Isabella's closed-door cultivation to end.

His lips couldn't help but turn into an imperceptible curve as he couldn't tell if they were fools or smart.

After all, Isabella wasn't here in any case!

If they were to force themselves in and find out that she wasn't here, their change in their expressions would turn out to be quite a spectacle, or so he mused. However, with the pride they possess, it is unknown if they would take their anger out on the Alstreim Family, but they would definitely take him hostage instead of killing him to smoke out Isabella.

Reasonably, he felt that the situation didn't spiral out and was still in his control. Otherwise, the Dragon Families would've made a move already. If they didn't, then that meant that they were still fighting to decide to whom among the four Isabella would belong.

Honestly, it disgusted him so much that he wanted to kill them to make them know not to think about his Isabella, but that would undoubtedly ignite a war instead, which he probably could not handle and would ruin the plans he had placed in stone for him and his family to steadily grow.

He slightly turned his head to look at Shirley, feeling fortunate since he knew that she asked about Isabella to make him know about the situation back at the Alstreim Family.

"I see..." Shirley let out a sigh, but she knew that this would happen one way or another.

"Consequently, you and Dragon Queen Isabella will now be at the center of attention. You will also receive many marriage proposals from other powers like I received when I was about to become the Sect Master, but if you don't like rejecting them all by yourself, the Burning Phoenix Ridge will be happy to reject those proposals for you."

"Tear those proposals right in front of their faces, please..."

Shirley oddly smiled.

"Hehehe~"

A peal of melodious laughter escaped from Sect Master Lea Weiss, catching Davis and Shirley off guard as they blinked their eyes. They couldn't believe that they made her laugh.

"I like you because I did the same, but there are a few powers where we could not tell them bluntly like that. The four great righteous hegemony and the four great dragon families. They might also ask your hand in marriage, rather strongly, so it is up to you to reject them as the sect can't be rude to them."

Shirley became annoyed before she blinked, her gaze becoming rather stern.

"Sect Master, could it be that I don't have independence in who I choose as my cultivation partner?"

"Of course not." Sect Master Lea Weiss shook her head, "The Vermilion Bird's natural disposition may be stern and honorable, but the Fire Phoenix is dignified and cares deeply about love. The sect allows you freedom in choosing your cultivation partner, but it also has the requirement of choosing someone within the sect. However, it's not compulsory but still encouraged, perhaps even enforced sometimes in the name of the bloodline thinning-out problem."

"However, you're under my care, so I won't let the elders abuse you. You can rest assured, Shirley."

Shirley appeared to release a sigh of relief.

"I thank Sect Master for caring deeply about me. However, I still have my own protector... So-"

She shrugged, feeling that Sect Master Lea Weiss would get her meaning.

"Is your protector really a Ninth Stage Powerhouse?"

Sect Master Lea Weiss narrowed her beautiful eyes while she didn't bother to look at Davis.

"Even if your protector is a Ninth Stage Powerhouse, I apologize beforehand, but I can't have a mere soul body responsible for protecting you because I don't trust your protector even if you do. Moreover, even if he doesn't harm you himself, he is still incapable of protecting you as a soul-body in my eyes."

"Any Grand Elder can take him out with a wave of their hand, and yet he was arrogant enough to provoke them and shrewd enough to know that I would interfere to help you."

"I don't like him, and I don't particularly appreciate being used either. Moreover, killing a soul body doesn't mean that the cultivator would die. Therefore, I almost feel like he is hiding behind me rather than protecting you."

Shirley possessed a wry expression on her face.

Sect Master Lea Weiss obviously didn't know about Davis's secret and terrifying killing method, so it was understandable that she would think that way, but what was she trying to say? That her protector, that her man was a coward?

She felt vaguely pissed off as she maintained a smile.

"On the other hand, if your protector brought his main body here, I cannot allow him to stay with you for your own safety. Shirley, unless he's your father or grandfather, I really do not recommend letting any man stay near you."

Sect Master Lea Weiss absolutely didn't give Davis any face as she spoke bluntly.

'Duh, he's my man!~' Shirley inwardly screamed, but she didn't say it out loud.

Instead, she acted as if she was contemplating over it.

Sect Master Lea Weiss frowned as she looked at Shirley's indecisive expression.

Even after telling her all this, she was still counting on this Elder Chu Feng to protect her?

She felt a headache.

Her sect was blessed with such a good seedling, and yet, she can't understand that people took advantage by getting into her comfort zone?

Many female disciples had their chastity taken advantage of like that, whether their uncle or some other relative promised to protect them. She had seen it many times in the few thousands of years she lived and was sick of it.

Looking at the little chick who knew nothing of the cruel world, she sighed.

"My Burning Phoenix died to protect me, and I refined her blood essence to make myself stronger. It was her wish that I do not waste her death. It was cruel of her, of what she made me do, but now, I understand what she meant when she said that I should live no matter what."

Shirley blinked her eyes in a snap.

What...? What was this about? It was so sudden that she couldn't understand what Sect Master meant!

"Sect Master, wh-"

"Shirley, you can rely on your Burning Phoenix but not this man or me!~"

Sect Master Lea Weiss turned to stare at Davis.

"However, your Burning Phoenix hasn't matured yet. Hence, you can only rely on me. Trust me, Shirley. If I wanted to take advantage of you, I would've done it long ago."

Davis also kept staring at Sect Master Lea Weiss as he heard her speak.

Shirley looked at them with her head buzzing in headache.

No matter what she might answer, it was clear that she would offend one of them!