HEAVEN, EARTH, ME

Chapter 11

One month later

'I have already broken through the ninth level and the half-step and have enough energy to do the last charge and enter the Body Modification realm. The problem is the phantoms of the inheritance. The heavenly tribulation will also get stronger no matter how strong I become. Here is the dilemma, being stronger before a major advancement will make you stronger, in the long run, so weakening myself before the tribulation will backfire....'

After thinking for a while, she said, "Well, if the Heavenly tribulation will become deadly no matter how strong I am. I rather become the strongest I can on each realm, right?"

After deciding that, she went toward a nearby maid and said, "Tell my mother and Dr. Ava that I will enter close door cultivation and gather all the energy I can before advancing."

The maid bowed and answered, "Yes, miss!".

Yasenia put on her kimono and sat in her cultivation room as the sunset approached. Because of her need for light from the sky, the room walls and roof were made of glass! This glass had enchantments and formations to help gather energy.

She didn't cultivate in an open space because the rain and wind would hinder her cultivation in the Dantian and Merdian creation realm. She needed absolute concentration while creating her meridians. This time she didn't want to stop until reaching advancement.

Three days later, clouds started to gather atop Yasenias cultivation room. The staff of the house, feeling the change in the atmosphere, got into action like a well-oiled machine. They formed a perimeter around Yasenia's room and took out their weapons.

Oliver was already grown-up and three years older than Yasenia; with a 178cm tall body, he inherited his father Richard's build, being neither too muscular nor too slim. His eyes were like his mother's with a piercing blue color.

Although he has also entered the cultivation path, his tribulation has been normal, and his attributes are also incomparable to that of Yasenia being Ice and water.

He was at the third level of the Body Modification realm. His second tribulation had three normal lighting strikes, which was very hard for him. When he heard that Yasenia received three strikes and the strikes as powerful as his when reaching a higher realm, he transformed into the number one fan-boy of Yasenia.

Now sensing the strength of the tribulation cloud, he couldn't help but swallow. His mother, Dr. Ava, who was near him, looked at him with an amused face. 'Let's see how he reacts when the seniors appear.'

As Dr. Ava said, when the bicolor clouds finished gathering, the phantoms of the two seniors appeared, sending pressure to every living being within a 10 km radius.

They sensed the energy gathered by Yasenia and felt that it was the maximum possible; the female senior spoke in praise with a smile on her face. "I see that our threat didn't weaken your will. Remember, in the cultivation path; there aren't shortcuts! Although I can't reward you for having a firm heart, know that you have my support from now on!"

The male, however, didn't seem to be completely satisfied. "Your heart is indeed firm against adversity, but remember that tragedy is also a big step that most cultivators can't overcome. The loss of a loved one, the loss of a teacher or a friend. Having your treasures stolen or being isolated from your group because of differences in birth conditions. Remember, even when any of this happens, having a clear mind and not rushing blindly in the cycle of revenge and hatred is what makes a cultivator's heart truly strong!"

Every single person listening to his word couldn't help but have a realization! All of them, including Yasenia, bowed and said, "Thank you, senior, for your guidance!"

"Prepare yourself, little girl. This time, they are nine strikes!" *RUMBLE* The first strike was as thick as two needles. Yasenia calmly slapped the lighting bolt with her tail receiving zero injuries. She looked up but didn't relax; this was just the beginning.

The next strike was as thick as a finger! Yasenia focused her energy on her tail and spun her waist, using the momentum to slash at the lighting bolt with her short-sword tail-tip *Bang!* The tail was repelled, but she didn't receive any injuries.

The next two lightning bolts descended simultaneously with the same finger width! Yasenia took her giant sword from her back and slashed with all her strength at the two bolts *Bang!* The strength from the two bolts made her kneel. Their energy rampaged inside her body and was too much to absorb this time. This resulted in burns on her skin.

The next two lighting bolts also came at the same time, this time with the width of two fingers each. Yasenia thought fast and took the handle of her sword with her tail, spun her waist, slashing the two lightning bolts! *BANG!* Her tail couldn't maintain the sword's grip, and the electric energy was too

much, stiffening her muscles! The lightning's strength sent the sword flying, and her tail struck the ground hard, making her grunt in pain.

Seeing this time three lighting bolts charging in the clouds, she thought for a moment and opened her seductive lips with a smile "[Presence of the celestial bodies]."

A golden and silvery glow appeared around her with white lights flying around like white fireflies! Her golden slit eyes with a tinge of red looked at the sky as she challenged "Come!"

The three lighting bolts descended, and she concentrated everything in her defensive light coat. The white lights gathered into one and managed to stop one bolt, consuming almost half of her total energy, while the silver and golden glow intercepted the other two consuming the rest of her energy! The remains of the lightning bolt struck directly into her body, charring a large part of her skin, making her grit her teeth so as to not make any noises. She successfully passed her tribulation.

The two seniors nodded and said simultaneously, "You have challenged the heavens and survived! Inheritor, I hope you don't lose sight of the road below your feet while growing stronger."

Yasenia, even with her injured body, bowed and answered with a hoarse voice, "Thank you for your guidance, seniors!"

Then she straightened, and after the seniors disappeared, she slumped forward powerlessly. Tatyana who has been watching disappeared from her spot and caught her before completely falling. "Good job Yasenia. Sleep, when you wake up, you will be as good as new."

Yasenia responded with a soft "En" and embraced the sweet unconsciousness.

The people who didn't see the previous tribulation were awestruck, and Oliver was just there with an open mouth, unable to process what had happened. Dr. Ava slapped his back and then went forward to help with the treatment of Yasenia.

Another three days passed, and Yasenia, Tatyana, Oliver, Richard, Anna, and Eve were at the mansion door. Tatyana spoke first, "Since you are already in the Body Modification realm, it is time for you to leave the nest and start your journey."

Although Tatyana really wanted to raise Yasenia at home, this would only make her become like those greenhouse flowers. To become better one must suffer adversity. Moreover, they have a lot of time to be together when Yasenia becomes stronger.

Furthermore, she can go visit her from time to time at the academy. Yasenia couldn't help but have slightly misty eyes, she took two steps forwards and hugged her mother strongly with their height difference of 15 cm she was able to bury Tatyana's head between her breast "I will miss you mom"

Tatyana just buried her head and took a deep breath. "Be careful, I have given you some life-saving treasures in your spatial ring, but they will only work towards those that are more than one whole realm above you and inside the mortal realm. Even if your mom is strong, do not offend a lot of people, remember that humiliation is seen almost as bad as crippling for some seniors, so they are very protective of their young. There are also some healing pills and concealing formations inside the ring. Also-"

Yasenia cut right there, saying with an exasperated smile yet tender gaze, "En, I know, you have repeated this like ten times during these three days already." Then she looked around and saw that nobody was looking. She gave her mom a light kiss. "I love you, mom."

Tatyana smiled happily and said, "En, I love you too, Love."

Yasenia turned, using the soft tail and scales to caress Tatyana's cheeks. "Big bro! Did you finish saying goodbye?"

Oliver responded with a snort, "Unlike someone else, who takes forever. Do you think my old man is as nagging as your mother?"

Richard slapped the back of his head and said, "Listen to the miss on the road; she is stronger than you, and she is also very insightful!"

Oliver responded with exaggerated gestures! "Old man, can you not say the obvious? Some as strong as little sis can almost fight a whole realm above her! Am I, Oliver, someone like that?"

All of them chuckled and then Oliver and Yasenia mounted the carriage. Anna and Eva took the driver positions, and they departed.

Seeing the carriage disappearing in the distance Tatyana couldn't help but feel a little empty. 'Nineteen years ago, she was born. Now nineteen years have passed and my child has already started her baby steps to transform into a real cultivator. How short are nineteen years for me? Just like a minute to a mortal, fleeting yet, my little treasure has made a mark that I don't think I could erase even if another 10000 years were to pass.'

Then with an eerily calm face, she thought, 'Yasenia, if your challenges are from people of your same generation, I won't interfere, but If someone from the senior generations dares touch you... I will make them regret living under these heavens!'

Then she turned and entered the house to prepare for her own travel.

One month later, while they were camping on the forest road, Yasenia's group heard a slight rustling sound from the side. Anna and Eve didn't move and let it approach. Right now, they were training Yasenia and Oliver with real beasts. Unless the threat is too high for them, they never warn nor help against them.

Yasenia was already getting up, unsheathing her giant sword. She looked towards the bushes and waited for the beast to appear. Right now, she was wearing her [Blood flower spirit] cultivation robes. She prepared herself with the giant sword in one hand and her tail lazily swishing.

The beast that approached was a rank two beast. It had the appearance of a Komodo dragon. However, it was two and a half meters tall and had an impressive eight meters from head to the end of its tail. Its attribute being earth, they had a very high defensive power even for a rank two beast. Its attacks have natural poison that can even kill Mental Nourishing realm practitioners.

Yasenia leaned forward, straightened her tail behind her, and shot forward like a cannonball! Using the counterweight of her tail, she was almost parallel to the ground.

When they were about to clash, Yasenia slapped the ground with her tail, and using her legs; she launched herself upwards dodging the claw strike of the Komodo dragon. Yasenia covered her sword with energy and spun her body in the air, slashing toward its back. The sword cut through the beast's tough hide, creating a large gash on its back.

Yasenia frowned, 'it didn't cut the spine. His defensive power is higher than I expected.'

And as she expected, the next thing she saw after landing was its tail coming towards her like a whip. Having already anticipated this move, she hardened

her tail to the maximum and blocked the strike with the black-scaled part. The strength of the lash made her step back five times, pushing back five steps.

After regaining balance, she charged again against it and did a vertical strike to the head, and the komodo answered with a claw.

Bang!

The Komodo dragon barely blocked it because of the weight and speed behind the slash. The strike lowered his head, which made Yasenia smile.

While smiling, she changed her tail tip to spear-like and thrust toward one of the eyes, piercing it deeply before the beast could react.

"Roar!"

While the beast was roaring in pain, she changed her tail tip to the barbed tip and took it out of the cavity together with a lot of flesh and brain matter, killing the Komodo dragon instantly.