

# Beyond Love Existence

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took a deep breath and returned to his normal calm self and continued "Sorry, I did not mean that, I just got worried for you... That is all" Ling Chang looked at him with shiny eyes and did not reply but returned her sword to its place by her side.

Hui Chen looked at her like he was uncertain of what just had happened even he had seen her rage before. "Take the bodies and throw them inside this burning building, we cannot leave them here or they might track us" Hui Wen said with a calm voice and started to remove the first while Jun Chen handle the rest as they knew without saying it that they needed a guard. The smoke got thicker and thicker, making the it like walking at night with the flames from the houses lighting up the place like torches. Suddenly a horse is heard and by a quick movement and pure luck they manage to get out of its path without getting noticed as the rider continues down the street and soon out of sight. "That was close" Hui Wen says as they reappear. "Guess we better walk near the houses to be safe even that heat from the burning houses might be unbearable" He continued before Ling Chang broke in. "What about the mason and my teacher?" It flew out of her mouth, making both Jun Chen and Hui Wen look at her with serious eyes before they turned defeated and they one by one turned back at her. "Did I say something wrong?" Ling Chang continued as she was not sure what was going on but the two men continued to walk like she were not there before it suddenly hit her what was going on and again the words flew out of her mouth. "We have to save them" and even that the words came fast, her mind was made up on it. Hui Wen turned around against her and his eyes was as defeated as before and with a almost silence voice he replied "We have already walked past their homes, you might not have recognised it because of the flames coming from them so I am sorry but we are too late" Ling Chang could feel sadness trying to control her like when she had to leave her mother at home but she wanted to show Hui Wen, she had become strong doing the time they had been in the town so she kept her actions as normal as possible but Jun Chen continued. "I can see right thought you, so no need to act up.. I am sorry that we did not get there in time but lets us focus on saving Jiang Chen" Ling Chang did not know what to say so she just nodded without changing her facial expressions.

They continued walking deeper into the town and soon they reach the walls surrounding the palace, they knew that Gang Chen was living inside but there was too many soldiers outside for them to just enter without revealing themselves so good ideas was needed. Ling Chang was the first to opened the mouth. "I am a girl so I can" More did she not managed to say before Jun Chen broke in and

almost revealed them on his own. “No, we are not sending you inside the most dangerous place in this town... Am I right Hui Wen?” Hui Wen had been too focus on the guards patrolling nearby to listen to either Ling Chang or Jun Chen so his reply was completely random. “Yes, we need to find a way in... Maybe we can use Ling Chang?” He said as he turned around and looked at the others. Ling Chang was smiling and Jun Chen was already getting angry but he managed to stay calm “Not saying that you are an old foul but did you even hear what we was talking about?” Jun Chen asked and looked at Hui Wen who tried to hide that he had not but still replied “No matter if I have heard it or not, we need to get someone on the other side of those walls so we can save Jiang Chen and if the only way is to send in Ling Chang then we most or do you not want to save your father anymore?” Jun Chen looked at him and to a deep breath before trying to stay calm while answering. “Right, if you say so but we don’t even know if he is in there” Ling Chang wanted to reply that but Hui Wen replied first. “That is a good reason why we only send Ling Chang inside as if we reveal ourselves in attempt to find him, we will have an entire army on our backs and then we don’t have many places to go” Jun Chen looked at him and then at Ling Chang who was closed to burst of joy that Hui Wen would send her on such an important mission. “Fine” Jun Chen said before turning against Ling Chang “But be careful” he said while looking directly into her eyes. Jun Chen just smiled and replied “Of course, but I need some privacy to get ready as I do not look very girly this way” and pointed at her clothes which was mostly traveling clothes. Ling Chang took forward her backpack and walked around a house to hide herself for the men and quickly she returned far more female than before, making Jun Chen losing his jaw before focusing himself on the mission. “Now I am ready” Ling Chang said while blossom a bit at the sight of Jun Chen’s reaction “You look good” Jun Chen managed to say before Hui Wen broke in. “Yes, you do, but you have to focus on the mission now... You go inside a look around to figure out where the emperor is before return here ALIVE” His looked very serious and Ling Chang tried to smile before nodding and started to run against the gate to the palace. Jun Chen and Hui Wen followed behind while staying hidden to prevent Ling Chang’s cover from being blown. “Were have all that beauty been while we have been here” It flew out of Jun Chen’s mouth as they watched her getting closer to the guard. Hui Wen looked at Jun Chen before returning his focus at Ling Chang “I do not know, but for now we need to be ready at the slightest indication of things going wrong” but just as the words left his mouth, the guard had allowed Ling Chang to enter before closing the gate behind her. Ling Chang could not help her eyes grow big

as she entered the garden inside the palace walls as there was no fire or screaming but instead full of birds singing. The only thing that showed the war outside was the smoke raising above the wall. It was so beautiful that Ling Chang almost forgot her mission of finding Jiang Chen but only almost as a scream broke the silence. Ling Chang followed the noise and found a maid surrounded by 3 men, her clothes were broken and had blood on. "Leave me alone" The woman yelled but the men walked closer laughing, making Ling Chang pull a small knife from its hiding spot inside her hair, she prepared herself to attack one of the men but stopped just as she were about to strike as she knew it would ruin her cover. The woman screamed again some unintelligible words and one of the men turned around, just to notice Ling Chang with the small knife. "well, what do we have here... Another girl to play with and she brought her own tools" the man said and pulled his sword but before it was free of the sheath, Ling Chang had change her mind of her cover and attack the man, making the sword fall to the ground. The man turned red as the morning sun and launched a punch after Ling Chang who was far too fast for him so she just bowed down and pulled the sword from the ground and place her knife back into her hair in one movement. The two remaining men noticed what had happen and they pulled their swords quickly while stepping around Ling Chang so she now had an enemy on each side. Ling Chang just laughed and the before cute face had already been overtaken by the rage and she cut down the men like the where wooden dolls. The woman started to scream and Ling Chang returned to her normal self. "Sorry, I did not mean to scare you" she tried to say calmly but the woman just removed the blood from her face and her scream turned into joy."Thanks for saving me from those horrible men" the woman said before she turning her face away and used some water from the garden to remove the remaining blood. Ling Chang mind started to think fast but before it could come to a conclusion the woman broke in. "Sorry for making you part of this mess but I am really glad you saved me, are there anything I can do in return" the woman said calmly and Ling Chang became completely staggered that she forgot all about the mission and just replied "No worries, we women have to stick together" and started to walk away like she had been there before, making the woman follow her like a duckling "You are not from around here" the woman said in a mix of knowing and questioning, making Ling Chang's mind return to a bit of its former state "Yes, I am looking for someone, but I do not remember who right now... stupid memory, it is never working when you need it" and the woman just laughed.

In the meantime was Jun Chen and Hui Wen still waiting for the information that Ling Chang was supposed to bring and Jun Chen had slowly become more and more worried for his lover but tried to keep it on the inside. Hui Wen's mind was instead thinking about if it really was a good idea to save the emperor when they was making the crown prince a sitting duck in this mess and if just one person would recognise him they would be in big trouble. "What is happening inside, that makes it take so long" Jun Chen said while keeping his eyes on the gate. Hui Wen change his focus form the gate to Jun Chen and smiled while replying "You was the one, telling her to go inside and now you are worried about her? I am sure the training we have given her is far enough to survive even in there" "You really think so?" Jun Chen replied quickly while still not moving his eyes away form the gate. "Yes, plus she is the daughter of Xiao Chang... one of your father's most trusted soldiers so I know even that we are not there to protect her, she will do just fine..." Ling Chang thought for a moment as even he knew that Hui Wen was right something else troubled him "What about her rage?" He asked but instead of an answer he felt Hui Wen pulling him away from his view point and just as he turned around to watch were he were getting pull to, he hit his hard on a girder, blacking out instantly. Hui Wen jumped and managed to stop him from hitting the rocks too before bidding both of the inside a smoke filled house. At first he was silence but soon a group of soldier walked right pass them. Hui Wen looked out the house and followed them as they continued to walked past the gate to the palace, making him dump down on the wood. "Thank you lord, I could not handle helping them both in one time" and then he crawled over to Jun Chen."Wake up, Wake up" he tried but he was getting no response except for a calm breathing telling him that Jun Chen was alive. Jun Chen felt a warm breeze playing his body before a pain in his head made him move to his to examine the injury. "What happened Hui Wen?" He said while he continued to search for the point of the pain but instead of finding it the pain disappeared. He was about to yell of Hui Wen for not answering when his noise picked up the scent of tea and not any tea but his father's favourite tea full of Jasmin. He opened his eyes and noticed that he was no longer in the burning town but inside the garden of his father's palace and his home. "You are finally awake" a voice said, making Jun Chen turn around searching for the owner of the voice but at first there was no one to be seen when suddenly he noticed a man in the shadows of the buildings. "Who are you and where am I?" Jun Chen asked while his hands started to search for his sword. He found it and pulled it out before quickly raising it above his head. Laughter filled the air before the voice

continued "Are you really going to defend yourself with that?" Before the laughter returned but Jun Chen was in no mood of being teased so he yelled back "Answer me or... or...?" "Or what?" The voice said and Jun Chen started to charge against the shadow but stopped quickly as the sword suddenly became lighter and lighter. He placed it in front of himself for a moment and watched with big eyes as it turned into fireflies which each flew away one by one until the sword was completely gone. "I will beat you anyway" Jun Chen yelled as he returned to normal as the last firefly flew away. The man behind the voice stood up and walked out into the sun without a word and Jun Chen feelings of anger and hate turns at once into sadness and joy as the man is his father Jiang Chen. "Father?" Jun Chen managed to say as the man comes closer and hugs him. "I cannot answer that" the man says before continuing "I wish I could but you need to relax" Jun Chen accepts the hug but the confusion of not knowing where he is and who the man is troubles his mind. "Am I safe?" Jun Chen ask as the man lets go on him and starts walked over to a small fireplace. "Yes, nothing can hurt you here but please clear your mind and join me for a cup of tea" The man says. Jun Chen can feel his body is conflicted but his feet carries him to the fireplace and his hand accepts the tea from the stranger. Without a word he takes a sip of the tea and it is just as the time before he meet Ling Chang, or the attack on the palace for that matter. "Where am I?" Jun Chen finally asked breaks the silence. "Does it matter" the man answered a bit dry like he were annoyed that it was so important to Jun Chen. Jun Chen could feel that he had to eat his words and just enjoy the time there but he had to know, the dream or nightmare he and Ling Chang had experience with the elements together less than a day ago started to hunt him. "I am sorry father, I am glad to see you well but I need to know where and why I am here as last time I was dreaming I had to fight for my life against someone I love." His voice was both calm and angry on the same time. The man took a big sip of his tea and closed his eyes before answering "I am not alive nor am I a dream but I am here to help you relax as what happens now is neither the past or the future" Jun Chen looked confused on the man and took a sip of the tea too before he gave in to the relaxing and closed his eyes just as the man. A silence between them started to grow and only birds in the nearby tree and their breathing was heard while the sun slowly disappeared for the sky. When Jun Chen finally opened his eyes again the day had gone and a beautiful night full of stars had appeared. The man was still seating in front of Jun Chen with his eyes closed and for some reason the fireplace had not died either. Suddenly the man said with a cold voice "I am sorry for what I do next,

but you need to be ready for the events which are waiting for you back home” and at first Jun Chen looked confused at the man but soon a group of fireflies landed in his hand. He looked at becoming more and more before looking at the man who suddenly was standing behind the fire with a sword in his hands. “I am sorry” The man said and started to swing the sword through the fire against Jun Chen who had frozen into ice. The sword came close to Jun Chen’s neck and in the last second something blocked the attack. Jun Chen woke up with a set from hit and noticed that the fireflies had turned into his sword once more and in reflex he had blocked the attack. “Good block, my boy but you need to be better to be able to defeat me and the future quests of your life” The man said and launched another attack without giving Jun Chen any chance of questioning what was happening. Jun Chen made a quick movement and rolled away from the fire and second attack before he finally had a chance to stand up.

“I knew you were evil” Jun Chen yells at the man who without answering just launched another attack. “I thought we was family, I thought you wanted to help me but you are evil” Jun Chen yelled while blocking another attack. The man looked him deep into the eyes and replied harsh “I am not good nor evil, I am here to prepare you for your last fight” Jun Chen tried to close his eyes to keep the eyes away but even in the darkness of they still appeared like nothing were blocking them. Fear started to grow inside Jun Chen and even he had been able to block every attack so far, he was having no energy to attack back. “You are a weakling Jun Chen” the man yelled and attacked again expecting it to break the spirit of Jun Chen but instead it ignited something inside Jun Chen and he attacked back. “I do not care who you are or what you think I am” Jun Chen yelled and attacked quickly while a smile started to appear on the man who just blocked the attack like it was nothing. “Are you sure about that?” The man yelled back and let the sword flew through the air faster and more powerful than before. Jun Chen blocked the attack but it had such power it made him seem like he was kneeling for the enemy. “Yes, you are not getting me” Jun Chen yelled back and stood up right away to launch his own attack and this time the man smiled got even bigger. “Stop smiling” Jun Chen yelled and started to launch multiply attacks at the man who for the moment was only blocking the attacks. Just as the last strike hit the man’s sword, Jun Chen flew the power of the man and he managed to jump back before the sword cut through the air with such power that it made a small breeze. Jun Chen scream loud and attack, making the man jump back over the fireplace and Jun Chen felt he had the upper hand. The man closed his eyes again while unified his hand around his blade and Jun Chen

yelled "Are you praying to your god or are you fighting me?" and the man opened his eyes and they had turned red as blood even that neither of them had been able to hit the other yet. "I cannot pray to myself, my boy" and as the last word left his mouth Jun Chen noticed that blood had appeared on the blade too and in the next there was suddenly two swords. The man attacked and Jun Chen was soon in defence mode once more and he knew he had to find a way thought the rapid attacks or it would be the end and the time that had passed he started to make him more and more confused about if it was a real fight or if he was just dreaming like he and Ling Chang had been under the waterfall. The swords was singing around like birds in love and Jun Chen tried to look around for a chance to get free of the attacks and lunch his own.

He noticed a tree not far from him and quickly he got an idea so he jumped back against the tree while the man keep attacking him. He felt the tree behind him and now he just had to wait for another attack. Jun Chen watched as the sword came closer and just in the last second he jumped away and was about to yell loudly of joy but instead of stopping the sword, the tree just vanished and the sword continued to fly through the air like it had never been there in the first place. "Did you really think it was that easy?" The man yelled before attacking again like before. Jun Chen was speechless and started blocking the attacks once more. A new tree appeared behind him and he though for a moment before deciding to take the chance once more as it was better than to defend again and again if it was going to work this time. Jun Chen jumped back and the sword flew thought the air but just as the sword was closed to hit, the treen became a woman and even that Jun Chen did his best the sword hit the woman and she screamed loudly of pain while the man stopped swinging his sword for a while. Jun Chen ran to the woman and held around her as he tried to figure out what to don about her wounds and pain. "I am sorry" Jun Chen said as tears started to run down his checks even he had not the single idea who she was. He watched as the woman closed her eyes, making him do the same. The man started to raise his sword behind them but Jun Chen felt it and as he opened his eyes once more he yelled against the man "Why did you make me do this" and the man stopped the sword to answer. "I am trying to help you, my boy" the man replied calmly before the woman opened her eyes too and took Jun Chen's sword from the and penetrated him and the man, making it impossible for Jun Chen to scream of pain as his mouth quickly filled with blood. His body feel to the ground and the world turned red before being completely dark as he closed his eyes a last time. Soon a voice appeared the darkness and as the light reappeared Ling Chang was above him.

“Thank goodness, you are awake now... we started to worry” Ling Chang said with tears in her eyes. “Keep your voices down” Hui Wen said as Jun Chen woke up even more but even the know face of Ling Chang could not keep him silence and he yelled loudly “Get away from me you demon” and before anyone could move or say anything he flew up and pulled his sword fast. As he landed on the ground again Ling Chang was having his sword as her face and a foot on her chest. Jun Chen was the first to react and he quick placed his sword between Ling Chang and Jun Chen’s sword even he knew it was making him vulnerable instead. “Let go off the sword and relax Jun Chen” Hui Wen yelled without caring about their cover. “Stay away, olding and leave this demon to me” Jun Chen yelled back while Ling Chang started crying as she had finally awoken from the quick attack that had happen. “What are you doing, Jun Chen” Ling Chang said almost crying and tried to get the attention of Jun Chen. She could feel the sword playing her skin even that Hui Wen was doing his best to keep it from hurting her. “Leave Ling Chang alone” Hui Wen yelled and without warning was Jun Chen attacking but even that Hui Wen had been seemly defenceless he still managed to block the attack and force Jun Chen away from Ling Chang who quickly stood up. Her eyes was red from the tears that had started to run faster and faster and suddenly Jun Chen came back to himself. “Sorry, sorry, sorry” He said as the sword fell to the ground and Hui Wen Lowed the sword before asking “What happened to you” and Jun Chen looked at them for a moment in silence before he answered. “I just dreamt of my father and he was not my father... He killed us both and guess my feelings for me made me hurt you... Sorry, sorry, sorry” Hui Wen looked at him and returned his sword to the sheath before returning to the sight post to make sure that they were still safe. Ling Chang bowed down and picked up Jun Chen’s sword before handing him it gentle while the tears slowly became fewer. They hugged each other for a while before another female voice broke in “So this is your sister?” And Jun Chen who just thought they had been alone the three of them pulled his sword once more and pointed it against the woman before he lowered it once more when he noticed that it was the lady Mei Chen from the time of searching after Ling Chang. “Mei... Mei Chen?” He managed to say while he tried to make his sword enter the sheath. Mei Chen just nodded and Ling Chang could feel the tension between them so she quickly broke in before they had any chance to continued their talk. “I found her inside the palace, if you remember sending me inside that” Jun Chen said but Jun Chen was too focused on Mei Chen to answered her so Ling Chang continued a bit higher “We searched the palace and ended up figure out that your father has already been taking to the execution grounds” and the rough speaking made a drop

of blood fall from her cheek. Jun Chen finally noticed her speaking and answered "Sorry, I am still confused from the dream" while trying to sound like it was not Mei Chen who had taken his focus. But Ling Chang being a girl knew it was a small lie so she turned around a bit annoyed before continuing "I presume that you have met before so I do not have to introduce you to each other" she replied angry, making Jun Chen quickly understand what he had done wrong so he held around her and answered quickly and honestly "Sorry, I won't keep it a secret anymore, but I met her when Hui Wen and I was searching for you when you was gone" Ling Chang could not decide if she wanted to be angry or not so she turned around and before she knew it was Jun Chen playing her cheek and at first she was thinking about kissing him but the words from his mouth made her understand what was happening. "Sorry for hurting you" Jun Chen said as he cleaned the blood of her cheek and Ling Chang could feel the pain from the wound as she noticed the blood but being in sight of another made her stop herself from screaming. "Don't it hurt" Jun Chen asked and Ling Chang just shocked her head trying to hide the pain. Hui Wen who had been focusing on keeping their place a secret suddenly asked "Are you ready to go?" Making Jun Chen stop cleaning Ling Chang and return to focus. "Yes" he replied but before he could pull his sword was Mei Chen breaking the focus "I know I am a woman but are you sure you know what you are doing" she said gently, making both Jun Chen and Hui Wen listen. "What do you mean" Hui Wen asked gently from his spot without looking against her. "Gang Chen has been burning the town down like a spoiled child and I am sure that the execution grounds won't just be him and a few soldiers but his entire army, maybe more if he has gotten any backup" Mei Chen continued and the words had even made Hui Wen turn away from his spot against her before replying "first step of preventing a trap is knowing it is there and release it" Hui Wen said and looked a bit cold at Mei Chen before warming up a bit and replying "What do you know that we don't" Mei Chen smiled before kneeling on the ground and started to draw the market place on the ground. "This is the market place" She started before drawing soldiers and the execution grounds. "This is where they will be guards and here we will find Jiang Chen if he still are alive by the time we are ready to strike" Mei Chen continued before Ling Chang broke in as she was a bit jealous "How do you know those things?" Ling Chang asked and Mei Chen turned against her and smiled once more "You was the one who saved me from the men inside the palace, but do you really think that they was only going to play with me?" Mei Chen asked before answering the question herself without giving Ling Chang a chance to answer "No, I am a spy...

trying to save the emperor just as you are” making the other looks at her with big eyes but no one said anything, making her continued the drawing. “This is were Gang Chen and his most trusted men will be... we have to kill him and his leaders to destroy the army he has or we don’t have a chance to save Jiang Chen... I suggest that we comes from the southern entrance to the market and this way take them by surprise” Hui Wen nods and points out the fewer gaurds on Mei Chen drawing. “Yes, that will be a great idea... we will have a big change to do great damage while saving Jiang Chen” He said just as a male scream is heard from outside the house. In the next the door hit ground with a loud slam and in comes 6 soldiers “In the name of new emperor, hereby under arrest” a soldier yells but instead of just giving up Jun Chen and Hui Wen pulls their swords and stands in front of the women while ruining the drawing. “No” Hui Wen yells back to the soldier who laughing pulls his sword and replies “Good thing, the emperor does not care if you are brought to him death or alive” the remain soldiers pulls their swords too and soon the fight is starting. Ling Chang pulls her sword and points at Mei Chen “I knew you was a traitor” who quickly replies “I am not... Look out” and in the next a soldier attack Ling Chang but Ling Chang is already raging and kills the solider before he can strike. “Thanks” Ling Chang manages to say to Mei Chen who watch her with great terror before Ling Chang attacks another soldier like she was a soldier herself. The small room makes it impossible for anyone to escape and Ling Chang kills the next one by making fly into the fire and soon the fight is much more even. Jun Chen kills a soldier himself while Hui Wen deals with the rest before yelling “We need to attack to save the emperor now or he will be death before we get a second chance” Ling Chang returns to normal and the four of them starts walking against the markets place. Mei Chen is both amazed and scared of what just happened to Ling Chang so she quietly ask her “What happened back there?” And at first Ling Chang is confused before she gets the question and replies “Oh... my father wanted a boy so he trained me but some times a rage take over and make me able to defend myself even against the most terrifying enemies” Mei Chen makes big eyes but keeps her calm. “Great, guess I am the only defenceless one here” she replied which make Ling Chang laugh as they continue walking against the markets place. As they reach the market they spilt up to kill the three guards form Mei Chen’s map but there is no one there and the smoke from the burning houses makes it almost impossible to see the execution grounds. They are back together and Ling Chang is the first to speak again “The guard was not there” and before Jun Chen and Hui Wen can answer her a loud yelling voice breaks in. “Welcome friends, welcome

to your death” and they makes a small circle around Mei Chen while trying to figure out where the voice came from.