

Black Iron 1001

Chapter 1001: The Backbone

When the first high-power white phosphorous gel bomb was ignited, Zhang Tie had caught sight of the flame although he was over 70 miles away. When he arrived here, he saw Liu Xing being cornered by the LV 10 wing demon and those spider demons...

Actually, Zhang Tie could save Liu Xing right away; however, he wanted to take a look at Liu Xing's performance for the time being.

It was out of Zhang Tie's imagination that this frail-looking major general could be still dauntless and righteous in the dilemma. Additionally, Liu Xing was very smart who killed 3 demons at the critical moment.

When Zhang Tie found that Liu Xing had determined to die together with a LV 9 spider demon, he finally gave a favor to Liu Xing.

In front of an earth knight, some LV 9 spider demons and one LV 10 wing demon were as weak as ants.

Zhang Tie indeed appreciated Liu Xing's performance. However, Zhang Tie was more interested in the high-power white phosphorous gel bomb that Liu Xing had just thrown out.

Under the gaze of Liu Xing, Zhang Tie walked to the burning charcoal-like spider demon. Squatting down, he checked its corpse carefully.

The hard shell of the spider demon had been carbonized; however, its bloody flesh was still burning.

Zhang Tie put his hand into the flames and broke off an atrophied leg of the spider demon. Taking it, he watched the leg burning into ash before patting his hands and stood up.

Major General Liu Xing was really shocked when he saw the leg burning in the hand of this gloomy and eccentric knight in a black robe without causing any harm to him.

"White phosphorous gel bomb?" Gorath uttered a strange, hoarse and icy voice-like sound caused by the frictions between broken ice cubes and glass.

"Hmm...right!" Liu Xing stealthily swallowed his saliva. After answering Zhang Tie's question, he didn't say anything else.

Zhang Tie felt that he was a bit intense and vigilant under the gas-defense respiratory mask. Therefore, Zhang Tie nodded inside, 'Although being saved, Liu Xing still didn't reveal any secret that he knew about white phosphorous gel bomb. He still remained vigilant like qualified soldiers of Taixia Country would act in the dangerous moment.

"I've not imagined that Taixia has already produced small-sized white phosphorous gel bombs."

After hearing this, Liu Xing remained silent.

Zhang Tie was really surprised about it. In Selnes Theater of Operations, if each human fighter could be matched with such a mini white-phosphorous gel bomb, they could defeat that LV 9 demon corps and those demonized puppets corps. At that time, the main task of airship troops of allied human forces was to give a big blow to the super demon corps by white phosphorous gel bombs. Pitifully, until the Selnes Theater of Operations was collapsed, humans' airship troop could not make this dream come true. Only in the Upton Battle did that super demon corps suffer a great loss from the strike of human airship troops by white phosphorous gel bombs for the first time.

However, the white phosphorous gel bombs being dropped from airships were very huge. Each of them would weigh hundreds of kilograms at least. Since white phosphorous gel bombs were invented, minimization of white phosphorous gel bombs was always a problem, which could not be solved by human countries since the end of last holy war. A few years ago, when Zhang Tie was in Youzhou Province, he didn't hear that the troops of Northeast Military Region were equipped with such a minimized weapon. It was really out of Zhang Tie's imagination that Taixia Country had already invented such a minimized weapon only in a few years and applied them in small-scale combats in Earth-elements Realm. Whereas, given the current situation, these minimized white phosphorous gel bombs could not be produced on a large scale yet; troops could only be equipped with a limited number of such a minimized weapon. Therefore, Liu Xing only carried one minimized white phosphorous gel bomb and used it at the critical moment.

Such a portable white phosphorous gel bomb was not very harmful to fighters above LV 9; however, it posed a great threat to fighters below LV 9. On the battlefield, as long as each human fighter carried about 3 portable white phosphorous gel bombs, they could definitely defeat the super demon corps even though one of ten human fighters would be killed.

Facing the super demon corps of 10,000 population led by the demon general in Waii Subcontinent, all the human countries across Waii Subcontinent only needed to compose an allied elite force of about 3 million people and match them with 9 million minimized white phosphorous gel bombs as well as bearing over 30% loss, they would be able to crack down the super demon corps in an all-round manner.

Zhang Tie who had experienced the battle in Selnes Theater of Operations understood the significance of this minimized white phosphorous gel bomb pretty well. From a certain perspective, if this portable weapon could realize a mass production, Taixia force would be able to maintain the strategic balance with the demon corps in the frontline once again; instead of being fully passive.

Although he was still wanted in Taixia Country, Zhang Tie sincerely felt happy about Taixia Country. The technical breakthrough in portable white phosphorous gel bomb was even more important than having 10 more heavenly human knights. Because such portable weapons could save numerous human lives on the battlefields in the future.

Since the holy war broke out, none of the news that Zhang Tie heard about the holy war was good. All of them were about how demons occupied new lands and humans collapsed. The minimization of white phosphorous gel bomb was the most thrilling news that Zhang Tie had heard.

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"May I know...your name, senior?" After being silent for a short while, Liu Xing asked Zhang Tie on his own initiative when he saw Zhang Tie's flickering eyes in a weird manner.

"You don't need to know my name!" After disguising as Gorath, Zhang Tie maintained the weird and distant personality of Gorath. After throwing a distant glance at Liu Xing, he said, "I saved you this time; I'm afraid that you will not have such a good luck next time. I've just flown all the way here from that direction and didn't find any demon fighters. If you want to leave, you'd better choose that way!"

"Thanks!" Liu Xing replied hardly.

"I like hard bones. Brat, take this, wish you good luck!" Zhang Tie said as he threw a vial of senior recovery medicament towards Liu Xing. Closely after that, he flew off and disappeared into the black mist.

Actually, Zhang Tie didn't leave far away from Liu Xing. After flying about 15 miles away, when he confirmed that Liu Xing's faint light observation instrument could not observe him anymore, he stopped and watched Liu Xing on the ground.

Although Liu Xing couldn't see Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie could see him clearly by his lotus-flower eyes.

Generally, Zhang Tie was sympathetic; however, he was not a Yes Man, except for the current situation. He didn't want to see this Hua fighter called Liu Xing being killed; therefore, he prepared to escort him back to the Black Armor Battlefortress safely. Whereas, the status Gorath was not suitable to do that; therefore, he could only protect Liu Xing in the dark.

In Waii Subcontinent, Zhang Tie's comrade-in-arms called Liu Xing had already died. In the Earth-elements Realm, Zhang Tie didn't want to see another dauntless Liu Xing as young as the late one being killed once again. Zhang Tie would feel a bit reassured unconsciously when he saw this Liu Xing survive himself.

Under the silent gaze of Zhang Tie, Liu Xing hesitated a bit on the ground for a short while before taking the vial of senior recovery medicament that Zhang Tie had gifted him. With the effect of the senior medicament, only after resting for less than 2 minutes, Liu Xing had already rapidly returned to the place where the first white phosphorous gel bomb was ignited.

Zhang Tie knew that a Hua fighter was lying there forever. Although the Hua fighter's body had burned into ash, his spirit was still as firm as the torch that he incarnated in at the last moment of his life. It was the blazing in the dark ceaselessly.

When Zhang Tie saw the first flame, he had accelerated towards there; however, it was still too late. He only saw the most brilliant scene of the Hua fighter at the end of his life, which deeply moved Zhang Tie and reminded him of his days in Iron Blood Camp.

Without such dauntless men, Taixia Country and Hua people would not be prosperous anymore.

Although that late Hua fighter was sharply different than Zhang Tie in both battle strength and social status, Zhang Tie respected him pretty much. As Zhang Tie had experienced numerous combats and grown up from a commoner, he had an emotional resonance with this human fighter. In many situations, emotional resonance surpassed classes and social statuses. Zhang Tie saw a soul, a battle soul which belonged to the proudest and bravest fighter. Such a soul was the backbone of humans.

Only in Lion Fortress, over 100,000 Hua fighters were assuming battle auxiliary tasks. Additionally, they were on shifts yearly. Although these people were far weaker than human knights on battle strength,

through the baptism of the most brutal combats in the Earth-elements Realm, those who could survive back would become the backbones in Hua armies.

At this moment, Zhang Tie finally understood why the ruling party of the military of Taixia Country dispatched so many human fighters to assume battle auxiliary tasks in the Earth-elements Realm.

Under the silent gaze of Zhang Tie, Liu Xing came to the front of the ash and took off his gas-defense respiratory mask. His face had been covered with tears...

Kneeling down in front of the ash, Liu Xing looked for a nameplate in the ash. Closely after that, he cupped the ash into his bag. After that, he put away the nameplate and carried his bag once again before wearing his gas-defense respiratory mask. After doing all this, he ran towards the direction that Zhang Tie had told him while gritting his teeth...

Chapter 1002: Demon Suppression General

Zhang Tie flew over some bushes from over 50 m high in the air like a black spirit. At the same time, four spider demons who were hiding in the bush were split into halves like watermelons silently, spraying their blood over the ground.

When Zhang Tie killed these spider demons, Liu Xing was meticulously passing a valley and didn't know that the four spider demons hiding over 7 miles away in front of him had just been killed...

After 2 days, Liu Xing had reached the 1st loop of Tiewei Mountain and entered the core region of Tiewei Mountain with the protection of Zhang Tie in the dark.

In the past 2 days, Zhang Tie had killed 7 waves of spider demons on the route of Liu Xing within 20 miles, totally 86 spider demons; additionally, he captured 4 alive wing demons. A stone for two birds.

As long as he could kill 360 spider demons, he would gain a new fruit of source of spider demons, with which, Zhang Tie's essence would grow by 1/12; the energy and potential of each surging point would increase by 1/12 which was equal to lighting another 82 surging points; besides, his endurance, physical strength, spiritual energy and life expectancy would increase by 1/12 respectively; namely, his battle strength would increase by 1/12.

From a perspective, the effect of a fruit of source was greater than absorbing the energy and earth elements of some earth demon knights. It was almost like promoting to 1 change earth knight.

Of course, Zhang Tie would not give up gaining such a fruit.

The 4 alive wing demons were thrown into Castle of Black Iron. Previously, these wing demons were useless to Zhang Tie and Zhang Tie would kill them as soon as possible. However, after Zhang Tie gained the bloody sacrifice furnace, these wing demons became rare raw material for bloody sacrifice. As long as it was not discovered by others, these wing demons would help him a lot in the future.

Not only wing demons, but any demon that could be teleported into Castle of Black Iron alive and didn't lead to any fruit also would help him a lot. Although the others regarded the core region of Tiewei Mountain as a very dangerous place, Zhang Tie treated it as a treasury of demons. Purgatory Samsara Method, small tree, plus bloody sacrifice furnace could squeeze each demon's value.

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After killing the last spider demons, when Zhang Tie flew over the last ridge in a few minutes, he immediately suspended in the air as the horizon in front of him became open.

In the skyline, Zhang Tie saw a floating human battle fortress. Some human knights were patrolling in the sky in front of the battle fortress.

He had already officially entered the core region of Tiewei Mountain. In the distance, he saw hundreds of colorful battle qi smokes and tornadoes raging in the sky, thick or slim. They looked like flickering lightning bolts in the black mist in the skyline. Those battle qi smokes and tornadoes meant that at least hundreds of human knights and demon knights were fighting in the sky above the plain!

Although human knights and demon knights were fighting fiercely in the distance, the battle fortress looked relatively calm. Hundreds of colorful battle qi smokes and tornadoes looked like ornaments in the skyline, which didn't make people in the floating battle fortress intense at least in Zhang Tie's eyes, 'Is that a skirmish?'

Zhang Tie looked back with his flickering lotus-flower eyes and caught sight of Liu Xing.

After passing that valley, Liu Xing accelerated his movements. He might know that a human base was not far from him.

The low-level spider demons that Zhang Tie killed just now might be the closest to the human stronghold. After entering the patrol region of human knights, Liu Xing would not easily meet any demon fighters.

'Well, I have to leave. In the future, Major General Liu Xing have to seek blessings for himself!

Licking his lips, Zhang Tie looked at the distance for a short while. After that, he dodged from human knight's patrol route and flew towards the hundreds of battle qi smokes and tornadoes...

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1 month later, in the God's Will Battlefortress of Tiewei Mountain, a tall and sturdy old man in a brilliant golden battle armor and a long bloody marshal's cape was watching the looming demon battle fortress in the black mist in the distance while leaning on a huge sword in the highest tower in the floating battle fortress.

A huge construction site was below the God's Will Battlefortress. There was a big entrance on the construction site which led to the underground mining area of Tiewei Mountain. At this moment, tens of thousands of logistics personnel of Lion Fortress were busy packing the earth-element crystals and transporting them into the God's Will Battlefortress. The entire God's Will Battlefortress was like a fierce beast safeguarding its own nestle. Lying here quietly, it sharpened its claws and teeth and gazed at the demon battle fortress in the distance with hostility.

The demon battle fortress was another fierce beast which gazed at the human battle fortress with hostility too.

In less than 400 miles' linear distance, hundreds of battle qi smokes and tornadoes rose and swung in the air and adorned the gloomy sky in the Earth-elements Realm.

Knight-level powerhouses would die every day between the two battle fortresses, human or demon. In wider space behind the two battle fortresses, more human and demon fighters were fighting constantly on the ground. Some demon knights reached the back of the human battle fortress; similarly, human knights also reached the back of the demon battle fortress. Skirmishes occurred everywhere. People or demons would bleed and die in each second.

The old man in golden armor watched the demon battle fortress in the distance calmly while his eyes were like ancient wells. A vertical wrinkle between his eyebrows turned clear. Common vertical wrinkles would be slightly curved and slim; however, his vertical wrinkle was as straight as a sword. It separated his forehead from the middle and reached his ophryon; additionally, the vertical wrinkle was bloody like having been soaked in blood. It looked as aggressive and shocking as dense black clouds.

According to the legend, when the old man came to Xuanyuan Hill at a young age for the first time and met Shui Yuecang, the No. 1 fortune teller in Taixia Country, Shui Yuecang let out a deep sigh after watching his look seriously, "The vertical wrinkle between your eyebrows is as straight as a sword. It separates your forehead from the middle and penetrates through your ophryon. It goes against your wife, son, father and mother. Given your look, before you came to this world, your father had died. Your mother died due to difficult labor. In the future, you will barely have a wife who could accompany you for the rest of your life. However, the place between your eyebrows is wide like a sea and high like a mountain, which indicates that you will have a great power and majesty in the future with a strong will. It's a rare demon suppression vertical wrinkle that could not be seen in 100 years. Besides going against your family members, it also goes against your enemy. In the future, you will definitely have a military power. You're born to be a defender. You will hold the entire Taixia Country in awe. Although you're born to have no parents, what you will do in the future will enable numerous people to have parents when they're born. Although you have no wife, you will make thousands of families harmonious and happy. Although you have no child, you will be regarded as the father by numerous people. As you will protect the safety of all the living beings in the world in the future as a general at the risk of losing your life, I have to bow to you on behalf of the civilians in Taixia Country and all the living beings in the world..."

Although it was his first time to meet Shui Cangyue, the No. 1 fortune teller in Taixia Country, Shui Cangyue had bowed to him on his own initiative.

After meeting Shui Cangyue a few years ago, the second holy war broke out. This man joined the army as a LV 8 fighter. Additionally, he requested to enter the Earth-elements Realm where the casualty was the highest.

Since he entered the Earth-elements Realm, this man had not left the Earth-elements Realm over the past 200 years and became the legendary human in the Earth-elements Realm.

Through lasting numerous combats, the LV 8 human fighter had become a powerful heavenly knight and ruled the Lion Fortress as Demon Suppression General. Being on an equal footing with the generals of the top four armies in Taixia Country, he had become the pillar of the military of Taixia Country.

Numerous proud and fierce human fighters had entered the Earth-elements Realm; however, they all behaved like docile lambs in front of him, including the knight-level commanders of the top four armies of Taixia Country and the nobles and royal households from the other continents.

This man said all the human knights entering the core region of Tiewei Mountain should follow his order. Even the elder who led the team of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, one of the seven major sects in Taixia Country dared not enter the core region of Tiewei Mountain.

This man was called Du Guyi.

Many human knights didn't see as many demons as those whom he had killed over the past 200 years in their whole lives. This man himself could not even remember how many demons he had killed. Perhaps, only demons knew how many demons this man had killed. Besides being despairing, demons hated him very much.

—Anyone who could kill Gu Duiyi will be rewarded as a Lord!

This was the value of Gu Duiyi's head on demon's side.

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Gu Duiyi watched the skyline and faintly frowned. Meanwhile, his killing qi formed into black snowflakes and drifted down from his side, which was a special phenomenon of a heavenly knight. Nobody knew what this heavenly knight who had stayed in the Earth-elements Realm over 200 years and experienced two holy wars was thinking about at this moment.

A breeze blew over with some moisture while a knight in blue battle armor appeared in the looming vapor. After shaking for a second like a shadow in the water, it walked out of the vapor and stood behind Gu Duiyi quietly while cupping his hands.

"Lord!"

"How's it going?" The demon suppression general just asked calmly without turning around.

"There was indeed a great chaos in the back of demon battle fortress a few days ago. A human knight destroyed a secret base in the rear end of demon battle fortress and killed over 5 demon knights, including one earth demon knight and many demon fighters below LV 15. After suffering such a big loss, the demon battle fortress was shocked and dispatched a shadow demon to chase after the trouble-maker..."

"Who's that ballsy?"

"I have no idea!" The man behind Gu Duiyi answered honestly as he didn't feel embarrassed at all, "But I'm sure that one is not a member of us!"

Gu Duiyi suddenly narrowed his eyes while the black snowflakes on his side froze in the air...

Chapter 1003: The Problems Facing Taixia Country

"He's not a member of us..." The demon suppression general burst out into laughter. At the same time, the black snowflakes on his side vaporized in a split second while the sharp sword-shaped vertical wrinkle between his eyebrows became vivid as if the sword was going to fly out of its sheath from his

forehead and make a massacre. "If this person could survive the chase of demons, I would like to see him."

"He's really a talent; however, it's not easy for an earth knight to survive the chase of a shadow demon!" The one who came out of the vapor replied, "Will we..."

Gu Dui raised his hand and interrupted him calmly, "Wealth and rank are the matters of destiny. Now that we've come to Tiewei Mountain, dying is as usual as living even for knights. We're not here for discovering talents, but for opposing demons. If he is a real talent, he would survive himself even if he was chased by a shadow demon; if he's dead, he's just so-so. Only those who survive themselves are qualified to be praised. If he's dead, he has just fulfilled his responsibilities to be a human knight and didn't spend his life in vain..."

Over 200 years' combats in the Earth-elements Realm, this old man standing in the highest tower had treated death as usual as life.

Standing behind the old man, the knight just listened to him carefully without any objection. Because each word of this old man was definitely correct in the eyes of the subordinates of this old man. This old man had never made any mistake and would never make any mistake at all.

"How's Feng Yexiao of Taiyi Fantasy Sect?"

"Feng Yexiao and a team of new knights of Taiyi Fantasy Sect are fighting as guerrillas in the periphery of the 1st loop!" Although the knight behind Du Gui answered calmly, his words sounded disgruntled, even a bit disdainful, "Previously, Feng Yexiao intended to kill that earth knight-level shadow demon in Tiewei Mountain with his team members so as to gain a bounty land for Taiyi Fantasy Sect and accumulate military exploits and prestige for himself in Taiyi Fantasy Sect. However, he had not imagined that the earth knight-level shadow demon had been killed by another earth human knight only after a few days since he came to Black Armor Battlefortress. Therefore, Feng Yexiao lost his face and felt being slapped on his face invisibly!"

"Is that guy who killed the earth knight-level shadow demon is called Cui Li?"

"Yes, Cui Li entered Earth-elements Realm 3 years ago. It's said that he had a wonderful experience in a wild mountain and gained the "Fire Dragon Sutra" which was left by Fire Dragon Hermit. 3 years ago, many human knights explored hieron ruins from the Lion Fortress. Due to the participation of a demon knight and a knight of Three-eye Association, Cui Li suffered a lot of troubles. It was even said that Cui Li had already died in the hieron ruins in a very righteous way. I've not imagined that this man has promoted to an earth knight in the hieron ruins in only about 2 years and could come out of there alive!" That knight faintly hesitated before asking, "Lord, do you think this Cui Li is..."

The demon suppression general faintly narrowed his eyes and asked, "Has Guan Qianchong met him?"

"Yes, he has; additionally, Guan Qianchong has agreed to reward him..."

The demon suppression general revealed a smile, "If so, this man must be innocent. If there's some problem with him, he could not have passed Guan Qianchong's interrogation because Guan Qianchong is the gate of hell. There're so many bizarre secret methods and skills in the world. Nobody dares say that he knows all of them. Now that Cui Li could gain the "Fire Dragon Sutra" which has long been lost,

he must have a great luck. This man might have a special experience in the hieron ruins. Besides, as he killed an earth knight-level shadow demon, he must be a blessed fighter!"

"However, Cui Li might not know that he has offended Feng Yexiao. Feng Yexiao is domineering. After losing his face this time, he might find Cui trouble in the future!"

"With one more shadow human knight on our back, it's not bad. No matter what, Feng Yexiao and Taiyi Fantasy Sect would not surrender to demons. Don't be over furious. Now that Cui Li could come out of the hieron ruins alive, he might have made a big achievement. In the future, Feng Yexiao might force Cui Li to show us his special talents!"

The simple sentence of demon suppression general was full of his wise philosophy about the world.

"Xuanyuan Hill is too indulgent with sects such as Taiyi Fantasy Sect. The holy war has turned white-hot. The demons' strikes are like tides; however, these sects still want to maintain their own forces at this critical moment. Don't they know that there will be no complete eggs when the nestle topples over? If Taixia Country was exterminated by demons, these sects would have no place to stay! Is the gossip real? Has Emperor Xuanyuan..."

The demon suppression general immediately turned around and gazed at the knight behind him with his dignified eyes while an overwhelming stress and invisible qi of heavenly knight collided with the knight.

Before finishing his words, the knight uttered a muffled harrumph; meanwhile, he was forced to move one step back while bleeding at his mouth corners. However, he still looked at the demon suppression general's eyes frankly and straightforwardly.

After half a minute, the demon suppression general's dignified eye light slowly faded away, "Remember, our battlefield is Earth-elements Realm, the affairs of Xuanyuan Hill has nothing to do with us. As soldiers of Taixia Country, our only job is to kill demons as long as we're alive. No matter what happens on the earth's surface, it has nothing to do with us."

"Yes, sir!" The knight wiped off the blood stains from his mouth corners and replied in a muffled voice.

The demon suppression general let out a long sigh, "It seems that the knights in the battle fortress are too leisure and don't bleed too much. It has been over 2 months since the last large-scale battle. Even you started to have a bee in your head. Pass my order, launch a large-scale strike at the demon battle fortress in formations 1 hour later..."

"Yes, sir!"

The vapor reappeared in the tower while the knight who had received the order swung in the vapor like a shadow for a short while before disappearing...

Only after half a minute, the entire battle fortress had become boiled like an actuated machine while numerous knights in the battle fortress had stopped what they were doing and started to prepare for the coming large-scale battle at the fastest speed...

The Demon suppression general turned around and threw a glance at the demon battle fortress in the distance. Only at this moment when nobody was on his side did the demon suppression general look a bit worried.

Nobody knew what Du Guyi was thinking about.

As for this old man who had fought over 200 years in the Earth-elements Realm and experienced the 2nd holy war, although this large-scale battle between human knights and demon knights in Tiewei Mountain is related to the ownership of millions of earth-element crystals. It's not what Du Guyi was really concerned about. To a certain extent, the result of this large-scale battle, even the lives of over 10,000 human knights who had converged in the battle fortress or his own life didn't count most.

The battle between humans and demons was precisely the wrestle between Hua people and demons. As for Hua people, the result of 1 or 2 large-scale battle between humans and demons, the lives of 10,000-20,000 human knights including the lives of some heavenly knights who were called old guys by others like Du Guyi were not decisive. Even the Lion Fortress which was regarded as the greatest power and pass in the Earth-elements Realm would be broken through by demons one day, it was not a big deal. Before the Catastrophe, humans didn't have any power in the Earth-elements Realm, but they could still survive.

Humans might lose this large-scale battle. Over 10,000 human knights who joined the coming large-scale battle including Du Guyi himself might die. However, basically, it didn't matter at all. What counted most was that Hua people and the entire Taixia Country could be able to reorganize more large-scale battles and shoulder more failures after losing such a large-scale battle 100 times and 100 heavenly knights like Du Guyi. This was the key factor for Taixia Country to last forever and confront demons constantly.

At this moment, what the demon suppression general concerned most was the problem facing Xuanyuan Hill; instead of the Earth-elements Realm.

One year before the 3rd holy war, Emperor Xuanyuan had disappeared. Nobody knew where he had gone. In the beginning, Xuanyuan Hill could cover it with the excuse that Emperor Xuanyuan was in cultivation. Now, this excuse didn't work anymore.

The top chancellors in Taixia Country had been officially noticed after Emperor Xuanyuan disappeared 1 year later. At the beginning, only rulers and very few people knew about that news. As time went on, the chain reactions after Emperor Xuanyuan disappeared gradually occurred. Not only Xuanyuan Hill, but even the officialdom and commoners had also known this news. However, nobody dared say it in the public.

After Emperor Xuanyuan disappeared, the entire Taixia Country and Hua people lost their head at the critical moment. Dark forces had long been increasingly surging across Eastern Continent while all the unpredictable factors were rapidly developing in Taixia Country.

A few months ago, the surging elements tide shocked the entire earth elements-realm. At that moment, even Du Guyi thought that a prince in Taixia Country had formed an earth chakra of emperor-level cultivation method and would be able to compete for the throne with the crown prince. When Emperor Xuanyuan disappeared, a prince could defeat the crown prince was definitely not a good news.

Demon suppression general was worried about this a few months ago. He felt that nothing was worse than this at this moment. However, he found that none of the princes in Taixia Country had formed an earth chakra of an emperor-level cultivation method at all a few days ago.

This news had just been confirmed yesterday. Through months' investigation of the clan elders in the clansmen register center, they finally confirmed it, which was even more shocking than the disappearance of Emperor Xuanyuan.

'If none of the princes of Taixia Country have promoted to an earth knight in terms of "Xuanyuan God Sutra", who's that one? Besides "Xuanyuan God Sutra", is there another complete emperor-level cultivation method in the world?'

As long as he thought about this question; especially the possible worst answer, even demon suppression general who had ignored his own life felt chilly inside...

Without Emperor Xuanyuan, even though the imperial force of Taixia Country could not frighten top sects which were ruled by sage-level old monsters such as Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Therefore, the balance between the top seven sects and the imperial household of Taixia Country which had been preserved hundreds of years would be broken.

If Xuanyuan Hill lost its head, the entire Taixia Country would lose its ruler. Chancellors, courts and major local clans, everybody and every agency would feel unsafe; plus troubles caused by Heavens Reaching Church, Taixia Country might easily be in a big chaos facing troubles domestically and foreign invasions. Before demons broke in, Taixia Country might already have a big problem inside.

When there was a big problem inside Taixia Country, as long as Taixia was fully defeated by demons in the Earth-elements Realm, Taixia country would be completely defeated on the earth's surface. That was what the demon suppression general really worried about.

This potential concern could not be solved at least now.

If Emperor Xuanyuan appeared timely, this problem could be solved; however, if he appeared a bit late, demons would not spare a chance to Taixia at all even if Emperor Xuanyuan wanted to solve this problem...

Chapter 1004: Large Battle Formations

1 hour later, over 12,000 human knights flew out of the human battle fortress like bees flying out their beehives. Being dense, they covered the sky.

Less than one out of a million people living on earth's surface could have a chance to see over 10,000 human knights flying together at the same time.

When the number of humans reached 10,000, it would be endless. Over 10,000 human knights flying in the sky completely covered the sky...

Precisely, 12474 human knights participated in the large-scale attack, over 95% of them were black iron knights while the rest ones were earth knights and shadow knights.

Those knights came from all the countries across each continent. The number of Hua knights from Taixia Country ranked 1st, those from western continent ranked 2nd; there were also many knights in red hair, blue eyes and different skins.

12474 was a very special figure as it could be divided with no remainder by 81.

Why? Because the basic number of knights required for 3-in-1 formation was 3. Three 3-in-1 basic formations could form a bigger 3-in-1 formation of 9 members; 3 bigger 3-in-1 formations could form a large 3-in-1 formation of 27 members while 3 large 3-in-1 formations could form a supreme 3-in-1 gold formation of 81 members.

Like perfect steps, 3,9,27,81 corresponded to four levels of 3-in-1 formation respectively, namely, black iron, bronze, silver and gold.

12474 knights contained 154 golden 3-in-1 battle formations, each gold 3-in-1 formation became a larger unit of formation of knights at this moment.

Among the 12474 human knights who flew off at the same time, there were three old friends of Zhang Tie, namely, Filton, Cecilia and Bolam.

When they flew off, only after throwing a glance at each other, the three knights had connected their knights' consciousness and formed the basic 3-in-1 battle formation in a split second...

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Feng Cangwu whom Zhang Tie had not seen for a long time was also one of them. He looked bearded in a hand-me-down battle armor like an uncle who used to kill time in pubs. Compared to that 3 years ago, his sharpness and dashing spirit had been fully reserved; however, his qi field had become stronger.

There was a gourd-shaped container on his waistband. Before joining the large-scale battle, he undid that gourd and swigged it quite a while.

"Leave some to me!" A partner on Feng Cangwu's side shouted. Feng Cangwu then threw that gourd towards that man. After drinking some, he threw it to another knight on his side. The 3rd knight bottomed it up directly as he smacked his lip and sighed with emotions, "Tasty...". Finally, he threw the empty gourd back to Feng Cangwu.

It was a special all-purpose medicament in the gourd. It was the latest product of Jinwu City, which could activate the effect of the medicament in the shortest period.

'Come on!' Feng Cangwu roared inside as his battle intention boiled up. Additionally, he opened his knight's consciousness and linked it to that of the other two human knights, forming another basic 3-in-1 battle formation...

Only in a few seconds, the 12474 human knights had become 4158 basic unit of a 3-in-1 unit. As a result, the core area of Tiewei Mountain was immediately covered with battle clouds.

In this situation, individual knights only needed to form a 3-in-1 battle formation with two partners.

The moment the 4158 basic units of 3-in-1 formation came into being, the figure which was covered with golden light had flown off the tower and reached the highest place among those human knights. At the same time, a golden light rushed into the sky from that man. A sharper knight's consciousness descended and covered dozens of square miles immediately. 12474 knights opened their knight's consciousness at the same time. After connecting with the milky way, their knight's consciousness

entered a wholly new, complete knight's consciousness like how water drops converged into a stream before entering an ocean...

A great order appeared...

3-in-1 black iron battle formations started to form a complete knight's consciousness of a bronze battle formation of 9 members by automatically connecting 2 more black iron battle formations. The bronze battle formation of 9 members would form a complete knight's consciousness of a silver battle formation of 27 members by connecting two more bronze battle formations. The silver battle formation of 27 members would form a complete knight's consciousness of a gold battle formation of 81 members by two more silver battle formations. 154 3-in-1 gold battle formations would finally form an unprecedented powerful knight's consciousness...

Through the gradual combination of 3-in-1 battle formations, the loose large formation of over 12,000 human knights slowly turned regular like gears being processed.

At this moment, 12474 human knights shared the same knight's consciousness. Everyone's senses and knight's consciousness had been promoted to a higher level...

At this moment, black iron knights could sense the consciousness of earth knights; earth knights could sense the consciousness of shadow knights; similarly, shadow knights sensed that they had become heavenly knights. The only heavenly knight became the supreme consciousness of this large battle formation.

Besides the knight's consciousness, everyone's qi sea faintly connected with each other and could attack and defend together...

Many light beams rose up from the large battle formation. Each knight was blessed on strength, speed, recovery capability and sacred defense...

Like a huge golden wheel composed of 154 huge knife flywheels, the entire large battle formation flew towards the demon battle fortress in an overwhelming manner.

When the large human battle formation reached halfway, they had been blocked by the large demon battle formation.

The large demon battle formation contained over 14,000 population, more than that of the large demon battle formation. Besides, the large demon battle formation was weird and looming in black mist. It looked like a huge mouth and quagmire which constantly changed its shape as if it was going to devour the universe.

An ox-headed demon higher than 3 m was standing at the highest point of the large demon battle formation with a burning huge ax in hand and watching the approaching large human battle formation with its fiery bloody eyes.

"Du Guyi, all the earth-elements crystals here have almost been exploited, this mine will be abandoned in 2 months. Will you insist on such a large-scale battle?"

The heavenly demon knight uttered a muffled voice which sounded like a thunder.

"Of course we will. The battle would never come to an end until demons were exterminated!"

The demon suppression general's thunder-like dignified muffled sound also drifted to the heavenly demon knight from above the large human battle formation.

After hearing this, the huge ax in the hand of the heavenly demon knight burned fiercer abruptly. At the same time, a bizarre eye light flashed by as the heavenly demon knight suddenly burst out into laughter, "Your Emperor Xuanyuan has disappeared for so many years. He might have long died. Taixia is destined to be chaotic. Do you want to further consume the knights from the Western Continent and the other continents by this chance so that Taixia Country could maintain its absolute advantage over other continents in the chaos?"

The demon commander's words were really malicious.

"Gandise, given your words, I have to kill you!" The demon suppression general replied in a calm yet extremely icy voice.

"Hahaha, I've collected over 100 human knight's heads including that of black iron human knights, earth human knights and shadow human knights, except for a heavenly human knight's head..."

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Over 20,000 human and demon knights collided with each other immediately without any buffering...

In the sky, over 10,000 thunders sounded at the same time as if stars were born and died in a split second...

The black mist within 100 square miles was cleaned by the great shock wave caused by the collision. Additionally, the ground in the core of Tiewei Mountain started to shake like the surface of a drum being beaten by a heavy hammer. The ground below the collision area was cracked immediately, causing some thousands of meters long huge trenches. The terrain of a part of the region changed in a split second. All the weak living beings who didn't escape away due to so many corpses here these couple years had drilled into their own caves and dared not expose their heads while trembling all over.

Over 20,000 human and demon knights collided as if the God was driven mad...

The large demon battle formation widely opened its mouth and wanted to devour the entire large human battle formation; however, the large human battle formation wanted to cut the large demon battle formation into pieces and grind them.

Facing such a fierce collision, any individual strength would be trivial. Even heavenly knight would be shattered in such a fierce collision immediately.

Each trivial strike was caused by a gold battle formation composed of 81 human knights while the fiercest strike gathered the strength of over 10,000 human knights.

Accordingly, the battle qis of all the knights in the large formations had formed a huge protective battle qi so as to respond to the opponent's strike.

Similarly, although being protected by such a huge protective battle qi, all the strikes against the large battle formation would be passed to all the knights in the large formation. Even though, those knights who were struck by the opposite large formation would also bear a greater stress and impact than other

members of the large formation. After they bore the stress and impact first, the stress and impact would pass to other knights in a degressive state.

The collision between two large battle formations was like two prehistorical huge beasts colliding with each other. The moment the battle broke out, it had become earthshaking...

Neither human nor demon knights had noticed that a black little beetle was hiding on a rock in the distance and watching the collision between two large battle formations with a wide open mouth. It was shocked too much that it almost drooled...

Chapter 1005: The Most Brutal Battle

Like two powerful and fierce beasts colliding with each other, neither of them could devour the other completely; however, as long as they collided with each other, it would be earthshaking and cause blood and flesh to spray everywhere.

The large formations of humans and demons were like two powerful and fierce beasts who usually fought and collided with each other. Although neither of them could devour the other, both of them would be injured and bleed...

The large demon battle formation suffered the first wound.

After many times' fierce collisions, the first piece of bloody flesh was torn off from the demon's large battle formation.

Through fierce strikes of humans' large battle formation, the bigger unit of 81 demon knights was separated from the demon's large battle formation and was cut off the connection with the overall knight's consciousness and battle qi of the demon's large battle formation...

In this situation, being separated from the large battle formation was as fatal as jumping off a train which was at its full speed on the bridge.

Before the 81 demon knights escaped in all directions, the strike of human's large battle formation had arrived...

When a dazzling light flashed by, over half of the 81 demon knights became bloody flesh and powder and fell off the sky. The remaining demons of the gold battle formation escaped rapidly in all directions like flies. However, the 154 knife flywheels of human's large battle formation quickly spun and swept over. Wherever they reached, at least one or a few demon knights would lose their lives in the blink of an eye.

Those who were killed were even earth knights.

In a split second, only less than 10 of the 81 demon knights could escape away from the extrusion and collision of the human's large battle formation...

Zhang Tie was dumbfounded by what he saw.

In this battle, collective strength had been fully exerted. Even Zhang Tie could not survive the strike which the human's large battle formation launched towards the separated gold battle formation of 81 demon knights.

The aftermath of that strike caused an earthquake and a huge deep pit whose diameter was about 100 m. Facing such a destructive blow which gathered the strength of over 10,000 human knights, even shadow knights would be killed immediately, not to mention earth knights.

Such a battle was too brutal even for knights.

All the knights in Waii Subcontinent would be exterminated immediately facing such a large battle formation. Certainly, the large-scale collisions between humans and demons could only be seen in Earth-elements Realm. Due to its amazing formidable force, the casualty was amazing too. What a terrifying consumption!

After the first piece of bloody flesh broke off the demon's large battle formation, two pieces of bloody flesh almost broke off their own large formations at the same time.

The demon's large formation was like a grim quagmire and huge mouth. The moment the gold battle formation of 81 human knights broke off, dozens of them had been devoured by the huge mouth of demon's battle formation like animals being mired in the swamp. The other human knights of the gold battle formation escaped in all directions while the slower ones were devoured by the demon's large formation which constantly changed its shape.

Finally, only less than 20 of the 81 human knights escaped away successfully.

The 81 demons who broke off the demon's large formation didn't have a better fate than the last batch of demon knights who had broken off their large formation. Because they were completely surrounded by the human's large formation. Like a piece of meat falling into the meat grinder, before the 81 demon knights escaped out of the human's large formation, they had been ground into pieces by the meat grinder.

Watching such a collision on the ground, Zhang Tie felt an unprecedented shock inside.

Those human knights being devoured by the demon's large formation might be dignified and unrivaled on the earth's surface; however, their fates were only determined in a few seconds in the Earth-elements Realm the moment their unit was separated from the large formation. They were as hopeless and despairing as common fighters facing such a fatal blow.

This was the most brutal side of the holy war. Even knights became as trivial as grass facing such a large-scale battle formation.

Watching such a fierce collision, Zhang Tie understood that why those people in the core of Tiewei Mountain directly ignored the hundreds of battle qi smokes and tornadoes. Because those combats were just appetizers of this large-scale battle.

In the large-scale battle where dozens of knights would be exterminated in a split second, those battles participated by hundreds of knights were just necessary touches of both parties, through which, both parties could keep up the proper pressure against the opposite.

The battle continued. Those human knights who survived themselves after breaking off from the large battle formation didn't escape. After leaving the effect of the two large formations, they gritted their teeth and continued to chase demons who had broken off their own large formation.

This large-scale battle was expanding. The two large formations were the core of this battle. As more and more knights broke off, more and more skirmishes broke out surrounding the core while battle qi smokes and tornadoes rushed into the sky one after another.

The entire core of Tiewei Mountain was shaking and covered with brilliant battle qis. Even clouds and mist were broken apart. What a hell!

Watching such a battle, as a member of human knights, Zhang Tie gradually felt hotter inside.

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At this moment, a figure flew towards him while hiding its full-body battle qi. It tumbled and immediately fell into a pitch dark underground trench which was hundreds of meters in depth being not far away from Zhang Tie.

Before entering the trench, the figure spurted out blood.

At the sight of this guy, Zhang Tie became thrilled. It was a black iron demon knight, who had been severely wounded. It seemed that it wanted to hide here for the time being.

'Hehhehheh, this father was thinking about having some fun; now that you are here...'

After blinking its eyes, the little black beetle took a look at the battlefield in the far, then the deep trench in front of him before flying towards that underground deep trench...

Chapter 1006: Knocking out the Black Iron Demon Knight

The little beetle flew into the deep trench...

The deep trench was hundreds of meters deep. Like a dried and bleak riverbed, the deep trench was covered with jagged rocks of grotesque shapes and black mist. It had many branch roads. The demon knight just hid here for the time being to recover itself. Honestly, this was a good place for the demon knight.

Of course, it was also a good place for Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie remembered the location of that demon knight in the deep trench. After flying less than 5 minutes in the deep trench, Zhang Tie found the demon knight.

The demon knight was hiding in a very secluded cave among some boulders at the bottom of the trench. Oozing sweat and quivering all over faintly, it was dealing with its wounds.

This was an ox-horn black iron demon knight who had been wounded. Its chest armor had been scorched and was gurgling blood.

Only after throwing a glance at this guy, Zhang Tie had known that this guy had survived an earth human knight's attack.

Generally, according to Zhang Tie's observation over the past one month, both human and demon knights had reached a privity in head-on battles and duels—they only fought the opponents of the same level.

Hua people believed that common soldiers would always fight common soldiers and generals would always fight generals.

Sometimes, such a privity would be broken. When they could not find opponents of the same level, they might attack those inferior ones.

Earth human knights who survived the fragments of the large formation might encounter black iron demon knights on the battlefield where they would definitely kill the inferior opponents immediately.

This poor demon was the one who survived the fragment of the demon's large formation and encountered an earth human knight unfortunately.

Perhaps, he was not poor but lucky.

Given the current situation, this guy was indeed very lucky. After breaking off the demon's large formation, he had 1/10 probability to survive the human's large formation. Closely after that, it encountered an earth human knight. It had 1/3 probability to escape from the earth human knight. Overall, this guy could only have 1/30 probability to survive itself. Therefore, this demon knight must have a very good luck.

However, not so much. Because it met Zhang Tie.

In this situation, Zhang Tie was definitely a "demon eater".

After activating a super hiding skill on the little black beetle, the little black beetle was like a light feather in the black mist. When Zhang Tie saw the demon knight, the demon knight didn't see him.

Sweat dropped off the demon knight's face one after another. The demon knight was lowering its head and applying a black adhesive onto the wounds of its lower abdomen, causing the wounds to release smoke. At the same time, the demon knight gritted its teeth and panted while its muscles on the lower abdomen twitched unconsciously. It seemed that the black adhesive didn't feel good.

Zhang Tie then drilled out of the gap between rocks on the side of the demon knight and entered in the small space behind the demon knight. After that, Gorath in a black robe appeared behind that demon knight quietly like a ghost out of the void.

Gorath was affected by a super hiding rune too; it was completely like a lifeless piece of rock.

When Zhang Tie appeared less than one arm's length behind that demon knight, he was still not discovered by the demon. When it found this place just now, the demon knight had confirmed that nobody was here; therefore, it just concentrated on dealing with its wounds at this moment.

Zhang Tie just watched this guy mercilessly.

Through such an angle, Zhang Tie discovered some unusual things on this demon knight.

This guy's soft armor was very excellent. Over the past 1 month, Zhang Tie had killed and captured about 12 living black iron demon knights. As those black iron knights on the battlefield didn't know whether they could survive, they would not carry surplus items besides soft armors and weapons which could never match that of this guy.

Besides an excellent knight's soft armor, this guy also carried a space-teleportation equipment. The black adhesive which was used to deal with injuries were taken out of its space-teleportation equipment. It was rare for black iron demon knights to carry any space-teleportation equipment. Very few earth demon knights could have space-teleportation equipment, not to mention black iron knights.

With his lotus-flower eyes, Zhang Tie saw a hammer-shaped silver secret item swimming in the qi sea of the lower abdomen of this guy.

Zhang Tie immediately realized that this was not a common demon knight.

There were major human clans and influential officials; similarly, in the hierarchical pyramid of demon society, there were also major demon clans and bigwigs. Knights from major clans and powerful families definitely have more items to protect themselves on the battlefield.

After licking his lips, Zhang Tie revealed a merciless smile on his icy and insidious face. At the same time, he reached his weird claw towards the neck of the demon knight...

When Zhang Tie licked his lips, the demon knight realized that something was wrong. However, it thought that it was not a threat. Until it heard the sound behind him, the demon knight turned around to take a look at his back...

The demon knight saw a weird claw reaching towards its neck...

At the sight of the weird claw, the demon knight's pupils shrunk immediately. It seemed wanting to do something or utter an amazed shriek; however, it was too late. That weird claw caught its neck fiercely and pressed its head against the ground ferociously before it uttered any voice and made any response...

The weird claw was unimaginably powerful. The demon knight felt that its neck and head were under a huge mountain. Closely after that, its head ferociously collided against the ground.

With a loud sound "bang...", the hard ground cracked. The demon knight's nose slumped at once while its teeth flew out of its mouth. Its head felt like being beaten by a huge, heavy hammer. It felt dizzy as it spurted out blood at once.

As the demon knight was sitting on the ground to treat its wounds with crossed legs just now, when its head was pressed against the ground, it looked like a little girl who practiced her basic skills of dance. With this gesture, it could barely move at all and felt especially embarrassed.

"Who're you?" The demon knight roared when it caught sight of the lower hem of a black robe through its eye corners. Pressing its neck, the back robe one was squatting down on its side.

What it received was a heavy blow on its left ribs, which was barbaric, fierce and straightforward.

The blow broke 7-8 ribs of the demon knight, causing it to spurt out blood once again. Closely after that, Zhang Tie punched its right ribs, breaking some more ribs and causing it to spurt out more blood. After then, Zhang Tie punched at the middle of the demon knight's back. Finally, he punched at the back side of the demon knight's head...

The demon knight wanted to struggle; however, under Zhang Tie's great stress, he had no chance to struggle at all.

Each time Zhang Tie punched at it, this narrow space would feel like being beaten by a huge steam forging hammer as the earth would faintly shake. The demon knight was also like a tube of toothpaste. Each time Zhang Tie squeezed toothpaste out of the tube, he would cause the demon knight to spurt out blood...

Besides uttering "Who're you?", the demon knight didn't utter any voice until he became completely faint.

Zhang Tie then clapped his hands and stood up. It was much easier for people to kill a tiger than catching it alive; similarly, it was much more difficult for Zhang Tie to knock out a black iron demon knight than directly killing it. Thanks to his over one month's "precious experience", it only took Zhang Tie less than a minute to knock out this prey alive.

Until being knocked out by Zhang Tie, that demon knight still maintained that hilarious basic gesture of dance and became feeble all over. Besides a puddle of blood, there were only teeth on the ground.

After throwing a glance at this guy on the ground, Zhang Tie revealed a faint smile. After that, he sent this guy into Castle of Black Iron as a raw material for bloody sacrifice. Zhang Tie didn't care what items did this guy carry as Heller would find all of them wherever they were hidden in its body.

The bangs didn't stop in the sky. It indicated that the large-scale battle was ongoing. After a weird eye light flashed by, Zhang Tie licked his lips once again...

Chapter 1007: Angling

After a few minutes, the little black beetle flew out of the deep trench and returned to the original place. After watching the battlefield in the distance for about half a minute, the little black beetle flew off towards the distance along the earth's surface...

In an air territory being far away from the two large battle formations in the distance, two battle qi tornadoes rushed into the sky, which indicated that the two earth knights were fighting.

After one month's observation, Zhang Tie found that over 90% of combats between earth human knights and earth demon knights in the core of Tiewei Mountain would come to an end by one party being defeated instead of being annihilated although the combats broke out every day. He found that the weaker party would always rapidly return to the sphere of influence of its own battle fortress when it realized that it couldn't bear the opposite's attack anymore or felt that the opponent had an overwhelming advantage at the beginning in case of being killed in the shortest period.

Those who could tangle with each other for a long time were always earth knights who had almost the same battle strength. Such combats would always be very fierce or very splendid. As the two parties had almost the same battle strength, it was more difficult for one party to kill the other.

Over the past 1 month, Zhang Tie had fought earth demon knights 5 times; however, he only found 2 chances to kill earth demon knights. As to the other 3 combats, they escaped the moment they found that they were in disadvantageous positions. 2 of the 5 earth demon knights didn't even spare any chance for a close combat to Zhang Tie. The moment they found that Zhang Tie was approaching them, they had escaped rapidly. Facing such cunning earth demon knights, Zhang Tie became speechless.

Compared to the other knights, Zhang Tie's fatality rate had reached about 40% when fighting earth demon knights. What an amazing figure!

After killing two earth demon knights, Zhang Tie had lit 17 scales of his water chakra.

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The little beetle landed on a remote boulder below the battlefield of the two battle qi tornadoes and watched the combat between the earth human knight and the earth demon knight and the collisions between the two large formations in the distance.

Of course, Zhang Tie expected that humans could take the advantageous position in the collisions between the two large formations. As for the duel between the earth human knight and the earth demon knight, Zhang Tie actually hoped that the earth demon knight could take the advantageous position so that the earth human knight could return to the sphere of the effect of the human's battle fortress.

If the earth human knight took the advantageous position, the earth demon knight would return to the sphere of the effect of the demon's battle fortress. If so, Zhang Tie would not gain any benefit from this combat.

In this situation, if Zhang Tie incarnated as Gorath and rushed forward, the earth demon knight would escape right away when it realized that it was going to be attacked by two earth human knights. If so, Zhang Tie would not gain any benefits at all.

It was definitely a technology for Zhang Tie to hunt earth demon knights in Tiewei Mountain.

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As time went by, the fierce collisions between humans and demons continued. Humans and demons were constantly ground and devoured by the opposite large formation after breaking off their own large formation. Independent humans and demons also grew in population. At the same time, the combats around the large formations grew fiercer.

In Zhang Tie's eyes, if the two large formations were far-ancient fierce beasts, he was a cunning jager who was waiting for fish and shrimps being pushed to the sandy beach by sea waves and tidewater.

2 hours later, Zhang Tie finally gained a chance as the result of the combat between the two earth knights had become clear.

As was expected by Zhang Tie, when the earth human knight felt that he could not bear it anymore, he chose to evacuate; however, the earth demon knight kept chasing after him as it intended to kill him before he reached the protective sphere of the human's battle fortress.

The two light beams flew away one after another. The little black beetle also flew off and chased after the two earth knights rapidly. When the little black beetle passed by a hidden mine, it entered the mine immediately and incarnated into the grim Gorath almost at the same time.

Gorath's lotus-flower eyes flickered and firmly targeted at the earth demon knight in the sky.

The two earth knights soon entered the black mist out of the effect of the large formations. Commoners would not be able to see them anymore, except for Zhang Tie who could still see the earth demon knight even in the black mist.

Zhang Tie flew rapidly along the earth's surface. From a height, due to the super hiding rune effect, Zhang Tie's body almost integrated with the earth. When he entered the black mist, he instantly rushed into the sky and accelerated his speed after the earth demon knight.

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After 20 minutes, Zhang Tie found that the earth human knight had entered the protective sphere of the human's battle fortress. Due to the large-scale battle today, in order to prevent demons from raiding the base of humans, earth and shadow human knights were patrolling in the periphery of the battle fortress. At the sight of the earth human knight, a team of human knights instantly accelerated towards him...

At the sight of the team of human knights, the earth demon knight immediately turned around and evacuated.

Although being over 40 miles away, Zhang Tie could still see what was happening in front of him even in the dense black mist.

Watching the earth demon knight turning around and flying towards him, Zhang Tie immediately stopped.

A whim occurred to his mind— I will let the earth demon knight chase after me rather than chasing after it. It would be easier for me to gain benefits from it. There's an old Hua saying, if you want to gain something, you have to give it to others at first.

After thinking about it for a second, Zhang Tie felt that this whim was feasible.

After releasing his battle qi, he shattered his own black robe and made his hair disordered. After that, he found some ashes from Castle of Black Iron and daubed some on his face. Furthermore, he told Heller to collect some blood of the demon knight and spray blood over his body. Besides, he made his qi as an earth knight look unstable.

Only after a short while, Zhang Tie had looked utterly different.

At first sight, Gorath immediately became an earth human knight who had escaped from the battlefield in a pretty embarrassed manner. Additionally, he seemed to have suffered severe wounds; plus the solemn and insidious poker face, his look was very persuasive.

After all, the role Gorath was used to sacrifice and be his scapegoat. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't have any stress to do anything in this role.

Zhang Tie could even do more excessive things in order to angle an earth demon knight, not to mention an embarrassed makeover. Zhang Tie would not even lose hair by doing that; therefore, he didn't have any mental stress.

After doing all this, Zhang Tie flew towards the earth demon knight.

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After a few minutes, Gorath, with an unstable and "embarrassed" qi as an earth knight, encountered the earth demon knight in the sky.

After passing by the black mist, the two parties discovered the opponent almost at the same time from less 600 m away.

After changing his face, Gorath turned around and escaped at once. That earth demon knight responded in a split second. With a flier, it hurriedly caught up with Gorath.

When they encountered, the earth demon knight was rightly on the way that Gorath returned to the human's battle fortress; therefore, Gorath would not return to the human's battle fortress anymore. He could only seek for another way to evacuate. After noticing that Gorath was "severely wounded", of course, the demon knight would not abandon such a good chance as it accelerated immediately.

As Gorath was "severely wounded", he could not fly rapidly. Only after 20 minutes, he had been blocked by the earth demon knight using magnet tactic in a remote mountain being far away from the core battlefield.

Only after a few strikes in the sky, Gorath who was "severely wounded" had "spat" out blood. At the same time, its face turned pale as he dove into a deserted mine in the mountain in a flurried way.

"With demon god on my side, where you're escaping to?" The demon knight fleered as it followed Gorath into the mine.

After entering thousands of meters inside the mine, the demon knight had already caught up with Gorath. Additionally, it rapidly approached Gorath with the help of the narrow space in the mine and started the most dangerous and fatal close combat. It wanted to kill the "severely wounded" Gorath rapidly through close combat.

After responding to the earth demon knight's strike a few minutes in an "embarrassed" manner, "severely wounded" Gorath frankly bore a strike from the earth demon knight with his protective battle qi. After that, when the earth demon knight attacked him, Gorath finally got a chance to catch the demon knight's ankle. Through this movement, the demon knight felt an "inseparable deep love".

The demon knight thought that Gorath's protective battle qi had been collapsed. The moment it prepared to break the human knight's head by one kick, it found that the opponent suddenly changed into an utterly different person—his collapsed protective battle qi reappeared with full energy; at the same time, the human knight caught its ankle when his qi turned as stable as a mountain at once.

Before the earth demon knight realized what happened, Gorath who had held the demon knight's ankle had turned berserk like a tyrannosaurus. He lifted the earth demon knight and crashed it against the ground in the mine like using a knife to break a cucumber.

With a "bang", a huge pit appeared on the ground in the mine.

With an earthquake, soil and rocks in the mine fell down. Through this strike, the earth demon knight was almost knocked out by Gorath. However, before it realized what happened, the weird claw lifted it up and slammed it onto the ground ferociously once again...

In the next 10 minutes, the earthquake in the mine didn't stop at all...

10 minutes later, the earthquake in the mine finally stopped. After a few more minutes, Zhang Tie came out of the mine still in an embarrassed way like being severely wounded.

He lurked on the ground below the necessary flight route through which human knights returned to the battle fortress...

Only after 1 hour later, another earth demon knights followed an earth human knight here.

The opposite scene might happen on the other side of the battlefield; however, the scene that earth human knight was chased by an earth demon knight could only be seen here.

As both parties had enough knights, earth demon knights and earth human knights could only have 50% possibility to win the duel. From Zhang Tie's position, he could see more earth human knights being chased by earth demon knights.

At the sight of the two knights in the sky, Zhang Tie felt pretty thrilled.

As was told by Donder, a sustainable money-making mode was definitely more profitable than a disposable money-making mode...

'Model!' What a motherf*cking good thing!

Zhang Tie felt that he had absolutely understood the essence of Donder's words.

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After 40 minutes, another earth demon knight followed after "severely wounded" Gorath into the deserted mine.

Ten more minutes later, Gorath came out of the mine once again...

Chapter 1008: I Come, I See and I Fight

After over 10 hours' fierce collisions, the two large battle formations finally left the main battlefield slowly like two fierce beasts who licked their wounds, leaving dust over the sky...

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"Ahh...that's not real..."

A black iron demon knight uttered the last scream in the mine before being stomped by Zhang Tie's foot as it passed out while rolling up its eyes after being mistreated a few minutes.

The black iron demon knight whose battle strength was close to the demon general in Waii Subcontinent was the last one of those who were induced by Zhang Tie into the mine. Before entering this mine, it was domineering; however, its body had been covered by Gorath's footprints at this moment.

As Gorath was a disguised role who didn't need to take any responsibility for what he did, at the sight of this guy, Gorath immediately changed his qi into the level of black iron knights and looked like being severely wounded and embarrassed. Like those demon knights being knocked over by Zhang Tie, at the sight of the "severely wounded" human knight escaping away, it immediately caught up with him. Closely after that, the injured rabbit turned into a berserk tyrannosaurus and what waited for it was a tragedy...

Undoubtedly, this was a "good mode". Only after half a day, Zhang Tie had gained the same achievement that he had achieved in one month since he came to this theater of operations, namely knocking over 4 earth demon knights and 3 black iron earth demon knights. What an amazing military exploit!

Without this large-scale battle between two large formations, this "good mode" might not work at all; in this special state "good mode", Gorath's perfect performing skills and Zhang Tie's powerful battle strength led to such a bumper day.

At the sight of Gorath, all those demon knights realized that he was a fish escaping from the huge net on the battlefield. If it were another time and scene, the effect could never be as good as this one.

Zhang Tie didn't enjoy himself to the full. After knocking out the last black iron demon knight and throwing it into Castle of Black Iron, he flew out of the mine once again. He looked up and saw the human's large battle formation slowly moving towards the battle fortress from afar.

The human knights who had broken off the large formation also evacuated with the human's large formation from the main battlefield. So did the demon's large formation and those demon knights who had broken off their large battle formation.

The black mist was covered by black mist once again. The earth's underfoot also stopped its quake. The human and demon knights who were fighting just now also separated from each other.

'Is it over?'

Zhang Tie became a bit disappointed.

Such a highly spirited collision between humans and demons in the Earth-elements Realm would happen once a few months. Zhang Tie had not imagined that it could come to an end so fast. If it could last a few days, Zhang Tie believed that he would make greater achievements.

However, it had to come to an end. Because over 800 human and demon knights had died in this large-scale battle.

The loss of over 800 knights was terrifying; additionally, all the knights died very miserably as most of them were directly ground by the opposite large battle formation after breaking off their own large formation less than half a minute. Even earth knights were as trivial as dust in such a large-scale battle, not to mention common black iron knights.

According to Zhang Tie's observation and estimation, although human's large battle formation had been in the advantageous position since the beginning of the battle, over 300 human knights who broke off the large battle formation and were devoured by the demon's large battle formation immediately. Demons suffered a greater loss as they lost 1/3 more knights than humans.

Given the losses of both parties, humans seemed to win the battle; however, demon knights were more than human knights at the beginning. Comparatively, humans didn't gain too much advantage at all.

The summit confrontation between different species was similar to the duels between major countries or rogues. In many situations, the result of such a large-scale battle didn't rely on the number of population, but on which party was fiercer. If one party didn't have a strong will, they would not block their enemy; if they were not determined to lose people and blood, they would lose more people and blood.

Watching the human knight's large battle formation and those dauntless independent human knights slowly approaching him from the distance, Zhang Tie suspended over the deserted mine in silent tribute a short while for those human knights who sacrificed today. After that, before the large battle formation reached above his head, Zhang Tie returned to the deserted mine in case of being noticed by high-rank human knights.

When the human's large battle formation approached the deserted mine, a little black beetle flew out of the mine towards the battlefield...

Zhang Tie thought about picking some extra gains from the battlefield. After all, it was a rare chance.

Half an hour later, after the two large formations evacuated the battlefield, those who were responsible for picking extra gains on the battlefield arrived.

Auxiliary human troops and a lot of spider demons and ox-headed demons were dispatched to the battlefield.

Their jobs basically contained the following three points.

First, discover wounded knights on their side who had lost action capability on the battlefield and save them.

Second, if they found the opposite knights who had lost their action capability, they would kill them immediately.

Third, pick equipments and items of the late knights on the battlefield.

Most of the late knights were directly and immediately ground in the collisions of the two large formations, who might carry extremely rare space-teleportation equipment even senior cultivation methods. After these knights were killed, their belongings would fall onto the battlefield. If one party didn't pick and scramble them, it indicated that they gifted these precious items to the opponent.

Therefore, both parties would not give up picking these rarities. Even if there were no rarities on the battlefield, as knight's weapons had basically broken through the bottleneck of black iron effect, each one of which would worth hundreds of thousands of gold coins at least. Therefore, neither party would abandon them.

The combats of auxiliary battle fighters were just aftermath of this large-scale battle in the core theater of operations. However, the combats were still very miserable for these knights below knight level. In each combat, they had to face a life or death situation. In the aftermath of each large-scale battle, the number of human fighters below knight level who sacrificed and left their blood on the battlefield would not be fewer than that of human knights who lost their lives in the collisions of the two large battle formations.

When low-level fighters from both parties entered the battlefield which had been watered by numerous knights' blood, the dense black mist was full of saber and sword lights and killing intents once again...

2 hours later, the little black beetle had circled around the battlefield. Although he didn't see any human knight and demon knight, he saw many combats between human and demon fighters below knight level.

After realizing that he would gain no extra benefit and was not qualified to be the babysitter of human fighters on the battlefield, the little black beetle returned to the deep trench where he knocked out the first black iron demon knight today. In a hidden place in the deep trench, he returned to Castle of Black Iron.

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In Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie's original body opened his eyes while the little black beetle kept flying around his head.

"Well, you must be tired. Go take a rest. If you want to take an all-purpose medicament, go find Aziz!" Zhang Tie waved his hand towards the little black beetle. After receiving the order, the little black beetle immediately flew off the palace tree jubilantly for Aziz. During the period when it was in Castle of Black Iron, this little black beetle had already become the loyal fan of all-purpose medicament in Castle of Black Iron. It would have some drops of all-purpose medicament each day.

"After fighting for so many days, Castle Lord should have a rest!" Heller walked over here and said with a solemn look as he pointed at the wounds on Zhang Tie's body.

After hearing Heller's suggestion, Zhang Tie lowered his head and took a look at his wounds before taking deep breaths consecutively, "If you didn't warn me, I almost forgot about it!"

Without any disguise, Zhang Tie's body had been covered with real wounds. His black robe had been wet by his blood and sweat.

The over 40 wounds, internal and external, large and small were caused by those earth demon knights who were trapped by him in the mine. There were 3 wounds on his face. The two severest wounds were on his leg and left armpit respectively, from where he could even see his bones. Average earth knights might have lain down, except for Zhang Tie.

Those earth demon knights that Zhang Tie met today were all above average. Two of them were very tricky. Even though they were trapped by Zhang Tie, they still made Zhang Tie suffer a great loss.

The reason that Zhang Tie could bear so many wounds till now lay in the great power of his emperor-level method. What counted most was the super anti-strike capability and super recovery ability that was granted by the small tree and the unyielding belief in his mind.

After having close combats with some earth demon knights constantly, Zhang Tie had some new gnosis about his own battle skills. Therefore, Zhang Tie's achievements were far more than absorbing the water elements from the water chakras of some earth demon knights today; he had made the most important step forward in his self-awareness.

At this moment, Zhang Tie confirmed that he had already become a trump earth knight who had killed over 5 earth demon knights although he had not won others' approval.

A trump earth knight would have an absolutely different gnosis than common earth knights.

The combats today represented his spirit of iron and blood. Although he didn't join the large human battle formation, he had killed the most demon knights alone. He had bled no less than that of the other human knights. Additionally, the large-scale battle in the sky made him highly spirited as a human knight.

If Zhang Tie still didn't bleed or get injured in the fiercest and most miserable battle between humans and demons as a shrewd onlooker, it would be a regret in his life.

Zhang Tie faintly felt proud of himself about his wounds and achievements...

Even though he was framed as a murderer and couldn't expose his real status to the public, Zhang Tie's firm belief as a human knight still didn't collapse whenever and wherever he was!

'I come, I see and I fight...'

This was Zhang Tie's firm belief in the holy war as a human knight!

Chapter 1009: 1 Change Earth Knight Realm

Heller seemed to have sensed Zhang Tie's pride; he threw a glance at Zhang Tie before speaking slowly, "Castle Lord, your battle style was too valiant and risky. However, if you met any earth demon knight who had a greater battle strength or mastered some special secret method, Castle Lord might be severely inflicted in a split second!"

"Such a large-scale battle is rarely seen. After the earth-element crystals in Tiewei Mountain were fully exploited after 3 months, such a large-scale battle would be barely seen in a short period!" Zhang Tie replied with a sigh, "Given the situations from all aspects over the past one month, I feel that this might be the last large-scale battle between humans and demons in the core of Tiewei Mountain. The confrontation between tens of thousands of human knights and demon knights might soon come to an end! I didn't come to the Earth-elements Realm in vain after participating in such a large-scale battle. If I did not risk my life and get injured today, I would even feel sorry for myself!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's answer, Heller could only reveal a bitter smile, "Fortunately, Castle Lord has made a great achievement today. However, there's an old Hua saying that where there is life, there is hope. Based on your current resources, as long as you could make progress step by step steadily, you will promote to a heavenly knight sooner or later. If you were in a rush for quick results, you might face the reverse outcome!"

"Okay, I will keep it in mind!" Zhang Tie knew that Heller really cared about him; therefore, he accepted Heller's suggestion modestly, "Oh, you mentioned that some demon knight mastered some secret method which could severely inflict me. What's that secret method?"

"Battle Qi Automatic Explosion!" Heller revealed the name of the secret method. Zhang Tie didn't ask how did Heller know it. Whatever, he knew that Heller would not cheat him, "Castle Lord is used to catching the wrist or ankle of demon knights, however, if you met a demon knight who had mastered battle qi automatic explosion, Castle Lord was actually holding a very dangerous alchemist bomb!"

'F*ck, how could there be such an abnormal skill?'

Zhang Tie took in a deep breath. He could only admit that he was unfortunate if he met a demon knight who mastered battle qi automatic explosion. Whatever, he could not give up the most effective battle pattern due to the existence of such a demon knight.

Whereas, Heller's words made Zhang Tie vigilant. He should make preparations in case that he really met such a demon knight; otherwise, he didn't even have time to use his shield, a silver secret item. That would be too miserable...

"Fine, I will make preparations!" Zhang Tie replied as he took out a vial of senior recovery medicament and drank it up. At the same time, he walked towards his own room, "After experiencing hardships and avoiding from a shadow demon knight's chase for so many days, I'm a bit tired. I will sleep a few days..."

With his preliminary recovery body, in many situations, Zhang Tie only needed to have a sound sleep. However, he was really a bit tired at this moment...

Watching Zhang Tie's fatigued figure after relaxing himself, Heller let out a sigh inside, Over the past one more month, Zhang Tie had indeed exerted his utmost efforts. Each day, Zhang Tie was in high-intensity combats or agnostic state.

After destroying that secret base of demons, Zhang Tie spent about 10 days in escaping from the chase of a shadow demon knight who carried a soul-chasing butterfly and excelled at chasing others with the help of Castle of Black Iron and his super great incarnation capability by leading it to an underground magma sea. After coming back from the magma sea, he caught sight of such a large-scale battle between human knights and demon knights. Although being not in the human's large formation, Zhang Tie's combats were also hard and fierce.

In order to prevent those demon knights who had been trapped from escaping away, Zhang Tie would always show his weakness. After that, he would find a chance to catch one wrist of the demon knights and started the most dangerous close combats with the demon knights. The severest wounds on Zhang Tie's body were left in such close combats.

Given Zhang Tie's dauntless spirit, Heller found that Zhang Tie was anxious about strengthening his battle strength and returning to the earth's surface because he missed his wife, his parents and his children. Some of those children were in Taixia Country, some were in the remote Ice and Snow Wilderness.

Sometimes, perhaps Zhang Tie didn't find that he usually called those people's names unconsciously in dreams. After waking up, Zhang Tie would recover his composure as if nothing had happened. He gradually strengthened his abilities through exercises and battles.

As for Zhang Tie, during these years since he left Waii Subcontinent, what he felt most pitiful was that he didn't stay on his wives' side when they delivered babies. He didn't fulfill his obligation as a father.

Zhang Tie was not a cool man. He was not too ambitious or enterprising; his intelligence was not outstanding either. From a certain perspective, Zhang Tie was just a commoner who was a bit ambitious and kind-hearted. He was a bit obscure in his youth and always bore his family in mind after growing up. However, the God selected him as the owner of Castle of Black Iron. Did it indicate anything?

With this question, Heller walked out of the palace tree and came to the mountain slope. Looking up at the changing colorful clouds in Castle of Black Iron, he asked himself, 'Is this the will of the God?'

At this moment, the light in Castle of Black Iron gradually turned dim as the night fell.

The clouds rolled and changed their colors as if they were responding to Heller's question silently.

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Zhang Tie stayed in his room for about 10 days.

After waking up, he sat in his room with crossed legs and started to digest the water elements that he refined from those earth demon knights so as to form his own water chakra. After feeling a bit tired, he would drink a lot of all-purpose medicament, which made him drunk and fall asleep once again.

10 days later, Zhang Tie's wounds had been fully recovered; additionally, he had lit 36 scales of his earth knight's crystal plate and entered 1 change earth knight realm, namely, he completed his first round of overall strengthening after promoting to an earth human knight...

Chapter 1010: Being Gradually Outstanding

Since he left Black Armor Battlefortress for over 1 month, Zhang Tie improved his overall strength at the fastest speed. During the past 1 month; especially in the demon base, Zhang Tie killed hundreds of spider demons and hundreds of common ox-headed demons which brought him two fruits of source. After taking the two fruits of source, Zhang Tie was able to constantly knock over some earth demon knights face to face in the large-scale battle between humans and demons 10 days ago in his foundation consolidation period as an earth knight.

A fruit of source could enhance the capabilities brought by his surging points all over his body by 1/12, which indicated an overall enhancement. With two fruits of source, Zhang Tie would accomplish two rounds of overall enhancement. Although Zhang Tie was apparently still in the foundation consolidation

period as an earth knight, actually, his overall strength had reached as same as that of those earth knights who had formed a half water chakra of viscount-level cultivation methods like "Five-elements Ground-look Sutra".

Plus the round of overall enhancement that he experienced when he promoted to 1 change earth knight realm, Zhang Tie's overall strength had even been slightly greater than that of earth knights who had entered the 9 changes earth knight realm of the lowest level baron secret method.

Those who cultivated baron-level secret methods could only gain three rounds of overall enhancement in each knight stage. Zhang Tie had accomplished three rounds of overall enhancement as an earth knight of king roc sutra; additionally, some effects of fruits of source were even better than overall enhancement of knights themselves.

Without fruits of source, Zhang Tie, who cultivated the "King Roc Sutra", was as powerful as the 9 changes earth knight realm of baron-level secret method when he accomplished three rounds of overall enhancement; when he accomplished four rounds of overall enhancement, he would be as powerful as the 9 changes earth knight realm of viscount-level secret method; when he accomplished five rounds of overall enhancement, he would be as powerful as the 9 changes earth knight realm of count-level secret method; when he accomplished six rounds of overall enhancement, he would be as powerful as the 9 changes earth knight realm of marquis-level secret method...

This implied the great power of the emperor-level secret method.

During the 10 days' recovery and cultivation, Zhang Tie was also meditating about his cultivation and precise battle strength level. Finally, Zhang Tie reached a conclusion that his basic battle strength was equal to the level of 5 changes earth knight realm of marquis-level secret methods such as "Fire Dragon Sutra".

Even Zhang Tie himself was startled by this conclusion. He had not imagined that he could reach this level unconsciously after taking so many fruits and cultivating the emperor-level secret method day by day. Even Zhang Taixuan the Long Wind Count might not enter such a high realm.

In 5 changes earth knight realm of the marquis-level secret method, Zhang Tie was already a member of powerhouses among earth knights in Taixia Country.

In this realm, he could easily kill any black iron knight. Plus his exceptional defensive capability and recovery capability, theoretically, he could defeat all the 6-7 changes earth knights who cultivated low-level secret methods in close combats.

Zhang Tie was a bit surprised about this result; however, the combats between him and those earth demon knights just now reminded him that it was true.

The fruit of source was very powerful. With the effect of two fruits of source, Zhang Tie accomplished two rounds of over-enhancement in a short period. This was a good news. However, the bad news was that the two fruits of source might be the last ones that Zhang Tie could take. From then on, the small tree would not produce any fruit of source anymore, after running out of the iron-body fruits and leakless fruits.

Zhang Tie had taken the fruits of source from iron-armored demons, wing demons, spider demons and ox-headed demons, except for the fruit of source from shadow demons. Theoretically, as long as Zhang Tie could kill 360 shadow demons below knight level, he could have a fruit of source from shadow demons. However, Zhang Tie knew that it was impossible. As shadow demons were rare, he might not kill so many shadow demons for the rest of his life.

After entering 1 change earth knight realm, Zhang Tie lost the source of another fruit. Therefore, he became a bit frustrated while being ecstatic. As there were too few fruits of source, Zhang Tie didn't feel like leaving one on the tree as a souvenir.

After entering 1 change earth knight realm and understanding his real overall strength, Zhang Tie became thrilled inside with an unprecedented great confidence. The depression and haze that had puzzled him over the past 3 years since he was framed as a murder finally disappeared.

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After Zhang Tie entered 1 change earth knight realm for 2 days...

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"Beat vital parts..."

"Use more strength..."

"Exert all of your strength, don't be afraid of hurting me..."

On the lawn outside the palace tree, as Zhang Tie constantly shouted, Aziz, Edward and Agan who had been wet all over gritted their teeth and beat Zhang Tie by their long saber, mace and heavy hammer forcefully.

Zhang Tie was wearing a pair of short pants in naked, sturdy upper body. Due to his preliminary recovery body, his skin was very smooth. After his wounds recovered, no scar was left on his skin. At this moment, Zhang Tie was bearing the strikes of Aziz, Edward and Agan like a target without using his protective battle qi.

All the strikes didn't leave any scars on Zhang Tie's skin besides loud sounds and special frictional sounds.

At the beginning, Aziz, Edward and Agan spared some strength; after knowing that Zhang Tie didn't feel enough, the three people exerted their full strength and pounded at Zhang Tie's body constantly by their weapons.

Aziz held a grim mace being covered with sharp spurs. After hearing Zhang Tie's request, Aziz held high his mace and swung it at Zhang Tie's shoulder.

When the mace almost touched Zhang Tie's shoulder, Zhang Tie moved aside and resisted Aziz's mace by his face. When the mace almost touched his skin and the sharp spurs almost stabbed into Zhang Tie's eyeballs did he close his eyes...

As a result, Aziz forcefully pounded the mace onto Zhang Tie's face.

"Bang..."

Aziz didn't realize what happened until his mace hit Zhang Tie's face.

"Castle Lord..." Aziz's hand quivered as he dropped off his mace immediately. Edward and Agan hurriedly stopped too as they both thought that they had hurt Zhang Tie.

The moment Aziz dropped off his mace, he had hurriedly knelt down in a flurried way. Face turning pale, he almost burst out into tears, "Ahh, I didn't mean it, I just wanted to hit Castle Lord's shoulder..."

Zhang Tie opened his eyes and said, "Take it easy, I tried it on purpose. I'm fine..."

"Ahh, Castle Lord...you're really...fine?"

"Yes, I'm fine!"

Zhang Tie replied as he rubbed his face. His facial skin was very good, which was neither swollen nor broken. He didn't even lose a hair. Just now, Zhang Tie just wanted to try the anti-strike capability of his most fragile body part. The result was very satisfactory. He bore a mace' strike on his face safe and sound. He just felt a bit pain on his face like being hit by an inflated toy mace. When the spurs of the mace stabbed onto his eyelids, he just felt his eyeballs being pressed by an external force. Both his eyelids and eyeballs were fine.

Actually, Aziz, Edward and Agan had the strength of LV 9 fighters. Additionally, their weapons were not inflated toys, but real. Although those weapons were neither silver secret items nor bronze items, they were made of abyss iron.

After confirming that Zhang Tie was safe, Aziz finally stood up while faintly quivering all over.

Zhang Tie ran his spiritual energy and activated his capability as a divine dominator. Closely after that, the mace automatically floated up from the ground and fell in his hand. Zhang Tie felt that it weighed about 50-60 kg. Each time Zhang Tie waved it, the mace would utter a wild-wolf like howl, which sounded like containing a terrifying strength.

After waving it for a short while and confirming that it was not inflated, Zhang Tie threw the mace back to Aziz as he turned around and asked Heller on his side.

"Heller, what's the matter with me? Why do I feel that my anti-strike capability and defensive capability have entered a wholly new realm and are fully developed besides the sharp increase in my strength and speed after entering 1 change earth knight realm? Only by the physical defense, I could completely ignore all the strikes of fighters below LV 9."

"Castle Lord, do you remember the situation you were in when you entered the 1 change earth knight realm?"

"Of course I do, I was severely wounded at that moment..." Zhang Tie replied frankly as he immediately realized something. He then widely opened his eyes and asked, "Wait, you mean my super strong defensive capability is related to the situation when I was severely wounded at that moment..."

"After growing old, eagles' claws and beaks would gradually turn blunt. By then, eagles would smash their sharp claws and beaks on hard rocks, making them badly mutilated. After their wounds recovered,

they would grow sharper claws and beaks and accomplish a metamorphosis so as to adapt to the environment. After forming an earth chakra, you have entered a new realm of "King Roc Sutra". Do you feel that the overall enhancement brought by the "King Roc Sutra" couldn't even match the instinct that a wild beast develops so as to respond to the crises?" Heller asked a question in return while his eyes flickered in a wise way...

Zhang Tie understood it immediately. It indicated that he would have more chances to strengthen some abilities if he encountered more crises in these aspects. After each round of overall enhancement, he would be able to face the problems that he had suffered in a franker way. If he was still severely wounded when he entered the 2 changes earth knight realm, his defensive capability would be further strengthened. On the contrary, if all the aspects were balanced, the effect of his overall enhancement would also be balanced in all aspects.

As he gradually reached higher levels and realms, the power of emperor-level secret method gradually became outstanding.

Zhang Tie estimated that only emperor-level secret methods such as "King Roc Sutra" could realize tentative enhancement.

Touching his face, Zhang Tie felt that he should think about it carefully.

After thinking about it a short while, Zhang Tie told Aziz, Agan and Edward to bring those demon knights here. As he felt good today, he wanted to offer a bloody sacrifice by those demon knights...