

## Black Iron 1061

### Chapter 1061: A Myriad of Stars Surround the Moon

Suspending in the air, Zhang Tie just watched how the two elders of Immortal Fist Position Sect flew towards Nangong Sheng, doing massage, setting fractures or pouring medicament into his mouth. Not until a few minutes later did Nangong Sheng flew back into the air with the two elders once again in a wobbly way...

"Master Nangong, will we continue?" Zhang Tie asked kindly.

Nangong Sheng looked pale and very embarrassed. This defeat was a strike on his body and spirit at the same time; additionally, he had to sustain the series of aftermaths, "I...I admit that I've lost it. I cannot match you on fist skills...From today on...my Immortal Fist Position Sect will stay far away from Iron-Dragon Sect..."

After finishing his words, Nangong Sheng swayed a couple of times in the sky like being collapsed as if he was going to fall off...

"Master Nangong, I have no animosity with you. You must be clear about the reason for the fight today. As one of the top seven major sects in Taixia Country, Taiyi Fantasy Sect is too narrow-minded!" Zhang Tie let out a sigh after winning the fight, "Bue I have to appreciate Master Nangong, without comparing notes with you, I would not have an insight and breakthrough. I remember that Immortal Fist Position Sect's territory is in Fengtang Prefecture, Yanzhou Province. From today on, Iron-Dragon Sect would never open branches in Fengtang Prefecture and those prefectures neighboring Fengtang Prefecture. Don't worry, Master Nangong!"

According to the agreement between Nangong Sheng and Zhang Tie, after Zhang Tie won this fight, if Iron-Dragon Sect really wanted to open branches in Fengtang Prefecture and the prefectures neighboring Fengtang Prefecture in Yanzhou Province, Immortal Fist Position Sect could only bear it. As a result, Immortal Fist Position Sect would be severely weakened, even be forced to go bankrupt or move its base. Given the interests of Immortal Fist Position Sect and Nangong Sheng's reputation, Zhang Tie's promise was pretty righteous. Nobody would blame him anymore.

After hearing Zhang Tie's promise, the two elders of Immortal Fist Position Sect beside Nangong Sheng watched Zhang Tie with a complex eye light.

Watching the airboats of Lord Guangnan's Mansion and Tianlu Palace suspending in the distance, Nangong Sheng felt disappointed at once as he mumbled inside, 'What a figure! Strong Punch; sharp insight; close relationship with people from big forces; profound background; being open-minded and treat people kindly. What the hell am I thinking about? How could I fight such a person? How do I dream about driving such a person away from Northeast Military Region? I'm absolutely going beyond my depth.'

"Through this fight, I Nangong Sheng know that there're always people who are better than me. Fire Dragon Hermit's fist skill, battle skill and moral standing are really convincing!" Nangong Sheng cupped his hands towards Zhang Tie with a bashful look, "I really can't stay in the opening ceremony of Iron-

Dragon Sect anymore, but on the other day, Immortal Fist Position Sect would definitely send a gift to you. Wish Iron-Dragon Sect be forever in accordance with the laws. This humble man will...leave..."

After saying that, Nangong Sheng immediately turned around and flew towards Yanzhou Province before receiving Zhang Tie's reply. The two elders of Immortal Fist Position Sect also cupped their hands towards Zhang Tie before following up Nangong Sheng.

Watching Nangong Sheng's lonely back, Zhang Tie didn't know what to say. He just let out a sigh inside, "This world really could not run according to one's will. Nangong Sheng has opened Immortal Fist Position Sect for 100 years and enjoyed a great prestige in Immortal Fist Position Sect for a long time. Additionally, he had reached a supreme realm in his fist, he mistook that the world was running around him. He deserved this failure. If Nangong Sheng could learn from this failure, it might not be bad for him and the development of Immortal Fist Position Sect.

Watching Nangong Sheng's back, Zhang Tie reminded himself, 'I should never feel complacent in any time. All of a sudden, he sniffed a fragrance while a tender and fragrant body was thrown into his cradle as she said coquettishly, "Brother Cui, you scared this humble slave too much. I thought you were dead..."

Bai Suxian said as she patted her plump breasts under her imperial robe as if she was going to attract Zhang Tie's eyes back to her.

'What a spirit!' Zhang Tie swore inside.

Besides Bai Suxian, all the surrounding knights flew towards Zhang Tie too.

Those onlookers had already heard the conversation between Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian. As for knights, even though it was a long distance, they could still hear the contents of the talk as long as it was in the normal sound, Zhang Tie's promise to Immortal Fist Position Sect won many people's admiration. They all felt that Zhang Tie was generous and open-minded instead of being domineering and vicious. As Zhang Tie had power, relationship and was open-minded, he could definitely be a reliable friend.

Therefore, the others were more awe-stricken and intimate to Zhang Tie.

"Younger brother Cui Li, I've not imagined that you could reach such a supreme realm in fist skill. You really widen my horizon. Previously, this elder brother wanted to congratulate your Iron-Dragon Sect, I've not imagined that you could realize a sublimation in your fist skill after such a fight. Younger brother Cui, your supreme realm of integrating with the universe was too terrifying. You're definitely a master in fist skill in Taixia Country. Two happy events came one after another..." Zhang Anguo the elder of Tianlu Palace said with a big smile as he flew towards here with the other knights of Tianlu Palace.

Those who followed Zhang Anguo here were all knights of Tianlu Palace whom Zhang Tie had met in Earth-elements Realm, including Zhang Shuzhen and Zhang Anshi who had a conflict with Zhang Tie. At this moment, the two people watched Zhang Tie with more complex and shocked looks. Only after a few years, the black iron knight who explored the hieron ruins with them had already promoted to an earth knight with such a terrifying battle strength. They found a sharp difference between them and Cui Li. As a result, they felt more complex.

In the knight's world, those with great battle strength would win respect. When they heard their elder call Cui Li "Younger brother", all the others of Tianlu Palace at present had realized that they were "juniors". Therefore, they didn't know what to say...

"Haha, it's Elder Brother Anguo, I've not imagined that my small opening ceremony in Northeast Military Region could arouse your attention, sorry, sorry..."

As Zhang Tie replied, he ran his spiritual energy to drive away the thick clouds over hundreds of square miles. After realizing that Bai Suxian was still leaning against him and the ambiguous and weird looks of the surrounding people, Zhang Tie coughed twice as he patted Bai Suxian's shoulder to remind her to retain a good public image.

Pouting her tiny mouth, Bai Suxian moved a bit away from Zhang Tie with an unpleasant look.

"Younger brother Cui Li, do you think that I'm not qualified to be your friend?" Zhang Anguo immediately looked solemn as if he became angry as he continued, "If not, why not Younger brother send a golden invitation letter to us?"

"Hehheh, erm...that's a bit embarrassing. Because Tianlu Palace in Youzhou Province is too far away from here. I would feel embarrassed if elder brother traveled so long for such a trivial thing, therefore..." Zhang Tie patted his bald head as he continued, "It's all my fault, I will have a drink with elder brother and the old friends of Tianlu Palace today..."

Zhang Anguo recovered a big smile, "That's my younger brother..."

After looking around the surrounding knights, Zhang Tie waved his hand immediately, "It's over. Let's go back to Xuantian City. Whatever, we have to eat. After a few hours' fight, this Cui also feel a bit hungry. If I made you hungry in my opening ceremony, it would be a joke. Let's go back and enjoy the food and drinks first..."

All the others burst out into laughter. Many of them had been ready to flatter Zhang Tie. It seemed that the 3 people of Immortal Fist Position Sect had not been here before.

All the knights directly flew towards Xuantian City, including Bai Suxian and knights of Tianlu Palace, leaving their airboats alone.

After such a short while, the thick clouds like that of a doomsday had fully dispersed. The sunshine cast onto the ground once again. All the knights clicked their tongues in wonder.

"Master, this humble lady misses you so much..."

In flight, Zhang Tie heard Bai Suxian's sound which was transmitted to him in a secret way. Heart racing, he threw a glance at the sister who looked as adorable as a lily as he immediately caught Bai Suxian's hand and flew forward together with her. Bai Suxian also caught his hand tightly as she revealed a sweet smile to him...

When Zhang Tie caught Bai Suxian's hand, he could evidently feel that 3 pairs of eyes were gazing at their hands behind them. Zhang Tie looked back.

The first eye light came from the old guy who was following Bai Suxian closely. The old guy was also an earth knight; however, Zhang Tie couldn't see through his battle strength.

The second eye light came from Zhang Shuzhen, the female knight from Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace. When in the hieron ruins, Zhang Shuzhen had met Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian. However, the two people had not messed with each other yet at that time. Seeing Bai Suxian hooking up with Zhang Tie, Zhang Shuzhen's eyes were full of surprise. Finding Zhang Tie looking back, she hurriedly avoided from his eye light.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that the third eye light came from Guo Hongyi...

Finding Zhang Tie looking at her, Guo Hongyi's eye light became hurry-scurry at once. Closely after that, she moved her eyes away with an arrogant look. At the same time, she uttered a faintly cold harrumph through her nostrils...

Zhang Tie really didn't understand woman. After noticing Guo Hongyi's demeanor, Zhang Tie became amazed, 'Are you kidding me? This mature woman of Guo Clan from Threespring Prefecture likes the type of Cui Li...'

## Chapter 1062: Enrolling Apprentices

When these knights flew back to Xuantian City, they found it was still a bit chaotic in Xuantian City. Because the black clouds and lightning bolts within hundreds of square miles just now were too terrifying. So many people in Xuantian City felt very oppressive and scared at the sight of such a sheer terror. Therefore, the chaos was unavoidable...

After all, less than one of one million commoners might have not seen the supreme realm of integrating one's battle skill with the universe. Even if they had seen that, they might not believe that it was caused by Zhang Tie's fist position.

Not only commoners in Xuantian City, even the juniors of the major clans in Xuantian Courtyard wondered what happened.

However, seeing that their elders and masters and the knights had flown back, these people finally became relaxed.

The moment Zhang Tie landed, he had called Liu Xing who was maintaining order in Xuantian Courtyard.

"Pass my order, the abnormal climate just now was caused by an earth knight when he integrated his battle skill with the universe. If anyone who bewilders others with rebellious words, deal with him according to the law!"

'Caused by an earth knight when he integrated his battle skill with the universe?' Fire Lieutenant Liu Xing immediately stood at attention and chested out, "Yes, sir..."

Zhang Tie then glanced round Xuantian Courtyard before asking, "Where are the disciples of Immortal Fist Position Sect?"

"A few minutes ago, those disciples of Immortal Fist Position Sect had left in a flurried way silently..."

"Well, hurry up, pass my order!" Zhang Tie waved his hand. It was not strange that disciples of Immortal Fist Position Sect had left. They might have already known the result of the fight between Cui Li and

Nangong Sheng through the remote-sensing crystal. Now that the master and elders of Immortal Fist Position Sect had left, what were they here for? Ridicule? Of course, they'd better go.

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When the knights came back, it became sunny once again. The order in Xuantian City and Xuantian Courtyard also recovered soon.

Of course, the result of the fight between Zhang Tie and Nangong Sheng the master of Immortal Fist Position Sect was also exposed to the public. After knowing this result; especially that the abnormal climate was aroused by Fire Dragon Hermit, the entire Xuantian City including Xuantian Courtyard boiled. More people being related to Zhang Tie such as those candidates of local representatives, the master and disciples of Wang Clan became excited. All of them became jubilant and looked more energetic than they were in the morning...

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"Have you seen that the beautiful girl in an imperial robe on the side of Fire Dragon Hermit is the princess from Lord Guangnan's Mansion? Even Lord Guangnan's airboat has arrived in the sky outside the city. Look at that white one. It seems that Fire Dragon Hermit is going to be the son-in-law of Lord Guangnan. With Lord Guangnan as his reliance and background, it's really ridiculous that Nangong Sheng wanted to ruin Fire Dragon Hermit's opening ceremony..."

"Yup, it's said that even the grand elder and some knights of Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace have come to congratulate Fire Dragon Hermit without even receiving the golden invitation letter..."

"What? You don't know Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace...piss off...brat..."

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Only after a short while, the gossip had spread over the entire Xuantian Courtyard, even Xuantian City. As a knight, of course, Bai Suxian could hear all the discussions in Xuantian Courtyard. However, Bai Suxian was not angry about that; instead, she looked pretty happy. She almost followed Zhang Tie everywhere like his wife.

Because those knights had flown off to watch the fight in the air, although it was lunch time, none of the juniors of the clans and sects in Xuantian Courtyard dared move their chopsticks. Therefore, the moment Zhang Tie came back, he directly waved his hand to have people enjoy the meal first.

Even knights had to eat; especially on this occasion, it was improper for guests to attend the opening ceremony without eating food.

All the disciples of various clans and sects gathered in one courtyard; elders and masters of clans and sects would gather in another courtyard. Some female knights who didn't like such a boisterous scene such as Guo Hongyi were arranged to have food in a tranquil place.

If Nangong Sheng didn't come, the so-called opening ceremony just served as a venue for Zhang Tie to meet and chat with the other neighbors; after that, he would enroll his first apprentice in the public, which represented that Iron-Dragon Sect would have an official order in inheritance. To enroll

apprentices was the most important link of the opening ceremony of a sect. After completing this link, the opening ceremony would almost come to an end.

Because of Nangong Sheng, Zhang Tie spent over 4 hours in fighting him. Therefore, the important ritual of enrolling apprentices in the opening ceremony could only start in the afternoon after all the guests were full.

Nobody complained about it at all. Zhang Tie's performance in the fight made his ritual of enrolling apprentices especially solemn in the afternoon.

At this moment, even idiots knew that it was a great progress for one to be the first apprentice of Fire Dragon Hermit.

Generally, the first apprentice of the master of one sect, especially an earth knight would probably promote to be a black iron knight in the future. The first apprentice of each sect was concerned about the reputation of their master and sect. Therefore, they would gain more instruction from their masters. As a result, they would have a greater role in their sect.

As the first apprentice of Fire Dragon Hermit, a master in fist skill with a deep background, as long as he was not too stupid or lazy, he would definitely promote to a black iron knight in the future.

A black iron knight who cultivated "Fire Dragon Sutra" would not be ignored by major clans like Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace.

However, Fire Dragon Hermit didn't reveal any information about enrolling his apprentices in advance, those elders and masters of those major clans at present felt anxious inside.

The most important purpose that elders and masters of major clans and sects took their junior disciples to the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect was to try their luck. The instruction of an earth knight could only be enjoyed by very few clan elites among top clans in Taixia Country.

However, each of the major clans across Taixia Country had thousands of immediate disciples. Tianlu Palace might have hundreds of thousands of disciples. Without such a background, how could they dominate one region and be qualified as a major clan? Even so, very few of these clan disciples could receive the instruction of elders and knights in the sect. Therefore, when one knight-level powerhouse was going to open a sect or enroll apprentices, it would be very boisterous.

Sects and major clans were natural allies in Taixia Country.

If the master was an earth knight who cultivated marquis-level secret method, he was destined to have a bright future. His apprentices would gain a lot of benefits from him and would finally become the reliance of the clan.

With the bounty land covering over 1 million square miles and 10 cities, this master was definitely rich. His apprentices would never lack cultivation resources before promoting to knights.

As he could understand the essence of a fist skill on the battlefield and enter the master-level realm, it also meant that this master had a much better comprehension about battle skills than commoners. After being instructed by such a master, his apprentices would take a shortcut for sure. It was definitely the greatest luck for those juniors to be enrolled by such a master as his apprentices.

What was more, Fire Dragon Hermit was alone, who was not troubled by family affairs like the masters of some sects and clans or knights. Even if those with families could enroll apprentices, they would spend limited time in their apprentices. It meant that Fire Dragon Hermit would spend most of his time in developing the undertaking of Iron-Dragon Sect and instructing his apprentices.

Honestly, few masters as excellent as Fire Dragon Hermit could be found across Taixia Country, not to mention the remote Northeast Military Region.

Actually, there were almost no idiots in this world. What one person could understand would be understood by others too. Therefore, in the afternoon, before Fire Dragon Hermit enrolled his apprentices officially, everybody in Xuantian Courtyard of Iron-Dragon Sect even in Xuantian City wanted to know who was the first apprentice of him. Therefore, it became quiet in a split second.

When the apprentice enrollment ritual started in the afternoon, Zhang Tie sat on a seat made of pure gold in a very dignified manner in the venue with 2 boys on each of his side. The 4 boys in ceremonial Hua robes looked innocent with a tray made of pure silver in hand. There was a red silk cloth in each tray. On each red silk cloth, there was a different item. From left to right, they were respectively a huge wolf-hair brush made of pure gold, golden cinnabar, a group of tea cups and a tea pot made of pure gold.

Many people of Wang Clan were standing behind the four boys. The guests were seated on two sides of Zhang Tie in front of him. Closely after that, the young disciples of these clans would enter the venue in groups to congratulate Zhang Tie. Those being favored by Zhang Tie would become his apprentices...

The process of enrolling apprentices in the opening ceremony of one sect was similar to the allusion of bring the painted dragon to live by putting in the pupils of its eyes and implied good luck and happiness. Therefore, it was called putting in dragons...

#### Chapter 1063: The First Apprentice of Zhang Tie

Sitting on his golden chair, Zhang Tie looked at the crowd. It was pretty silent in the venue.

This process made everybody at present nervous. According to the schedule, after a short while, the young representatives of each clan would show up in batches in front of Fire Dragon Hermit so as to congratulate him. If Zhang Tie favored one or some of them, he would point onto their foreheads with golden cinnabar by that golden brush and enroll him as his apprentice. Closely after that, those being selected would have a sudden rise in social status...

Those being selected by Fire Dragon Hermit would have a chance to gain literary advancement.

At this moment, Wang Chongde the master of Wang Clan walked into the venue and served as a compere in the venue on his own initiative. When Wang Chongde was ready to shout, "All the youngsters of each clan will congratulate Fire Dragon Hermit in turns", Zhang Tie suddenly raised his hand.

Watching Zhang Tie's movement, Wang Chongde swallowed back his words.

Zhang Tie focused on Liu Xing and some guys who served as guards behind the guests.

When Zhang Tie returned to Fire Dragon Bounty Territory, he had got enough assistants for holding the opening ceremony due to the favor of all the clans in Fire Dragon Bounty Territory. Therefore, 12 of the 19 black-armored fighters left him since they returned to the earth surface from Earth-elements Realm due to various reasons. Previously, these black-armored fighters just helped Zhang Tie leave the Earth-elements Realm by airboat at Guan Qianchong's order for the time being; they were not subordinate to Zhang Tie at all. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't force them to stay; additionally, he prepared 200,000 gold coins for each of them so that they could leave him happily.

However, 7 of the 19 black-armored fighters stayed to follow Zhang Tie's order.

Among the 7 people who stayed, Liu Xing was a LV 9 fighter who had made the most meritorious services with the highest official post in the Lion Fortress. Therefore, it was more convincing for Liu Xing to be the head of the 7 people.

"Liu Xing, Zhao Bing, Wu Yinhui, Zhou Xiao, Ma Kuicheng, Linghu Biao, Sun Zhan, you guys come over here..."

The moment Zhang Tie uttered, all the others at present became shocked as they turned around to watch the 7 retired black-armored fighters.

The team of 7 were also amazed as they didn't know what Zhang Tie would let them do at this moment. However, after listening to their names, they rapidly ran over here from behind the crowd and stood in a row in front of Zhang Tie.

"Hermit, what can we do for you?" Liu Xing asked.

Zhang Tie smiled as he looked through the 7 black-armored fighters. Liu Xing was introverted and profound. Although he looked gracious, he was decisive inside; Zhao Bing was brave and aggressive; Wu Yinhui was a bit arrogant yet persistent; Zhou Xiao was as valiant as his name who didn't consider about the result of his deed; Ma Kuicheng was experienced and meticulous; Linghu Biao was silent yet kind-hearted; Sun Zhan was too changeable in character yet was righteous. Additionally, Sun Zhan was the most active person among them who used to joke around the others. After staying with them for so long, Zhang Tie had been observing everybody's movements since he entered the airboat.

Although these black-armored fighters had evidently different temperaments, they shared one common point, namely, these people were all loyal to Taixia Country. As they all experienced the battlefield in the Earth-elements Realm, they were not cowards. However, like Liu Xing, they had to retire due to various reasons.

There was one last point, namely, all the 7 people were born in common clans and families. Wu Yinhui's family background was a bit better; however, his family only had some big manors, plants or small business groups just like those local tyrants in the 10 cities of Fire Dragon Bounty Territory, which could never match that of major clans with knights.

"Do you want to be my apprentices?" Zhang Tie asked calmly, which sounded like a bomb among the crowd.

Liu Xing and the other 6 black-armored fighters were shocked too much. Even those knights and elders of the major clans in the surroundings exchanged glances with each other silently.



'Apprentice? Apprentice of Fire Dragon Hermit?'

The team of 7 could never imagine that they could have such a good luck to be enrolled as the apprentices of Fire Dragon Hermit.

Sun Zhan was the first one who made a response to Zhang Tie's words. He immediately knelt down in front of Zhang Tie with an excited look and kowtowed towards Zhang Tie for nine times, causing "bang, bang, bang". His forehead even turned red.

The others were not idiots. Facing such a rare opportunity which could change their destiny, even their clans', if they still hesitated or declined, their predecessors buried under the ground might jump out to slap their faces.

Additionally, as they all came back from Earth-elements Realm, they knew Zhang Tie's military exploits in the Earth-elements Realm much better. They admired him pretty much. As the highest level among the 7 people was LV 9, it was their great fortune to be favored by an earth knight. Watching Shun Zhan's movement, all the others hurriedly knelt down and kowtowed 9 times in front of Zhang Tie.

Under the admiring and jealous eyes of the others, Zhang Tie stretched out his arm and picked that golden brush. Closely after that, he dipped some golden cinnabar by that golden brush before pointing it at Liu Xing's forehead, leaving a golden and rosy mark over there, which looked like a brilliant dragon's eye.

Liu Xing had not imagined that he could be the first one being pointed with golden cinnabar. When he touched Zhang Tie's brush, Liu Xing felt a bit cold on his forehead as he quivered all over due to the excitement.

'I...I have become...the first apprentice of Fire Dragon Hermit.'

Liu Xing didn't know why he could be favored by Fire Dragon Hermit as he felt that he had reached the sky in a single bound.

At this moment, Liu Xing felt that everybody else at present was watching him with unprecedented hot eyes, including the clan elders and knights. All the other disciples of major clans who were pretty arrogant in front of him started to hold him in awe and intended to flatter him. Liu Xing felt a buzz in his mind as his body turned hot all over. He felt as unreal as kneeling down onto the soft sponge.

"From today on, Liu Xing, you will be my first apprentice. All the disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect would respect you from then on. Don't let me down. Live up to my expectation!" Zhang Tie told Liu Xing genially.

The first Liu Xing that Zhang Tie met had sacrificed in Waii Subcontinent. That one was his comrade-in-arms in Iron-Blood Camp; therefore, Zhang Tie selected the second Liu Xing as his first apprentice so as to fix his regret inside.

"Yes, sir, Liu Xing will follow Hermit's instructions seriously..."

In this public occasion, even Liu Xing had experienced the life or death situation in the Earth-elements Realm, he still became restrained unconsciously. After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Liu Xing answered in a restrained way. After that, he found that Zhao Bing silently dragged the hem of his clothes. He then

realized that he misspoke it just now; therefore, he hurriedly corrected his words, "Hmm...it's master's instructions!"

Zhang Tie revealed a smile as he faintly triggered his battle qi and had another bit of golden cinnabar fly onto the forehead of the other six people respectively steadily.

After pointing golden cinnabar onto the 7 people's foreheads, two boys moved forward, one of them served the teacup made of pure gold to Liu Xing, the other made a cup of tea water for him.

It was Taixia's regulation to kowtow and serve tea in the apprentice enrollment ritual. The bigger the sect was, the stricter the regulation would be. The apprentice enrollment ritual in the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect was a bit simple. As to the apprentice enrollment ritual of other sects, there were so many learnings on the preparation, the selection of time and place, the tea water and the wares. The more rules there were, the more cautious they were. The cautious attitude could frighten the apprentices and make it look like an apprentice enrollment ritual. Before the apprentice enrollment ritual, the apprentices should not eat meat; besides, they should clean their bodies and remain sincere for 81 days.

Of course, Liu Xing knew these rules. Even if nobody had taught him that, a native Hua people must have heard too much about that. Even kids knew about that.

Liu Xing moved forward a few steps by knees and raised high the teacup by two hands without spilling any water out of the cup, "Master, please have a drink!"

After taking the teacup and drinking it up, Zhang Tie gave the teacup back to the boy beside him, "Stand up!"

Liu Xing stood up before moving to the back of Zhang Tie. However, only after kneeling down a few minutes, when he stood up, he felt that the whole world was different. He felt like having a rebirth.

After Liu Xing, all the other 6 people served tea sincerely to Zhang Tie in turns while kneeling down. After drinking their tea, all the other 6 people stood behind Zhang Tie. Like how Liu Xing felt, the 6 people also felt like having a new life from then on.

Finding that the first apprentice of Zhang Tie had nothing to do with their clans, all the elders and knights at present felt complex. After knowing that their disciples lost the qualification to be the first apprentice of Fire Dragon Hermit, many people felt jealous more or less. However, when they found that the other clans lost the qualification too, they slowly recovered their composure once again.

They all knew about the seven people's jobs on Fire Dragon Hermit's side; however, they could never imagine that Fire Dragon Hermit could enroll them as his apprentices. Given this point, they felt that Fire Dragon Hermit was very affectionate; therefore, they longed for the followings...

Chapter 1064: Putting in Dragons by Golden Brush

After the 7 black-armored fighters were selected as apprentices, the juniors of the major clans came on the stage by batches. Even the apprentices of the elders and masters of some small sects had come on the stage.

Actually, no secret method in Northeast Military Region could match "Fire Dragon Sutra" given the levels of the secret methods. Of course, the elders and masters of those small sects wanted their own apprentices to make further progress. As the old saying went, water flew downwards, human preferred to go to higher places. Although there were competitions among sects, it was common that disciples of elders and masters of small sects acknowledged the masters of major sects as their own masters in Taixia Country.

"XXX wishes Fire Dragon Hermit to run immortal chakras forever and have a firm sect forever..."

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"XXX wishes Fire Dragon Hermit to have a lasting and firmer cultivation base and a greater influence..."

All the young disciples chested out and said almost the same auspicious words. At the same time, they were nervous and longing for being selected by Fire Dragon Hermit so as to be utterly different from then on...

Sitting on the golden chair, Zhang Tie could even sense the increasing heartbeats of those young men, the rising temperatures on their faces and the suddenly stimulated or constrictive blood vessels.

All the young men looked vigorous and keen. They must be the elites of each sect. As average clans were too weak, they could never be favored by Fire Dragon Hermit, those average clans and their masters wouldn't attend this opening ceremony at all.

At this moment, major clans and sects had already been faintly competitive with each other. The manifestation of their junior elites was like a parade in front of Fire Dragon Hermit.

Those junior disciples contained male and female. Most of them were below 40 years old. As for commoners, they were not young anymore at their 40s; however, in the world of cultivators, as cultivators could have longer lives than commoners, it was normal for them to reach LV 9 at their 40s. It could be said that they had just entered the official road of cultivation at this age.

In knights' world, besides freaks like Zhang Tie, those who could promote to an earth knight before 100 years old definitely had tiptop talents. In front of earth knights, these cultivators at their 40s were like children in the kindergartens in the eyes of professors in universities. The sharp gap between them was insurmountable.

Only a few of them were above 40 years old, 1/5 of them were between 30-40 years old. Most of the junior elites were at their 20s or 30s, who were almost as old as Zhang Tie. These guys accounted most of the disciples in each clan and sect; the rest 1/5 of them aged between 10 to 20...

These people entered the stage nervously with their flickering eyes, some of them looked straight into Zhang Tie's eyes while pretending to be calm; some of them dared not even look at Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie recalled the period of the last semester in Blackhot City when he was going to face his life choice. During that period, Zhang Tie's situation was very similar to that of these junior cultivators. Being muddled, they were waiting for the judgments of their destinies in an intense and exciting way. Although these people in front of him were much nobler than Zhang Tie when he was in Blackhot City, they might share the same mood with Zhang Tie in that period.

The order of junior disciples of clans was according to the order of the seats of the elders and masters of clans and sects which was very considerate. It was basically arranged according to the overall strength and influence of them. Those junior disciples with greater overall strength and influence could come to Zhang Tie's front earlier. All those at present understood it...

Of course, the first group came from Zhu Clan with the provincial governor of Yanzhou Province...

Zhu Dabiao was the first member of Zhu Clan whom Zhang Tie was familiar with. What was more interesting, perhaps the elders of Zhu Clan wanted Zhu Dabiao to experience such a magnificent occasion and meet Fire Dragon Hermit, Zhu Dabiao was also in the group of junior cultivators of Zhu Clan.

However, Zhu Dabiao looked pretty gentle in the uniformed costumes that were specially designed for the junior cultivators of Zhu Clan. His current look had nothing to do with the look of a playboy when he was in Youzhou City, Yanghe Prefecture. Only Zhang Tie who was familiar with him could discover that this guy was peeping at the beautiful young female disciples of the other clans.

Zhu Dabiao was not eye-catching among the junior disciples of Zhu Clan. Zhu elders might know that Zhu Dabiao was just an average person; therefore, they arranged for him to stand on one side of the team of junior cultivators of Zhu Clan. By contrast, those members in the middle of the team were much better than Zhu Dabiao given their looks and battle strength.

Seeing Zhang Tie throwing a casual glance at him, Zhu Dabiao felt being hit by an overwhelming strength. It felt even more powerful than that of his grandpa. All of a sudden, Zhu Dabiao was scared too much that his heart pounded. At the same time, his face turned faintly pale. He dared not to see Zhang Tie anymore.

'Haha, what a hilarious guy!' Zhang Tie laughed inside. However, he immediately thought up making a parody.

Zhang Tie then sent two drops of golden cinnabar flying onto the foreheads of a handsome and stable 30-year old guy in the middle of the team and Zhu Dabiao on the end of the team respectively.

The two people felt a golden light flashing in front of their eyes before feeling a bit cold on their foreheads. The disciple in the middle of the team felt like having a dream. He felt like being prestigious in a split second. Being overjoyed, under the admirable and jealous gazes of the other disciples of the same clan, he hurriedly strode a few steps forward and knelt down before kowtowing towards Zhang Tie 9 times, causing "bang, bang, bang, bang..." However, it seemed that Zhu Dabiao didn't even know what happened or he still didn't believe in it. He only felt that the other members of the team were watching him with weird looks in a split second...

"Douchebag, Zhu Dabiao, kneel down and kowtow in front of your master. What're you looking at? Are you waiting for my kick..." Zhu Elder's anxious voice drifted into Zhu Dabiao's ears. Zhu Dabiao immediately quivered all over like being poured cold water on his body. After being clear-minded, he hurriedly knelt down and kowtowed 10 times towards Zhang Tie. After doing that, he still couldn't accept the fact, 'Ahh, why it's me? why it's me? Is it because that I didn't deflower the little virgin girl in Fragrancereading Building who was transported from Goldenrock Subcontinent and bought her and set her free of good intent a few days ago?'

'Fire Dragon Hermit's disciple? F\*ck...I'm rich now. I will see who dare say that I'm useless at home from today on...'

Zhu Dabiao became wild with joy inside as he felt that he was so lucky today.

Watching Zhu Yuanxing standing up after serving tea to Fire Dragon Hermit, before a Wang disciple gave him the teacup, Zhu Dabiao had hurriedly moved there by knees...

At the sight of this scene, the Zhu elders closed their eyes painfully. Even though kneeling down, kowtowing and serving tea to Fire Dragon Hermit, Zhu Yuanxing, the other disciple of Zhu Clan being selected behaved seriously of dignified bearing; when it came to Zhu Dabiao, Zhu elder felt like watching a dog pushing against Fire Dragon Hermit while sticking his tongue out.

Thankfully, Zhu Dabiao was acknowledging Fire Dragon Hermit as a master, who didn't care too much about etiquette; therefore, Zhu Dabiao's performance was not too embarrassing and even made Zhu elder a bit reassured. What made Zhu elder depressed was that he didn't know why Fire Dragon Hermit selected Zhu Dabiao the douchebag, 'Is that one's destiny?'

When Zhu Dabiao served tea to Fire Dragon Hermit, he silently raised his head and threw a glance at Zhang Tie. Unimaginably, he found that Zhang Tie was gazing at him at the same time. Zhu Dabiao became so scared that he almost spilled the tea water of the teacup. However, when he quivered his hand, Fire Dragon Hermit casually took the teacup and drank it rapidly in case of making him embarrassed.

After picking him up from the ground, Zhu Dabiao felt that Fire Dragon Hermit was watching him with a bit strange look. However, he didn't think too much about that, he just felt muddle-headed.

After Zhu Clan, it was the turn of Qian Clan with the provincial governor of Tongzhou Province...

Although the overall strength of Qian Clan was a bit weaker than that of Huaiyuan Palace, they rooted in Tongzhou Province longer and had a greater influence in Tongzhou Province. Additionally, Tongzhou Province was more prosperous than Youzhou Province. Therefore, Qian Clan ranked 2nd, closely followed by Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace. It was reasonable. At least, each clan felt good. Nobody would comment that Iron-Dragon Sect was snobbish.

Qian Clan's junior cultivators were almost as many as that of Zhu Clan. Actually, Qian Clan had more female junior cultivators than that of Zhu Clan; additionally, Qian Clan's female cultivators were the best in both looks and temperaments.

Zhang Tie selected two junior cultivators of Qian Clan too, namely, the tall and beautiful female in the middle of the team and the last but one youth with a common look.

Like the two people being selected in Zhu Clan's team, the two people being selected in Qian Clan's team were also excited; however, they still smoothly completed the ritual to formally acknowledge Fire Dragon Hermit as their master.

"Master, it seems that the female disciple of Qian Clan is well prepared. When she's formally acknowledging you as her master, she's thinking about whether she could warm up bed for you!"

Bai Suxian ridiculed Zhang Tie in a secret way. Zhang Tie threw a glance at Bai Suxian who was sitting still in the distance and found that Bai Suxian revealed a big smile.

"Cut the crap; otherwise, I will beat your butt on the bed!"

"Master, come on; this humble slave can't wait for that. How about calling this female disciple together? Master could cultivate together with this female apprentice. In this humble slave's eyes, this female apprentice is still a virgin. Are you interested in that? Qian Clan must be longing for that!"

'What a spirit!'

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After Qian Clan, it was the turn of Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace. Zhang Clan received two golden invitation letters; Huaiyuan Palace and Zhang Yang received one respectively. Therefore, according to the etiquette, Zhang Clan would congratulate Fire Dragon Hermit in two teams.

The first team was from Huaiyuan Palace. Zhang Tie threw a glance at these junior apprentices of Zhang Clan and selected two of them.

The second team only contained two people, namely his two nephews, Zhang Chengxu and Zhang Chengze.

Compared to the earlier teams which always contained dozens of people, Zhang Chengxu and Zhang Chengze were the youngest and most eye-catching ones.

"The branch in Jinwu City of Huaiyuan Palace wishes Fire Dragon Hermit to run immortal chakras forever and have a firm sect forever..."

Zhang Chengxu and Zhang Chengze then bowed towards Zhang Tie gracefully. Although they were a bit younger than Zhang Cheng'an, their eldest brother, they were already 12 years old. Zhang Tie could faintly see his elder brother's look from their faces.

Of course, the two juniors didn't know that Fire Dragon Hermit was their uncle.

Zhang Tie sighed with emotions inside. Closely after that, he sent two drops of golden cinnabar flying onto the foreheads of the two people.

Watching Zhang Tie selecting another two disciples of Huaiyuan Palace, all the others at present sighed inside, 'What? How could Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace have such a good luck? Fire Dragon Hermit only enrolled two from Zhu Clan and Qian Clan respectively; however, he enrolled 4 from Huaiyuan Palace. It seems that Fire Dragon Hermit favors Huaiyuan Palace very much.'

Everybody was sighing with emotion inside when they were thinking about the reason why Fire Dragon Hermit favored Huaiyuan Palace so much. Because Xuantian City was in Youzhou Province, Fire Dragon Hermit especially cared about Zhang Clan; because of the all-purpose medicament and Jinwu Business Group in Jinwu City that attracted Fire Dragon Hermit's eyes; because the two kids had an uncle called Zhang Tie whose reputation was famous among humans and was going to recover his freedom? or all the reason above...

Zhang Tie didn't know what they were thinking about; however, all the others at present thought that they had got the reason.

After Zhang Chengxu and Zhang Chengze, it was the turn of the juniors of Lu Clan from Spiritualmaple Prefecture. Zhang Tie selected two disciples from them too.

After Zhang Tie selected the disciples of Lu Clan, those in the auditorium figured out something, namely, Zhang Tie didn't only select those in the middle of the teams; he would also select those on the end of the teams who didn't look outstanding. Additionally, besides Zhang Clan, Fire Dragon Hermit would also pay special attention to those clans with earth knights. He would select one excellent disciple and an average one from each clan. Those in the auditorium didn't know why would Fire Dragon Hermit adopt this mode.

All the elders and knights in the auditorium exchanged a glance with each other as they started to consider about the reason...

In the later, it was the turn of disciples of the major clans in Tongzhou Province and Yanzhou Province who had earth knights. When they entered the stage, Zhang Tie treated them equally by selecting 2 disciples from each major clan, one excellent, the other average.

Nobody knew why Zhang Tie selected the average ones. Actually, Zhang Tie's thought was very simple, namely sparing a chance to those who looked average.

When Zhang Tie was young, he was also an average person. Therefore, he knew that those average ones cultivated very hard.

After selecting apprentices from those major clans with earth knights, Zhang Tie would start to select apprentices from those clans with black iron knights.

By contrast, he only selected one apprentice from each clan with black iron knights.

When everybody at present thought that they had figured out the rules of Fire Dragon Hermit, Zhang Tie selected 7 disciples from Wang Clan of Yushun Palace, Ning'an City under the shocked and unbelievable gazes of all the guests, which shocked their entire venue and the Xuantian City as a whole...

#### Chapter 1065: Over One Hundred Apprentices

Today, Wang Clan of Yushun Palace, Ning'an City was unprecedentedly brilliant.

After providing free porridge in Ning'an City constantly for over 70 years, Wang Clan finally got a compensation.

Fire Dragon Hermit put in 2 dragons from each clan with earth knights and 1 dragon from each clan with black iron knights. Although Wang Clan had no knights, Fire Dragon Hermit put in 7 dragons from Wang Clan which shocked all the other clans.

What did this mean?

Fire Dragon Hermit only put in 8 dragons from the three clans with provincial governors of Yanzhou Province, Tongzhou Province and Youzhou Province in total, 2 of which were from the branch in Jinwu City of Zhang Clan, Huaiyuan Palace, which indicated that Fire Dragon Hermit favored Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace and that Lion of Youzhou Province who was well-known across Taixia Country. However, he put in 7 dragons from Wang Clan, which almost matched the total number of dragons being put in from the three clans with provincial governors. If the 2 dragons being put in from the branch of Jinwu City was not included, Wang Clan would even have one more dragon than the total number of dragons being put in by Fire Dragon Hermit from Zhu Clan, Qian Clan and Zhang Clan.

90 years ago, Wang Clan had a black iron knight who was the founder of Yushun Palace of Wang Clan. However, like how those clans with knights flourished and withered, over 70 years ago, that black iron knight of Wang Clan was killed in the Earth-elements Realm. From then on, the potential momentum of development of Wang Clan stopped abruptly. Although Wang Clan didn't fully decline, they just safeguarded the undertaking of their ancestor.

After Wang Clan's ancestor died in the Earth-elements Realm, Wang Clan stuck to the ideology that "a family which always do good would have a good luck for sure" and started to do good by providing free porridge and building bridges and paving roads. They had been doing that for over 70 years ceaselessly.

Today, Wang Clan finally received their compensation.

Watching 7 golden and red light flying off Fire Dragon Hermit's golden brush and falling on the foreheads of the 7 junior disciples of Wang Clan, Wang Chongde the master of Wang Clan and some Wang elders quivered all over with tears in their eye sockets. Wang Clan's rejuvenation was hopeful. As long as one of the 7 juniors could promote to a knight, Wang Clan would be qualified to be a major clan and recover the glory of their past days.

Wang Clan had been waiting for this day for over 7 decades.

From today on, the entire Wang Clan of Yushun Palace, Ning'an City, would bind themselves to Zhang Tie's charity.

As the old saying went, 'A man dies for his bosom friend.' With such a reliance and glory, of course, a clan would not hesitate to stand on the side of Fire Dragon Hermit.

The omen of rejuvenation of Wang Clan had appeared; however, nobody was jealous about them. Because it was the result of Wang Clan after doing good for over 7 decades. Those who knew the reason could only admire and sigh with emotion about the good luck of Wang Clan.

If the other clan could be as persistent as Wang Clan and be known by Fire Dragon Hermit within Fire Dragon Bounty Territory by accident, the other clan might also enjoy such a special treatment; however, there was not such a clan anymore; therefore, the others could only accept the fact.

People in Taixia Country didn't hate rich men or officials; they just hated those who were rich yet cruel and those tight-fisted officials. Those who were both righteous and benevolent would never be hated by commoners no matter how magnificent their clans were. Few people would give a false account of the true facts.

Those who carried tails were all in tales.



After Wang Clan had 7 dragons being put in, the others immediately congratulated Wang Clan to be the biggest winner in the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect.

After the Immortal Fist Position Sect's master was beaten in the fight and left, Wang Clan became a rising star. The up and down made this opening ceremony special and brought the guests at present more topics and thoughts.

It might be a God's will.

Zhang Tie selected 4 males and 3 females. The eldest one among the 7 lucky dogs was over 30 years old, the youngest one among them was only 16 years old. Their levels varied from LV 4 to LV 8.

Zhang Tie didn't care what the others would think about. After enrolling the 7 disciples of Wang Clan, he continued to put in dragons.

One person from Lu Clan, Dashang City, Gaoping Prefecture of Yanzhou Province was selected.

After that, Zhang Tie respectively put in one dragon from Fang Clan of Qinghe City, Chen Clan of Muqing Palace, Langyun City, the four sons of Li Tao, the boss of Zhongpin Business Group of Dongyang City, Sun Clan of Xuantian City and Gu Clan of Snowpine City.

The masters and elders of these later clans were all in the auditorium. Because of their relatively inferior positions, their seats were close to the end. When they found that their own disciples were put in dragon by Zhang Tie, they were all very excited.

Although the other clans only had one disciple being put in the dragon, it was already a great treatment that each knight's clan could enjoy. Such a treatment had already satisfied these clans. They all determined to fulfill the task assigned by Fire Dragon Hermit well and strive for a better performance in front of Fire Dragon Hermit so as to pave a smooth way for their own disciples in Iron-Dragon Sect.

After entering Iron-Dragon Sect, besides efforts and talents, these disciples from all clans also required their own clans' assistance.

Daddy was the key, but in different skills and patterns.

Especially in Taixia Country, everybody was clear about benefit-based relationships between major clans and sects. When their own disciples entered Iron-Dragon Sect and the other small- and medium-sized sects, they would send gifts to the master out of their sincerity. There was no fixed regulation on the value of the gifts. They should send gifts according to their own abilities. However, they all had a clear idea about that.

Although there was a much-told tale that the master of a sect might like that even if disciples and parents from poor families gifted him some tea leaves that they picked from the mountain; however, commoners had better not play that trick. If everybody could fabricate a "much-told tale", the "much-told tale" would be valueless. Even a rural teacher would receive a gift of dried flesh; not to mention an earth knight of a sect.

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Zhang Tie enrolled 121 apprentices in total, 82 of them were male, 39 of them were female. Generally, a sect should contain more males than females.

After the 121 formally acknowledged their master, they all stood behind Zhang Tie according to the order that they were put in dragons while trying to recover their composure. As Liu Xing was Fire Dragon Hermit's first apprentice, he stood closely behind Zhang Tie as the most special one among all the apprentices of Zhang Tie.

Previously, there was nobody behind Zhang Tie. Now, after so many apprentices stood behind him and Zhang Tie sat on the golden chair in such a generous way, the Iron-Dragon Sect immediately became majestic and imposing.

'From today on, will the destiny of the 121 people behind me be connected to that of myself?'

As it was his first time to enroll apprentices, Zhang Tie also felt a bit weird. Actually, some apprentices were even elder than Zhang Tie himself.

Whatever, after they formally acknowledged Zhang Tie as their master, the identities of both parties were already fixed. From then on, they would become Zhang Tie's apprentices while their life and future would be determined by Zhang Tie. From today on, if they disobeyed the regulations of Iron-Dragon Sect or irritated Zhang Tie, even if they were killed by Zhang Tie, the of Iron-Dragon Sect or the officials of Taixia Country didn't have a right to say no.

It was the No. 1 taboo in Taixia Country to cheat one's master or slander one's ancestors. Such people would not even be forgiven by God. After joining one sect, to a certain extent, it was equal to sign an unalterable life or death contract with their sect and their master.

Zhang Tie knew that the clans of the 121 apprentices behind him indicated a great set of relationships that he cast in Northeast Military Region. It might take commoners a few generations to build such a great set of relationships. However, it was very easy for an earth knight to do it. They only needed to establish a sect and enroll apprentices. Only after one day, the nickname of Fire Dragon Hermit had become different for these clans. This interpreted the dignity and ability of an earth knight.

'From today on, if I really want to root in Taixia Country, the relationship between me and these apprentices might become a bit utilitarian; however, as they've kowtowed and served tea to me, I should be responsible for these people more or less.'

Zhang Tie sighed with emotion inside as he put the golden brush into the tray carried by a virgin boy on his side.

Everybody was watching Zhang Tie and waiting for him to say something; Zhang Tie also read a lot of information from the eyes of the surrounding people.

Bai Suxian's eyes flickered with full pleasure, excitement and a bit pride.

The old guy on Bai Suxian's side looked glassy-eyed as usual who made Zhang Tie a bit awkward. Strangely, Zhang Tie could see through the overall strength of all the people at present except for that old guy on Bai Suxian's side. Zhang Tie felt that nobody at present could defeat this old guy except for Zhang Tie himself.

'Whatever, I will ask Bai Suxian about the background of this old guy after the opening ceremony.'

After being silent for a few seconds, Zhang Tie uttered, "Liu Xing!"

"I'm here, Master!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's call, Liu Xing responded respectfully at once.

"From today on, the 120 people would be your junior fellow brothers and sisters. As my first apprentice, you can manage all the 120 people at your will. With me on your back, you should pay special attention to the seniority of the members in Iron-Dragon Sect!" Zhang Tie said in a muffled voice.

After hearing that, many people's hearts raced; however, Liu Xing became reassured. Because Liu Xing's clan was very average; neither did he have a great natural gift. He was the one with the least background among all the apprentices of Zhang Tie. Just now, Liu Xing was still concerned that he might not be able to control his junior apprentice brothers and sisters who came from knights' clans. After hearing Zhang Tie's order, Liu Xing became reassured. However, Liu Xing still gritted his teeth inside after getting the expectation of Zhang Tie, 'No matter what, I have to grasp this opportunity and will never lose face for my master...'

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When Zhang Tie finished putting in dragons, another airboat arrived at Xuantian City. At the sight of this airboat, everybody became faintly stunned as it was from the Supreme Court of Taixia Country given its symbol...

After Zhang Tie finished his talk with Liu Xing, two people had flown off that airboat towards Xuantian Courtyard...

Chapter 1066: Towards Zhongzhou Province

The airboat of Supreme Court was blue all over. It was about 200 m in length. Additionally, there were symbols of the Supreme Court on both sides of the airboat.

Two people got off the airboat, one of them was Gao Tianqi whom Zhang Tie had met before.

When Zhang Tie saw Gao Tianqi for the first time, he was staying with Feng Cangwu. Later on, Zhang Tie saw him in White Tiger Platform when Zhang Tie knew that this youth was a chief of bodyguards of Commander Cheng Honglie of Northeast Military Region. He was the trusted subordinate of Commander Cheng who had a bright future.

The other one who flew off the airboat together with Gao Tianqi was an earth knight given his qi. He was elder than Gao Tianqi. In an official uniform of the supreme court in Taixia Country and a standard Xiezhai crown, he had slim eyebrows and eyes and looked solemn.

Watching Gao Tianqi and an earth knight of supreme court flying towards him, Zhang Tie almost mistook that they were here to arrest him. However, after thinking about it for a short while, he forgot about this thought.

'Are you kidding me? Besides my elder brother, nobody else knows my real identity. Additionally, even if the Supreme Court of Taixia Country was going to arrest me, they would never do that at this moment. As the bloody figure event has just broken out, the Supreme Court of Taixia Country doesn't even have time to care about me at all. I think they are here to cancel my order for arrest.'

Many people on the ground identified Gao Tianqi. Although Gao Tianqi was just a black iron knight, he enjoyed a high position in Northeast Military Region as the chief of the bodyguards of Commander Cheng. Additionally, it seemed that Gao Tianqi was leading the way for that guy from the Supreme Court of Taixia Country.

Out of etiquette, almost everyone at present had stood up, including Zhang Tie.

"Is Huaiyuan Palace's elder here?"

Gao Tianqi's voice arrived ahead of his body.

'They didn't come here for me on this occasion?'

Zhang Tie and everybody else at present became curious as they wanted to see what the two people were going to do.

Elder Muyu became a bit stunned; however, he made a response immediately.

Elder Muyu cupped his hand as he looked up and said, "I'm Elder Muyu from Huaiyuan Palace!"

Gao Tianqi and the earth knight then landed on the ground.

"Ahh, Elder Muyu, long time no see!" Gao Tianqi hailed Elder Muyu with a smile before nodding towards all the others at present. Closely after that, he watched Zhang Tie's bald head for a second before cupping his hands towards Zhang Tie respectfully, "This one must be Fire Dragon Hermit!"

"Yes, it's me!" Zhang Tie touched his bald head.

"Fire Dragon Hermit, please forgive me. This one is Lord Cao from the Supreme Court of Taixia Country. Previously, Lord Cao wanted to release a news to Huaiyuan Palace in Youzhou City; I know that there must be an elder of Huaiyuan Palace here; plus so many friends from different provinces, it might be better for Lord Cao to declare the news here. Additionally, we were near here; therefore, I brought Lord Cao here!"

"Hahahah...go ahead, go ahead!" Zhang Tie burst out into laughter generously, "Now that you two could come, you've already brought me glory, just let me know if you need any help!"

"We don't need your help, but Lord Cao wants to say something to Elder Muyu of Huaiyuan Palace in the public!"

"Please!"

When Zhang Tie talked with Gao Tianqi, Lord Cao from Supreme Court of Taixia Country had already looked over Zhang Tie carefully before catching sight of the 18 secret pearls in the distance. Lord Cao blinked his eyes as he felt that he was dazzled. After confirming that they were secret pearls, Lord Cao became amazed. Zhang Tie knew that Lord Cao had already identified the background of these secret pearls.

"Go ahead, Lord Cao!" Elder Muyu cupped his hands towards Lord Cao from the Supreme Court in neither kind nor cold attitude. Since Zhang Tie was framed and escaped away, the relationship between Huaiyuan Palace and Supreme Court had been neither close nor cold like how Elder Muyu behaved now.

Lord Cao looked around before saying loudly on purpose so that everyone at present could hear it, "I'm here to notice the Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace on behalf of the Supreme Court of Taixia Country that Elder Zhang Mushen, namely Zhang Tie's order for arrest has been officially canceled. From today on, Zhang Tie will gain his freedom and not be wanted anymore across Taixia Country. The Supreme Court of Taixia Country will investigate the tragedy in Fuhai City that happened 4 years ago from the scratch!" As Lord Cao declared, a document appeared in his hand. He then passed it to Elder Muyu.

In the distance, Zhang Tie could only see a red seal of the Supreme Court of Taixia Country on the document.

After taking that document and skimming over it, Elder Muyu's hands quivered. After hearing Lord Cao's declaration, Zhang Yang directly pushed into one side of Elder Mushen and read it too.

As Lord Cao didn't know Zhang Yang, when he saw Zhang Yang approaching him, he even slightly frowned. However, Gao Tianqi knew Zhang Yang.

"This is Zhang Yang, Zhang Tie's elder brother, the boss of Jinwu Business Group!" Gao Tianqi told Lord Cao in a secret way. After hearing Gao Tianqi's explanation, Lord Cao relieved his frown. He knew that if not that Zhang family in Jinwu City received the news ahead of them, when the bloody sea became mature, the result would definitely be much worse than now.

Although the Zhongzhou Provincial Court suffered a great loss, the judicial agencies of Taixia Country had definitely made a great meritorious service this time.

Everybody at present could guess that the file that Lord Cao gave Elder Muyu was the official document about canceling off the order of arrest for Zhang Tie.

To declare this news on this occasion was definitely more effective than declaring it to Huaiyuan Palace in Youzhou Province alone.

"Lord Cao, is my brother Zhang Tie free now?"

"He's free. Being entrusted by the chief justice of the Supreme Court, I'm especially here to notice Huaiyuan Palace about this news. The chief justice of the Supreme Court felt pretty pitiful about what Zhang Tie has experienced these years. This time, the Supreme Court is going to restart the investigation of the tragedy in Fuhai City. The chief justice said if Zhang Tie likes, he could continue to serve as an official in a judicial agency when he comes back. He could even participate in the investigation of the tragedy in Fuhai City himself!"

When Zhang Tie served as the chief justice of Youzhou Province, he had inflicted a great loss to the Heavens Reaching Church and spread his reputation "Lion of Youzhou Province" over the entire judicial system in Taixia Country. Nobody could imagine that the Supreme Court of Taixia Country could cancel off Zhang Tie's order for arrest and would even entrust him with an important post once again.

In a split second, a well-known human criminal became innocent and might be entrusted as an awe-struck important post in the judicial system of Taixia Country, 'Is this the plot of the chief justice of the Supreme Court or a compensation or both of them?'

Those at present were considering the attitude of the Supreme Court of Taixia Country carefully. Zhang Tie felt complex inside.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that his stigma and crime could be cleared only after returning to Jinwu City and identifying the plot of Heavens Reaching Church, 'I could finally be free in the public in my original look.'

'Four years ago, I unconsciously became a widely wanted criminal across Taixia Country.'

'Four years later, the stigma and suspicion of being a wanted criminal were cleared unconsciously.'

'That's my destiny.'

After experiencing all this, Zhang Tie felt that his destiny was played by an invisible hand like how a clown performed acrobatics of throwing bottles. His life contrail rolled many circles in the sky in a very risky way before coming back to its original point. It seemed that nothing had changed at all.

'But really?'

Watching these knights from major clans who came here to celebrate the opening ceremony of Fire Dragon Hermit and Bai Suxian who was watching him with her big watery eyes, Zhang Tie could only swear many times inside, 'f\*ck!'

At this time, Zhang Tie became reassured and depressed. With this complex mood, Zhang Tie could neither laugh nor cry.

No matter what, both Elder Muyu and Zhang Yang were satisfied with this result. After hearing this news, no matter what they thought inside, they also started to congratulate Elder Muyu and Zhang Yang apparently.

Zhang Yang threw a glance at Zhang Tie stealthily and found that Zhang Tie was watching him. They soon moved their eyes away. However, due to the privacy between the two brothers, they had exchanged much information silently.

Zhang Yang, "Are you going back?"

Zhang Tie, "Do you think I can come back now?"

Zhang Yang, "What to do then?"

Zhang Tie, "I will finish the affairs of Iron-Dragon Sect first. If I go back now, it might not be good."

"Fire Dragon Hermit, are those balls secret pearls?" Gao Tianqi asked Zhang Tie with an uncertain tone which drew Zhang Tie back to the helpless yet hilarious reality.

"Hahaha, yup. I've got some delicacies from Earth-elements Realm. I use them to entertain the guests today!"

'Entertain?' Even though Gao Tianqi had seen a lot of rarities on the side of Commander Cheng, it was his first time to hear someone using so many secret pearls to "entertain the guests"...

"May I have your attention, please? Good things should be in pairs. Besides my opening ceremony, an elder of Huaiyuan Palace also became innocent. As we're happy now, let's try our luck. If you have a good luck, you might get a silver secret item. I'm afraid that many people can't wait for that..."

Zhang Tie said as he applauded twice. Closely after that, Wang disciples carried out a special tool for hitting golden eggs...

After that, Zhang Tie made a brief introduction about the game rule to enliven the atmosphere in the opening ceremony...

Of course, the game rule was pretty fair for the other knights. As Zhang Tie was a supreme dominator and had lotus-flower eyes, he especially prepared the secret pearl which contained a silver secret item for Huaiyuan Palace. Nobody else could take it away. Therefore, it was just an entertainment for the others.

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Watching the Zhu Elder entering the stage in high spirits to get numbers from a fully enclosed metal cylinder, Zhang Tie waved his hand and fetched Liu Xing.

"Notice the outside. Iron-Dragon Sect will enroll 3,000 exterior door disciples. You're responsible for accomplishing it in 3 days."

"3 days?"

"Yes, because I will take you to Zhongzhou Province to have a practice 3 days later..."

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The day when the Iron-Dragon Sect opened made many people unforgettable...

Compared to the first day in Xuantian Courtyard, the following 3 days were more boisterous across Xuantian City.

As for many ambitious young men, if they could become exterior door disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect, they would also have a chance to become the internal door disciples even elite disciples and disciples being directly taught by Fire Dragon Hermit if they were excellent enough. It depended on their destinies...

Zhang Tie kept dealing with many affairs and meeting many people in Xuantian City for consecutive 3 days without a sleep. After confirming the local representatives of the 10 cities in Fire Dragon Bounty Territory, Fire Dragon Bounty Territory was almost on the right track. After that, Zhang Tie took the 121 inside door disciples to Zhongzhou Province by airboat...

At this moment, Zhongzhou Province, one of the nine immortal provinces in Taixia Country was the most boisterous place in Taixia Country as many airships, airboats and bounty criminal hunters were gathering there...

Chapter 1067: A Knot

After one night's stand with Bai Suxian, Zhang Tie only had less than 3 hours' deep sleep and adjustment before waking up.

It was in a super deluxe bedroom of the airboat, which covered over 200 square meters. The top of the bedroom was a flexible crystal dome. After opening the crystal dome, they could see the stars over the sky. Additionally, there were a lot of bamboo palms, some special flowers and grasses inside the bedroom. Because of the existence of these plants, the air in the bedroom always smelt refreshing and a bit fragrant even after Zhang Tie's one night's stand with Bai Suxian.

During the period when this airboat parked in Xuantian City, all the basic hardware facilities inside the airboat such as flowers and grass remained unchanged, except for those private belongings such as beddings which were changed at Zhang Tie's request. The red brilliant lacquer over the surface of the airboat was also changed to relatively low-key silver gray at Zhang Tie's request after the opening ceremony.

He won this airboat from Taixia Fantasy Sect through a bet. No matter what, Taiyi Fantasy Sect was one of the top seven sects which had a profound background. If he showed it off everywhere, it was equal to slapping Taiyi Fantasy Sect on their face. After fighting Nangong Sheng, Zhang Tie realized that he should be low-key; therefore, he changed the color of his airboat.

No matter how great was an earth knight, if he became a thorn in the flesh of Taiyi Fantasy Sect which was a top sect in Taixia Country, this knight would not stay in Taixia Country anymore.

He had changed the color for his airboat and left some leeway for Immortal Fist Position Sect. After the two events, Zhang Tie believed that Feng Yexiao, the grand elder of Taiyi Fantasy Sect would not bring trouble to him anymore as long as he didn't have a conflict of interest with Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

Although gangsters and ruffians might cling to bring him trouble until death, top sects like Taiyi Fantasy Sect were keen on face-saving, pattern and tolerance. If they really annoyed Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie would travel across Taixia Country by this airboat and open it to commoners at the cost of only one copper coin or renovate it into an air nightclub or brothel such as Flowers Pavilion. By then, Taiyi Fantasy Sect would not bear it for sure.

Bai Suxian was sleeping pretty well on the bed in a sluggish way. From one side, her curve was pretty thrilling. After waking up, Zhang Tie didn't get up immediately; instead, he just watched Bai Suxian silently on the bed.

'I wonder what this woman would feel if she knew that I'm Zhang Tie.'

A whim occurred to Zhang Tie's mind. Even though Zhang Tie himself was not sure whether she could accept his original identity or not. After living with her these days, Zhang Tie knew that Bai Suxian really loved him although her demeanor was a bit crazy sometimes.

This time, Bai Suxian came to Fire Dragon Bounty Territory with an airboat, an earth knight and over 2,000 people, which included female and male servants, bodyguards and variously skilled craftsmen. These skilled craftsmen included over 30 chefs and pastry cooks who could make all the food that you named, tailors, instruments craftsmen, gardeners, cordwainers, shoemakers, carpenters, accountants, doctors, dare-to-die men, stewards...all of them were here to serve Bai Suxian.

At the sight of so many people, Zhang Tie was scared too much. He then knew how rich was Lord Guangnan's Mansion.



The over 2,000 people who followed Bai Suxian here were not commoners in Taixia Country; instead, they were servants whom Lord Guangnan's Mansion trained since they were young. Honestly, they were just slaves of Bai Suxian. Nominally, they were not slaves, but family servants. Actually, family servants would have more personal rights than slaves.

These family servants would be Bai Suxian's dowry in the future. That was to say, when Bai Suxian got married, these servants would also follow Bai Suxian over there to serve her.

Actually, Lord Guangnan's Mansion prepared 150,000 people like these for Bai Suxian, which contained an elite army of 100,000 bodyguards.

Followed by 150,000 people, an airboat and an earth knight who called himself "this old slave", Bai Suxian was definitely going to be a respectable figure instead of being a wife.

If not being afraid that Zhang Tie disliked that, Bai Suxian would definitely bring more than 2,000 followers this time.

After Bai Suxian returned to Lord Guangnan's Mansion, she only had a chance to see her grandma for the last time. After seeing Bai Suxian for the last time, the grand madam of Lord Guangnan's Mansion passed away.

After observing mourning for her grandma for 49 days, when Bai Suxian received Zhang Tie's golden invitation letter, she arrived here followed by that earth knight. The "old slave" was left by her grandma who was responsible for protecting her.

According to Bai Suxian, because of the death of her grandma, her dad was forbidden to marry new concubines within at least 3 years. Therefore, Fang Xinyi who wanted to be her step-mother could only wait for 3 years. Additionally, Bai Suxian didn't want to stay in Lord Guangnan's Mansion anymore; therefore, she just came here to find Cui Li with only a small part of her dowry.

When Zhang Tie saw her followers, he was not angry. These days, Bai Suxian was very spirited; especially after she boarded the airboat and heard that Zhang Tie's apprentices call her master's wife privately, Bai Suxian was happier.

Zhang Tie didn't know whether Bai Suxian was trying to test the relationship between him and her with the over 2,000 followers. Even Zhang Tie wondered about the current identity of Bai Suxian, 'lover, friend, comrade-in-arms, paramour or fiancée?'

If it was just an average one night's stand, Zhang Tie didn't need to think too much about that. Now that Bai Suxian had fallen in love with him, of course, Zhang Tie had to treat this marriage seriously. No matter what, Zhang Tie didn't want to hurt a woman who treated him sincerely. No matter what the woman's identity was, a man who hurt his woman's heart was definitely a bad man. Zhang Tie didn't want to be that bad man.

'But...will I really become Lord Guangnan's son-in-law?'

'In which identity, Cui Li or Zhang Tie? If she knows that my current identity and looks are all fake, will this woman accept it and not want to kill me around the world with so many knight-level powerhouses from Lord Guangnan's Mansion?'

Whenever Zhang Tie thought about this, he would feel muddle-headed faintly.

Watching Bai Suxian in front of him, Zhang Tie had to consider about this question seriously.

After being silently gazed for a few minutes, Bai Suxian might have sensed it as he opened her eyes and revealed an indolent smile towards Zhang Tie.

"Morning."

"Hmm!" Bai Suxian lightly replied with her nose before pushing herself into Zhang Tie's cradle like a Persian cat. She hugged Zhang Tie as she pasted her face onto Zhang Tie's chest with a big satisfied smile, "Why did you look at me in that way just now? Were you thinking about a bad idea?"

"Hoho, what bad idea would I have?" Zhang Tie replied with a smile as he patted Bai Suxian's plump butt in the quilt.

"Who knows. All men behave like that. When you eat the rice in the bowl, you will look at the dish in the pot; when you bite one in the mouth, you nip another by chopsticks; you can't even wait to press one by your butt and hook one by your leg.." Bai Suxian pouted her mouth as she gave a light bite onto Zhang Tie's chest as she continued, "Take my dad as an instance, he could find all sorts of women in the mansion; however, he preferred that foxtrel Fang Xinyi. He didn't even consider about my face in the mansion if he married that woman..."

Zhang Tie didn't want to involve in the affairs in Lord Guangnan's Mansion; neither would he comment about that. After hearing Bai Suxian's words, he just replied with a smile. However, Bai Suxian suddenly thought about something as she made a roll and pressed onto Zhang Tie's body. Closely after that, she started to whisper, "Do you like that woman called Guo Hongyi?"

"Cut the crap! Why?"

"Humph. If you don't like her, how could she get a secret pearl in Xuantian Courtyard? Have you noticed how she looked at you after getting that secret pearl? If not this humble slave was on your side, that woman might have found an excuse to stay in Xuantian Courtyard!"

"Shut up, it depended on her good luck. With so many eyes in the surroundings, how could I promise that she could get that secret pearl?"

Honestly, in the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect, besides that secret pearl of Huaiyuan Palace which was fixed by Zhang Tie in advance, all the other secret pearls were distributed according to the rules without anyone's disturbance. In this situation, Guo Hongyi still got a secret pearl by good luck. As Guo Hongyi was pretty happy at that moment, she just revealed a big smile towards Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie didn't think too much about that.

"Whatever, I think that you could have a method to have her get that secret pearl. Those rules might be available to other knights; however, you must have a method to determine who to own those secret pearls!"

Zhang Tie's heart raced. Sometimes, this woman's sixth sense and intuition were terrifying when it was involved with sex.

"If I liked her, why would I choose such a tortuous method? Why not directly gift her a silver secret item?"

"You're right!" Bai Suxian agreed. After thinking about the temperament of this man whom she was hugging, she was sure that this man would not be so stingy.

"I was thinking, what would you do if you found out that I cheated you one day?" Zhang Tie asked in a glassy-eyed look.

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"Are you a demon?"

"No!"

"Are you a member of Three-eye Association?"

"No!"

"Then no problem. What else could you cheat me with? Master, you saved this humble slave's life. You can take away whatever you want from me!"

Zhang Tie had not imagined that Bai Suxian could reply him in this way.

As Bai Suxian replied, she bit Zhang Tie's ear and started to twist her naked body once again.

"I mean...if...if one day you find another identity of me, what will you do?" Zhang Tie pressed Bai Suxian down in case she moved.

"As long as master doesn't dislike me and doesn't chase me away; as long as master keep this humble slave on your side to look after you. This humble slave will do whatever master wants..."

'Damn!' Watching Bai Suxian's enchanting slim eyes and blush, Zhang Tie knew that this question became effective, 'What I'm concerned about is nothing but sh\*t in Bai Suxian's eyes, not to mention that Zhang Tie is not a wanted criminal anymore; even though Bai Suxian knows that I'm Zhang Tie and could change my figure and look, based on her temperament, this woman would only feel it's more stimulative.'

'Given the identity of Bai Suxian, besides those who betrayed humans and Taixia Country as a whole would make her disgusting, this woman might really not care about the real identity of Zhang Tie at all.'

'Sometimes, if a woman falls in love with someone, she would be more dedicated than the man.'

'Well, whatever. Perhaps, this woman will leave me after staying with me for a couple of years when she feels that I'm boring.'

Zhang Tie became silent. Bai Suxian put her hand into the quilt...

"Stop, it's going to break..."

"Master, it's still 1 hour left!"

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When the atmosphere in the bedroom became increasingly ambiguous and the lipid in Zhang Tie's body rose sharply, a bell at the head of their bed rang loudly.

This bell would ring only in contingency. After this airboat left Xuantian City, this ring finally rang for the first time.

"Emergency!" When Zhang Tie heard this bell ring, he sprung up from the bed at once. Although he was naked, he strode towards a speaking trumpet which was connected to a brass pipe and picked up the phone.

This airboat was matched with a set of senior equipment. It contained the voice-transmitting pipes which were usually matched in airships. By contrast, the two terminal ends of voice-transmitting pipes on the airboat were evenly matched with a more advanced alchemist's device. Being similar to a mini loudspeaker, this alchemist's device could make sound clearer and stabler. The listener could easily hear it through the loudspeaker, which was similar to the effect of face-to-face talk.

"What's happening?"

"Master, there's a big fire accident in a village in the far. It doesn't look good!" Linghu Biao replied through the brass pipes, which indicated that he was on duty in the command module of the airboat at this moment. Although Linghu Biao always behaved in a noisy, gay and boisterous manner, he sounded very serious at this moment.

"Where are we?"

"We're still in Mingzhou Province. But we will enter the border of Zhongzhou Province in 1 hour!"

Zhang Tie faintly frowned as he continued to ask, "How far are we from the burning village?"

"It's still over 150 miles away. We could arrive there in 10 minutes at the current speed of Iron-Dragon Airboat!"

This airboat was renamed Iron-Dragon by Zhang Tie.

"Wake up all the others. I will arrive at the command module soon!"

"Yes, sir!"

Zhang Tie turned around and threw a glance at Bai Suxian who was sitting up with a blush, "Let's go there together!"

'I will see who's destroying this grandma's good thing.' Bai Suxian thought as she gritted her teeth.

Bai Suxian pulled down a rope on the side of the bed. Twelve beautiful female servants immediately entered the bedroom with tidy clothes and cleansing wares one after another and started to serve them.

Zhang Tie had experienced this process in the Navyblue Castle for the first time. When Zhang Tie faced such a sexy scene for the first time, his face blushed and heart pounded. He almost couldn't bear it. As a result, he was a bit embarrassed at that time. By contrast, Zhang Tie was not a virgin now; even though

he was naked and facing the 8 beautiful female servants on Bai Suxian's side, he still looked as calm as usual and was not afraid of being observed by them at all. However, the 8 beautiful female servants blushed when they saw Zhang Tie's sturdy, naked body. Even though they still couldn't stand to glance at Zhang Tie. Since they were born, actually they had not served any man beside Bai Suxian.

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As knights, they would finish putting on clothes and cleansing themselves as fast as possible in this emergency situation; especially when some people were serving them. Even though Bai Suxian only spent less than 7 minutes in finishing the whole process. Of course, if not in a hurry, Bai Suxian could also prolong this process to above 1 hour.

In a wholly new dress, Zhang Tie left the bedroom with Bai Suxian and soon arrived at the command module of the airboat.

Zhang Tie's disciples moved even a bit faster than Zhang Tie. Before Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian arrived at the command module, all the 121 inside door disciples of Zhang Tie had already been waiting for them inside the command module.

"Master, Peak Master Bai!"

Standing in a few rows, the inside door disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect hailed Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian at the same time. Only a few of them dared call Bai Suxian "master's wife" privately. In Iron-Dragon Sect, Zhang Tie only told his disciples that Bai Suxian was the master of a peak in Iron-Dragon Sect. After Iron-Dragon Sect was established in Yangui Mountain Range, Bai Suxian would occupy one of the 18 Xuantian peaks in Yangui Mountain Range and select some apprentices from Iron-Dragon Sect to instruct them.

Being silent, Zhang Tie directly came to the front of the ground optical imaging instrument in the command module and lowered his head.

It was the vast land underfoot. It didn't break now as the stars and moons were still hanging over the sky. It was pitch dark downside there. By contrast, the flames in the village became more dazzling.

In front of that optical imaging instrument, Zhang Tie found that the village was on the riverside at the foot of a mountain. There was no big city within 100 square miles. There were fertile farmlands at the riverside. The village was tranquil and graceful. By contrast, the flames looked grimmer.

It was not a house that caught fire; instead, the greater part of the village caught fire. As the airboat moved forward, although the ground images would be blocked by clouds transiently, Zhang Tie could still see many corpses lying on the ground and commoners who were running and wailing in the fierce flames through the ground optical imaging instrument...

"Let's take a look downside there..." Zhang Tie told Bai Suxian.

Bai Suxian nodded with a solemn look.

"Master, do we need to do something?" Liu Xing asked.

"It's unidentified down side there. You'd better observe the surroundings in the sky and wait for my message..."

## Chapter 1069: Kill and Save

Heavy smokes were rushing into the sky from the tranquil village. After leaving the airboat, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian soon arrived at the destination after traveling dozens of miles.

In the sky, Zhang Tie's eyes faintly revealed a lotus-flower shaped halo and changed the halo several times silently before seeing everything in the village.

In the flames, Zhang Tie saw people running hurriedly in all directions with flashing sabers and swords and spraying blood.

It was a massacre. Some people were wailing; some were dying; some were resisting.

Over 40 people were making a massacre and setting fire across the village.

Those killers were in disordered clothes; however, they were very ferocious. What was more, Zhang Tie found that all of these killers were LV 9 fighters.

Zhang Tie understood it immediately that these people were bloody figures that escaped from Zhongzhou Province.

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In the east of the village which was covered with raging flames, there was a plain grain-sunning ground near the foot of the mountain, a tough Hua man was waving his huge saber, the handle of which was carved with a ghost's head and leading over 20 young Hua people to fight over 10 bloody figures who were moving around the grain-sunning ground.

The tough man and the surrounding young men were all wounded. Over 30 corpses were lying around the grain-sunning ground, most of which were young men; only a few of them were split into two halves, which might belong to those bloody figures.

"Forming a battle formation. Stay on my side. Injured ones stay inside the battle formation and don't break out..." The tough man roared as he waved his huge saber and fought those bloody figures.

The tough man's bloody battle qi totem was rolling behind him like an exotic, fierce tiger. He kept chopping and moving as he constantly punched towards the bloody figures. His battle qi formed in the shape of a fist and flew towards those bloody figures within 10 m, which could protect those young men in his battle formation.

Among those young men in the battle formation, a couple of them also released battle qi totems; however, all of them were LV 6 black spiders.

Over 10 bloody figures were besieging them. Perhaps, this tough man had already killed some bloody figures; therefore, the rest bloody figures were scared of him. At this moment, those bloody figures were fighting these people on the grain-sunning ground like wolf packs. The tough man's off-hand strikes and huge saber were both powerful. Therefore, these bloody figures could only fight him in a flexible way. Meanwhile, they radiated bloody eye lights and wailed like wild beasts while seeking for the chance to break the defense line of these people.

Hearing the cries and wails from inside the village, all the young men being besieged by the bloody figures knew what was happening in the distance. However, they could only grit their teeth to stand it while bleeding and dropping tears.

All the partners who wanted to go back home to save their family members due to impulsion had become corpses around the grain-sunning ground. The sudden catastrophe and brutal reality made these survivors strong-willed. They could only resist the attack of the bloody figures at their full efforts.

In the blink of an eye, 5-6 bloody figures ran towards them from the flames in the distance while their mouths were covered with blood. Some of them were even holding slim and tender arms and shins of babies and gnawing them.

"You sons of bitches..." The tough man who was waving his huge saber was so furious that his eyes almost jumped out of his eye sockets. However, he couldn't break out. Perhaps he could kill two more bloody figures; he might also break through the siege of these LV 9 bloody figures; however, if he did that, all young men on his side would be killed in less than 1 minute.

Therefore, he had to stand it until the reinforcement arrived. Such raging flames were pretty eye-catching in the evening. Even though there wasn't any city in the surroundings, as long as an airship flew by, it could pass the message to the superiors of this territory; perhaps the reinforcement was already on their way...

The new bloody figures brought a greater stress to these people on the grain-sunning ground abruptly. Although the bloody figures were still moving around these people; they launched more tentative attacks towards these people. The more active the bloody figures were, the more dangerous these people on the grain-sunning ground were.

The bloody figures didn't speak; they just communicated in muffled voice or roars and watched these people on the grain-sunning ground with red eyes. Nobody knew what these wild-beasts like bloody figures were thinking about.

In a split second, five bloody figures attacked the battle formation from 5 directions at the same time. At the sight of this, the tough man roared and immediately punched 5 battle qi towards the 5 bloody figures respectively.

Pitifully, the LV 10 fighter didn't hit bloody figures with his battle qi; instead, he hit some shadows in the air.

As a result, the shadows were shattered into pieces by the tough man's battle qi, spraying bloody flesh in all directions.

The shadows were not bloody figures, but some young men's corpses that the other bloody figures had picked up from the ground.

The bloody figures were in a tacit cooperation and pretty cunning. When the tough man shattered the corpses into pieces by his punch-shaped battle qi, the five bloody figures who were approaching the battle formation from 5 directions suddenly retreated. At the same time, three bloody figures rushed towards the young men's battle formation from the other three directions respectively while exposing their fangs.

Additionally, 6 bloody figures rushed towards the tough man at the same time.

'It's too bad.' The tough man thought as his heart pounded.

"Let's fight these sons of bitches to death..." A young man in the battle formation shouted.

"Go die!" The tough man had also determined to fight those bloody figures at the cost of his life. He waved his huge saber and involved in three bloody figures who were rushing towards him with his saber aura. At the same time, he punched towards another bloody figure, sending him flying in the distance...

In this process, the tough man revealed his loopholes. The other two bloody figures seized the opportunity and immediately caused two grim wounds on the tough man's back and lower abdomen.

LV 10 fighter's battle qi strikes were not limitless. Additionally, a LV 10 fighter was also scared of the wheel war and besiege from LV 9 opponents.

When the tough man was injured, the battle formation collided with the three bloody figures. Two young men in the battle formation uttered a muffled sound and got injured at the same time. As a result, the battle formation was weakened a bit...

After seizing the opportunity, all the surrounding bloody figures roared and rushed forward.

At the critical moment, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian arrived.

"Sons of b\*tches..." Bai Suxian was irritated. Before Zhang Tie started his attack, Bai Suxian's eyes had turned cold. She wove her hand while white battle qi lines as dense as rain covered the entire grain-sunning ground like a huge net.

The moment the white battle qi lines were tightened up, the heads of over 10 bloody figures in the grain-sunning ground had been chopped off. Closely after that, their bodies were cut into pieces in a split second. However, that tough man and those young men who formed the battle formation were all safe and sound.

At the sight of this scene, even Zhang Tie applauded for Bai Suxian inside.

In a split second, those people who were resisting bloody figures in the grain-sunning ground felt that the heavy bloody smell suffused. The tough man who was waving the huge saber also looked up and caught sight of Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian immediately.

In the flames, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian arrived with surging qis. At the sight of them, the tough man knew that their saviors finally arrived.

"You take care of them here. I'm afraid that few people are still alive in the village. I will kill all of the b\*stards!" Zhang Tie told Bai Suxian.

"Fine!" Bai Suxian always followed Zhang Tie's order on such occasions. It was a bit privy that they cultivated when fighting demon knights in the Earth-elements Realm.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at the grain-sunning ground as he let out a sigh inside. Before those people on the grain-sunning ground appreciated him, he had disappeared in the air.



Because he moved too fast, commoners could not catch his movement by naked eyes. Therefore, those people on the grain-sunning ground thought that Zhang Tie disappeared out of the void.

Zhang Tie didn't know how these bloody figures communicated with each other. When Bai Suxian launched her strike, even though those bloody figures didn't utter any voice until death, Zhang Tie still found that all the bloody figures who were making a massacre and setting fires in the village became still for a second. Closely after that, all the rest bloody figures escaped in all directions.

It would be a joke if Zhang Tie allowed these bloody figures to escape under his eyes.

Zhang Tie moved as fast as a lightning bolt. Only after flying around the village two circles, he had killed all the bloody figures by shooting them with his battle qi from his fingers, except for two, who were left alive purposefully by Zhang Tie. The farthest one was only less than 100 m away from the village.

At this moment, these LV 9 bloody figures were as weak as flies with broken wings and legs who were waiting to be killed by a heavy hammer.

It took Zhang Tie a few time to kill all the bloody figures in the village. By contrast, it took him a long time to save people. Under Zhang Tie's lotus-flower eyes, he could see clearly all the alive people who were hiding in the cellars and wells. He saved them one after another. He even broke two cellars by force...

#### Chapter 1070: Ruins in the Bloody Flames

In the raging flame, a wooden building had collapsed partly. Commoners would not stay in this high-temperature environment at all, except for Zhang Tie.

In that collapsed building, few corpses had been charred, suffusing a vomiting odor.

As Zhang Tie caught sight of a person in the cellar below this building, he flew over here and opened the entrance of the cellar by tender force and prepared to take the alive person out of there.

This cellar had a few air vents. Therefore, the person in the cellar did not suffocate to death.

When Zhang Tie opened the cellar, a person charged out of there as she stabbed a knife towards Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie caught her wrist. The female raised her head and looked at Zhang Tie with extremely rancorous, tearful eyes as she swore, "You beasts...". Closely after that, she opened her mouth while lowering her head as she bit Zhang Tie's wrist forcefully.

She was a 17-year-old girl with dust and tears over her face. It seemed that she had already become delirious. Being stimulated by fear and animosity constantly, she had passed out when she bit Zhang Tie's wrist.

Watching this girl biting him forcefully, Zhang Tie faintly frowned. Closely after that, he caught her wrist and left the cellar. They soon arrived at the grain-sunning ground. At this moment, Zhang Tie made the muscles on his arms move, sliding away from the girl's mouth before handing her to those people over there.

"What happened?" Watching the girl biting Zhang Tie forcefully with a knife in hand, Bai Suxian asked out of curiosity.

"Her family members might have already been killed. When I saved her out of the cellar, she mistook me as a bloody figure. Therefore, she immediately stabbed towards me with her knife. Closely after that, she even bit me. As she was too exhausted, she passed out directly!" Zhang Tie explained it to Bai Suxian. Closely after that, he disappeared once again.

Besides this girl, Zhang Tie saved many batches of alive people. Some kids who hid in the well in their homes at the request of their family members survived the catastrophe.

When these people were saved, some of them also cried and struggled like that girl. Not until they were put on the grain-sunning ground, saw the tough man and listened to the explanation did these people recover their composure.

After saving those alive people, Zhang Tie also saved those heavily wounded ones from the collapsed houses and brought them to the grain-sunning ground in the village.

Under the guidance of the tough man, the grain-sunning ground was cleaned up as the temporary settlements of these live villagers. Bai Suxian took out his portable medicines and instructed those alive young men to save people with the medicines.

Bai Suxian was like a fairy in the eyes of those young men.

It was Zhang Tie's first time to find that Bai Suxian could be so kindhearted.

Perhaps, Bai Suxian was too eye-catching when she appeared or had a strong qi field. Additionally, she had been used to command people since she was young. After Zhang Tie moved all the alive people to the grain-sunning ground, he found that Bai Suxian had already become the boss of all the others here. Everybody here was following her order.

After Zhang Tie put down the last alive person who was severely burned, he told his disciples to suspend the Fire Dragon Airboat over this place through remote-sensing crystal ring. After that, Bai Suxian walked towards Zhang Tie with that tough man.

The tough man's traumas had been treated. However, he was still a bit weary spiritually with a weak and pale look. If Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian were a few minutes late, nobody in the village could survive this massacre.

"Xu Yian appreciates Fire Dragon Hermit for saving our lives on behalf of all the alive villagers in Xujia Village!"

Bai Suxian might have already told the tough man about Zhang Tie's identity; therefore, the tough man immediately made a deep bow towards Zhang Tie the moment he came to Zhang Tie's front.

Additionally, Zhang Tie saved them sincerely. He didn't put on his airs as an earth knight. This tough man had seen what Zhang Tie had done by saving so many villagers from the raging flames and the water. Therefore, he respected Zhang Tie sincerely.

Zhang Tie was especially interested in the LV 10 battle qi totem that this tough man released just now. When in Waii Subcontinent, as there were very few mutated beasts above LV 10 in the underground

world, most of the cultivators could not have a chance to integrate the LV 10 mutated beasts' soul flames with their own battle qis after promoting to LV 10 fighters. As a result, they could only release a "white totem with no image on it". At the sight of the LV 10 fighter's battle qi totem with an image on it, Zhang Tie was curious about that at once. It was even rarer than seeing a knight here.

This indicated the sharp difference in cultivating resources between different continents. Taixia Country had extensive land and rich resources. It was hard to see mutated beasts above LV 10 in the underground world of the other subcontinents; however, they could definitely find them in the underground world of Taixia Country. Besides, Taixia Country had more species of mutated beasts from LV 6 to LV 9 than that in other subcontinents.

"How do you feel now?" Zhang Tie asked.

"Thanks for your concern, Hermit. I'm much better after taking one vial of medium-level recovery medicament from sister Bai!" Xu Yian's mouth corners twitched; however, he couldn't laugh out.

"What happened here?"

"Honestly, I have no idea. All of a sudden, I felt I was on the battlefield as I heard the miserable shrieks from inside the village. Before I went to see what happened with these young men who were cultivating with me, over 10 bloody figures had rushed towards us and besieged us. If these young men didn't cultivate with me before each daybreak over these years, I'm afraid that nobody in Xujia Village could survive in the end..." Xu Yian said in a bitter tone.

Xu Yian had the greatest battle strength in Xujia Village. He was a soldier before. After retiring from the troop, he even worked as a bounty criminal hunter for a period. In late years, after the holy war broke out, he returned to Xujia Village and trained the young men in Xujia Village so that they could protect themselves in the flames of war.

However, there was only one LV 10 strong fighter in Xujia Village. It was Xu Yian who enabled these young men to survive the catastrophe tonight. Without this LV 10 strong fighter, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian would not see anyone alive in this village when they arrived.

After talking with Zhang Tie for a short while, Xu Yian had felt that it became suddenly darker in the sky. He raised his head and saw the Iron-Dragon Airboat which was slowly declining. Xu Yian was shocked too much by this over 600-m long airboat even though he had seen the world.

Those young men who survived the catastrophe started to be in an uproar as they felt a great stress from the declining airboat.

As Xu Yian had seen the world, he was shocked by such a huge airboat. Xu Yian knew that those clans which had private airboats in Taixia Country were all not average. Many major clans with knights didn't even have a private airboat, not to mention average clans. Additionally, the size of the airboat in Taixia Country also indicated the position of the master of the airboat. In Taixia Country, even a commander's airboat was only about 500 m in length. However, this airboat was about 600 m in length, which indicated the prestigious identity of its owner.

The airboat was too long and huge to park in Xujia Village. Finally, the airboat could only suspend above a mountain slope over 200 m away from the grain-sunning ground. After dropping the rope from the

airboat, the 121 apprentices of Zhang Tie soon got off the airboat and converged with Zhang Tie on the grain-sunning ground.

After Zhang Tie's apprentices got off the airboat, a team of 49 elite guards of Bai Suxian stayed inside the airboat. The head of those elite guards was a LV 15 battle spirit. They could manipulate the airboat.

When the 121 apprentices of Zhang Tie passed by Xujia Village, many of them were shocked by the raging flames and the corpses scattering on both sides of the roads. As a result, the faces of many young apprentices who had not experienced such a horrible scene turned pale. When some female apprentices caught sight of the corpses which had been half charred and some kids' incomplete corpses that were shared by some bloody figures, they had started to throw up crazily before they arrived at the grain-sunning ground.

Liu Xing and the other apprentices of Zhang Tie also looked pretty bad. Even though they had experienced the brutal battles in the Earth-elements Realm, their hearts still pounded when they saw so many corpses across the small village in Taixia Country. They felt that such brutal images should not appear in Taixia Country...

What they saw shocked them greatly.

When all the 121 apprentices arrived at the grain-sunning ground, the day had already broken.

"Master!" All the apprentices bowed towards Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at those apprentices with pale faces before uttering, "Liu Xing, Zhao Bing and Wu Yinhui, you lead a team of LV 9 fighters respectively and search 35 miles away with this village as the original point. Catch any alive bloody figure back. I need them to breathe even if you break their limbs. If you cannot catch them alive, kill them. When you encounter any powerful enemy or dangerous situation, send signals to me. The others just stay here to help them deal with the funeral affairs..."