

## **Black Iron 1071**

### Chapter 1071: An Achievement

Since they left Xuantian City, it was Zhang Tie's first time to assign a task to his disciples.

Although there was not any extremely talented person among his disciples, all of them were smarter than average people. All of these disciples knew that Zhang Tie took them out to practice them and make them coordinate with each other. Their performance in this task would be directly related to Zhang Tie's comments about them and might determine their position in Iron-Dragon Sect in the future.

More than one disciple had such a thought. Actually, all the disciples of Iron Dragon Hermit were very active in front of Zhang Tie. After receiving Zhang Tie's order, all of his disciples started to move rapidly while gritting their teeth, including those female disciples who had vomited so severely at the sight of those corpses that their faces even turned pale.

Among Zhang Tie's disciples, 53 of them were LV 9 fighters. If they were distributed into three teams, two teams would contain 18 members respectively while one team would contain 17 members. With the arrangement of Liu Xing, the 53 people were soon distributed into three teams and left the small village in three directions as fast as possible so as to search for the alive bloody figures. The rest disciples started to put out fire and deal with the corpses in the village...

Zhang Tie just watched his disciples doing all this. Standing on Zhang Tie's side, Xu Yian looked at Zhang Tie and Zhang Tie's disciples who were busy doing their jobs as his eyes flickered...

"Where's the nearest city?" Zhang Tie asked Xu Yian.

"The nearest big city is Xingyu City over 250 miles away. Xingyu City is a Class A city where massive forces were stationed in. If the situation here was spread to Xingyu City, I'm afraid that Xingyu City will assign rescue here very soon!"

Zhang Tie nodded, "Just let me know if you need any help!"

"Thanks, Hermit!" Xu Yian looked at Zhang Tie's disciples before asking, "Hermit, are all these people...your disciples? I wonder about the location of your sect."

"Hmm, they're all my disciples. Iron-Dragon Sect is in the Fire Dragon Bounty Territory of Northeast Military Region!"

After hearing Fire Dragon Bounty Territory, Xu Yian was shocked once again. He knew that most of the bounty territories in Taixia Country were rewarded due to great military exploits. Now that Fire Dragon Bounty Territory was so similar to the appellation of Fire Dragon Hermit, it indicated that this bounty territory was made by Fire Dragon Hermit himself through great military exploits.

'If he did not have a great talent, how could Fire Dragon Hermit have such a large area of bounty territory?'

After hearing Zhang Tie's words and watching those young men who survived themselves, Xu Yian confirmed his mind once again.

'No matter what, I have to ask for a chance for these young men who survived this catastrophe in Xujia Village.' Xu Yian made a decision inside.

"Oh, I found that you've reached LV 10 and have a great battle strength. I wonder about the secret method that you're cultivating?" Zhang Tie asked Xu Yian.

Xu Yian shook his head before replying, "This humble man is just a little figure, how could I have a chance to practice any secret method. I'm just cultivating Heavenly Blue Sutra ."

"Heavenly Blue Sutra ?" Zhang Tie slightly frowned as this name was too strange and sounded a bit weird.

"The predecessor of Heavenly Blue Sutra is God Sutra . However, as it's incomplete, I could at most promote to LV 13 battle general. This humble man didn't have a chance to join a major sect. Therefore..." Xu Yian became embarrassed before continuing, "But I will be satisfied with it if I could promote to a LV 13 battle general in my life based on my qualification..."

After hearing Xu Yian's answer, Zhang Tie suddenly remembered that he was cultivating the emperor-level "King Roc Sutra" and had gained a lot of secret methods that were above baron level and could help people promote to knights due to various reasons.

In Zhang Tie's opinion, \*\* sutra that could help the cultivator promote to knight's realm was really valuable secret methods. However, Zhang Tie forgot that it was very difficult for most of the cultivators to gain a \*\* sutra in both Waii Subcontinent and Taixia Country.

'When in Waii Subcontinent, I almost lost my life only for a \*\* sutra. Even I had to pay such a high price for a \*\* sutra at that moment; not to mention the others.'

'Lan Yunxi told me that the secret methods below sutra could be further divided into five levels, namely; dao, law, sutra, genre and skill. \*\* dao could enable people to promote to a battle spirit; \*\* law could enable people to promote to a battle demon; \*\* sutra could enable people to promote to a battle general; \*\* genre could enable people to promote to a battle master. The predecessor of "King Roc Sutra" is the most average "Barbarous Ox Skill" which could only enable people to promote to LV 11.

"Which kind of secret method does God Sutra belong to?"

"God Sutra is a count-level secret method. Although Heavenly Blue Sutra is incomplete and could only enable cultivators to light 297 surging points, it contains a complete God's Saber Skill . When one promotes to a battle general, this saber skill could display its power..."

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After a brief talk with Zhang Tie, Xu Yian also started to organize those young men who survived the massacre to put out fire and collect corpses. By the way, checking whether there were any alive people left.

Zhang Tie stood still as Xuyian's words reminded him of one possibility, 'I might be able to recover these incomplete secret methods.'

'Although I've lit all of my surging points. I could still simulate the effects of various secret methods and skills benefited from the King Roc Sutra that I cultivate. The process of simulation is actually to light my

surging points once again in a bizarre dormant state benefited from a feather of King Roc Sutra . What if I could simulate those lost parts of secret methods through King Roc Sutra in the trouble-reappearance situation?’

When he thought about this, Zhang Tie’s heart palpitated.

‘If I could simulate the secret methods above marquis level and could gain the complete skills that are matched with these secret methods, doesn’t it mean that I would gain the complete versions of these secret methods?’

‘In Taixia Country, there are all sorts of secret methods below sutra. Now that there is such an incomplete version of Heavenly Blue Sutra which contains a complete God’s Saber Skill , there must be other incomplete secret methods which are more advanced than Heavenly Blue Sutra and are matched with complete skills. As long as I paid attention to that, it would not be difficult for me to find them.’

‘After coming to Taixia Country, I reunited with my family members in Youzhou Province in a relaxed way for a few days. Closely after that, I was involved in the tragedy in Fuhai City and had to escape. After such a radical change, I almost forgot that I had a such a trump card.’ Zhang Tie forcefully patted his head when he thought about this.

"What’s wrong with you?" Bai Suxian asked out of concern when she noticed Zhang Tie’s movement.

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "Nothing!"

"Actually, you don’t need to blame yourself too much. We’ve already tried our best. If we arrived here a bit earlier, we truly could save more people. However, such a tragedy is unpredictable!" Bai Suxian comforted Zhang Tie in a tender voice.

"I know. Ohh, what’s the name of that skill that you used just now? It looks nice..."

After hearing Zhang Tie’s praise, Bai Suxian’s face shone as she replied, "It’s called silk traction. It fits opponents below knight level very well..."

"Xu Yian’s words reminded me. Do you know where to find those incomplete secret methods below sutra? I was thinking about that; although these secret methods might be incomplete and could not enable people to promote to knights, the various battle skills that were matched with these incomplete secret methods were valuable; especially those high-level incomplete secret methods. If I could collect some complete battle skills of some incomplete secret methods, I might make a greater improvement in my battle skills through comparison!" Zhang Tie told Bai Suxian.

"Master, why did you not tell me that earlier? If you told me a bit earlier, I would have brought hundreds of incomplete secret methods along with their complete battle skills from Lord Guangnan’s Mansion to you this time!"

"Hoho, no need to move the collections in Lord Guangnan’s Mansion. As they have limited value, if you brought them to me from Lord Guangnan’s Mansion, it might cause gossips. I could find them in Taixia Country too!"

Bai Suxian rolled her beautiful eyes before saying, "Master, if you want these things, you could find them in the private markets opened by the top seven sects in Taixia Country. You could find almost everything in the private markets of the top seven sects.

"The private markets of top seven sects in Taixia Country?"

"Right. Although they are private markets; actually the 7 private markets have already formed 7 super large cities in Taixia Country within the sphere of influence of the top seven sects respectively. The nearest private market is the Gold and Power Market of Gold and Power Law. After passing Zhongzhou Province and entering the territory of Xuanyuan Hill, you would find Gold and Power Market. I've been to Gold and Power Market with my dad when I was young. Gold and Power Market is almost the most prosperous place in human territory. It's said that you could even exchange for rare space-teleportation equipment in Gold and Power Market..."

"You arouse my interest. After the unrest is pacified, we will take a look in Gold and Power Market and broaden our vision!"

As they talked with each other, another airship suspended in the sky.

The raging flames in Xuajia Village and the Iron-Dragon Airboat on the hillside nearby Xujia Village were too eye-catching. Anyone would know that there was an accident here the moment they saw here.

Before that airship landed, a group of people had already jumped off the airship. They opened their rotachutes in the air and landed on the open land nearby Xujia Village one after another.

The moment these people landed, some battle airships of Taixia Country had appeared and were accelerating towards here from afar...

The rescues of Xingyu City finally arrived, although being late.

Chapter 1072: Visit and News

Zhang Tie stayed in Xujia Village for 1 day.

In that day, his 53 LV 9 apprentices indeed caught 6 alive bloody figures within 35 miles under the leadership of Liu Xing, Zhao Bing and Wu Yinhui.

When the 6 bloody figures were caught back, their limbs had been broken. As a result, they could only move their heads. Plus the 6 live bloody figures, Zhang Tie caught 8 live bloody figures in total.

After the rescue force arrived from Xingyu City, the raging flames in Xujia Village were soon put out. The clean-up jobs in Xujia Village also sped up.

Only 83 of the 769 people of Xujia Village survived the one night massacre and raging flames, including those who were severely wounded. All the others had been killed or burned to death. Some kids were even eaten alive by bloody figures.

Xujia Village had completely become ruins.

The rescue force from Xingyu City was led by a border region general surnamed Lu. After confirming what happened in Xujia Village, General Lu instantly passed the situation here back to Xingyu City, which shocked the entire Xingyu City and its surroundings.

Xujia Village and Xingyu City were located in Shanghe Prefecture of Mingzhou Province, which neighbored Longxi Prefecture in Zhongzhou Province. However, the distance between Pingsha Valley, Longxi Prefecture and Xujia Village and Xingyu City was over 1,400 miles.

Only after a few days, the bloody figures that rushed out of Pingsha Valley had already exited Zhongzhou Province and influenced over 700 miles.

Although these bloody figures couldn't influence those well-prepared big cities, they could cause a great catastrophe to rural areas outside the city walls for sure.

There were numerous small villages like Xujia Village which were far away from prosperous big cities in Taixia Country. However, not each small village like Xujia Village could have a LV 10 strong fighter like Xu Yian on their back. Generally, most of the young men above LV 6 would leave these small villages and make a living outside instead of staying in their own villages. Very few people would like to stay in the small villages after reaching LV 9. Therefore, such a small village could become ruins overnight by 10-20 bloody figures.

As Zhang Tie, an earth knight, was here in Xujia Village, who had saved so many people, both General Lu and those bounty criminal hunters who jumped off the passing airship by parachutes came here to see Zhang Tie respectfully.

Zhang Tie gained much first-hand news from General Lu and those bounty criminal hunters.

Longxi Prefecture in Zhongzhou Province was growing more chaotic. It was safe inside big cities. After learning lessons, all the big cities had been ready for combat while heavy forces were patrolling across the cities around the clock. Due to the appearance of bloody figures, many places outside the cities were in greater chaos. Those bloody figures had scattered in terms of smaller teams and were attacking villages, towns, traffic arteries and railways at any time. Additionally, they were scattering like an epidemic virus, causing people to become nerve-racking.

Lately, bloody figures had appeared in the Shanghe Prefecture of Mingzhou Province. They started to cause troubles everywhere. After receiving the notice, the garrisons across Shanghe Prefecture had been strengthening the vigilance at the same time within 130 miles around Xingyu City. It was the utmost effort that Xingyu City could do. However, nobody could imagine that the catastrophe happened in Xujia Village. It was beyond Xingyu City's grasp. Therefore, the garrisons of Xingyu City couldn't find the problem timely. They didn't dispatch rescue force to Xujia Village until they received the message sent from the airship that passed by Xingyu City. But it was still too late.

Because of the event in Zhongzhou Province, all the major cities in Taixia Country were in strict vigilance. Even airships that parked in these major cities for supplies had to be inquired.

General Lu extended his thanks to Zhang Tie's righteous deed. Additionally, he expressed that he would provide every convenience to Zhang Tie within his ability when Zhang Tie passed Xingyu City.

The general paid a formal visit to Zhang Tie in the morning; at noon, some bounty criminal hunters also arrived.

Starting from Li Butian and Yang Zhigang, Zhang Tie had a good feeling about bounty criminal hunters in Taixia Country. In Zhang Tie's opinion, Taixia Country was too large. It contained various elements. The bounty criminal hunters in Taixia Country were like white cells in the body of Taixia Country and the woodpeckers in woods. Bounty criminal hunter was an unnecessary link of the entire ecosystem of Taixia Country. These bounty criminal hunters performed as a very positive role. When the government and the judicial system of Taixia Country couldn't solve something, they would always have the nongovernmental forces in Taixia Country deal with it. The profession of bounty criminal hunter combined the chivalrous spirit with its legal system in Taixia Country and served as an equilibrium point. As an important security force in Taixia Country, bounty criminal hunters cooperated with the Supreme Court. By serving as bounty criminal hunters, cultivators could make money and improve their battle strength. It was very not bad for both cultivators and the government of Taixia Country.

Because of this reason, Zhang Tie received those bounty criminal hunters without putting on his airs at all.

From those bounty criminal hunters, Zhang Tie knew that the Supreme Court and all the Buildings of Brightness across Taixia Country had already officially offered a reward for killing bloody figures in Zhongzhou Province.

The reward that Buildings of Brightness could provide was very high. The head of a bloody figure could be easily exchanged for 5,000 gold coins.

5,000 gold coins' reward for one LV 9 bloody figure. This reward was much greater than that for many LV 9 criminals. As for many bounty criminal hunters above LV 10, it was nothing different than gifting them money.

Being stimulated by such an alluring reward, all the able bounty criminal hunters converged in Zhongzhou Province from all directions.

Before those bounty criminal hunters paid a formal visit to Zhang Tie, they had heard that Zhang Tie caught two alive bloody figures. Therefore, they wanted to take a look at the bloody figure so that they could easily identify them. After hearing this request, Zhang Tie immediately showed the two alive bloody figures to them in the prison of his airboat.

Given their looks, it was hard to distinguish them from commoners. However, the bloody figures had two very special features. First, they didn't speak; second, their eyes contained bloodlines, which looked a bit grim and very special. Actually, people could identify bloody figures through their eyes...

#### Chapter 1073: Outdoor Disciples

Soon after those bounty criminal hunters left, Xu Yian had arrived.

After hearing the report from a guard on the airboat, Zhang Tie invited Xu Yian in. After meeting Zhang Tie once again, Xu Yian immediately knelt down in front of Zhang Tie like a falling mountain and pillar.

"Ahh, what are you doing? Hurry up...stand up" Zhang Tie became stunned as he hurriedly lifted Xu Yian up.

Although Xu Yian was sturdy and tall, he was still one head lower than Cui Li.

Honestly, although he was already an earth knight, Zhang Tie really couldn't stand seeing anyone kneeling down in front of him except that when his disciples knelt down in front of him to acknowledge him as their master in the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect.

Among Hua people in Taixia Country, it was a major etiquette for one to kneel down in front of the other by two knees. Even if an average fighter only needed to kneel down by one knee in front of Xuanyuan Emperor. The major etiquette of kneeling down by two knees was only used to sacrifice the heavens and the ground, the master and the parents. Even Xuanyuan Hill couldn't bear it, not to mention commoners.

Xu Yian looked very complex. Being a bit embarrassed and shameful, he looked like having made a decision. After being pulled up by Zhang Tie, he looked straight into Zhang Tie's eyes as he plucked his courage and said, "Fire Dragon Hermit, please spare a chance for the young men who have survived the massacre in Xujia Village."

"What do you mean?"

"Those young men who survived in Xujia Village had no relatives now. They are in the ebb of their lives. I have limited ability. If those young men continue to follow me, I'm afraid that their future would be influenced. After knowing that Hermit is the master of Iron-Dragon Sect, this humble man begs Hermit to spare a chance for those young men in Xujia Village..."

Zhang Tie understood Xu Yian's meaning. All the young men who survived the massacre in Xujia Village had almost lost their families. Even though he was in the airboat, Zhang Tie could still hear the heartfelt cries of those young men in Xujia Village. It was the first heavy blow that they suffered in their lives. Over one night, they had lost their families and homes. Given the current situation in Xujia Village, even though everything here was dealt with, nobody would like to stay here anymore.

After such a catastrophe, even though under Xu Yian's leadership, these young men would live a very difficult life in the future. Taixia Country was too large. What a LV 10 strong fighter could do with a group of young men?

When these people were most hopeless, they met Zhang Tie. Xu Yian found a hope at once.

Those young men were in deep grief. They had not considered about their future yet. Neither did they know what Zhang Tie's appearance meant. However, as Xu Yian had seen the world, he had to seize the opportunity which could change the destiny of those young men in Xujia Village.

Zhang Tie asked Xu Yian calmly, "Do you want me to enroll them as my apprentices?"

"I didn't mean to offend you. I just beg Hermit to spare a chance for them!"

Xu Yian explained very politely. Although Zhang Tie' 121 apprentices didn't have great battle strength, their temperament as disciples from major clans could not be covered at all. It was not so easy for a black iron knight to enroll apprentices, not to mention an earth knight. Honestly, although these young

men in Xujia Village were pitiful, they were still far from acknowledging an earth knight as their master from all aspects.

Zhang Tie nodded inside about the polite way of speaking. Only after thinking about it for a short while, Zhang Tie had asked Xu Yian, "Do those young men know what you're doing? Will they follow your order?"

"Most of the people in Xujia Village surname Xu. Even though some of them don't have surname Xu, they are also my nephews. I could be their half master. I could determine the affairs in Xujia Village!" Xu Yian immediately became spirited as his eyes flickered when he found that Zhang Tie didn't refuse him.

"As I have to leave Xujia Village tomorrow. After I leave here, you can exchange the heads of those bloody figures that I've killed for gold coins in Xingyu City. After dealing with the affairs in Xujia Village, you take them to Xuantian City, Fire Dragon Prefecture, Northeast Military Region where you could join Iron-Dragon Sect. These young men in Xujia Village will be my outdoor disciples. You will serve as an outdoor deacon of Iron-Dragon Sect and help me look after them. How about that?"

"Thanks, Master!"

Xu Yian changed his appellation of Zhang Tie right away.

Zhang Tie's answer was much better than that Xu Yian could anticipate. After becoming the outdoor disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect, if some of the disciples in Xujia Village could be outstanding in Iron-Dragon Sect, they would also have a chance to be indoor disciples of Fire Dragon Hermit. If these young men were average in performance, they could easily root in Fire Dragon Bounty Territory or Northeast Military Region with Iron-Dragon Sect and Fire Dragon Hermit as their reliances in the future.

As for Xu Yian himself, he had been deeply convinced by Zhang Tie's battle strength and moral standing. Now that an earth knight could allow him to be an outdoor deacon of Iron-Dragon Sect, of course, Xu Yian agreed at once. He knew that many people were more qualified than him.

In the evening, Liu Xing and his team members brought back some alive bloody figures. The raging flames were also put out, leaving no sparkles at all. After such a big fire accident, there was almost no complete house in Xujia Village. There was nothing but pitch-dark ruins here when one looked down from the sky.

In the daytime, with the assistance of the rescue force from Xingyu City, all the corpses in Xujia Village had been collected. Many corpses were unidentified. As it was too hot, those collected corpses couldn't be stored for too long; otherwise, there would be a plague. Being suggested by General Lu, Xu Yian made a decision to dig a huge pit on the hillside of Xujia Village over 300 m away from the grain-sunning ground and buried all the corpses of villagers inside before building a cemetery.

After doing all this, General Lu left Xujia Village by airship with his rescue force from Xingyu City. What happened in Xujia Village shocked the surroundings. Many places were in strict vigilance. When General Lu was in Xujia Village, he had received the order from the superior. Right in this daytime, a company of traveling merchants in the suburb of Pingxian Country over 130 miles away from Xingyu City was robbed. All the 40-odd people were killed. According to the analysis, another team of about 10 bloody figures probably had arrived there. Being afraid that other bloody figures would appear nearby Xingyu City, the superior requested General Lu to encircle and annihilate them with his rescue force...



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Two bonfires were set on the hillside beside Xujia Village. Those young men who survived this massacre and Zhang Tie's apprentices were sitting on each side of the two bonfires.

It was the cemetery of Xujia Village nearby the bonfires.

The preliminary grave mound of the cemetery was like a small hill. Later on, Xu Yian would lead those young men who survived the massacre to further complete the building of this cemetery. After leaving Xujia Village, Xu Yian didn't know when would he come back. Therefore, this cemetery had to be firm and stand over 100 years. Because this was the last spiritual pillar for these young men in Xujia Village to stay alive.

Additionally, there should be a religious ceremony to reassure the souls of the late people. The injured ones needed to be treated. Their relatives and friends outside Xujia Village should be noticed. Not until finishing doing all this could Xu Yian and those young men went to Fire Dragon Bounty Territory for Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie's disciples were sitting on one side of the bonfires and roasting sweet potatoes. Although there were fleshes on Zhang Tie's airboat, after experiencing such a massacre, they would vomit the moment they saw meat not to mention eating it; especially for those people who were below LV 9.

Everybody was silent because of sadness or being touched by what happened today. Living in the most powerful human country in such a prosperous age, many Zhang Tie's apprentices didn't experience such a tragic situation before. Watching such a tranquil and vigorous village in Taixia Country vanishing overnight in front of them, many people were touched greatly.

Only a few people were whispering around the bonfires.

As it was the alternative period between the summer and autumn, the raging bonfire attracted a lot of fireflies, who were flying around the bonfires. Through the flames, they could even see the wide area of wildflowers on the hillside and the sparkling stars above their head. Although it was a beautiful scenery, nobody felt romantic at all.

Some young men in Xujia Village were even sobbing. On this occasion, even Liu Xing and the other apprentices of Zhang Tie became silent.

The roasted sweet potatoes were almost cooked well while a special sweet fragrance was suffusing in the surroundings. Liu Xing moved forward and fiddled them with a twig before saying, "The most roast sweet potatoes are almost cooked well, junior sister apprentices, you could eat them first..."

Liu Xing was indeed qualified to be Zhang Tie's first apprentice; especially after completing today's task with the experience in the Earth-elements Realm at the cost of blood and tears and his instinct. Liu Xing's performance had won the approval of many people among Zhang Tie's apprentices. His position as the first apprentice of Fire Dragon Hermit was also consolidated.

After saying that, Liu Xing saw Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian walking towards him, followed by Bai Suxian's bodyguards. Those bodyguards were holding something. The two bodyguards at the end of the team even lifted two bloody figures who were already crippled...

As the wind blew, Liu Xing sniffed the bloody smell from those items in the hands of those bodyguards behind Zhang Tie immediately...

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#### Chapter 1074: The First Lesson

Watching Zhang Tie coming over here, all of his apprentices stood up immediately and bowed towards him as they said in unison, "Master!", including those young men who survived the massacre in Xujia Village.

Zhang Tie nodded towards all of them.

Zhang Tie had people bring here some beef that was stored in the icy warehouse on his airboat and two disabled bloody figures. Those beef were about 200 kg in weight. As Zhang Tie just had people store these beef in the icy warehouse before the airboat set off, they were still fresh now. The moment they opened these sealed cases, those fresh beef had given off a bloody odor.

In order to preserve the fresh taste of these beef, after those beef were slaughtered, their flesh was instantly sealed in cases even with blood.

Beside the bonfires, the moment those people who participated in collecting corpses in the daytime smelt the bloody odor, their faces had turned a bit pale.

Since Zhang Tie took the first fruit of redemption, he had realized the value of those lives which looked trivial. From then on, he rarely ate meat; except for this time.

Zhang Tie nodded silently as he waved his hand. After seeing Zhang Tie's gesture, those bodyguards behind Zhang Tie put all the fresh beef in trays one after another. A bodyguard even brought some professional forks and knives which were used to eat roasted meat. On the other side, some bodyguards unfolded two metal operation tables which were especially for field operations.

They fixed the limbs, waists, necks and heads of the two disabled bloody figures on the metal operation tables, causing the atmosphere beside the bonfires to become weird.

'Bloody beef on one side, bloody figures on metal operation tables that were always used in field operations on the other side, what does the master want to do?'

Under the silent gazes of the apprentices, the two disabled bloody figures roared and struggled on the operation tables.

Zhang Tie looked at his apprentices with a big smile, exposing his white teeth, "You must be hungry. I've already prepared the supper for you. At least 1 kg's beef per person. You could eat well-cooked beef or half-cooked beef here!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, some female apprentices of Zhang Tie immediately vomited.

Zhang Tie didn't care about those female apprentices; instead, he continued to look at the other apprentices, "Is there anyone who has learned anatomy or surgical rescue? Raise your hand..."

Liu Xing and the other 6 black-armored fighters raised their hands. Among the other apprentices, over 10 people raised their hands too, including Zhu Dabiao.

It seemed that those who came from major clans with provincial governors could indeed accept a better education.

"Good, you're responsible for dissecting the two bloody figures. As we're all here, you will make an overall analysis of the two bloody figures from their heads to their feet and tell the others about the physiological difference between the two bloody figures and commoners. Liu Xing, you 7 just stay aside to teach them how to do that!"

Zhang Tie's words were as influential as imperial edicts for the 121 apprentices of Iron-Dragon Sect. After saying these words, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian sat beside a bonfire and started to roast two pieces of beef with iron forks. Liu Xing and the others who had raised their hands didn't dare waste time; they immediately started to autopsy. Watching Zhang Tie roasting beef, all the others started to roast beef by iron forks consciously, even though some of them looked pale and were vomiting.

Zhang Tie said each of them had to eat at least 1 kg's beef. Therefore, no matter how disgusting those people felt, they had to do that.

"Master, those girls have not experienced this before. Is it a bit excessive?" Bai Suxian asked Zhang Tie in a secret way as she saw some female apprentices moving timidly to take their bloody beef, some of which even started to vomit once again after taking their shares.

"If you cannot even pass such a low-grade test, how could you be my apprentices? Do you think that you will never meet such a scene in the future? I took you out for a practice, not for a trip! I've treated you good enough; otherwise, I would have told you to eat the flesh of the bloody figures..."

"The flesh of bloody figures. It sounds more disgusting!"

"Disgusting? Do you know that many human fighters have to eat the flesh of the rotten demonized puppets on the battlefields of other subcontinents? If you they don't pass this test, it will be useless even if they promote to knights in the future."

After hearing Zhang Tie's reply, Bai Suxian became silent. Zhang Tie didn't overstate. What he described indeed happened in Selnes Theater of Operations. Zhang Tie even witnessed it. How did those human fighters survive the mountains of bloody corpses in Selnes Plain? How did those humans being captured live in the hell-like underground cave of Misty Moons Forest?

"The two bloody figures are really valuable. As they are still alive, open their skulls by saw first and observe the difference between their brains and human brains. Many demonized humans would have puppet worms in their brains. You'd better check whether there's such a thing in their brains! After dissecting their heads, dissect their organs one after another..." Zhang Tie told his apprentices to "start from the head" when he saw them picking various tools and preparing for the autopsy...

The two metal operation tables were matched with the whole sets of surgical apparatuses. The moment Zhang Tie finished his words, someone had fetched the bone saws and started to saw the two bloody figures' skulls at the same time.

Although the two bloody figures were fixed on the metal operation tables, they had not taken anesthesia yet.

Along with the roars of the bloody figures was the sound of frictions between bone saws and their skulls. The skins on their heads were immediately cut by saws, spurting out blood at once, spraying over the clothes of those people surrounding the operation tables.

When the two bloody figures were slowly opened by saws and sprayed blood in all directions, the beef started to give off fragrance. During this process, the two bloody figures were not dead; they just made struggles in vain on the metal operation tables

The greater part of Zhang Tie's apprentices had turned pale. It might be the first time for the two apprentices to saw bloody figures' skulls as their hands were shivering.

Liu Xing and the other black-armored fighters were instructing them on one side, 'You should not cut into the skull directly in case of hurting the bloody figures' brains; instead, you should slowly saw it around the skull.

None of Zhang Tie's apprentices might have dissected alive bloody figures which looked like humans before. Therefore, they were all very intense throughout the whole process. One apprentice directly cut off a bloody figure's ear when he circled around the skull by saw, causing the bloody figure to shriek more miserably.

"Let me have a try..." Zhu Dabiao gritted his teeth with bloody eyes as he rolled up his sleeves and took that the saw from the apprentice who cut off the bloody figure's ear by a mistake. He pressed the badly mutilated head of the bloody figure by one hand and started to have a try. In the beginning, Zhu Dabiao's hands were quivering; however, after trying it a few times, this guy had become stable mentally and physically.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at Zhu Dabiao. Although this guy always looked sluggish, he was indeed a bit vicious at the critical moment.

Watching this scene, the young men who survived the massacre in Xujia Village and Xu Yian became silent; especially the former ones who just watched all this with dumbfounded looks as they felt that Fire Dragon Hermit's image became a bit terrifying for the first time.

Not until now did Xu Yian tell these young men that they would join Iron-Dragon Sect in the future. Therefore, those young men didn't know that their destinies in the future were closely related to Zhang Tie for the time being.

As Xu Yian had the similar experience in the troop, he had guessed Zhang Tie's purpose; even though, Xu Yian still had not imagined that Zhang Tie could directly dissect two bloody figures alive.

After looking at the young men on his side whose faces had turned pale, Xu Yian made a decision right away. He directly came to Zhang Tie's side and asked, "Hermit, do you have some more beef on your airboat?"

Zhang Tie threw a glance at Xu Yian before saying, "Do you also want some?"

"We need them too!" Xu Yian said decisively.

"Great!" Zhang Tie told a bodyguard on Bai Suxian's side, "Gift them 100 kg's beef!"

After receiving the order, that bodyguard left. After a short while, he brought the beef along with the forks and knives and gave them to Xu Yian.

Xu Yian watched those young men with red eyes as he said furiously, "We will also eat beef. After growing stronger, we will learn battle skills and revenge for our family members!"

Xu Yian took a piece of beef immediately, closely followed by all the other young men of Xujia Village silently.

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"Enjoy it..."

The beef was not cooked well yet as there was still blood in it. Someone might feel that it tasted tender; however, for those who had seen so many badly mutilated corpses today, Zhang Tie's order was like a curse.

Those apprentices who had always felt that Zhang Tie was genial since they formally acknowledged him as their master finally found that their master was cold-hearted and dignified.

After receiving Zhang Tie's order, nobody dared to move; even though the beef was not cooked well yet.

When Zhang Tie started to eat it, everybody else followed him.

Many people had started to vomit the moment they took the first bite. Even so, they continued to eat while gritting their teeth after looking at Zhang Tie's glassy-eyed look.

After they ate for 2 minutes, the first bloody figure's skull was opened, exposing the brain tissues inside. What shocked everybody at present was that there was indeed a gray octopus-shaped puppet worm that had already combined with the bloody figure's brains...

All of a sudden, after feeling the flames, the puppet worm started to creep as if it wanted to hide into the brain. However, before it entered the brain, the one who was responsible for opening the skull had nipped it out of the brain by a pair of forceps.

When the puppet worm left the bloody figure's brain, the bloody figure suddenly quivered all over on the operation table as he showed the whites of his eyes. Only after a few seconds, the bloody figure had become still. As the puppet worm's tentacles were tightly sticking to the bloody figure's brain, it destroyed the bloody figure's brain when it nipped out of there.

In the flame, the octopus-shaped puppet worm was placed in a surgical tray. However, it was still creeping as if it wanted to climb out of the tray. At the sight of such a disgusting thing, many people who had vomited just now started to vomit once again.

"Haha, I wonder whether this thing tastes good or not!" Zhang Tie burst out into laughter as he stood up and came to the operation table. Catching that creeping puppet worm by hand, he walked to one bonfire and started to roast it on the bonfire.

The puppet worm kept struggling and creeping at its utmost effort in Zhang Tie's hand; however, it gradually became still and oozed oil in the flame...

Under the gaze of the surrounding people, after a few minutes, Zhang Tie's hand remained unchanged like performing a magic; however, the puppet worm in his hand had been cooked well. Zhang Tie directly put that well cooked octopus-shaped puppet worm into his mouth and started to chew it. At the same time, he praised that it tasted good.

After eating the cooked worm that was taken out of the brain of the bloody figure, Zhang Tie threw a glance at his apprentices, "In the former two holy wars, as the demon corps could eat human flesh, they didn't worry about food supply wherever they were. By contrast, humans would always change their faces due to fear when they talked about demons. Can you eat demon flesh? Can you make demons change their faces the moment they talk about you? Do you think that Taixia Country will be peaceful forever? Do you think that flames of war and turmoils have nothing to do with you? Do you think that you only need to cultivate yourselves in Iron-Dragon Sect? After that event in Zhongzhou Province, do you think that demons and the Heavens Reaching Church only founded one bloody sea in Pingsha Valley? Although you all hope so, don't tell me that you're my apprentices in the future if you really think so. I don't need such stupid apprentices."

"Do you know why I brought you to Zhongzhou Province? Because I wanted to show you the possible situation that you might face in the future and how bad your opponents are? I wanted to warn you for that. As your master, actually, I only hope that you could survive this holy war instead of promoting to knights. Only when you survive yourselves could you have a bright future. I'm afraid that you might be involved in a tricky situation before making any preparation..."

After saying that, Zhang Tie threw a glance at Bai Suxian. Bai Suxian then walked towards him. Closely after that, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian returned to the airboat.

Beside the bonfires, everybody became silent once again. After a while, someone suddenly started to chew the bloody beef forcefully...

The autopsy continued. Although someone was still vomiting, more people started to chew beef forcefully...

As Zhang Tie's first apprentice, Liu Xing was the second person who took the disgusting puppet worm being covered with the brains out of another bloody figure's head and roasted it on the fire before eating it with a glassy-eyed look...

Chapter 1075: Active Dark Forces

After leaving Xujia Village, Iron-Dragon Airboat parked in Xingyu City for supply.

It was Zhang Tie's first time to replenish materials for his airboat after leaving Fire Dragon Bounty Territory. Although airboats of Taixia Country didn't need to replenish energy and fuel, people in the airboats had to eat and drink.

The central dynamic and suspension system of airboat was made of a metal called floating metal. It was said that this rare metal came from a mysterious place in Earth-elements Realm. As of now, only the

imperial household of Taixia Country could get hang of the technique of making airboat using floating metal. It was said that this technology originated from a prehistoric civilization. Benefited from this technology and this special metal, airboats would never run out of energy.

Except for Gold and Power Law, all the other top 6 sects in Taixia Country exchanged something for the airboats of the imperial household of Taixia Country, including the Iron-Dragon Airboat that Zhang Tie won from Feng Yexiao, the grand elder of Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

'To a certain extent, the relationship between the imperial household of Taixia Country, which is the top sect in Taixia Country, and the top 7 sects in Taixia Country is similar to that between Iron-Dragon Sect and the major sects within Northeast Military Region. They mutually restrict and coexist with each other. The win-win situation based on the prosperity and stability of Taixia Country. As they share the same foundation, their relationships would never deteriorate.'

'However, the interest conflict between both parties, also the difference between the imperial household and the top 7 sects in Taixia country lies in that only one people across Taixia Country could ascend to the altar and throne of Emperor Xuanyuan. There is saint level above heavenly knight in both imperial household and the other seven top sects. However, the Xuanyuan God Sutra which is adopted by the imperial household of Taixia Country is the only emperor-level secret method that humans own today. Emperor Xuanyuan on saint level is the most dignified person among humans. With "Xuanyuan God Sutra", the imperial household overwhelms the top 7 sects in Taixia Country and stand on the peak of humans. The other 7 sects have to follow the order of the imperial household. Because of this, the relationship between the imperial household and the top 7 sects in Taixia Country wouldn't be too good.'

'In Taixia Country, everybody knows that Gold and Power Law as one of the top 7 sects has imperial household on their back. In the beginning, the imperial household of Taixia Country established Gold and Power Law and made it one of the top 7 sects in Taixia Country so as to compete with the other top 6 sects on many aspects. From then on, Gold and Power Law would do anything that the imperial household and the official of Taixia Country felt inconvenient to do on behalf of the latter. Of course, this would dissatisfy the other top 6 sects. So what? Gold and Power Law had Emperor Xuanyuan on its back. Although being an emperor, Emperor Xuanyuan wants to establish a sect for fun.'

'Nevertheless, Emperor Xuanyuan has been missing for many years. The holy war is growing fiercer. The inside of Taixia Country becomes increasingly unstable. Even the 6 top sects are eager for action.'

'Before the event in Zhongzhou Province, the dark forces in Taixia Country have been active. After such a catastrophe being similar to the catastrophe caused demonized puppets broke out in Zhongzhou Province, the hinterland of Taixia Country, the situation in Taixia Country becomes more intricate and might be intensified.'

Bai Suxian told Zhang Tie.

After one night stand, the two people were lying on the bed and looking at the stars above the crystal dome. At the same time, they were talking about the current situation facing Taixia Country.

As Bai Suxian was born and raised in Lord Guangnan's Mansion, after returning to Lord Guangnan's Mansion and meeting his dad Lord Guangnan, she knew better than commoners about the current situation facing Taixia Country.

With this woman on his side, Zhang Tie felt having one more adviser who knew the top intelligence about Taixia Country.

"Would those old d\*\*chebags above heavenly knight level among the top 7 sects attack Xuanyuan Hill?" Zhang Tie asked Bai Suxian.

"Maybe. But commoners could not make a speculation about their methods and action time. Although my dad has made such a judgment, he couldn't make sure what those old d\*\*chebags would do. After all, if Taixia Country is chaotic at this moment, none of the top 7 sects will make any benefits from it. However, it's impossible for them to ignore the current situation facing Taixia Country and Xuanyuan Hill. If they didn't do something, they would feel losing the best opportunity; if they did it excessively, the top 7 sects have to think about how to explain it to Emperor Xuanyuan if he suddenly comes back. Even though the top 7 sects are very powerful after combining with each other, they could not weaken the prestige of Emperor Xuanyuan in Hua people, either"

"If Xuanyuan Hill really went against the top 7 sects, which side would Lord Guangnan's Mansion stand on?"

"Neither!"

"Ohh!"

"The rank of nobility and bounty territory of Lord Guangnan were gained by the predecessors of Bai Clan in the former holy wars through blood and sweat; instead of being gifted by anyone. Therefore, Lord Guangnan's Mansion doesn't need to consider the others' moods. Principally, Lord Guangnan's Mansion should stand on the side of Xuanyuan Hill; however, the current situation is that Emperor Xuanyuan is missing. Xuanyuan Hill has lost its leader. Additionally, the foxtriel Fang Xinyi belongs to Qionglou Building, one of the top 7 sects in Taixia Country. If Xuanyuan Hill went against the top 7 sects in Taixia Country, my father might maintain neutral!"

"Maintain neutral!"

After hearing Bai Suxian's words, Zhang Tie's heart pounded, 'Given the position of Lord Guangnan, the father of Bai Suxian, he might not be the first one who knows the news that Emperor Xuanyuan is missing; however, he is definitely one of the first batches of people who know the news. If her dad determines to sleep with Bai Suxian's ladybro after receiving the news that Emperor Xuanyuan is missing, it would be interesting. After Emperor Xuanyuan disappeared, if Lord Guangnan married a woman from Qionglou Building, one of the top 7 sects in Taixia Country as his princess because he had predicted the possible conflict between Xuanyuan Hill and the top 7 sects one day, he must be very considerate.'

When Zhang Tie heard that Lord Guangnan made Bai Suxian's ladybro as her step-mother in Earth-elements Realm, he despised Lord Guangnan as he felt that he was too tasteless. As a lord, how could he fall out with his daughter only for a woman? What a weirdo!



However, after Zhang Tie figured out the relationship between the top 7 sects and Xuanyuan Hill, his impression about Lord Guangnan immediately reversed completely, 'This Lord Guangnan is really smart.'

Perhaps, Bai Suxian had guessed this reason; therefore, she just left Lord Guangnan's Mansion decisively and directly ignored it.

"Are the words that you told Liu Xing real? Are you worried that what happened in Zhongzhou Province might repeat in other places in Taixia Country?" Bai Suxian asked out of concern.

Zhang Tie let out a sigh, "Undoubtedly, the Heavens Reaching Church is on the back of those bloody figures. Now that Heavens Reaching Church could build a bloody sea in Zhongzhou Province, one of the 9 immortal provinces in Taixia Country, do you think that it's more difficult for them to build another one in other places?"

"Additionally, before the catastrophe broke out in Zhongzhou Province, few people knew about Wen Haoyun in Pingsha Valley, Longxi Prefecture, Zhongzhou Province. An average black iron knight could be a bit well-known locally; however, as long as he exits his prefecture or province, he becomes nothing. Now that Heavens Reaching Church could allow a black iron knight to manage a bloody sea beneath Pingsha Valley, Zhongzhou Province, it means that this bloody sea is not irreplaceable. Pingsha Valley is just a base of Heavens Reaching Church. It's not the core region of Heavens Reaching Church at all; otherwise, Heavens Reaching Church would feel not enough by assigning an earth knight to safeguard here; not to mention a black iron knight. Don't forget that demons and Heavens Reaching Church have hidden a lot of knight-level powerhouses in Taixia Country. Old Monster Qi whom I met in the Earth-elements Realm is one of them!"

"Third, the news that Emperor Xuanyuan is missing was released by demons in the battlefield of Earth-elements Realm. The moment this news was released, it soon spread among humans. The demons must have their reason to release this news at that time. After knowing that Emperor Xuanyuan is missing, the entire Taixia Country is shocked while dark forces started to become active. Right then, the bloody figures that were bred in the bloody sea underground Pingsha Valley had almost become mature. If not the loophole on Pingsha Valley's side, these bloody figures might still be in the bloody sea; even though they've become mature, they could also move secretly and nobody else would know that. Didn't you find any relation between the two events?"

"The time when demons released the news that Emperor Xuanyuan was missing is consistent with the time when the bloody figures in the bloody sea became mature!" Bai Suxian understood it right away.

"Of course it's not a coincidence but a part of the series of plots against Taixia Country and Hua people. The bloody figures that were bred underground Pingsha Valley were just LV 9 fighters. Even if there were 100,000 more LV 9 fighters, it was not a big deal for Taixia Country; at most aches for Taixia Country. They could not shake the base of Taixia Country at all. Hundreds of thousands of LV 9 fighters would be cleaned up after destroying one province at most when they have no high-level knight as their leader. In the holy war, Taixia Country could easily bear such a bit loss. After cooperating with each other, of course, demons and Heavens Reaching Church don't mean to only tickle Taixia Country. If I was the head of demons and Three-eye Association, I would establish as more bloody sea as possible. I would even establish at least one bloody sea in each province across Taixia Country. By then, with the assistance of the knight-level powerhouses of Heavens Reaching Church, each province would be

plundered by bloody figures, leaving nothing but ruins. Only in this way could they shake the foundation of Taixia Country. Even if Taixia Country could pacify the catastrophe of bloody figures in the end, they would be severely damaged. Finally, Taixia Country would collapse from inside...'

When he caught those alive bloody figures, Zhang Tie had already read all of their memories. The first image that he gained from each bloody figure's memory was that they tore open the bloody ball in the bloody sea. Through their memories and visions, Zhang Tie saw what he wanted the most to see in Zhongzhou Province—the bloody sea underground Pingsha Valley.

After seeing the bloody sea which bred those bloody figures, Zhang Tie felt extremely disappointed.

The main raw materials of the bloody sea were gold and senior crystal. Gold and senior crystals might be precious for commoners; however, they were nothing different than common steel bars and cement for the one who could establish bloody sea.

The most important thing for establishing bloody sea was the set of rune secret method that was applied to those gold and crystals. As for the one who had grasped the rune secret method of the bloody sea, now that he had established the first bloody sea, it was not difficult for him to establish the 2nd, the 3rd and the 4th one as long as he had sufficient raw materials.

Like how a craftsman built houses. The more houses he built, the more skilled he would be.

With this intuitionistic recognition, Zhang Tie judged that Heavens Reaching Church and demons definitely had built one bloody sea in Taixia country.

This judgment was very important. Although Heavens Reaching Church and demons couldn't build the original type of the bloody sea, they could build the bloody sea which could produce LV 9 fighters. Additionally, they combined the bloody sea with puppet worms in a creative way. It was already enough for demons and Heavens Reaching Church to overthrow Taixia Country.

The bloody sea which was originally invented by the Bloody Soul Temple was more like a bloody demon sea in the hands of demons and Heavens Reaching Church.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Bai Suxian's tender naked body suddenly felt a bit cold as she drew closer to Zhang Tie silently and said, "If your prediction is true. Heavens Reaching Church might launch an overall rebel in Taixia Country after this batch of bloody figures in Pingsha Valley fully became mature. The period when the news that Emperor Xuanyuan was missing was released to the period when this batch of bloody figures in Pingsha Valley became mature was specially prepared for intensifying the conflict between the top 7 sects and Emperor Hill. When the two parties were both annoyed, it would satisfy the demons and Heavens Reaching Church for sure!"

"Yes. Additionally, I doubt that demons and Heavens Reaching Church might have shaper plots against Taixia Country and Hua people!"

"Sharper plots? You're worried that demons and Heavens Reaching Church might have more shaper means?"

"Yes, don't forget that Heavens Reaching Church excels at confusing people. They're good at involving commoners in. With the news that Emperor Xuanyuan was missing and these bloody figures who behave like mutated beasts, Heavens Reaching Church could not mobilize commoners. Only when the

commoners lost their consciousness could the whole world become fully chaotic. That's what demons and Heavens Reaching Church want most! Additionally, I doubt that Heavens Reaching Church and demons have moles inside Taixia Country. He might hide in Xuanyuan Hill as a top chancellor. With the cover and assistance of this mole could Heavens Reaching Church silently build bloody seas one after another across Taixia Country..."

Bai Suxian let out a sigh faintly before saying, "After hearing your words, I don't know whether Taixia Country could tide over this holy war. Even if we could tide over this holy war, how severely damaged would our country be. If Taixia really perishes one day, will you leave me alone?"

"If there's really that day, I will take you to a place where even demons couldn't find us. We will live our own lives by eating and drinking; when we feel bored, we will deliver babies..." Zhang Tie let out a sigh too...

Although they both sighed, their sighs contained different meanings.

"Is there really such a place?" Bai Suxian threw a glance at Zhang Tie with flickering eyes.

"Believe me, there is!" Zhang Tie answered immediately.

Bai Suxian replied with a smile, "Even if you are lying to me to make me feel better, I'm already satisfied with your words!"

After saying that, Bai Suxian closed her eyes and fell asleep sweetly in Zhang Tie's cradle.

Zhang Tie looked up the stars...

Although the airboat was flying, the stars didn't move at all. Therefore, Zhang Tie felt asleep in a room on the ground instead of being in an airboat.

Of course, there was a place that could not be found by demons——Castle of Black Iron.

Previously, Zhang Tie had not considered about the size of Castle of Black Iron. However, lately, he had to think about it carefully. Now that he could see the possible crises across Taixia Country in the future, it was reasonable for him to think about the way of escape.

Zhang Tie liked Taixia Country; however, he had not imagined about sacrificing himself for Taixia Country one day. In Zhang Tie's opinion, living people counted most. As long as people were alive, everything else could be achieved.

At this moment, a whim occurred to Zhang Tie's mind, 'If there's really one day when Taixia Country perishes, I have to teleport all of my family members, relatives, friends, Bai Suxian, members of Iron-Dragon Sect and those people in Ice and Snow Wilderness into Castle of Black Iron. But whether Castle of Black Iron is big enough to hold all of them or not? After all, I alone have over 10 children...'

Zhang Tie realized that he had not expanded land resources for Castle of Black Iron for a long time. Therefore, he made a decision, 'Given the current situation facing Taixia Country, it seems that I should manage Castle of Black Iron well so that it could be available to all of us at the critical moment.'

'Besides further expanding the land resources in Castle of Black Iron, I should teleport as many plants and animals as possible into Castle of Black Iron. When the land in Castle of Black Iron was expanded,

there would be more diversified ecological and mineral resources inside it and people inside it would live better.'

Zhang Tie remembered an experiment that zoologists and sociologists made before the Catastrophe. In that experiment, they put 10 mice into an enclosed paradise-like environment which could hold 1,000 mice and wanted to see the result.

At the beginning, all the mice behaved normally. They ate, drank and reproduced. Until the population of mice reached 1,000, the colony of rats suddenly collapsed. All the rats started to fight and kill each other in various methods until only dozens of rats survived. Although the living rats didn't fight and kill each other anymore, they couldn't live as casually as before and reproduce anymore. As a result, even the dozens of alive rats died.

Through this experiment, those zoologists and sociologists reached a conclusion—the desire for exploring the unknown world was the original driving force for the development and existence of human society. When human society lost their desire for exploration one day and its carrying capacity on materials and population reached its climax, humans would be at the verge of extermination.

Heller said that Castle of Black Iron was too small and incomplete; therefore, many things had not been bred yet. When Castle of Black Iron was big enough one day, it would derive a complete world.

'What's the look of the complete world?' After thinking about this question for a few seconds, Zhang Tie put it aside for the time being...

Zhang Tie was not afraid that those people inside Castle of Black Iron would lose their desire for exploration one day. After all, he could access to this world through Castle of Black Iron freely. If someone really felt bored inside Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie could throw him out to have fun with demons.

'What counts most now is that I should become stronger and make my backup more comfortable. I should make preparations for taking my beloved ones away from this world one day. I should also try my best to stop it from happening. I should try my best to save more commoners in the holy war until the end.'

'I will never let those b\*stards of Heavens Reaching Church and demons destroy all this in front of me.'

'Previously, I had limited abilities. After promoting to an earth knight, with Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, Iron-Dragon Sect and Jinwu City, I could actually do many things.'

'I've already damaged many plans of demons, Three-eye Association and Heavens Reaching Church, why not continue?'

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Chapter 1076: The King Roc Flapped Its Wings

In a chaotic world, one had to do something that he didn't like to do.

Zhang Tie felt that he was a bit unfortunate. Previously, when in Waii Subcontinent, he always felt that Taixia Country was a safe place. Even in the holy war, Taixia Country would also be a safe place for humans which would maintain prosperity forever. Zhang Tie thought that he and his family members could have a safe and stable home here. Even before coming to Taixia Country, Zhang Tie had a faintly crazy idea—at the critical moment, he would organize a fleet from Taixia Country to evacuate those people from Ice and Snow Wilderness.

However, only after coming to Taixia Country for a short period, Zhang Tie had already been involved in the turmoil of Taixia Country. At the arrival of the 3rd holy war, Taixia Country which had been peaceful for hundreds of years might become the center of the storm.

Demons' plots in Taixia Country were too deep-rooted. Zhang Tie didn't know how long had demons prepared for such a day, 100 years or 200 years. When this day finally arrived, the bombs that demons buried in Taixia Country started to be detonated one after another. The future of the entire Eastern Continent then became complicated.

Besides training his apprentices, Zhang Tie had another purpose in Zhongzhou Province, namely, he wanted to find that culprit among the top 9 chancellors in Taixia Country. Given the current situation, after reading the memories of those bloody figures, Zhang Tie found it was very difficult to realize that.

Wen Haoyun, the master of Wen Clan in Pingsha Valley should know something; however, that guy had already escaped away. He was still being wanted across Taixia Country. It might also be unrealistic for Zhang Tie to catch Wen Haoyun and gain some information from that guy.

'Whatever, now that I've come to Zhongzhou Province, I will take a round in Zhongzhou Province before broadening my vision in Xuanyuan Hill.'

With this thought, Zhang Tie became reassured.

After completing its materials supply in Xingyu City, Zhang Tie had Iron-Dragon Airboat leave Xingyu City for Longxi Prefecture, Zhongzhou Province on the same day.

Those alive bloody figures that Zhang Tie caught came from a branch of those bloody figures who had broken through Huian City. After destroying Huian City, facing the combined strikes from the knights of Supreme Court, knight-level powerhouses that came here from all directions and local garrisons, all the bloody figures scattered in all directions. Covering over 700 miles, they destroyed one prefecture and constantly divided into smaller teams to make troubles everywhere.

When those bloody figures escaped from Xingyu City, their total population reached over 10,000. Later on, after being struck by knights for a few times on the way, the troop started to divide into 5 regiments, each of which contained over 2,000 people. Facing constant strikes, each regiment of further divided into 5 camps, each of which contained about 400-500 people. A few days ago, these camps were further struck by local garrisons for a few times near the border of Zhongzhou Province before scattering into teams, each of which contained 40-50 members. When a team of bloody figures entered Shanghe Prefecture, Mingzhou Province, they almost killed all the people inside Xujia Village...

Although this team of bloody figures was killed, Zhang Tie had borne in mind the marching routes of the bloody figures; especially the general directions of those bloody figures after each strike.

When in Xingyu City, Zhang Tie drew a route chart on the aero map in the command module of Iron-Dragon Airboat after a consideration.

According to Zhang Tie's route chart, Iron-Dragon Airboat would fly in a snake-shaped curve instead of a straight line from Xingyu City to Pingsha Valley, Longxi Prefecture, Zhongzhou Province. Previously, Xingyu City was only over 1,300 miles away from Pingsha Valley. It only took an airboat 2 hours to finish this distance; However, according to Zhang Tie's route chart, they needed to spend almost 1 month from Xingyu City to Pingsha Valley.

On the new route chart, Zhang Tie changed the airboat into a movable military camp. It only moved 130 miles ahead a day at a very slow speed. However, Zhang Tie 121 disciples were divided into two teams. One team was composed of 60 people; the other team was composed of 61 people. They would march forward on the ground according to the route chart. At the same time, they would kill all the bloody figures that they met on the way.

Bai Suxian was a bit worried about this, "Is it okay?"

"Don't worry. There're 53 LV 9 fighters in the 2 teams totally. I've estimated that they might rarely meet a team of over 50 bloody figures on the way. All these bloody figures are disbanded, stragglers. Additionally, Liu Xing and the other 6 black-armored figures have rich battle experiences in Earth-elements Realm. They know how to deal with emergencies. Even if they met a team of over 50 bloody figures and couldn't deal with them, they only needed to send a signal to me. I'd be there soon! My disciples come from different clans and are greatly different from each other in gender, age and family background. It's a good opportunity for them to coordinate with each other; otherwise, they are just a heap of loose sand!"

Bai Suxian understood it. By doing this, Zhang Tie intended to train his apprentices and make them coordinate with each other much better besides hunting bloody figures. Additionally, he aimed to help Liu Xing, his first apprentice who had no family background, to establish his prestige among his apprentices. Among Zhang Tie's apprentices, the group of seven black-armored fighters represented by Liu Xing had poorest family backgrounds. Meanwhile, they also had the richest battle experience. Zhang Tie's plan might be very difficult for the others; however, it was as easy as pie for the seven black-armored fighters who had practiced in Earth-elements Realm.

If Liu Xing could establish his prestige among the other apprentices as Zhang Tie's first apprentice at this moment, Liu Xing's words would be followed by the other apprentices in the future.

Bai Suxian revealed a smile, "You've really cudged your brains for your apprentices!"

Zhang Tie also replied with a smile, "I have to. After becoming their master, I have to be responsible for them! Taixia Country might be in a greater trouble in the future. I have to have them adapt to it. If some of them were really hurt or killed, it's their destiny. They have to bear that. Even in the top 7 sects of Taixia Country, those knight-level knights might also be hurt or killed when they execute tasks. Their clans sent them to Iron-Dragon Sect not to become playboys. After entering Iron-Dragon Sect, they have to treat themselves as a piece of worthless iron no matter how dignified they were in their major clans."

Zhang Tie had made his firm determination. Actually, he had thought much more than Bai Suxian. Because the youngest and weakest two members among his 121 disciples were his nephews, Zhang

Chengxu and Zhang Chengze. Zhang Tie's request was definitely a great, tough test for the two people. They were respectively 12 years old and 11.5 years old. It was indeed too young for them to participate in such an action.

However, they couldn't refuse it because of their age. Zhang Cheng Xu and Zhang Chengze were brothers; additionally, they had lit their shrine surging points and 4 surging points on their spines respectively. Given their battle strength, they had been LV 4 warriors. When Zhang Tie was at their age, he had just learned how to polish surging points. By contrast, Zhang Chengxu and Zhang Chengze had been learning battle skills from masters since very young; additionally, Zhang family didn't lack training resources; therefore, the two brothers lit 5 surging points at such a young age.

Zhang Tie could even let his nephews join in the action, not to mention the others.

During the process of materials supply, Zhang Tie went to the Building of Brightness in Xingyu City.

In the Building of Brightness of Xingyu City, Zhang Tie delivered a task to all the bounty criminal hunters in Taixia Country in the identity of the master of Fire Dragon Bounty Territory—alive bloody figures purchase. 10,000 gold coins for each bloody figure. The more, the better. The captors only need to exchange alive bloody figures for gold coins in the Northeast Military Region.

The reward of the imperial court was 5,000 gold coins for each bloody figure. However, Zhang Tie purchased alive bloody figures at two times higher price. Additionally, the more, the better. As for those bounty criminal hunters who poured in Zhongzhou Province, although alive bloody figures were a bit tricky and would take them some time to hire airships to transport alive bloody figures to the Northeast Military Region at some cost. Zhang Tie's purchasing price was still very attractive. Of course, it was not worthwhile to travel to Fire Dragon Bounty Territory only for the reward of one bloody figure. But if they could catch a lot of live bloody figures and hired an airship to transport these alive bloody figures to Fire Dragon Bounty Territory, it would be very profitable...

When Zhang Tie's airboat left Xingyu City, the news that Cui Li, the master of Fire Dragon Bounty Territory, was purchasing alive bloody figures at the price of 10,000 gold coins for each had been spread over the entire Buildings of Brightness across Zhongzhou Province and Mingzhou Province. Some clever ones had been considering how to make a fortune in this business. Over 95% of commoners in Taixia Country could not make so much money in their whole lives. Many small commercial organizations and business groups couldn't even make so much profit in one year. Everybody was crazy about this news. If not the event in Zhongzhou Province, where to find such a good opportunity to make a fortune.

When Zhang Tie was going to deliver a task in the Building of Brightness, Bai Suxian was cultivating silently in the cultivation room of the airboat. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't notice her. Until Zhang Tie came back, those people in the airboat still didn't know that Zhang Tie had delivered such a task in the Building of Brightness.

After promoting to an earth knight, gold coins had been meaningless for Zhang Tie. The gold coin was just a matter of number and material for him. Zhang Tie was clear about the purchasing power of 10,000 gold coins too. He knew that his purchasing price was even higher than that of the imperial court of Taixia Country. However, although 10,000 gold coins looked a bit much at this moment, it might be nothing in the future...

'I will make an advisement for myself in Taixia Country by the event in Zhongzhou Province only at a bit cost.' Zhang Tie believed that all the people across Taixia Country would know Cui Li the Fire Dragon Hermit and Iron-Dragon Sect after a short period.

If he wanted to do something big and make demons and those b\*stards of Heavens Reaching Church feel bad, how could he have no popularity?

When Iron-Dragon Airboat left Xingyu City, many big figures and masters of major clans had received that news from their subordinates—Cui Li the Fire Dragon Hermit, also the owner of Fire Dragon Bounty Territory in Northeast Military Region is purchasing alive bloody figures at a high price. The more, the better.

After hearing this news, all the big figures and master of major clans frowned almost at the same time. Closely after that, they sent the same two orders.

First, figure out the background of Fire Dragon Hermit.

Second, figure out what Fire Dragon Hermit used those live bloody figures for.

In the coming storm that might roll over the entire Taixia Country, Zhang Tie started to forcefully flap his wings towards a looming iron wall in the future...

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Chapter 1077: The Role of Master

They moved very slowly.

Before each daybreak, the two teams had already left the airboat and searched along the route that Zhang Tie designated for the bloody figures. After finding bloody figures, they would kill them right away and bring back their heads.

According to ZhangTie's route chart, they only needed to move about 130 miles a day. They spent most of their time in the wild and unpopulated places that were far away from cities. Sometimes, they needed to tramp over mountains and through ravines. Even though they had tools, the roads were still tricky; especially that they had to search over the surroundings so as to prevent from being raided by bloody figures. After finding bloody figures, they had to kill them. Such a route was a tough challenge for Zhang Tie's apprentices, the highest level of which was just LV 9.

Therefore, although they left early each day, they always came back to the place where the airboat landed after the night fell.

When they left the airboat, Zhang Tie only allowed them to carry weapons, empty water bottles, slopes and signal flares for surviving themselves. They could not even carry medicament. On the way in the daytime, they had to find food themselves. Of course, when they came back to the airboat, they could eat whatever they wanted with unlimited quantities.

On the first day, since they left Xingyu City, they spent 15 hours on the way. When they returned to the airboat, it was already over 1 am midnight. Everybody had been extremely fatigued. Some female



disciples looked embarrassed as their clothes had been broken in many places. Zhang Chengze and Zhang Chengze were completely carried back on stretchers made of twigs by Liu Xing and the other guys.

As the weakest and youngest two people among Zhang Tie's apprentices, Zhang Chengxu and Zhang Chengze had reached their physical limits when they finished 80 miles of the journey in the wild. One passed out, the other started to throw up and twitch all over. Therefore, the others could only carry them back by stretchers.

On the first day, when they came back, some female disciples, Zhang Chengxu and Zhang Chengze had silently cried in their own cabins. Others didn't know that they were crying; however, Zhang Tie could as long as he wanted.

After resting less than 6 hours on the airboat, all of them set off once again at about 7 am next morning, including Zhang Chengxu and Zhang Chengze.

On the second day, they returned to Iron-Dragon Airboat almost at the same time. Being different than that on the first day, this time, they brought back 3 bloody figures' heads.

It was their first time to meet 3 bloody figures in the wild on the route designated by Zhang Tie. Of course, they killed them soon.

Zhang Tie felt that these bloody figures were as disgusting as demonized puppets. He didn't want to carry these bloody figures in case that the fresh air in the airboat was polluted. Additionally, he wanted to make his apprentices move more conveniently. Therefore, he only told them to bring back the heads of bloody figures.

After seeing the three bloody figures' heads, Zhang Tie awarded them with 6 vials of full-purpose medicament.

After taking the award, all the 121 apprentices of Zhang Tie became spirited.

In peacetime, it was hard to see the effect of all-purpose medicament. Only in such a tough situation could those vials of all-purpose medicament bring a great effect to a team at the critical moment. They could enable those who could not stand it to walk farther and help those being slightly wounded to recover rapidly. As a result, they could improve the overall action efficiency of a team.

The fact was that this method that Zhang Tie chose for his apprentices to cooperate with each other was especially effective.

Only after one week, the 121 apprentices had been familiar with each other and looked more like fellow apprentices of the same master. They gradually became an entity. Many people started to call others Senior Fellow Apprentice \*\*, Junior Fellow Apprentice \*\*, Senior Sister Apprentice \*\*, Junior Sister Apprentice\*\* which sounded intimate.

Besides Liu Xing who was the first apprentice of Zhang Tie, the others' seniorities were arranged according to their ages. Elder ones would be called senior fellow or sister apprentices; younger ones would be called junior fellow or sister apprentices. Without Zhang Tie's concern, these apprentices had already figured out their seniorities mutually after 1 week's cooperation.

Zhang Chengxu, Zhang Chengze and some female apprentices didn't cry anymore. The two teams left the airboat at the same time; however, they came back earlier and earlier gradually from 1 am to 11 pm.

After experiencing the initial hardships, the two teams became increasingly vigorous. Everybody gradually treated daily tough march as an interesting yet dangerous game. The reward of the game for bloody figures' heads was the all-purpose medicament. With more vials of the all-purpose medicament, the teams would be more relaxed in the march and more active in searching for bloody figures.

Some disciples were hurt by bloody figures, if they couldn't continue to join the action for the time being, they would return to Iron-Dragon Airboat for a few days' recuperation. After recovery, they would return to their teams. As long as those injured ones recovered their wounds basically, they would request to return to their teams instead of staying in the airboat.

Through many battles with bloody figures, they could have chances to improve their own battle skills through communication. After experiencing the hardships in Earth-elements Realm, Liu Xing and the other 6 black-armored fighters had rich battle skills; those disciples who came from major clans could have chances to learn various battle skills since they were young. Many people's clans had collected various secret methods on battle skills. Therefore, they were open-minded. They could learn and draw benefits from each other. As a result, everybody gained more battle experience and better battle skills very soon.

In the early days, when they came back to the airboat, it was already too late. After taking some food, they would hurriedly go to bed due to tiredness for the sake of the task the next day. As they came back earlier and earlier, after taking food, they still had much free time. Therefore, they started to chat and discuss the gains and losses of that day's battles. When they were excited about that, some LV 9 disciples would even simulate the battles in an open place in the canteen. One party would perform as bloody figures that they met that day, the other party would be themselves. They deduced the battles in slow movements and studied how to avoid from the opponent's movement, how to kill the opponent at the fastest speed, how to coordinate with each other, how to break the opponent's coordination, how to resist the opponents which outnumbered them and vice versa, etc...

Through similar communication, they all had great achievements and became very excited.

In the first 3 days since they returned to the airboat and started to conclude their daily battle experience, Zhang Tie didn't join them. He just observed that spiritually. After observing them for 3 days, Zhang Tie found that such communications about the battle experience were very good. In such conclusions, they were learning, rethinking, communicating and improving day by day. An individual's experience and gnosis would soon be shared by the rest of people. Benefited from this method, all of them could improve pretty fast. Therefore, on the 4th day, since they started their conclusions, Zhang Tie had told them to conclude in the training field of the airboat after having supper. Additionally, he also joined them and instructed them.

Zhang Tie had died thousands of times in trouble-reappearance situations. In reality, he had also experienced numerous brutal battles. As an earth knight, only by giving them a few directions could Zhang Tie benefit them a lot.

Sometimes, Zhang Tie directly limited his battle strength to a LV 9 fighter like Liu Xing and fought them for a better experience, ignoring his identity as an earth knight.

After Zhang Tie joined them, all of his apprentices became highly spirited at once. They would always maintain that high spirit when they left the airboat so as to communicate with Zhang Tie when they came back.

None of Zhang Tie's apprentices were stupid. All of them knew that such opportunities were rare. Very few LV 9 fighters could be instructed by an earth knight across Taixia Country.

In Zhang Tie's opinion, Liu Xing and the other guys were his peers. They had a lot of things to share. Therefore, he didn't treat himself as their elder in many cases; instead, he just communicated with them smoothly on the equal footing.

When in deduction, Zhang Tie could deal with the besiege of 20 LV 9 disciples including Liu Xing in the battle strength of a common LV 9 fighter. However, he could still "kill all the 20 people" without suffering a bit wound. This result shocked everybody at present. It was his apprentices' first time to watch the "extremely brilliant battle skill"...

Zhang Tie didn't know that his mentality and look when he instructed his apprentices shocked all of his apprentices. Zhang Tie didn't put on his airs; however, he gained more respect. After watching Zhang Tie's extremely brilliant battle skill, some female apprentices' eyes were sparkling starlight at the sight of Zhang Tie...

When Zhang Tie's apprentices left the airboat for hunting bloody figures every day, Zhang Tie kept studying a secret method that Bai Suxian had given him.

That secret method was called "Bright Enlightenment Sutra"...

This secret method solved a question that had puzzled Zhang Tie for so long...

Chapter 1078: Bright Enlightenment Sutra

Very few commoners could promote to knights by cultivating secret methods; especially senior secret methods. By contrast, super forces like top seven sects in Taixia Country mastered many secret methods and cultivation resources for sure.

In Taixia Country, on one hand, billions of commoners had a great desire and demand for secret methods; on the other hand, few forces and major clans mastered a great number of resources. Therefore, someone would use various means to meet commoners' demand at the risk of their lives.

There were definitely more than 1 disciple among top 7 sects and those super clans who could touch and cultivate those rare secret methods. Only in this way could a sect and a clan maintain a strong vitality and constantly train excellent talents.

Zhang Tie wondered why he had not heard that any disciples of the top 7 sects betrayed their sects and exposed their clans' secret methods to the public, causing a great chaos in the world.

Zhang Tie didn't believe that all the disciples who could touch top secret methods among the top 7 sects and major clans were saints and gentlemen. Given the probability, after so many years since those major sects and super clans were founded, some ambitious guys or lunatics must have touched those top secret methods. Now that they had touched those top secret methods, why didn't they steal those

top secret methods and expose them to the others? How did those major sects and super clans prevent their top secret methods from being exposed to the public in case of losses?

'As I've reached a very high level in soul-forbidden skill, if I caught a core disciple of one of the top 7 sects who had touched the top secret methods, couldn't I get that top secret method from that core disciple's memory? How do the major sects and super clans in Taixia Country prevent it from being exposed in this way?'

'How do major sects and super clans in Taixia Country maintain the uniqueness and confidentiality of their own secret methods?'

Zhang Tie had been thinking about this question especially after establishing the Iron-Dragon Sect.

Previously, when in Huaiyuan Palace, as Zhang Tie didn't cultivate Sun Breaking Sutra, he didn't know how the Sun Breaking Sutra of Huaiyuan Palace was inherited. Now, Zhang Tie realized how Lan Yunxi trusted him and was brave to give him the Sun Breaking Sutra at that moment.

Zhang Tie was always worried that what if some of his disciples were ambitious guys or lunatics and might expose his Fire Dragon Sutra and other secret methods to the public?

As Zhang Tie had not figured out this question, he had not passed the method of lighting surging points to promote to LV 10 to his disciples these days.

When he told Bai Suxian about his concern, the latter widely opened her eyes at once as she asked Zhang Tie with an amazed look, "Master, don't you know that?"

"Don't know what?'

"Do you think that major sects pass their classics and secret methods to their disciples by giving them books?"

"Why not?" Zhang Tie touched his bald head.

Bai Suxian watched Zhang Tie with a funny look, "Of course not, otherwise, as long as some unfilial apprentices were captured by an evil person, the inheritance of those major sects and clans would be chaotic. If the others could gain top secret methods so easily, the so-called top secret methods would be too average. If so, how could those major sects and clans last 1,000 years and shock the world with those top secret methods?'

"What if not?'

After hearing that, Bai Suxian took out a piece of secret method crystal from his portable space and gave it to Zhang Tie.

The secret method in the crystal was Bright Enlightenment Sutra ...

Since he received the Bright Enlightenment Sutra, Zhang Tie had been immersing in this secret method these days in the airboat when he was free.

After reading it, Zhang Tie finally knew how the major sects and clans in Taixia Country protected their own classics and secret methods.

To be honest, as Zhang Tie grew up in Blackhot City as a commoner, his background was too weak; neither did he receive any good education or systemic knowledge and instructions from experts. Later on, he promoted to a black iron knight too fast one step after another. Only after a few years, he had promoted to an earth knight. Like a nouveau riche among knights, he was not clear about some things for sure. Due to his blind spots in some aspects, he would make mistakes.

Zhang Tie gained his secret methods easily. He just cultivated according to the secret methods. He even gained the complete "King Roc Sutra" step by step through multiple trials in trouble-reappearance situations. Therefore, Zhang Tie thought that the major clans and sects in Taixia Country also inherited their secret methods by giving them to their disciples like that in school or in Hidden Dragon Island where secret methods could be exchanged with accumulated points and contribution.

Actually, in those major sects and clans, disciples could indeed exchange for secret methods with contribution and accumulated points like how Zhang Tie did in Hidden Dragon Island. However, those secret methods were not very precious. The most precious secret methods and classics were usually inherited in an ancient and mysterious method——enlightenment.

Bright Enlightenment Sutra taught people how to inherit secret methods through enlightenment. This secret method could only be cultivated by people when they reached knight level.

The secret sutra introduced three methods for enlightenment, namely, Bright Enlightenment Method , Heavenly Wheel Enlightenment Method and Sacrifice Enlightenment Method .

Bright Enlightenment Method was mainly used by major clans and sects in Taixia Country. To a certain extent, Zhang Tie felt that Bright Enlightenment Method was similar to the process of transmitting a coded document into people's awareness.

The coding process was called the combination and blessing of body, mouth and awareness. Additionally, it could only be decoded one time.

When Bright Enlightenment Method was used to inherit secret methods, the one who received the enlightenment could not expose what he received and learned to others in any means; neither could the others gain any content of the secret methods in any means.

If the one who received the enlightenment would like to leak the information on purpose, as long as he thought about it and put it into action, he would be destructed by the secret method that he received through enlightenment. Being affected by body, mouth and awareness, nobody could cheat himself. Even if the one who received the enlightenment had entered the saint level, he could still not avoid from being destructed if he intended to leak the information and put it into action. A part of the strength of self-destruction came from the one who received the enlightenment; most of it came from the punishment that the one being executed violated the contract that he had admitted.

The one who leaked the secret method which he had received through Bright Enlightenment Method would become muddle-headed as a plant man at least; in the worst scenario, he would explode and disappear.

In the history of Taixia Country, some heavenly knights who didn't believe that they would be destructed by the Bright Enlightenment Method. However, they were all killed in the end, which laid a solid foundation for the uniqueness of Bright Enlightenment Sutra .

As for the Heavenly Wheel Enlightenment Method, the executor would transfer his own spiritual energy to the executee. In this process, the executee could only gain half of the spiritual energy from the executor. The other half of spiritual energy would escape.

The third enlightenment method of Bright Enlightenment Sutra was called Sacrifice Enlightenment Method, which was the most powerful enlightenment method. Through this enlightenment method, the executor could transfer all of his life energy to the executee. The executee could gain 1/7 of the total life energy of the executor. If 1/7 of the executor's life energy was powerful enough, the executee could even light all of his surging points and form a chakra.

However, a knight could only apply Sacrifice Enlightenment Method one time in his whole life. As the term suggested, the executor had to pay his life for implementing this method. Therefore, only when some knights in major clans and sects were almost dying would they transfer their life energy to a selected lucky dog in Sacrifice Enlightenment Method. In this way, they could produce a powerhouse at the fastest speed and leave some hope for their sect or clan.

To a certain extent, Sacrifice Enlightenment Method was similar to Bloody Demon Imitation method. The difference between them was that Sacrifice Enlightenment Method was righteous while Bloody Demon Imitation Method was evil, which would release others' life potential in the shortest period at the cost of their lives.

Previously, Bai Suxian kept Bright Enlightenment Sutra for herself. After knowing that Zhang Tie was establishing a sect, she realized that she might instruct disciples in Iron-Dragon Sect after marrying Zhang Tie. Therefore, Bai Suxian came here with the Bright Enlightenment Sutra. It was out of her imagination that Zhang Tie needed it more than her.

The Bright Enlightenment Sutra solved a question which had puzzled Zhang Tie for so long. As long as he mastered this sutra, Zhang Tie knew that his Fire Dragon Sutra and Mental Arithmetic by Abacus even the methods that he used to promote cultivation through setting free animals would never be exposed to anyone else through his disciples. Even if he passed top secret methods such as King Roc Sutra and the Great Wilderness Sutra to his son through Bright Enlightenment Method, nobody else would know about that.

This Bright Enlightenment Sutra was really timely for Zhang Tie, which pushed open a gate in front of Zhang Tie at once...

Chapter 1079: Marching towards Pingsha Valley

On October 4th, after almost 1 month's march, Iron-Dragon Airboat and Zhang Tie's disciples were finally close to Pingsha Valley, Longxi Prefecture, Zhongzhou Province.

When they entered Zhongzhou Province in late September, they saw airships and airboats arriving at Zhongzhou Province from all directions. Iron-Dragon Airboat encountered 3-4 batches of knight-level powerhouses from courts across Zhongzhou Province in the sky. Additionally, Zhang Tie met about 10-20 unidentified knight-level powerhouses who were inspecting the ground every day in the sky.

They could see hundreds of battle airships flying over the land every day. As long as an emergency was discovered, the elites on the airships would immediately jump off the airships under the leadership of fighters above LV 10 officially organized by the military of Taixia Country, who could easily sweep small teams of bloody figures.

On the ground, the garrisons dispatched from all cities in Longxi Prefecture had set cordons in each communications center. Armored vehicles and temporary mini battle fortresses could be seen everywhere. Those bounty criminal hunters who arrived here from the other provinces would besiege and hunt dispersed bloody figures in the wild in teams.

It was more like a rounding up and hunting rather than a battle.

Zhang Tie's 121 apprentices would meet some teams of bounty criminal hunters on the ground every day. Meanwhile, they also had a chance to watch a military elite team of Taixia Country rounding up and hunting a small team of bloody figures in the wild.

At the sight of this situation, Zhang Tie knew that the bloody figures in Zhongzhou Province would soon be appeased by parties in Taixia Country after over 1 month's concerted efforts.

The bloody figures were like wildfire that extended and die out fast.

Over 100,000 LV 9 bloody figures were a terrifying, subversive force which could match that of the super demon corps led by the demon general in any subcontinent.

However, the contingent of bloody figures had a fatal shortcoming—they had no knight-level leader. As long as some bloody figures gathered together, they would soon become the targets of human knights and could be easily dispersed. Therefore, it was hard for them to form a great force that was possessed by an army.

Any troop would only be a motley crew and roving bandits as long as they were dispersed. This explained why Zhang Tie couldn't see the contingent of the bloody figures separate into smaller teams of bloody figures spontaneously in their memories. Although these bloody figures would cause great damages wherever they were, as long they appeared, they would definitely be besieged from all directions. It determined that their lives were short.

Additionally, although these bloody figures looked as same as Hua people, they didn't speak. They could be easily identified from their eyes. This accelerated the extinction of bloody figures.

On the evening of October 3, Iron-Dragon Airboat encamped in the wild over 400 miles away from Pingsha Valley. On the same evening, it turned gloomy and rained heavily. In the morning, the heavy rain didn't stop while the water level in the brook in the wild rose rapidly. Additionally, the road was muddy.

Last night, due to the storm, the airboat rose from 1 m above the ground to 10 m above the ground out of safety. On the next early morning, Zhang Tie came to the command module on the top of the airboat to observe the weather outside through the crystal protective wall.

The raindrops hit the airboat heavily; however, people inside the command module couldn't hear it at all. Even so, Zhang Tie could still watch the scenery in the outside through the transparent crystal protective wall.

It was dusty outside with a very low visibility. The limpid river yesterday had already turned completely murky. Additionally, the water level had risen greatly. After falling on the crystal protective wall, the raindrops formed into trickles. After starting the wiper, Zhang Tie could see the scenery outside clearly. The water in the water-diversion groove on one side of the head of the airboat flew off the diversion mouth like an over 10 m high waterfall.

Although it had rained several times in the past 1 month, today's rain was the heaviest.

"Tell Liu Xing, the survival training comes to an end. They don't need to leave the airboat today. We will fly towards Pingsha Valley..." Zhang Tie turned around and told someone to notice Liu Xing and the other apprentices after thinking for a few seconds.

Over the past 1 month, Zhang Tie had reached his target. His disciples had been looked like coming out of the same sect. All of them had been able to coordinate with each other with a very good atmosphere of teamwork. Liu Xing also gained his prestige as the other apprentices' first senior fellow apprentice. All of them had practiced and been familiar with what they needed to experience. They even brought back 134 heads of bloody figures. Even his two nephews had accomplished the march with their team in the last 10 days. Zhang Chengxu was decisive. He carried back all the heads of bloody figures in the last 10 days. By contrast, Zhang Chengze looked a bit introversive; however, he could also bear hardships. Zhang Tie knew that the two brothers would polish their surging points 2 hours a day in their own bedrooms after they came back.

If it was in peaceful times, Zhang Tie didn't want to have his two nephews touch such bloody things. However, it was in the holy war, even if a boy didn't go to the battlefield, he should also touch something relevant. If Zhang family's disciples would pass out at the sight of blood, how could they protect the undertakings of Jinwu City and Jinwu Business Group?

When they received Zhang Tie's order, Liu Xing had just adjusted the members' distribution of the two teams. Those who were slightly wounded yesterday would gather at the end of the teams. Everybody had just put on raincoats which were especially for wild operations. When they received Zhang Tie's order from a bodyguard of Bai Suxian, everybody became a bit dumbfounded at the beginning. However, after confirming that it was not a joke, everybody cheered up as they exclaimed and jumped...

It finally came to an end.

Honestly, over the past 1 month, they had borne many hardships. However, nobody complained about it. Many people bore it while gritting their teeth. It was like how those students in school suddenly received the news that they would have a holiday from today onwards. What a big surprise!

"Ahh, I can finally have a lie-in!" Zhu Dabiao who looked much thinner than before hurriedly put off his raincoat as he walked towards his own cabin.

"Dabiao, where are you going?" Sun Zhan shouted.

"Senior fellow apprentice Sun, I will have a nap in my cabin!" Zhu Dabiao who looked spirited just now couldn't stand having a yawn.

"Are you kidding me? It's less than 1 hour's trip from Pingsha Valley!"



"It's okay. Half an hour's nap is enough. One moment in the morning is worth 1,000 gold coins. Senior Fellow Apprentice Sun, I've been thin in the past 1 month!" Zhu Dabiao said as he pinched the fat over his waist with a painful look.

Some female disciples burst out into laughter at once.

"You're thin? You ate 3 people's food whenever we got prey in the wild!" Sun Zhan mumbled.

"When there's a chance, I will invite Senior Fellow Apprentice Sun to have a big meal!"

Not only Zhu Dabiao, but even some female disciples had also returned to their own cabins after hearing the news.

"Junior Sister Apprentice Zhou, you're also going to have a nap?" Sun Zhan shouted.

Among the 7 disciples who were enrolled by Zhang Tie at the beginning, Sun Zhan was the most active and humorous one. Therefore, he got along well with all the other disciples.

"Senior Fellow Apprentice Sun, we will go back...to change clothes..." Junior Sister Apprentice Zhou replied with a blush.

Sun Zhan smirked as he asked, "Junior Sister Apprentice Zhou, tell me which junior fellow apprentice have you fallen in love with? I will be a matchmaker for you!"

"Senior Fellow Apprentice Sun, you're too bad, I will not tell you..."

After being teased by Sun Zhan, Junior Sister Apprentice Zhou's face turned redder as she left out of there. Some high-spirited and audacious female disciples even rolled their eyes at Sun Zhan. Whatever, they all knew that Senior Fellow Apprentice Sun was not bad and didn't always grow angry over trivial matters.

Almost all the female disciples had left in a split second. Sun Zhan was curious about the reason as a hand patted onto his shoulder heavily. Sun Zhan knew that was Ma Kuicheng's big hand without turning around. At the same time, Ma Kuicheng told Sun Zhan in a secret way, "Don't you know that beauty is more important than life for all the women? Over the past 1 month, these junior sister apprentices have worn the military uniforms too much; especially when they saw the wife of their master stay on the master's side every day like a peony blossom. If you didn't let them dress up at this moment, they would fight you to death!"

Sun Zhan understood it right away.

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Zhang Tie also heard the cheers of his disciples. He suddenly recalled how happy he was when he heard that they would have one week's holiday for the 50th anniversary of the founding of Andaman Alliance when he was in the 2nd grade of the No. 5 Male Middle School of Blackhot City...

'How long have I not experienced such a simple and direct pleasure?'

At that moment, Zhang Tie was poor. He could only have a few copper coins per day. His battle strength was very poor and he dreamt about lighting his Shrine surging point one day. Additionally, he didn't

have a woman. He just had a blush for Miss Daina silently like all the other male boys in the No. 7 Male Middle School.

However, Zhang Tie could easily have such a simple and direct pleasure at that moment. He would always feel delighted for a few more days' holidays at school, a small gift, new clothes or a new pair of leather shoes brought by his elder brother from the troop.

Zhang Tie suddenly realized that the so-called maturity and growth enabled people to not have such a simple and direct pleasure...

At this moment, the airboat had started to rise and flow towards Pingsha Valley in the heavy rain.

At the same time, Zhang Tie heard footsteps as he smelt a faint fragrance from behind.

Zhang Tie turned around and watched Bai Suxian. He asked, "Do you also think that the higher position a person is, the less happy he would be?"

Chapter 1080: Being Frank and Honest

After hearing Zhang Tie's question, Bai Suxian faintly frowned her beautiful eyebrows. Closely after that, she relieved her frowns and came to the front of Zhang Tie, watching the scenery on the ground flying backward rapidly in the storm with the Zhang Tie. As the airboat gradually ascended, they could only see clouds.

The flickering red caution lights around the airboat made it a beacon in the clouds. Additionally, they warned other aircrafts in the sky to not collide with this airboat.

"Why?" Bai Suxian tilted her head and watched Zhang Tie seriously as if she wanted to discover something from Zhang Tie's face.

Zhang Tie still watched the vast clouds outside the airboat as if he had not noticed Bai Suxian's gaze. Closely after that, he said, "After hearing my apprentices' cheers, I suddenly had such a feeling. I've not been that happy for a long time, even when I gained Fire Dragon Bounty Territory. Just now, I suddenly found that I admired them a bit!"

"Do you know that? Sometimes, I feel that there's another person in your body!" Bai Suxian's words made Zhang Tie's heart slightly race. Zhang Tie tilted his head and looked straight into Bai Suxian's crystal eyes. Bai Suxian revealed a smile as she watched Zhang Tie with her soulful eyes, "Previously I was told that someone had double personalities. I didn't believe in that until I met you. It seems that there are two souls in your body, one belongs to a generous man, the other belongs to a common big boy who desires for a common life. Sometimes, you would be sentimental and romantic..."

No matter how he disguised, Zhang Tie knew that he could not cover his original personality. Even though he disguised as Cui Li, those who were intimate to him could also find something about his original personality. Whatever, he was Zhang Tie instead of Cui Li. Although the two roles might have similarities in life trajectory and thoughts, they were different from each other.

Would Cui Li prepare candlelight dinner for Bai Suxian? Probably not. However, two days ago, Zhang Tie prepared a candlelight dinner for Bai Suxian and appreciated her for what she had done for him. Zhang

Tie prepared all the food by himself when Bai Suxian was cultivating. They chose the canteen in this command module that day. Under the starlights over the sky, Zhang Tie brought Bai Suxian here and gave her a big surprise.

After that candlelight dinner, Zhang Tie told Bai Suxian to not call him master or herself this humble slave anymore. Bai Suxian nodded towards him solemnly as she dropped off her tears.

That night, Bai Suxian was very mad as if she wanted to break herself into pieces and melt with Zhang Tie.

Since that day, Bai Suxian knew that she had indeed entered Zhang Tie's life instead of just appearing on his bed.

The process where two people were acquainted with each other might not be that poetic; however, after staying with each other for a long time, besides making love, they gradually started to fall in love with each other. Zhang Tie started to appreciate Bai Suxian. A man was not a stalk of grass or a tree. In Zhang Tie's eyes, Bai Suxian was his friend, lover and a good assistant. She was reliable and docile. He would feel secure by having Bai Suxian on his back. Therefore, Zhang Tie gradually opened his own world to Bai Suxian. In many cases, he wouldn't disguise on purpose.

"Have you thought about that perhaps there's really another people in my body, another one who's utterly different than Cui Li that you know? That man might be a big boy who only longs for living a common life with his wife without having any ambition..."

"It's the second time for you to talk with me in this way!" Bai Suxian stroke her hair tenderly as she lightly lay in Zhang Tie's arms, "I'd told you about that. As long as you're not a demon, I don't care. Even if you're a major thief, a criminal being wanted by the Supreme Court and the top 7 sects in Taixia Country, I would stay with you unless you disliked me. If you want to kill demons, I will kill demons; if you want to rob, I will be your watchdog. If you want to f\*ck a woman, I will help you press her on the bed..."

What a soulful woman! After hearing Bai Suxian's reply, Zhang Tie became silent. He could only let out a sigh, "I've not imagined that I'm worth that."

"You're destined to be my hubby. You saved my life. I could give you whatever I have, including my life. You're my Mr. Right. I will follow you for the rest of my life!"

Zhang Tie was not afraid of acting in front of a beauty, he was just afraid of meeting a soulful beauty. The former was a one-night stand, the latter wished him fine, happy and would like to give her life to him; she was already a beautiful scenery in his life, a beautiful stream that flew into his river of destiny and the one who would read his name silently before death. Such a person was worth being treasured and safeguarded soulfully at the cost of his life.

Beverly, Fiona, Linda and Bai Suxian, all of them were the second sort of person.

Beloved ones were rare in the world.

At this moment, many whims occurred to Zhang Tie's mind. All of a sudden, Zhang Tie had an impulsion as he hugged Bai Suxian in his arms before whispering to her, "Actually, you were right. There's indeed

another one in my body. I'm not Cui Li. The real Cui Li had died dozens of years ago. I have another name, Zhang Tie, the very one whose order for arrest has been revoked!"

There was always a moment that one didn't think too much. At that moment, he didn't have concerns about interests; he just reflected in case of regret. Zhang Tie didn't know about the result if he told Bai Suxian about that secret. He only knew that he could share some secrets with this woman.

If a person didn't have any reliable ones and was always alert to others, it would be a grief.

An ambitious person could live in such a condition forever and didn't worry about being schizoid. However, Zhang Tie was not ambitious; neither did he want to live in such a state forever.

If one always lived in such a condition, he would be very tired and had an invisible stress.

After sharing this secret with his beloved one, Zhang Tie felt unprecedentedly relaxed.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Bai Suxian's body slightly quivered. Closely after that, she raised her head and watched Zhang Tie with a shocked and suspicious look as if she was confirming whether Zhang Tie was joking with her or not.

"No way...I've seen the order for the arrest of Zhang Tie the Lion of Youzhou Province...the frames and looks between you..."

As Bai Suxian said, she suddenly widely opened her eyes as she covered her mouth with one hand.

Under her gaze, Zhang Tie's body gave out a faint light. Closely after that, his look and figure slowly waved like ripples and changed into his original look with a bald head in less than half a minute.

Cui Li's clothes didn't fit Zhang Tie at all. It looked a bit hilarious. However, Bai Suxian couldn't laugh at all as what happened shocked her too much.

"It's an ancestral bloodline that I've awakened. I named it body changing immortal bloodline. This bloodline is unique. Even the elders of Huaiyuan Palace don't know about it. I've also grasped a secret method with which I could simulate the efforts of all the other secret methods vividly. The real Cui Li was just a commoner. He had been killed by Zhu Liang the fierce wolf, one wanted criminal on the wanted list of Supreme Court many years ago. After killing Cui Li, Zhu Liang the fierce wolf had been disguising himself as Cui Li and managing his own business secretly in Yongzhou Province until he was killed by me." Zhang Tie answered Bai Suxian briefly in his original voice as he watched Bai Suxian calmly, "After the tragedy in Fuhai City, I was framed by people and had to escape. Therefore, I disguised as Cui Li. Fortunately, I met you in the Earth-elements Realm..."

Although Zhang Tie had been over 30 years old, he still looked like a 16-year old juvenile.

Given his look simply, Zhang Tie was much younger than many people among his 121 disciples.

Bai Suxian slightly touched Zhang Tie's young face with quivering hands as she sensed Zhang Tie's body temperature.

Previously, Zhang Tie thought that Bai Suxian could barely accept it after knowing his real identity. Out of his imagination, only after maintaining her shocked look for a few seconds, Bai Suxian's eyes had given out an exotic light as she murmured Zhang Tie's poem,

"The beloved one is rare in the world."

"I treat power as sh\*t; I ignore the ridicule of the powerful ones."

"The others are just passers-by, who would not return in the spring after leaving in autumn."

"If I have a beloved one, I wish to be a farmer who grazes cattle in the morning and return with wildflowers in the evening."

"After putting wildflowers on your gray hair, I wish to watch the afterglow with you."

"The one who wrote this poem, the most famous black iron human knight, the young man who grew up in Blackhot City, the Mr. Right of numerous female knights is the husband of I, Bai Suxian. How handsome he is! Does God bring you to my side..."

As Bai Suxian murmured, her eyes sparkled with a faint blush on her face. She suddenly became a bit shy like a little girl as she felt bashful to look straight into Zhang Tie's eyes.

Honestly, it was Zhang Tie's first time to see how Bai Suxian became bashful after staying with her for so long.

"Will...will you...desert me because of my age..."

The moment Bai Suxian uttered in a bit intense voice, Zhang Tie became stunned as he realized that they were not thinking about the same thing at all...