

## **Black Iron 1141**

### Chapter 1141: Lose at Sunrise but Gain at Sunset

The moonlight could not penetrate through the roof and the thick partition and walls of the room. Under the same moonlight, Zhang Tie turned into a curl of moonlight in his room...

Previously, Zhang Tie heard a proverb, which had existed before the Catastrophe until now. When in the 7th Male Middle School in Blackhot City, his teacher of natural history always told them about this proverb. To a certain extent, this proverb was close to the truth and was relevant to the most indestructible physical law in the world.

—One could not lift himself up by grabbing his own hair no matter how strong he was.

When he flew off in the room, this proverb flashed through his mind. Zhang Tie didn't know about his current situation. However, the reality indicated that he could also fly off by sabers and swords besides having them fly.

Flying off by physical strength was utterly different than flying off by spiritual strength. The former could not break the simplest physical rule; undoubtedly, the latter had to depend on a senior rule. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't pay attention to the relationship between him and that proverb too much; instead, he soon accepted it and immersed in it.

If people saw Zhang Tie flying in a room by a metal light stand, they would feel it was pretty hilarious. In the beginning, Zhang Tie was a bit embarrassed; however, he soon adapted to it. As a powerful earth knight who had a powerful knight's consciousness, he could control his own body in an unimaginable way. If he liked, he could even control the reflection and activation modes of specific neurons.

Besides being an earth knight, Zhang Tie was also a divine dominator. A divine dominator could also control an object in an unimaginable spiritual way. For instance, there were 200 needle eyes in over 10 m in the room, 100 on different heights on each side. Zhang Tie could have one needle penetrate through all the needle eyes for 100 times in 1 second.

As an earth knight, Zhang Tie could control his own body; as a divine dominator, he could control objects. After combining with the two abilities, Zhang Tie turned into a curl of moonlight in the room with that metal light stand in his hand.

Zhang Tie's residence was large. The parlor covered over 300 square meters. However, when it came to flight, this residence became a bit small. However, in the same room where even sparrows could not flap its wings for free, Zhang Tie had an unprecedented flight experience which was utterly different than flying by chakra.

Zhang Tie turned into a curl of moonlight, arousing a wind in the room.

In this small room, Zhang Tie gradually sped up. He would alter his flight direction for dozens of times per second; otherwise, he would hit the wall, furniture or other furnishings. Zhang Tie really had a happy flight. Additionally, he moved more and more flexibly like a loach which swam as fast as a lightning bolt in the room.

He kept flying in this way for about 1 hour. All in a split second, the wind grew stronger, blowing away the curtains and causing flowers in the vase on the table to waver east and west; even the vase was going to fall down; additionally, a piece of newspaper was blown off in a split second...In less than half a second, the wind had stopped; the windows had fallen down; the flowers had stopped wavering; the vase returned to its original place, spraying some water on the table; the newspaper fell onto the ground; the moonlight disappeared, leaving the scenery outside the windows.

Like having not moved at all, Zhang Tie stood on the original place steadily.

With that metal light stand in hand, Zhang Tie looked pretty hilarious and funny; however, Zhang Tie's face turned pretty red due to the excitement. If not in Xuanyuan Hill but in Lord Guangnan's Manor, Zhang Tie might have sprung up and roared due to ecstasy. In a split second just now, Zhang Tie sensed the same barrier that he sensed in the sky when he flew at the fastest speed a few days ago—sound barrier.

A few days ago, this sound barrier was like a shackle that fastened him and a high mountain in front of him. However, just now, Zhang Tie felt the same sound barrier had become a thin paper which would be broken easily by only a poke. He failed to break through the sound barrier in the vast sky; however, he broke through it in such a small room. If he told others about it, nobody would believe in that. However, it was true.

Just now, considering the possible sonic boom if he broke through such a thin paper, Zhang Tie stopped immediately.

Being extremely excited and delighted, Zhang Tie forcefully patted his head.

"Stupid. How could you not think about putting the ability of divine dominator in flight after becoming a divine dominator for so many years? Why not earlier..." Zhang Tie muttered. Even so, his delight still spurted out like spring water, enabling all of his cells to bathe the trivial currents caused by this delight and excitement.

With the ability of divine dominator, he could easily break through the sound barrier in flight. What a surprise! It was like a huge pie that fell off the sky. As a result, Zhang Tie almost passed out. He felt regretful lacking the corresponding secret method about flight in his "King Roc Sutra". However, this loophole was fixed by the ability of divine dominator. Lose at sunrise but gain at sunset. Zhang Tie felt the delicate arrangement of God.

After being thrilled and having a bee in his head for a while, Zhang Tie remembered that metal light stand in his hand. He looked pretty hilarious. After looking at the metal light stand, he ran his spiritual energy and had the metal light stand flew off his hand and land on its original place. If a metal light stand could help him fly freely, not to mention a weapon. He could even design a set of special clothes to adapt to such a flight mode...

However, it was not the right moment for him to study it.

Zhang Tie glanced at the table clock in the parlor and found it was almost 12 pm. Zhang Tie then sensed the locations of the two tracing feathers in his mind and found that they had not changed too much. After thinking for a short while, Zhang Tie walked to one window of the parlor and watched outside. Closely after that, he opened the window as he triggered a rune hiding effect for himself.

The moment he triggered the rune hiding effect, Zhang Tie's figure had gradually turned blurry in the dark and shadow. From all visual angles, Zhang Tie's body had completely integrated with the surrounding environment. When the moonlight cast in and the breeze blew away the curtain, it didn't even leave any shadow of Zhang Tie's body on the floor. If someone entered the room at this moment, he would definitely not notice that Zhang Tie was standing beside the window because the qi of Zhang Tie had been completely hidden. This was the powerful effect of the hiding rune.

Zhang Tie flew out of the room through the window like a dandelion being blown off by the night wind. After flying over the courtyard, the lawn, the rooms of some servants in Lord Guangnan's Manor, Zhang Tie came to the high wall of the manor in a split second. During this process, Zhang Tie encountered two teams of guards patrolling in the manor. The closest team of guards didn't see Zhang Tie when they passed by him from 3 m away.

Before Zhang Tie fully grasped the flight ability as a divine dominator, Zhang Tie was thinking about flying out of the high wall directly. However, grasping it, Zhang Tie was not worried about using this flight ability right away.

There were so many powerhouses in Xuanyuan Hill; additionally, there was a secret treasure in the emperor's imperial city as the entire Xuanyuan Hill was still covered by a powerful yet bizarre energy field. Zhang Tie didn't know whether there were special alchemists or rune equipment in Xuanyuan Hill which could find someone flying over there. Zhang Tie didn't feel it was worthwhile to expose his trump card which had not been fully grasped in order to investigate the situations of some small figures. Therefore, Zhang Tie determined to go there on foot. Actually, with the effect of Kuafu bloodline, his moving ability on foot could almost match his flight ability.

Zhang Tie could move over 100 m by one step as fast as a lightning bolt. After being affected by the hiding rune and rapid moving rune. Zhang Tie was like a curl of night wind that blew over Xuanyuan Hill. After a short while, he had left Xuanyuan Hill and arrived at one side of a shimmering lake.

Zhang Tie passed by those reeds near the lakeside on the tips of those reeds and dove into the lake like a small stone...

"Who..." With a muffled sound from the reeds, a man with half-open clothes exposed his head out of the reeds with sparkling eyes. After looking around and finding nobody in the surroundings, he buried his head in the reed once again.

"Is there anyone?" A ringing woman's sound and the sound of putting on skirt drifted from the reeds.

"Nobody. My knight's consciousness just sensed something nearby just now. It might be a fish jumping out of the water. Don't worry, continue..."

"Disgusting, we need to change the place..." The woman said in a coquettish way.

"Sleeping on the ground and facing the sky of Xuanyuan Hill are especially interesting. What a rare opportunity..." The man said with a smile.

The dissolute lovers in the reeds were two knights whom Zhang Tie had seen next to Fang Xinyi that day...

Chapter 1142: Detecting Euphonicmusic Lake in the Evening

Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could see two familiar faces in the reeds of Euphonicmusic Lake in the northeast of Xuanyuan Hill tonight.

Several days ago, the good-looking female knight on the side of Fang Xinyi was a quiet and gentle person. However, her bright big eyes kept glancing at Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian. When Zhang Tie flew over the tips of reeds, he caught sight of the snow-white, plump skin in the reeds, which was really a bit stunning. The male knight in the reeds was also quiet when Yue Peng and the other man satirized Zhang Tie that day.

Unimaginably, two quiet people could be interested in making love crazily in the reeds. Men could really not be judged by their looks!

However, they fell in love with each other voluntarily and made love in such a hidden place; instead of in the public when they would be blamed for bewildering people with dissolute behaviors. Therefore, they were not offending public decency. It was already implicit enough for knights. As the conflict between Zhang Tie and Heavens Holding Pavilion had passed, Zhang Tie didn't mean to give vent to his anger on some irrelevant people. Therefore, after throwing a glimpse at them, Zhang Tie didn't separate the pair of mandarin ducks; instead, like having not seen them, Zhang Tie silently dove into the water and swam towards the locations of the two tracing feathers based on his knight's consciousness.

Of course, Euphonicmusic Lake could not match the sea in size. However, this lake was about 200 m in depth where big ships were available to pass through. Over 100 m below the water level, Zhang Tie sped up greatly.

The moment Zhang Tie entered the water, it was like how a dragon returned to the ocean. Even if he faced a shadow knight at this moment, he would not be afraid of that shadow knight even without using his ability as a divine dominator.

The protective battle qi turned into an extremely thin film over Zhang Tie's body. When water flew over Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie was not wet at all. Like a big fish and a yaksha in water, he moved towards afar as fast as a lightning bolt, leaving a fine ripple in the deep water...

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Soon after Zhang Tie entered the water, an airboat had flown over in the same direction as that of Zhang Tie in the water...

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A deluxe cruiser longer than 70 m stopped in the center of Euphonicmusic Lake. Such cruisers could be seen everywhere in Euphonicmusic Lake. Many people who were qualified to live in Xuanyuan Hill would buy a cruiser. It was as easy as blinking one's eyes. After leaving Xuanyuan Hill, those rich and powerful ones could relax themselves on the loose cruisers. Because Xuanyuan Hill had many strict regulations, many chose to relax themselves by traveling on Fairy Lake, Heavenlyharp Lake and Euphonicmusic Lake, not to mention the dissolute industry in gaily-painted pleasure-boats.

As it was deep night, the loose pulleys and gaily-painted pleasure-boats on the Euphonicmusic Lake became quiet. Besides the lamplight on the ships in the far, the loose pulleys and gaily-painted pleasure-

boats on the lake maintained about 1 mile's distance from each other, unless they were integrating with each other originally. Otherwise, no irrelevant ships would be close to each other at this moment.

The arrival of an airboat didn't arouse any exclamation on the Euphonicmusic Lake in the evening. It might not be easy to see an airboat in other places; however, in Xuanyuan Hill, as there were too many dignitaries, it was too normal for picking up major figures between Euphonicmusic Lake and Xuanyuan Hill by airboat. Therefore, nobody would join the fun like rustics who made a fuss.

Additionally, as the airboat arrived in the deep night, although it didn't hide its movement, the owner of the airboat must have been low-key enough. None of those people who could take airboats were simple characters. If someone approached it, he might have troubles.

As the airboat slowly descended and reached a few meters above the lake, one gaily-painted pleasure-ship and two cruisers stayed far away from it consciously.

There were too many smart people in this world.

Han Yuanhong directly went downstairs onto the deck of the deluxe cruiser by the winding stair which was stretched out of the airboat. When he arrived, all the people on the loose pulley were waiting for him respectfully, including those unfortunate guys of Arlkey Empire who were exiled out of Xuanyuan Hill. However, these guys didn't look as pleasant as Zhang Tie saw over 10 hours ago; instead, they all looked flurried, including the only alive old knight of Arlkey Empire who accompanied the prince of Arlkey Empire here.

As their prince had been killed in Xuanyuan Hill, even if they could survive back to Arlkey Empire, they would definitely not face a good result. Only one knight on the side of the prince survived; those who were not on the spot when the prince was killed absolutely suffered a disaster unconsciously. Not until they were driven out of Xuanyuan Hill like pye dogs under the monitoring of the officials of Taixia Country, they still didn't know what happened.

Under the moonlight, the Euphonicmusic Lake looked very beautiful; however, Han Yuanhong didn't feel like appreciating the beautiful scenery under the moonlight over the Euphonicmusic Lake. After landing on the deck of the cruiser, he glanced around all the people who were waiting for him respectfully. Closely after that, he focused on the only alive knight of Arlkey Empire among the prince's retinue silently. After throwing a glance at him, Han Yuanhong entered the cabin.

All those who waited for Han Yuanhong on the deck entered the cabin, too; however, only that gloomy yet flurried knight of Arlkey Empire was qualified to enter the same room with Han Yuanhong.

"The one who killed Srices Prince at the Qian Gate today is Cui Li, the master of Iron-Dragon Sect in Youzhou Province of Taixia Country. This man is very tricky and vicious. He doesn't care about the outcome of his deeds at all. According to our intelligence, this guy has killed over 10 black iron demon knights and earth demon knights in the Earth-elements Realm. Common earth knights could not defeat him. The woman on his side is the only daughter of Lord Guangnan, also the princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion. Although this woman is just a black iron knight, his father's power is very terrifying. Even Gold and Power Law is afraid of him!" Han Yuanhong said solemnly with a worried look.

After hearing Han Yuanhong's words, that knight of Arlkey Empire's face turned gloomier at once. Facing the earth knight who could kick his prince to death and the well-known Lord Guangnan in Taixia Country, this black iron knight asked in a flurried way, "What...what should we do now?"

"For the sake of your safety, I will arrange you to leave out of here tonight. As Fire Dragon Hermit is now in Xuanyuan Hill, we could prevent him from leaving; however, we could not stop Lord Guangnan doing anything." Han Yuanhong said before asking with a concerned look, "Do you carry the remote-sensing crystal which is used to contact Arlkey Empire?"

The flurried knight nodded.

"You'd better contact Arlkey Empire so that they could make preparations for the possible dangers. Lord Guangnan is narrow-minded. As you've offended his daughter, who knows how he's going to revenge you..."

#### Chapter 1143: Abundant Achievements

3 hours later, it grew darker. On the side of a willow wood near the bank of Euphonicmusic Lake, the water moved automatically without the effect of wind. Closely after that, Zhang Tie exposed his head and gradually walked out of the lake step by step; however, there was not even a drop of water on his body. He directly walked to the grassland by the lakeside.

Zhang Tie went ashore in another place when he returned in case of disturbing that pair of mandarin ducks. He was not a peepaholic pervert. He preferred to detour such an embarrassing thing unless he encountered it by accident. It would be boring if he went back to see that when he could have avoided that. Only kids did that out of curiosity; however, Zhang Tie was not a kid anymore.

The place where he went ashore was about 15 miles away from where he entered the water. It was also an unpopulated place.

Standing on the lakeside, Zhang Tie watched the lake.

Just now, when Han Yuanhong talked with the only alive knight of Arlkey Empire among the prince's retinue, Zhang Tie was lying on a bonsai in the room in the incarnation of a little beetle. Zhang Tie arrived a few minutes earlier than Han Yuanhong. He stayed in the water being not far from the cruiser; instead, he had a little beetle land on the cruiser ahead of Han Yuanhong. Zhang Tie didn't know that Han Yuanhong would arrive tonight. Now that Han Yuanhong arrived, Zhang Tie just had the little beetle listen to Han Yuanhong's words.

'It seems that Han Yuanhong has already figured out the backgrounds of me and Bai Suxian after departing from them at the Qian Gate of Gold and Power Market for less than 1 day.' Zhang Tie was not shocked by it. What really shocked Zhang Tie was that when Han Yuanhong told those flurried guys from Arlkey Empire about the power and possible revenge of Lord Guangnan, he didn't immediately send those flurried guys back to Crescent Subcontinent by airboat; instead, he just made an arrangement which sounded a bit useful—let those flurried guys disguise themselves before leaving the neighborhood of Euphonicmusic Lake overnight. After shifting to the airship on the next morning, they

would fly all the way towards Daizhou Province. After that, they would go back to Crescent Subcontinent by airboat arranged by Gold and Power Law.

Those flurried guys appreciated Han Yuanhong pretty much. The moment Han Yuanhong left, that deluxe cruiser had turned around and moved towards a wharf in the distance.

At that moment, Zhang Tie didn't think through the reason. Not until Han Yuanhong left did he figure it out that those flurried guys of Arlkey Empire might not be able to leave Xuanyuan Hill for the rest of their lives. The stress from Lord Guangnan's Mansion and the death of these guys could help Han Clan take control of Arlkey Empire more conveniently.

'What a good trick! Those flurried guys still appreciate Han Yunhong after being betrayed by him.'

Zhang Tie didn't sympathize those flurried guys of Arlkey Empire as they were not worth his sympathy either. Zhang Tie didn't care whether they were alive or not. However, when he figured out that Han Yuanhong directly dropped those guys to the killer from Lord Guangnan's Mansion like abandoned sons, Zhang Tie had given up the thought of receiving some intelligence from those guys using a secret method. The reason was simple. If there was some secret trade between Han Clan and Arlkey Empire and those guys knew something critical, Han Yuanhong would never abandon them in case they exposed something critical to Lord Guangnan.

Now that Han Yuanhong didn't fear that these people could expose the secrets, it indicated that these guys were not valuable. Perhaps, their only value was to verify the power of Lord Guangnan's Mansion and help Han Clan reach their target.

Even if prying for intelligence, nobody dared say that they could receive important intelligence each time, including sage-level knights. Zhang Tie came out tonight as he felt that Arlkey Empire might have a benefit-based relationship. He wanted to discover some clues. Although he did not receive any important intelligence or message, he was not disappointed, because he received something more or less.

First, Zhang Tie knew that Han Yuanhong had paid attention to him. If possible, the master of Gold and Power Law would definitely screw him. However, Zhang Tie would not spare such an opportunity to Han Clan. In Zhang Tie's opinion, Han Clan's heyday in Xuanyuan Hill would come to an end in 12 days at most, during which period, as long as Zhang Tie didn't leave Xuanyuan Hill, Gold and Power Law could not do any harm to Zhang Tie. 12 days later, Han Clan's influence in Gold and Power Law would be cleared completely for sure. By then, Gold and Power Law would not threaten Zhang Tie's safety anymore.

Second, through those flurried guys of Arlkey Empire, Zhang Tie understood about this major country in Crescent Subcontinent. Arlkey Empire was indeed a major country in Crescent Subcontinent. It covered over 530 square miles in total with less than 200 million population. They had an earth knight among the royal households. The goddamn prince who was kicked to death by Zhang Tie was a rare "cultivation talent" of this country. The royal households of Arlkey Empire were as happy as larks about having such a person in their country. Because this guy was born with an outstanding talent and sufficient cultivation resources and had royal households on his back, he could promote to black iron knight before the age of 40. Perhaps, he had been used to be arrogant in his country, when he came to Xuanyuan Hill, with Gold

and Power Law and Han Clan on his back, he didn't know how to be reserved. Therefore, he was finally killed by Zhang Tie's one kick...

Besides that earth knight in the royal households of Arlkey Empire, Arlkey Empire couldn't pose any threat to Zhang Tie at all; however, a common earth knight was nothing serious in Zhang Tie's eyes...

After Han Yuanhong left, the little beetle was not interested in those unfortunate guys anymore; therefore, he left the deluxe cruiser too.

After leaving the deluxe cruiser, the little beetle entered Castle of Black Iron in water.

After killing those people and knights on Han Clan's airboat, Zhang Tie had not entered Castle of Black Iron for a long time. Of course, he had not taken those fruits on the small tree. As he was free for the time being, he intended to digest those new fruits.

Most of the fruits on the small tree were fruits of judgment. After taking those fruits of judgment, all of Zhang Tie immortal rune skills had reached master realm except for his mirror body separation skill.

Besides those fruits of judgment, the fruit of brilliance contained all the spiritual energy of Han Yuantu and Wen Haoyun who was wanted across Taixia Country by the Supreme Court. As a result, Zhang Tie's spiritual energy surged greatly.

Zhang Tie didn't know whether those b\*stards that he killed on the airboat had done too many evil things or not. After all, his achievement was completely out of his imagination. The more powerful the people were and the more evil things they did, the more abundant the reward of the fruit of judgment would be. This was the rule that the small tree followed to produce fruits of judgment. This time, he really gained a bit more fruits of judgment than before. The spiritual energy in that fruit of brilliance was also much greater than the total spiritual energy of one common earth knight and one common black iron knight. It was almost three times that of Old Monster Qi. Therefore, Zhang Tie realized that maybe the two guys; especially the most goddamn d\*\*chebag had made a greater achievement in the cultivation of spiritual energy through special means. Zhang Tie really benefited a lot from them.

After taking so many fruits, Zhang Tie's overall strength surged greatly once again.

After taking the fruits, Zhang Tie took a look at that earth knight whose limbs had been chopped off in Castle of Black Iron.

The earth knight who went to pick up the puppet parent worms in Pingsha Valley together with Wen Haoyun was chopped off limbs by Zhang Tie in the blink of an eye in Han Yuantu's airboat; closely after that, the bit of water chakra that the earth knight had formed was broken into pieces by Zhang Tie using Purgatory Samsara Method, causing him to pass out at once. With the recycling principle, Zhang Tie teleported him into Castle of Black Iron and prepared to offer a bloody sacrifice with him. After coming back to Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie knew that the earth knight was called Xiao Longfei.

When Xiao Longfei was in Castle of Black Iron, he was looked after pretty well by Heller and the three servants of Zhang Tie. When Zhang Tie saw him once again, he was sitting on a wheelchair while his face looked a bit florid.

Zhang Tie was very puzzled about the good treatment received by this guy in Castle of Black Iron. Therefore, he asked Heller about the reason.



"Castle Lord, do you want to offer a bloody sacrifice with him?" Heller asked Zhang Tie.

"Of course!" Zhang Tie replied immediately.

"Castle Lord, don't forget that he's an earth knight!" Heller watched Zhang Tie before adding solemnly, "A human earth knight!"

Zhang Tie frowned, 'Does Heller mean that I have no principle? However, I always stick to my principles.' Zhang Tie replied, "Generally, I would not offer a bloody sacrifice with humans. If it's a private animosity, I prefer to kill him rather than offering a bloody sacrifice with him. It's my bottom line. However, now that this guy surrendered to Heavens Reaching Church and cooperated with demons, he's just a lump of sh\*t among humans who could not even match dogs and pigs. If I offer a bloody sacrifice with him, I will not bear any mental burden!"

Heller revealed a smile, "Castle Lord, it seems that you've misunderstood me. I'm not blaming Castle Lord for not having any principle. I mean even though Castle Lord refines his water chakra, he's still an earth knight whose battle strength is almost as same as those who have just promoted to an earth knight. He's just crippled and can't move anymore; however, he could still stand in the sunlight. If Castle Lord could have him serve you, it would be more valuable than killing him. Castle Lord actually lacks powerful assistants outside..."

After hearing Heller's words, Zhang Tie became stunned...

Chapter 1144: Head Clan

"Ahh, Childe Cui, what happened to you?"

On the next early morning, when Zhang Tie finished feeding birds with a basin of wheat which had been soaked in water overnight and came back from the manor of Lord Guangnan in Xuanyuan Hill, he met Uncle Zhong. At the sight of Zhang Tie, Uncle Zhong was amazed.

Zhang Tie's look remained unchanged; however, his qi and temperament had improved a lot after taking that fruit of brilliance which contained too much spiritual energy, grasping the flight ability as a divine dominator, plus promoting his immortal rune skills to higher levels.

As a knight, Uncle Zhong had very sharp knight's consciousness. Additionally, Uncle Zhong could see Zhang Tie these days; of course, he could sense the great change of Zhang Tie. Over one night, Uncle Zhong had sensed that Zhang Tie's eye light grew more profound with brighter skin as if a vigorous light of life was flowing inside his body; additionally, Zhang Tie's qi as a whole grew steadier like a mountain. Furthermore, an invisible strength was surging silently in the calmness. Any knight could sense that invisible stress as long as they approached Zhang Tie.

Uncle Zhong didn't know what happened to Zhang Tie; however, he was sure that Zhang Tie had experienced a great change last night. Therefore, he became amazed, 'Did Childe Cui grasp a secret method overnight? It's too fast!'

Zhang Tie revealed a smile as he relieved Uncle Zhong's doubt in one sentence, "Last night, I broke through a bottleneck on cultivation. Uncle Zhong really has a good insight!"

Zhang Tie's words were partly true. Besides Zhang Tie himself, nobody would know the details.

After hearing that Zhang Tie had broken through a bottleneck on cultivation, Uncle Zhong revealed a facial expression as if he was saying, "I see". Although Uncle Zhong still wondered what bottleneck, after being broken through, could lead to such a great change, he wouldn't ask about the details as the bottlenecks of secret methods that knights cultivated were one of the largest secrets of knights. They would not even tell their relatives and disciples about that, not to mention outsiders.

"Childe Cui, you're really a talent. Lately, Miss told me that Child Cui had reached the supreme situation that could integrate weather with your fist position. Childe Cui, I've not imagined that you could break through your bottleneck once again only after coming to Xuanyuan Hill for a few days. Given your age, Childe Cui would definitely promote to a heavenly knight sooner or later. I really feel happy for you, congratulations!" Uncle Zhong praised Zhang Tie sincerely.

"Hoho, I'm just too lucky, I'm just too lucky!" Zhang Tie said modestly as he touched his bald head.

As a knight, of course, Uncle Zhong knew how difficult it was for a knight to break through a realm. When Zhang Tie came to Xuanyuan Hill at the beginning, Uncle Zhong showed respect to Zhang Tie given the relationship between Bai Suxian and him; as he gradually understood Zhang Tie, this diligent and loyal old man of Lord Guangnan's Mansion sincerely respected Zhang Tie now. 'He's really a nice son-in-law. He's qualified to match Miss. No wonder Miss could behave so tamefully in front of him. He could promote to an earth knight at such a young age; win an airboat from Feng Yexiao, one of the top grand elders of Taiyi Fantasy Sect and be rewarded with a bounty land in Earth-elements Realm. It's said that he's even younger than Miss. Given his current performance, he's destined to promote to a shadow knight in the near future. It's reasonable for him to promote to a heavenly knight sooner or later.'

'How many heavenly knights are there in Taixia Country? A heavenly knight could keep a top major clan in Taixia Country safe. Childe Cui must have a limitless potential. Miss really has a good insight.'

"Aww, Childe Cui, I've had people figure out what you wanted to know yesterday..." Uncle Zhong said as he took out a card and gave it to Zhang Tie, "Here's the address of Immortal Farming Pavilion..."

After taking the delicate card, Zhang Tie threw a glance at it before saying, "It's also in Gold and Power Market?"

"Gold and Power Market is one of the most prosperous residences in Xuanyuan Hill. Numerous companies gather here, including Immortal Farming Pavilion. Childe Cui's requirement could only be met by Immortal Farming Pavilion besides the seed bank of the Agricultural Department. If we were in the south border of Taixia Country, Lord Guangnan could have people collect all the seeds for you; however, the quantity of plants in the south border of Taixia Country is limited and can't meet Childe Cui's requirement. Additionally, the seed bank of the Agricultural department is not open to the public. By contrast, it would be easier for us to get sufficient seeds from Immortal Farming Pavilion as long as we could afford it!"

"What's the background of Immortal Farming Pavilion?"

"The reliance of Immortal Farming Pavilion is Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace in Taixia Country. Herbal Medicine Palace is a top clan in Taixia Country, also the widely accepted head clan of people surnamed Jiang across Taixia Country. Many disciples of Jiang Clan have awakened the ancestral

bloodlines of Immortal Farming Clan. They are born to have an affinity with plants. Jiang Clan is also doing various businesses about plants. 20% of the total medicines in big pharmaceutical factories, drug stores and Taixia Pharmacists Union come from Jiang Clan. Almost 1/3 of the seeds in the 6 warehouses of Class A cities across Taixia Country come from Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace..."

After hearing Uncle Zhong's words, Zhang Tie took in a deep breath, '20% of the total medicines in big pharmaceutical factories, drug stores and Taixia Pharmacists Union come from Jiang Clan. Almost 1/3 of the seeds in the 6 warehouses of Class A cities across Taixia Country come from Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace. What a business! It might be so-so in a small country or a subcontinent; however, it is in Taixia Country which contains so many Class A cities. Any demand would be astronomical. If a clan could account such a high percentage in such a huge market, it must have a great power.'

The so-called head clan referred to the top clan of a family name. For instance, Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace was the head clan widely accepted by people surnamed Jiang. It indicated that all the clans surnamed Jiang across Taixia Country would follow the order of Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace; namely, Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace was the representative of all the people surnamed Jiang across Taixia Country. Sometimes, what the head clan of people surnamed Jiang expressed could represent the opinion of all the people surnamed Jiang across Taixia Country. If Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace held large-scale campaigns such as sacrificial rites in shrines, all the influential figures across Taixia Country surnamed Jiang would arrive. The Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace could enjoy the blessing of all the people surnamed Jiang across Taixia Country. Any head clan would definitely have a great position and influence.

Theoretically, the number of head clans across Taixia Country should be equal to that of family names. Actually, not each family name across Taixia Country could have a head clan. A head clan had to meet the following three conditions; first, someone in this clan should awaken the most powerful and typical heavenly-level even Immortal-level ancestral bloodline of their own ancestors and could reappear the glory of their ancestors; additionally, this bloodline could be inherited generation by generation in the same clan; second, this clan should have an overwhelming influence and power among all the other clans of the same family name; if a lonely person or someone in a small family awakened the most powerful and typical ancestral bloodline, of course, their clan could not become a head clan; third, the clan should win the identification of those major clans and those influential figures who shared the same family name with them. Only after meeting the above three conditions could a clan become a head clan. It would take a clan dozens of years' hard efforts to become a head clan.

The first condition explained why many major clans across Taixia Country such as Huaiyuan Palace would value bloodline inheritance so much. Because ancestral bloodlines were the core of the cohesiveness and influence of a clan and stairs through which a clan could reach a higher position.

Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace was the head clan of people surnamed Jiang across Taixia Country. However, there was not a head clan for people surnamed Zhang across Taixia Country. It didn't mean that Zhang Clan in Taixia Country couldn't match Jiang Clan in influence and position. As a major family name in Taixia Country, people surnamed Zhang definitely outnumbered people surnamed Jiang across Taixia Country. Actually, Zhang Clans had the greatest population in Taixia Country. Top Zhang Clans also accounted for a greater percentage than other clans among the top clans in Taixia Country, such as Tianlu Palace, Guanying Palace and Bairen Palace. Any top Zhang Clan could match Jiang Clan of Herbal

Medicine Palace. Because there were too many major Zhang Clans across Taixia Country, it was hard for them to select a head clan.

If Tianlu Palace wanted to be the head clan of people surnamed Zhang, Guanying Palace and Bairen Palace would not agree for sure. Similarly, if Guanying Palace or Bairen Palace wanted to be the head clan, Tianlu Palace would not agree either. None of them could overwhelm the other two; therefore, people surnamed Zhang Tie didn't have a head clan. However, it wasn't an exaggeration to say that the reputation of the head clan was almost the ultimate target of those top Zhang Clans in Taixia Country.

—Without grasping an emperor-level secret cultivation method, a major clan would never become the royal households of Taixia Country. However, if a major clan, especially a major clan of a major family name could become a head clan, they would be able to influence hundreds of millions of people of the same family name across Taixia Country; enjoy the reverence of people of the same family name across Taixia Country and make their ancestors illustrious and their descendants honorable. They would definitely be on the equal footing with the royal households of Taixia Country as the most prestigious ones. Although they were not imperial clans, they could definitely match imperial clans.

Chapter 1145: Immortal Farming Pavilion

"Is this Immortal Farming Pavilion?"

2 hours later, walking with Zhang Tie on a street of Gold and Power Market, Bai Suxian turned around and watched the Immortal Farming Pavilion with full of curiosity in his eyes.

The street was not the main road of Gold and Power Market. It was a bit reluctant to call it a street; precisely, it was more like a slightly spacious lane.

Compared to the bustling people on the other streets of Gold and Power Market, this place was relatively quieter. Although this street was not wide, because vehicles and mounts were forbidden in Gold and Power Market, even the minister of justice of Taixia Country had to walk in Gold and Power Market; therefore, it was not noisy here.

"This is Immortal Farming Pavilion, the only Immortal Farming Pavilion in Gold and Power Market!" The 11 years old boy who led Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian here said firmly; at the same time, he looked straight into Zhang Tie's eyes as if he was afraid that they would repudiate a debt.

Zhang Tie revealed a smile as he flicked a gold coin at this boy, "Thanks for your hard work!"

"Thanks, childe, if you two have other needs, just find me, little six at the Dui Gate of Gold and Power Market. If you want to go other places today, I will serve you for free!" The boy revealed a big smile as he took Zhang Tie's gold coin and put it in a pocket under his coat. Closely after that, he bowed towards Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian and slid away as nimbly as a monkey.

Treasures Meeting was the grand meeting of knights, rich businessmen and many children from common clans. Many kids had already poured into Gold and Power Market and gathered at those entrances of Gold and Power Market. Gold and Power Market was as large as a small city. If outsiders couldn't find a place, they could fetch a kid casually who would be very pleased to lead them to the destination. During the period of Treasures Meeting, those who visited Gold and Power Market were

not commoners; they were all generous in expenditure. Gold coins were nothing different than copper coins in their eyes. Like Zhang Tie, they would spend 1 gold coin as a tip casually, which would surprise these kids a lot.

After what happened yesterday, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian didn't enter Qian Gate today; instead, they got off the vehicle at the Dui Gate. At the sight of their brilliant clothes and unusual looks, a lot of kids ran towards them immediately and wanted to be their guide. This boy called little six was smarter as he directly called Bai Suxian sister. Being satisfied by this appellation, Bai Suxian immediately selected this boy as their guide.

Zhang Tie was also watching the Immortal Farming Pavilion. At least from its look, Zhang Tie couldn't identify that it was the residence of Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace. Besides being tranquil, it looked more like a courtyard of a common family. However, the three words "Immortal Farming Pavilion" looked a bit interesting as they were not inscribed on the top of the gate, but on a huge rock at the gate. The huge rock was in the shadow. Alongside that huge rock, there was a small artificial rockery while water was flowing down the rockery. The huge rock was covered with thick green mosses which formed three words "Immortal Farming Pavilion".

People came and went. It seemed that this place still didn't lack business although being located in such a remote place. 'Good wine needs no bush.'

"Let's take a look inside!" Zhang Tie told Bai Suxian with a smile. Bai Suxian nodded tamely as she followed Zhang Tie in.

The moment they entered the gate, Zhang Tie had caught sight of the colorful peony powders, pink, red, purple, yellow, green, black and white. It was really dazzling. Smelling the fragrance of the peony and watching the peonies in full blossom in the garden, Zhang Tie became a bit amazed. 'According to my knowledge, peony always blooms in May or June; however, it's already November. How could these peonies bloom in this season while there's not a greenhouse? Jiang Clan is really something!'

"I was told that one ancestral bloodline of Immortal Farming Clan that Jiang Clan awakened was called Flower Gentleman. After awakening this bloodline, they could allow flowers to bloom whenever they want. This peony blooms must be the meritorious service of Flower Gentleman of Jiang Clan. It's the best live advertisement that could display Jiang Clan's power..."

Bai Suxian's words entered Zhang Tie's ears in a secret way. Zhang Tie blinked his eyes as he asked Bai Suxian, "Is there such an ancestral bloodline?"

"The one who manages the imperial garden of the emperor's imperial city in Xuanyuan Hill is a member of Jiang Clan. When a member of the Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace manages the imperial garden, whenever Emperor Xuanyuan visited the garden, Jiang Clan would allow various flowers in the imperial garden to bloom in an order. Even Emperor Xuanyuan had praised the beautiful blooms in the imperial garden. Don't you know that?"

Zhang Tie indeed didn't know about that. However, Bai Suxian's words reminded Zhang Tie of the scene when he arrived at Ice and Snow Wilderness for the second time and allowed all the golden sea buckthorns to bloom over Ice and Snow Wilderness for the sake of propaganda. Of course, the scene shocked those Slavs and believers of Ancient God Church too much; however, Steward Guan Xiyi of

Golden Roc Bank on his side was not amazed by that too much; neither did he treat Peter as a God. At that time, Zhang Tie even thought that Steward Guan Xiyi just pretended to be calm or didn't believe in God. Given Bai Suxian's words, Zhang Tie realized that Guan Xiyi must have already owned all the marvelous phenomena through which Peter had awakened some ancestral bloodlines such as Flower Gentleman. Therefore, Guan Xiyi looked that calm.

Bai Suxian's words relieved a puzzle that had existed in Zhang Tie's mind a few years ago.

After they talked for a short while, a young woman in green clothes had walked towards them in a lightsome way with a smile, "Hi, may I help you?"

"Hmm, I want to do some business with Jiang Clan. Buy some seeds!" Zhang Tie replied frankly.

The woman in green clothes glanced at Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian before nodding, "Please follow me!"

Under the guidance of that woman in green clothes, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian entered a relatively independent yet tranquil room on the side of the peony garden. After making a cup of tea for Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian respectively and telling them that a steward would come here to negotiate with them about the details after a short while and confirmed that they didn't have any other demand, the young woman left in a lightsome way.

After the woman left, the room was filled with the fragrance of tea water. Zhang Tie sniffed and had a sip before finding that they were served with the top-quality wild spring tea water.

Speaking of the value, the two cups of tea water in front of Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian was far more valuable than 1 gold coin that Zhang Tie gave to the boy just now. The woman in green clothes had sharp eyes. She could identify that Bai Suxian was a knight. Now that Bai Suxian behaved tamely in front of Zhang Tie, the woman realized that Zhang Tie was definitely not a commoner and it would not be a small business; neither would they come here to drink tea for free; therefore, she brought Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian here.

The woman was not very beautiful; however, she behaved in a good manner when she received Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian. Although being smart, she didn't display it; therefore, Zhang Tie felt pretty comfortable as he sighed with emotion inside, 'That's what a top clan should be! Given its look, the entire Immortal Farming Pavilion has nothing to do with magnificence; however, the peony garden and the two cups of wild spring tea water felt rich and dignified in simple life like what a real major clan should be! It seemed that all the major clans in Taixia Country liked this style. Those who wanted to show that they were rich were all nouveau riches.

It was not a big room; however, it was arranged in a plain and elegant way. The only decoration on the wall was a clear and beautiful calligraphic work of the poem "Common Flowers will wither".

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Common flowers and grasses will wither sooner or later, only the beautiful peony still blooms in this morning;

The scarlet flowers being covered with dew slightly incline like having drunk too much sweet alcohol, leaving their beautiful looks to the late spring;

I appreciate it until sunset while the warm spring wind wavers the leaves constantly;

The rich fragrance of peony blooms enters the room from the window as if it is having a blind date with the people lying on the bed silently.

When Zhang Tie was having tea water and tasting the realm of the poem "Common flowers will wither", a spirited old man entered the room. After sitting squarely in front of Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian, he revealed a genial smile, "This humble old man is Jiang Yu, one steward of Immortal Farming Pavilion, I was told that you wanted to buy some plant seeds from Immortal Farming Pavilion?"

"Yes, I want to buy some plant seeds!" Zhang Tie replied.

"May I know what kind of plant seeds do you want and how many do you want, childe?" The old man asked.

"Do you have all the seeds that I want?"

Jiang Yu picked up his teacup and had a sip before saying, "We could provide you all the seeds as long as you could name or draw them..."

The so-called arrogant demeanor didn't mean that you had to squint at someone or sneer at him. Like what this old man did, having a sip of tea water before telling you that we could provide you with all the seeds that you could name or draw. This was the real arrogant demeanor.

"I want a plant seeds bank which contains all the plant seeds that you could provide!" Zhang Tie replied with a smile. He didn't feel disgusted about the arrogance of Jiang Clan; instead, he appreciated it very much. The more arrogant Jiang Clan was, the more possible would this business be made. That was what Zhang Tie wanted.

Jiang Yu didn't feel amazed by Zhang Tie's words. Zhang Tie was not the first one who proposed such a requirement to Herbal Medicine Pavilion. Because more and more major clans across Taixia Country would like to store seeds in the past one year, Jiang Clan's business was growing better. Overall, this might not a good omen; however, it was just a business; now that the customers arrived, it was not reasonable for them to refuse the customers. Who could predict what would happen in the future?

"Do you want all the plant seeds except for grain seeds?"

"Yes, all of them!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Jiang Yu became slightly spirited as he straightened up his body a bit more and said, "Jiang Clan could provide you 513,697 plant seeds, 125,471 among which come from the Earth-elements Realm, 39,817 among which were aquatic plant seeds from freshwater and salt water. These plant seeds cover all the categories of plants that humans have discovered till now. It's only 192 special plant seeds less than the seeds bank of the Finance Ministry of Taixia Country..."

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## **Chapter 1146: The Business**

After staying in the Immortal Farming Pavilion for less than half an hour, Zhang Tie had already closed this deal. After paying for half of the total expenditure as the down payment and signing a contract with Immortal Farming Pavilion, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian left.

The contract value of this seeds bank was 3.1 million gold coins, which included the freight. After a month, Herbal Medicine Palace would transport these plant seeds to Xuantian City of Iron-Dragon Sect. These plant seeds didn't include over 90 extremely rare ones such as fiery-flame lotus seed, golden glossy ganoderma seed and dragon-digesting grass seed and mutated ones.

After finishing this task, Zhang Tie let out a sigh inside. Previously, Zhang Tie constantly teleported plant seeds into Castle of Black Iron. However, there were only tens of thousands of kinds of plant seeds in Castle of Black Iron, which was far less than that provided by Immortal Farming Pavilion. The plant seeds provided by Immortal Farming Pavilion even included those from other continents, subcontinents and Earth-elements Realm, besides those in Taixia Country.

Of course, these plant seeds would be teleported into Castle of Black Iron. As he was in Xuanyuan Hill, Zhang Tie prepared to complement the plant seeds in Castle of Black Iron so as to make biological resources in Castle of Black Iron plentiful.

Zhang Tie had already got a plan. He would fill Castle of Black Iron with the most fundamental plant resources at first; after that, he would gradually fill animal resources into Castle of Black Iron according to the pass order of food chain. When he was free, he would expand the land area in Castle of Black Iron by hundreds of times, even thousands of times. After such a series of operations, the ecosystem in Castle of Black Iron would be completely consistent with that of the outside. Such an ecosystem would be more vigorous and suitable for human habitation.

In this holy war, even major sects like Taiyi Fantasy Sect which had powerful sage-level knights had made the worst preparation. After knowing this information, even though Zhang Tie was confident about humans, he didn't feel that he could match Taiyi Fantasy Sect in power. Therefore, it was necessary for him to leave a room for maneuver. Zhang Tie used these plant seeds to manage his room for maneuver. As many major clans and sects were expanding their plant seeds banks, it was not special for Zhang Tie to expand his seeds bank as the owner of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and the master of Iron-Dragon Sect.

"Immortal Farming Pavilion is really good at making money. Over 3 million gold coins could only afford over 500,000 kinds of plant seeds. 6 gold coins for one kind of plant seed on average. If I fetch someone casually outside Immortal Farming Pavilion and pay him 10 gold coins, he could at least give me hundreds of plant seeds near Xuanyuan Hill. In the south border of Taixia Country, many plant seeds are almost free. With one gold coin, you could have people collect hundreds of plant seeds for you."

Even Bai Suxian who didn't care about money also knew that Zhang Tie had spent too much on seeds. To be honest, these plant seeds weren't worth so much. Although over 3 million gold coins were nothing for Zhang Tie, it was an astronomical wealth for commoners. In Taixia Country, if a common family could have a deposit of thousands of gold coins in the bank, it was already a well-off family, not to mention over 3 million gold coins. Even commoners could collect these plant seeds.

Zhang Tie shook his head with a smile, "You can not do accounts in this way. If these seeds are sold one by one, they are not even worth 100,000 gold coins; however, after gathering all of them, their value



skyrocketed. Over 3 million gold coins are not the value of those seeds, but the value of the ability of Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace which integrates with these plant seeds resources. Besides Jiang Clan, any individual or clan might have to spend far more than 3 million gold coins and longer time for such a complete seeds bank from continents, subcontinents, underground space even Earth-elements Realm. Jiang Clan has realized the value of their integrating ability; therefore, they price the complete seeds bank so high!"

"Are you angry about that?" Bai Suxian asked Zhang Tie when they walked out of Immortal Farming Pavilion and entered the wide lane.

"Nothing to be angry about. I just admire their integrating ability. They deserve that price!" Zhang Tie replied straightforwardly; meanwhile, he made a hand gesture and said, "There were two most profitable businesses in the world: first, monopoly. As you're the only seller, you could make profits all the way. Nobody else could imitate you; second, take Jiang Clan as an instance, they integrate with many common resources for sale. The first business depends on the monopoly qualification on exclusive goods or rights; the second business depends on insight and integrating ability. These seeds are just there. Everybody could do such a business; however, only Jiang Clan across the world could integrate over 500,000 kinds of plant seeds. Therefore, they deserve that price!"

"After listening to you, even I start to admire Jiang Clan of Herbal Medicine Palace. However, how do you understand business so well?" Bai Suxian asked Zhang Tie as she grabbed Zhang Tie's arm.

Zhang Tie blinked his eyes, "Have you forgotten about my job when I was young?"

Bai Suxian immediately remembered that Zhang Tie once served as a salesman in a grocery when in Blackhot City through Zhang Tie's article in the forum of Mountain of Brilliance.

The two people then burst out into laughter at the same time.

"Where are we going?"

"Is there any place that sells secret methods in Gold and Power Market?"

"How could people sell secret methods in the public?"

"I mean incomplete ones such as *Robust Ox Skill* and *Heavenly Blue Technique* ."

"Besides those who couldn't promote to a knight, anyone who might promote to a knight would not cultivate such secret methods. What do you want them for?" Bai Suxian asked Zhang Tie with a curious look.

"Do you remember Xu Yian in Xuajia Village?" Zhang Tie mentioned the small village that he and Bai Suxian once saved at the critical moment from bloody figures.

"Yes, I do!" Bai Suxian nodded.

"Xu Yian said that he cultivated *Heavenly Blue Technique* . The complete version of *Heavenly Blue Technique* is count-level *Heavenly God Sutra*

. It even contains a complete *Heavenly God's Saber Skill* . Although being limited to cultivation level, Xu Yian couldn't play the full effect of *Heavenly God's Saber Skill* . However, the count-level battle skill is

also powerful enough. I was thinking that now that there is a corresponding battle skill being attached to *Heavenly Blue Technique*, there should also be complete secret skills being attached to other secret methods!”

“Secret methods which contain corresponding battle skills are at least on count-level. Even baron-level and viscount-level secret methods are not matched with corresponding battle skills. However, if the cultivators of these battle skills don’t promote to a knight, they couldn’t even exert 1/10 of the maximal power of these battle skills as they could not coordinate these battle skills with the corresponding surging points and the ability of their chakras of the corresponding secret methods. Do you really want to learn these battle skills?”

“Stones in other mountains could be used to refine jades!” Zhang Tie turned solemn, “After the battle with Nangong Sheng, I’ve got a lot of insights. If I could learn from other battle skills and secret methods on other levels, I might make further progress in my cultivation base.”

“I see!” Bai Suxian revealed a serious look, “I’ve not been to such a place. However, I remember that there’s a store called Semi-jade Pavilion in Gold and Power Market which especially sells incomplete secret methods. It’s even a bit well-known!”

Zhang Tie tried to recover his composure as he said calmly, “That’s great, let’s take a look over there!”

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Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian strolled in Gold and Power Market as they asked passers-by about the location of that Semi-jade Pavilion. After 1 hour, they finally came to the front store of Semi-jade Pavilion.

Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian knew that they were followed by some “tails”. However, they didn’t care about that.

Compared to the tranquil Immortal Farming Pavilion, Semi-jade Pavilion looked utterly different. The 3-storey front store, the shiny obsidian floor and the two rows of sturdy armored mighty guardians made it look like a court’s residence.

“What do you see?” Zhang Tie asked Bai Suxian with a smile.

“It seems that this place rips off people, too!”

Zhang Tie nodded as he could basically confirm that most of the customers in Semi-jade Pavilion didn’t have a strong battle strength and background. Because they had no cultivation resource or chance, they came here to select a cultivation method although they could not promote to a knight anymore. Therefore, the arrangement in Semi-jade Pavilion was superficial. Customers could understand the value of the arrangement at the sight of it. Customers here might not understand the value of peony blooms and top-quality wild spring tea water in Immortal Farming Pavilion. Therefore, Bai Suxian’s comment was spot on.

The two people then entered the resplendent and magnificent Semi-jade Pavilion...

At the sight of Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian entering Semi-jade Pavilion, a “tail” after them kept a close watch on the gate of Semi-jade Pavilion as he pressed one hand onto the other wrist, where there was a remote-sensing crystal...

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“Master, Cui Li and Bai Suxian have just entered Semi-jade Pavilion. I’ve also figured out their deal with Immortal Farming Pavilion. Cui Li bought a lot of plant seeds from Jiang Clan. The trade volume is 3.1 million gold coins...”

After Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian entered Semi-jade Pavilion for less than 1 minute, the guy with a long face and sparse beard whom Zhang Tie slapped twice yesterday was reporting Han Yuanhong about the traces of Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian. Since Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian entered Gold and Power Market, Han Yuanhong’s subordinates had been keeping a close watch on them.

After hearing the report, Han Yuanhong revealed a sneer as he mocked, “Seeds bank? This Cui Li is really patriotic. Does he still think that he is the provincial governor of Youzhou Province? Although I could not interfere with the deal between them and Jiang Clan, didn’t they ask who was the boss of Semi-jade Pavilion before they entered that store? Han Sui, go to Semi-jade Pavilion; I think you already know what to do...”

#### Chapter 1147: Abandoning One Thought

Semi-jade Pavilion sold over 200 dazzling secret books including dos, methods, techniques, flows and skills. It was said to have the most kinds of incomplete secret books across Taixia Country. Looking at so many secret books on the brochure, Zhang Tie felt dazzled. Fortunately, he had not seen the virtual objects of these secret books. He only needed to select what he wanted from the brochure.

‘What a Gold and Power Market!’ Zhang Tie sighed with emotion when he read the introductions, ‘Perhaps only Xuanyuan Hill could have such a great store!’

According to the introduction, the secret books here were for sale; actually, it meant that the buyer could accept enlightenment only once. The buyer could not impart the secret method that he bought here to the others. If one really wanted to buy an incomplete secret method from here, the price would be pretty high.

Zhang Tie remembered that the Robust Ox Skill that he bought in the black market of Selnes Theater of Operations only cost him 10,000 gold coins; however, the same incomplete secret method in Semi-jade Pavilion would cost him 120,000 gold coins. The enlightenment fee for one time of Robust Ox Skill would be 1,200 gold coins. As for commoners, both 120,000 gold coins and 1,200 gold coins were not small figures. Even the value of this kind of secret method dropped greatly in the life or death situation facing Selnes Theater of Operations, Zhang Tie still felt that the incomplete secret methods in Semi-jade Pavilion were a bit expensive.

Of course, Zhang Tie would buy the entire incomplete secret method. As an earth knight, if he accepted others’ enlightenment here, it would be a joke and ruin his reputation to a certain degree.

Incomplete secret skills were the cheapest ones in this store. The prices of incomplete secret dos, methods, techniques and flows would rise by times one level after another. Even the cheapest secret flows would be priced at 300,000 gold coins; enlightenment for one time would also reach 3,000 gold coins. The price of enlightenment was 1/100 of that of the entire incomplete secret method.

After skimming over the prices of these secret books, Zhang Tie realized why Confucianism was treasured so much in Taixia Country. Because a commoner could barely learn any senior secret books or battle skills without a mater. The prices of these secret books would make people from common clans breathless.

Those major clans and sects would not favor these secret books. Because these secret books could not help people promote to knights. However, although Taixia Country was so big with such a large population, there were only very few knights. Those clans and sects with knights would be at least local magnates. Below these magnates, there were still huge demands for secret books on different levels. Not everyone was thinking about promoting to a knight. This also explained why these secret books could exist.

Like commodities, sutras were top luxuries. Not everyone could enjoy such top luxuries. Therefore, people with poorer purchasing capabilities would choose similar commodities of different levels below these top luxuries. That explained why dos, methods, techniques, flows and skills existed in the market.

Those joining Fire-Dragon Sect could have a chance to learn Fire-Dragon Sutra ; however, youngsters living in small villages such as Xujia Village might only learn a bit Heavenly Blue Technique . Those major clans and sects which owned secret sutras could also control the dissemination of their own secret sutras through enlightenment in case that outsiders learned them. Of course, disciples in major sects could learn secret books which could help them promote to knights; however, would every soldier in the army learn secret books that could help them promote to knights? Of course not. In the army, the simplest secret books that could help most of the soldiers promote to LV 9 or LV 10 were the best.

Besides armies, rural areas, towns, small cities or sparsely populated clans also required secret books on different levels. Anyone who could get hang of secret techniques or flows would be qualified to enroll apprentices and thrive their clans.

In Semi-jade Pavilion, even secret flows were divided into different ranks. The more complete the secret book and its attached battle skills were and the more surging points it would ignite, the expensive it would be.

If Zhang Tie didn't have the special imitation ability of "King Roc Sutra", he would definitely ignore such secret books like Bai Suxian. However, with this special ability and the marquis-level Fire Dragon Sutra , Zhang Tie became picky even if he came here especially for those attached complete battle skills of those secret books. Zhang Tie almost ignored all the secret books below marquis because it was meaningless for him.

After sifting those secret books for about 1 hour, Zhang Tie became a bit disappointed. He was too optimistic. Among over 200 secret books in the Semi-jade Pavilion, there was only one incomplete secret book above marquis-level being attached with complete battle skills, namely Shocking God Sutra. This sutra could light 281 surging points. It contained two battle skills, namely "Shocking God Swordsmanship" and "Shocking God Flight Skill". No more senior secret books being attached with complete battle skills could be found in the Semi-jade Pavilion. Although there were duke-level and throne-level secret books, they were severely incomplete. Two secret methods and three secret flows were not even attached with a battle skill.

‘What could they be used for? The complete version of Shocking God Sutra is not as advanced as Fire Dragon Sutra . Even if I spend great efforts to recover the complete version of this secret book and get hang of the Shocking God Flight Skill , would it be more powerful than the Fire Dragon Flowing Light Skill ? Would the Shocking God Swordsmanship surpass the Fire Dragon Burning Heavens Spear Skill ?’

This Shocking God Sutra was useless for Zhang Tie. The other incomplete secret books lacked corresponding battle skills, which Zhang Tie would not be interested in. He had already learned an emperor-level secret sutra; the only regret was that he had not grasped the corresponding battle skills of the emperor-level secret sutra, how could Zhang Tie be interested in these rubbishes?

‘I could not always have a good luck. There’re not too many duke-level and throne-level incomplete secret books being attached with complete battle skills in this world that could be further developed by me.’ Zhang Tie abandoned the thought that occurred to his mind in Xujia Village.

“I will take this one!” Zhang Tie didn’t reveal his disappointed feeling; instead, he just pinched his nose as he selected a secret book on the brochure of Semi-jade Pavilion.

Of course, Zhang Tie didn’t select the Shocking God Sutra; instead, he just chose an inferior count-level Double-moon Flow which included Crescent Hook Skill and Moon Shadow Movements . Zhang Tie chose this secret book because it was much cheaper. He just patched up his lie in front of Bai Suxian. Of course, it was unnecessary for him to spend too much money in vain.

“Childe, are you going to take this Double-moon Flow ?” A steward of Semi-jade Pavilion asked Zhang Tie.

“Yes, I will take this Double-moon Flow !”

After saying that, Zhang Tie even felt a bit pitiful. Thankfully, over 400,000 gold coins were nothing for him. He just took it as an experiment. Even if this experiment failed, at least he would learn that this way didn’t work! If he couldn’t find any proper secret book in Semi-jade Pavilion of Gold and Power Market, he would not find it in any other place.

“Alright, Childe, please wait for a short while. I will bring it back!”

The steward stood up and left.

“Why did you choose this one? I think the Shocking God Sutra is better!” Bai Suxian asked Zhang Tie out of curiosity.

“Big mouthfuls often choke. I bought this incomplete secret book only to learn its attached battle skills. I want to see whether I could have a gnosis from them. I don’t know whether this way works or not. I will have a try. If it indeed works, I will buy others back here. It won’t take me too much time. If it doesn’t work, I will abandon this thought!” Zhang Tie explained with a solemn look.

Bai Suxian nodded.

Not until Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian waited in the reception room for almost 10 minutes when Bai Suxian became a bit impatient, someone else swaggered in the room. It was the guy with a long face and sparse beard whom Zhang Tie slapped twice at the Qian Gate yesterday.

Although this guy’s face had been daubed with ointment, it still looked a bit red and swollen.

At the sight of this guy, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian had frowned. However, this guy just watched Zhang Tie like a small man intoxicated by success.

"I'm sorry, Double-moon Flow is running out stock in Semi-moon Pavilion !

The moment Bai Suxian heard that guy's words, her eyebrows had raised as she smashed onto the table and sprung up before roaring, "There was one just now; why it's running out of stock now? Where's the steward? Call him out. If you dare play trick in front of your grandma, this grandma will demolish your goddamn store."

Bai Suxian's fury and tantrum scared that guy one step back. That guy swallowed his saliva forcefully before sneering while stretching out his neck, "I'm the boss of Semi-jade Pavilion. If I say no, it's a no. If you want one, pay me 5 million gold coins..."

"You...it was worth less than 500,000 gold coins just now; how it skyrocketed by 10 times now?" Bai Suxian who had not been ripped off since young raised her hand. Before she slapped that guy's face, Zhang Tie who had been watching with a distant look on one side had already stood up and caught her wrist, "Let's go..."

"But..."

Before Bai Suxian said anything, Zhang Tie had already stridden out of the store by pulling her hand, leaving the guy with long face and sparse beard standing in the original place; opening his mouth, he looked like a clown who had just gone on to the stage; before he started his performance, he found that all the audience had already left; therefore, he became embarrassed...

#### **Chapter 1148: Folding Wings and Lowering Body**

Until Zhang Tie pulled Bai Suxian out of the Gate of Semi-jade Pavilion for a short while did he release Bai Suxian's hand.

Bai Suxian was still furious as she shouted, "That son of a bitch is too abominable. Why not give him a lesson?"

"They're waiting for us to fight them!" Zhang Tie replied with a smile.

"What do you mean?"

"As long as one of us couldn't stand to launch a fight, those guards outside the gate would rush in at once. In the chaos, as long as one of them died there, we might have to die for the dare-to-die fighter raised by others. In Xuanyuan Hill, even knights would face the death penalty after killing a person." Zhang Tie revealed a cold smile.

"I will see whether they dare do that or not!" Bai Suxian shouted out of fury as she almost goggled out her eyes.

"You're the princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, of course, they dare not do that to you. They're aiming at me. I've not imagined that Semi-jade Pavilion is under the direct control of Gold and Power Market. I'm afraid that Han Yuanhong has already known the moment we entered Semi-jade Pavilion.

Therefore, he set a fatal trap for me. In others' store, they could price their goods as high as they want. After all, we've not closed the deal yet. If we kill people out of fury because we fail to close the deal, we are not justified; we would even lose our lives for that. That guy has already arrived there half an hour ago. He's not there alone as 10 more people went there together with him. All the guards outside the gate of Semi-jade Pavilion have been changed into his dare-to-die fighters. As long as we started a fight, they would rush in at once and make it severe. Someone would die for sure. As for those guests who entered the store 20 minutes ago, one of them was a knight. As their witness, he pretended to purchase secret books on our neighboring room!"

Although Zhang Tie was in the reception room, he could sense almost everything in the neighborhood with his knight's consciousness. The moment that guy whom he slapped yesterday entered the room to offend them, Zhang Tie had realized the opponent's arrangement and vicious trick. If he was a hot-blooded or a bit impulsive young man, he would fall into their trap the moment he started a fight.

The small Semi-jade Pavilion contained such a killing intent. They even wanted to screw an earth knight. How many people could bear such a trick? The only thing that was out of Zhang Tie's opponent's imagination was that Zhang Tie who had a pretty bad temper yesterday was actually always good-tempered. Additionally, Zhang Tie was very scrupulous in crisis. He could always identify the trick rapidly. Being silent, Zhang Tie just pulled Bai Suxian away. Therefore, the opponent's following tricks became useless...

Just now, Bai Suxian didn't figure out the trick; therefore, she was furious. After hearing Zhang Tie's analysis, she changed her face at once as she felt chilly inside. Even being a female, Bai Suxian also knew that many heroes who had experienced many great battles were finally screwed by small sinister figures. Actually, what happened just now was very dangerous.

Although being bustling on the street, who could imagine that an earth knight was almost screwed by someone here a few minutes ago? Even the winter sunshine in Xuanyuan Hill could not drive away Bai Suxian's chilliness.

"I will demolish that godd\*mn store right now!" Bai Suxian was driven extremely mad.

"Hahaha, if you demolish their store, you have to compensate for that. If you kill someone, you will have trouble. Even if you don't compensate for that, they will ask your dad for the compensation. They're gaining the upper hand. If we're tricked, we will lose!"

"Will we just let them go?"

"We still have time!"

After buying a seeds bank and strolling in Semi-jade Pavilion for a while before encountering such an annoyance, Bai Suxian and Zhang Tie both lost their interest in wandering in Gold and Power Market. Therefore, they directly left there. After considering the strengths of what happened just now for a short while, Zhang Tie found that he didn't need to pay hundreds of thousands of gold coins in vain anymore; additionally, he abandoned the thought of getting some complete senior secret books easily. As for whether he could gain some senior secret books in the future, it depended on his fortune.

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Soon after Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian left Gold and Power Market, Han Yuanhong had received the information in Treasures Complex. Watching that person kneeling down in front of him with a flurried look, Han Yuanhong even comforted that guy with a long face and sparse beard, "You've already tried your best. But I've not imagined that Cui Li could be so scrupulous and could seek through our trap. It's nothing serious. He's just an earth knight. We've got many chances to deal with him in the future. We still have time!"

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"We still have time!"

Both Cui Li and Han Yuanhong said the same words in the end.

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2 days later, in a small special auction...

"The No. 17 space-teleportation equipment, 7,200 earth-element crystals one time, 7,200 earth-element crystals second time, 7,200 earth-element crystals third time...close the deal!"

When the auctioneer knocked onto the metal stand by a small hammer, Mountain Lifting Hermit's face turned completely white...

Sitting close to Mountain Lifting Hermit, Zhang Tie let out a sigh inside. Bai Suxian also looked at Mountain Lifting Hermit with a sympathetic expression. The bottom price of that average space-teleportation equipment was only 800 earth-element crystals. Who could imagine that its transaction price could be 9 times more than that of its bottom price? It's far more than its market price in late years and out of Mountain Lifting Hermit's purchasing power.

Previously, Mountain Lifting Hermit had full confidence in getting this space-teleportation equipment. These two days, Mountain Lifting Hermit had sold all of his collections in Gold and Power Market; plus his savings, he accumulated 7,100 earth-element crystals in total. Unexpectedly, he still failed to gain that space-teleportation equipment.

In the beginning, over 10 people joined the competition for this space-teleportation equipment. After some rounds of quotations, when the quotation of this space-teleportation equipment surpassed 4,000 earth-element crystals, most of the people gave it up, except for two people who raised the quotation of this space-teleportation equipment to 5,500 earth-element crystals. When Mountain Lifting Hermit quoted 5,600 earth-element crystals, the two people gave it up. The one who competed with Mountain Lifting Hermit to the end was a person in the front of the auction. When others quoted, that person didn't quote. When Mountain Lifting Hermit quoted alone, that one would definitely add 100 more earth-element crystals on the basis of Mountain Lifting Hermit's quotation.

The final quotation of Mountain Lifting Hermit was 7,100 earth-element crystals when Zhang Tie found Mountain Lifting Hermit clenching his fists. However, the moment Mountain Lifting Hermit finished his last quotation, the other bidder quoted 7,200 earth-element crystals without any hesitation.

At this moment, Mountain Lifting Hermit refused Zhang Tie's good intention about lending him earth-element crystals. Therefore, he just watched that space-teleportation equipment being taken away by the other bidder after the auctioneer inquired them three times.



Even Bai Suxian felt that Mountain Lifting Hermit was a bit miserable. However, she didn't know how to comfort him; neither did Zhang Tie know how to tell him. Actually, Zhang Tie had many space-teleportation equipment; however, as an earth knight, Mountain Lifting Hermit had his dignity and persistence and could not be easily humiliated.

At this moment, the guy who had been competing with Mountain Lifting Hermit in front of them turned around and revealed a pleasant smile towards the three people as if he had won a battle.

However, Mountain Lifting Hermit loosed his fist at this moment as he forced a smile and said in a hoarse voice, "Let's go!"

Although there were other items to be auctioned, Mountain Lifting Hermit didn't want to stay here anymore.

The three people then left their seats.

When they left the auction hall, passing through a winding corridor and was going to leave the Secret Items Pavilion, Han Yuanhong appeared in front of them with the space-teleportation finger ring that Mountain Lifting Hermit had been bidding for just now in hand. He tossed the finger ring like a toy as he watched Zhang Tie, Mountain Lifting Hermit and Bai Suxian with a commanding look.

"Don't you want to look at it? I'm so sorry. I found this space-teleportation equipment was delicate and could be used as a gift, I've not imagined that I disrupted your plan. There's some more space-teleportation equipment in the auction, if you lack earth-element crystals, just let me know. As we're all Hua knights, it's my pleasure to give you a favor, hahahahaha..."

Mountain Lifting Hermit who had been reluctant to part with that space-teleportation finger ring threw a deep glance at Han Yuanhong. Without even looking at the item in Han Yuanhong's hand, he directly passed by Han Yuanhong with a glassy-eyed look. Bai Suxian wanted to lose her temper; however, Zhang Tie pulled her away.

Bai Suxian suppressed her anger as she threw a glare at Han Yuanhong. Zhang Tie revealed a smile as if he had not seen such a person in front of him.

Watching the three people passing by with glassy-eyed looks, Han Yuanhong's sneer frozen at once...

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The three people directly left the Treasures Complex.

"What a bullsh\*t place! I will never come here again. It's disgusting..." Bai Suxian said out of fury.

"Elder brother, where are you heading for?" Zhang Tie asked Mountain Lifting Hermit, "If elder brother is free lately, how about returning to Youzhou Province with us in a few days?"

"There's always a way. If it doesn't work here, it doesn't mean that it won't work in other places!" Mountain Lifting Hermit gradually recovered his composure. He even talked to Zhang Tie with a smile, "I prepare to try my fortune in Taiyi City. The largest trading center of secret pearls is located in that city. Knights who come back from Earth-elements Realm would exchange their secret pearls for money over there. With these earth-element crystals, I want to try my fortune by buying some secret pearls over there. After I get a space-teleportation, I will come for you in Youzhou Province!"

'Is there a place for trading secret pearls in Taixia Country?' Zhang Tie bore the name of Taiyi City deep in mind. The moment he heard this name, Zhang Tie had realized that this city might be related to Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

"Elder brother, when do you prepare to go there?"

Mountain Lifting Hermit looked up at the night being covered with stars as he took in a deep breath and said, "I'd rather choose now than selecting a day..."

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Half an hour later, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian saw off Mountain Lifting Hermit out of Xuanyuan Hill.

When an eagle was going to launch a strike, it would fold its wings and lower its body; when a fierce beast was going to charge at a prey, it would lower its head and body.

'Could I match a bird or a beast?'

Watching Mountain Lifting Hermit flying towards afar as fast as a lightning bolt, Zhang Tie asked himself as he revealed a faint smile...

9 days left, he could form 3 trouble-reappearance fruits at most...

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In the next one week, Zhang Tie didn't go to Gold and Power Marke anymore. Each morning, he would feed birds; in the daytime, he would visit the scenic spots in Xuanyuan Hill with Bai Suxian. In the evening, he would cultivate quietly in his room. He didn't meet those nuisances anymore.

He formed one trouble-reappearance fruit per 3 days. Zhang Tie didn't feel pitiful about that; instead, he treated the effect of trouble-reappearance fruits increasingly lighter.

As for Zhang Tie, he only needed to make his utmost efforts to do that.

On November 12th, Zhang Tie's disciples finally came back to the manor of Lord Guangnan in Xuanyuan Hill after having fun for almost 2 weeks in Xuanyuan Hill. All of them were in great delights safe and sound.

On November 13th, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian traveled across Fairy Lake in the daytime. In the evening, Zhang Tie formed a trouble-reappearance fruit at the fastest speed in his cultivation room. Closely after that, he entered the trouble-reappearance situation...

Before entering the new trouble-reappearance situation, Zhang Tie's mind settled as still water as he didn't have any hope for that inside the trouble-reappearance situation anymore...

## **Chapter 1149: Hard Work Paying Off**

How did the last trouble-reappearance fruit taste?

In the trouble-reappearance situation, before Zhang Tie tasted the last trouble-reappearance fruit carefully, the LV 9 demon fighter had already rushed towards him with bloody eyes.

Like how he did in former times, Zhang Tie shot out a battle qi by finger and blew up the demon fighter's legs in a split second, sending its blood and flesh flying in all directions. As a result, his room was contaminated and was filled with a bloody smell.

When the demon fighter fell onto the ground and roared miserably, Zhang Tie leisurely opened his room and went downstairs frankly. After coming to the parlor, he took a treasured sword from a wall before leaving the house.

When Zhang Tie left the house, the LV 9 demon fighter who had lost its legs was still inching towards Zhang Tie by hands with bloody eyes while roaring miserably and gritting its teeth.

It was still windy in the deep night in the manor. Besides that persistent demon knight's miserable roars, it was quiet in the surroundings as before. This Xuanyuan Hill belonged to Zhang Tie himself.

What he saw was almost as same as that in the former 4 times. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't expect that the last trouble-reappearance fruit could bring him any achievement. Zhang Tie had seen through it. If it was the same result as before, he had to use the directest method tomorrow. After all, as long as he could uproot Han Clan's power from Xuanyuan Hill, he would be the winner. Even though he used the directest method, he would not lose a hair.

Although the sword in his hand was for an appreciative purpose, nothing in the Lord Guangnan's Manor in Xuanyuan Hill was common.

This was a two-handed huge sword, which was 177 cm in length, 112 kg in weight and 15 cm in width. Being affected by LV 3 sharpness rune and firmness rune, it also had the splitting and freezing effects. This sword was definitely a competitive rune weapon, even for knights.

Zhang Tie dropped off the sword while the sword suspended in front of him. Closely after that, Zhang Tie jumped onto the sword. Stepping on the broad sword's body as if stepping on a skating board or a surfing board, he flew off the manor into the sky above Xuanyuan Hill. Almost in a split second, a jarring sonic boom that rocked the entire Xuanyuan Hill sounded above this city where there was only one person...

If someone in Xuanyuan Hill saw Zhang Tie's movement at this moment, they would definitely bow towards him out of worship as they would treat Zhang Tie as a sage-level knight or a legendary immortal.

Over 1,000 m high in the sky, Zhang Tie stood leisurely on a huge sword. The sword broke 3 times that of the sound speed in the blink of an eye as fast as a lightning bolt, arousing constantly shrill sonic booms. Zhang Tie was standing on the huge sword as steady as Mount Tai with hands on his back leisurely, his clothes were swaying in the wind as if he was a poet strolling in a tranquil courtyard while looking up at the moons and thinking about poetry...

These days, Zhang Tie had been folding his wings and lowering his body so as to give a fatal blow to Han Clan at any time. After enjoying with Bai Suxian in the daytime, Zhang Tie would train his flight ability as a divine dominator in the trouble-reappearance situation.

Like a thin window, the flight ability as a divine dominator was soon grasped by Zhang Tie; additionally, Zhang Tie concluded some flight skills.

This flight mode by stepping on a huge sword was the most pleasant and stylish way for a divine dominator. The benefit of this flight mode was that he could maintain a demeanor of an immortal. This flight mode was most destructive for commons. Its shortcoming was that Zhang Tie would have a great resistance when facing the wind and couldn't reach the maximal flight speed of divine dominator.

The second flight mode was the most secret flight mode. This flight mode required a pair of caligas with steel-plate soles or alloy materials, a metal waistband and two metal wristlets. In flight, he should control the caligas, metal waistband and metal wristlets at the same time for the optimal flight effect. Without the three types of equipment, he could also fly; however, it would not feel as comfortable and flexible as that with the three types of equipment.

As the three equipments were usually worn by people, they would not arise people's suspicion; this flight mode was most mysterious. He could use the three props to accelerate his speed at any time using the ability of divine dominator when in normal flight condition.

The third flight mode had the highest efficiency. He wore a full-body metal armor which even covered his eyes. He manipulated this full-body metal battle armor using the ability of divine dominator. In this flight mode, with the protection of metal battle armor, Zhang Tie could easily reach the maximal flight speed using his ability as a divine dominator without even releasing his protective battle qi.

What was the maximal flight speed under the control of divine dominator?

Through numerous trials these days, Zhang Tie made a precise conclusion, based on his current spiritual energy level and knight's level, he could at most reach 6 times that of the speed of sound, namely almost 4,700 miles per hour.

This discovery and experience stunned Zhang Tie for quite a while.

A few days ago, he was still thinking about breaking through the speed of sound using knights' flight ability. However, a few days later, he had already broken through the sonic barrier using the ability of divine dominator and reached the flight speed of hypersonic aircraft before the Catastrophe.

With the ability of divine dominator, he could reach 6 times that of the speed of sound. When he attacked with weapons alone using the ability of divine dominator, Zhang Tie himself couldn't identify how fast the weapons moved. It would be far greater than 6 times that of the speed of sound. It was as fast as his consciousness. As long as he caught sight of the target, his attack would arrive as if the speed had broken through the limit of the physical rule.

After studying the sharp difference between the flight speed using the ability of divine dominator and the attacking speed, Zhang Tie found that there might only be one reason, namely, the closer the objects under the control of divine dominator were to his body, the slower they would move. It seemed that there was an invisible line between those objects and his spiritual energy. If the objects were too close to his body, before they reached their maximal speed, they had been pulled back by that invisible line.

6 times that of the speed of sound, namely, about 5,000 miles per hour. Zhang Tie had been satisfied by such a great flight ability very much. Even though this speed might be the maximal manned speed of divine dominator, Zhang Tie was also satisfied with it.

Zhang Tie was not greedy. He had not even seen a person who could break through the speed of sound after he promoted to an earth knight. He could already break through 6 times that of the speed of sound now, of course, he was very satisfied with it. Zhang Tie didn't know how fast a shadow knight could fly; however, he was sure that even a shadow knight could not reach 6 times that of the speed of sound in the sky.

This speed would bring him a great advantage that could never be matched by commoners. It would even be a wholly new combat pattern for him, a combat mode that only belonged to a divine dominator. The difference between this advantage and knights were like that between powerful horse archers and common infantries. The striking ability and maneuver speed of this flight mode were overwhelming.

3 times that of the speed of sound was almost equal to 0.55 mile per second.

The linear distance between Lord Guangnan's Manor and Finance Minister's Mansion in Xuanyuan Hill was almost 130 miles. As for Zhang Tie, such a distance only took him less than 4 minutes by flying on the huge sword and overlooking the entire Xuanyuan Hill.

Under the control of Zhang Tie, the huge sword dove downwards like a spiritual living being silently and suspended only one stage's height above the floor outside the study near the lotus pond of the Finance Minister's Mansion. Zhang Tie then landed on the ground leisurely.

The door of the study still closed. Zhang Tie pushed in. Closely after that, he threw a glance at the golden folder on the table as usual.

Actually, Zhang Tie didn't think that he could see any hope in the golden folder anymore. He just accomplished today's task like completing a rite.

Zhang Tie walked over there and unfolded the golden folder. An extremely plain and elegant invitation card was put on the top. This invitation card was utterly different than those invitation cards which especially pursued luxury and level; additionally, now that it could be put on the top, it indicated that it counted most in Han Zhengfang's heart.

Zhang Tie picked up that plain and elegant invitation card and opened it out of curiosity...

There were only two short lines inside the invitation card.

——Between 5 pm to 7 pm on the 15th day of this lunar month, I invite Brother Han to have a drink in Sincerity Garden.

——Meng Shidao.

At the sight of that name, Zhang Tie narrowed his pupils. After a few seconds, he couldn't stand bursting out laughing...

## **Chapter 1150: The 15th Day of This Lunar Month**

On the 15th day of the lunar November of the 903rd year of Black Iron Calendar, although people living in Xuanyuan Hill didn't feel it was anything special, none of them could imagine that this day symbolized

that Taixia Country was involved in the 3rd holy war between humans and demons in an all-round manner in the eyes of people dozens of years later.

Although the holy war had started so many years ago, the battle flames and smokes in subcontinents had not extended Taixia Country on the Eastern Continent. Besides the disappearance of Emperor Xuanyuan and the riots of the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church which were annoying, commoners' lives were not affected by the 3rd holy war during the past years.

The 15th day of lunar November was an unusual sunny day.

After getting up in the morning and having a bowl of decoction of medicinal ingredients, Uncle Zhong felt much better after so many days' recuperation; especially today, he felt like he was untroubled by the witch parasites anymore. Uncle Zhong felt pretty happy as he finally saw a bit of hope in curing the broken-gold witch parasites.

When Uncle Zhong got up, Old Zhou, the boatman on the Golden Water River also got up. After cleansing up, Old Zhou stood in the courtyard which was planted with some peach trees and looked up at the clean, blue sky as he told his wife with a smile who was preparing breakfast for him, "It's a good weather today. I guess more people would like to travel on the Golden Water River; if I'm fortunate, I could make another 2 gold coins!"

"Watch out your health. Come back earlier!" The woman prepared the breakfast rapidly in the kitchen as she said.

"As it's the Treasures Meeting lately, I could make more than that I made in a week previously, it's nothing to be a bit tired!"

"You have to watch out your safety. Liu Hui told me that one of your guests fought a woman on a gaily-painted pleasure-boat and made a great trouble on the Golden Water River..." The boatman's wife told him out of concern.

"You don't know that. Childe Cui and Miss Bai are dignitaries; especially Childe Cui. He's like a river god. When the huge waves approached us, Childe Cui just stood on the prow. When I realized that the boat might be capsized, a water flow rose up and cupped the boat like a pair of hands steadily. I carried some knights before; however, it was my first time to meet such a great knight. 3 months later, I will have our 2nd son and his uncle go to Youzhou Province..."

"Do you really believe in their words? The traveling expense between Youzhou Province and Xuanyuan Hill is high; additionally, they have to spend much time on the way..."

Old Zhou touched that gold coin which was marked with Zhang Tie's fingerprint in his pocket before saying, "This is a favorable fate, how could a man like Childe Cui play a joke with small figures like us? I think we could have a try. Our Zhou Clan might make our ancestors illustrious one day..."

After hearing the boatman's words, the woman in the kitchen became silent.

After having breakfast with the peach bloom spirit and dried plums that were prepared by his wife at home, the boatman, with full of aspiration towards a bright future, left for a wharf on the Golden Water River where he fastened his boat to the cleats on the dock...

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When the boatman arrived at the wharf, a customized top black Faerie-dragon limo was slowly driving out of the Finance Minister's Mansion in Xuanyuan Hill. A flock of sparrows on those peach trees outside the Finance Minister's Mansion were tweeting. Han Zhengfang was watching those jubilant sparrows on the tips of twigs on the roadside in the car with a glassy-eyed look.

Hearing the tweets, Han Zhengfang felt fretful unconsciously.

Of course, the Finance Minister who attended myriad affairs daily would not lose temper to those sparrows that could be seen everywhere daily outside his mansion. What he was fretful was that his 2nd son had been missing for many days. Additionally, his 2nd son's airboat was also missing, leaving no trace at all. Therefore, Han Zhengfang felt something bad out of his instinct.

'Did something bad happen to my 2nd son?' Han Zhengfang had considered about this possibility; however, given the comprehensive intelligence, Han Zhengfang found Xuanyuan Hill was as normal as usual. The top 4 armies were still following the prescribed orders. The top three chancellors didn't encounter any abnormal situations. Therefore, Han Zhengfang didn't believe that his son could encounter any accident. 'Who dares do harm to my son across Taixia Country? Additionally, my 2nd son is not a weak scholar, he has a great aptitude and has already promoted to an earth knight. Besides, he's protected by an earth knight, a black iron knight and so many bodyguards. As long as he shows his identity, he will face no obstacle wherever he is. How dare anyone find him trouble?'

'Is he having fun with a lot of women somewhere once again?'

'It's possible; it's probable.'

However, even though Han Zhengfang convinced himself that his 2nd son was meddling with women somewhere, he still felt gloomy.

After promoting to a knight, one's perceptions and aspirations would be exceptional. The higher level a knight was, the stronger his sixth sense would be. Han Zhengfang felt that he might have ignored something and something was going to happen. However, he couldn't figure it out; therefore, he felt fretful unconsciously.

Being fretful, he didn't feel good these days. Therefore, the entire Finance Minister's Mansion in Xuanyuan Hill was repressed lately. All the officials and clerks in the Finance Minister's Mansion behaved meticulously in case of any mistake.

'After Yuantu comes back, I will have his subordinates carry remote-sensing communications devices for sure in case of such an annoying condition!'

The window of Faerie-dragon limo rose up quietly and blocked the vision from outside. Before the tweets disappeared, a whim occurred to Finance Minister's mind.

'Oh, the master of royal prince invited me for a drink in Sincerity Garden today.'

When Han Zhengfang thought about the old man on the back of the emperor's imperial city, he tried his best to recover his composure.

Without this old man on the back of the emperor's imperial city, the three top chancellors might not feel safe leaving Xuanyuan Hill for an inspection.

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When Han Zhengfang went to the Finance Minister's Authority for dealing with public affairs, the master of Sincerity Garden in the emperor's imperial city was feeding carps leisurely on one side of the pond in his courtyard.

The master of the Sincerity Garden was Meng Shidao. Few people might have heard this name, because nobody had dared call his name directly for dozens of years. In Xuanyuan Hill, everybody called him Master of Royal Prince. In other places, the name of Meng Shidao sounded like an identity for the Gobbling Party which was growing increasingly powerful. Meng Shidao was the leader of the Gobbling Party. The members of the Gobbling Party called their leader Daoshi.

Daoshi, the master of universal laws.

It was unimaginable that there was a place covering 66,600 square miles like an abandoned rural courtyard in the emperor's imperial city.

It was Sincerity Garden. There was no gardener, florist in the Sincerity Garden. There were only very few servants. Looking at it from outside, this garden was like an abandoned rural courtyard which lacked management. It was covered with weeds. There were only some wooden hedges around the garden. Some stray cats would drill into the garden through the gaps of the hedges and wallop in the weeds. However, all the people who were qualified to push open the hedge door and enter Sincerity Garden were influential figures in Xuanyuan Hill. Many dignitaries across Taixia Country were even glorious about having a chat with the master of Sincerity Garden.

The universal laws were in nature; the sincere minds were close to the universal laws.

When the master of Sincerity Garden told the royal prince about the source of Sincerity Garden, it caused a tide in Xuanyuan Hill. Someone meditated about it day after day; someone scrambled for it; someone was driven ecstatic.

At this moment, the master of Sincerity Garden was feeding the carps in the pond in a dedicated way.

After being dropped into the pond, the lifeless dough suddenly turned into vital white small fish, shrimps and insects swimming in the water in a split second like a magic, which could even dodge from the golden fish, making the shoal of carps boisterous.

With a sound of "Pah", a 30-cm longer black carp slapped the water by its tail in order to chase after a small shrimp incarnated by a dough, wetting the master's long gown with sprays. Closely after that, the black carp jumped into the gaps between stones on the side of the pond and was fixed there. The carp could only struggle in vain as it waved its tail and made the master's clean cloth shoes and the lower hem of his long gown dirty with some mud.

The master stopped dropping dough into the water. Watching the black carp struggling in the riprap while its scales were being scraped one bit after another, the master of Sincerity Garden slightly frowned. He looked at the waterlogging and mud stains over his shoes and gown and the black carp which had lost its strength to struggle in the riprap as his face gradually turned gloomy...



At this moment, a huge stray cat suddenly charged out of the weeds on the side of the pond with sparkling eyes. It was attracted by the fishy smell and movements of the black carp. This huge stray cat was not afraid of people at all. It charged towards that riprap by leaps and bounds. Closely after that, it scratched the black carp for a few times, causing the black carp to struggle for a short while once again. The huge stray cat then bit the spine of the black carp before dragging it out of the riprap and darting towards the weeds nearby. As the carp was too huge, plus it was struggling, the huge stray cat couldn't grip it by teeth and dropped it onto the ground. Then, the huge stray cat scratched it for a few times once again before biting its tail and slowly drawing it into the weeds far away from the pond...