

Black Iron 1171

Chapter 1171: Another Secret Skill of Bloody Soul Temple

“Bloody Soul Temple’s secret methods rank first in Taixia Country. Do you really think that you could kill me in this way...”

Han Zhengfang’s face turned grim all of a sudden. When he was sustaining hundreds of times’ strikes, he broke the tip of his tongue by the teeth; closely after that, he spurted out a mouthful of blood out of his mouth. The blood didn’t diffuse; instead, it suspended in front of Han Zhengfang. After that, Han Zhengfang broke his left thumb by the teeth and broke the middle place between his eyebrows by his right thumb. Closely after that, a small drop of blood flew out of his mouth, left thumb and forehead at the same time while giving out a brilliant red light. They mixed with each other at once and turned into 2 tadpole-sized bizarre runes that gave out the brilliant glow.

Han Zhengfang pointed at Zhang Tie. Closely after that, one of the two runes immediately entered his forehead while the other one darted towards Zhang Tie like a lightning bolt after breaking through Han Zhengfang’s protective battle qi.

Although Zhang Tie was over 50 m away from Han Zhengfang, as he had witnessed Han Zhengfang’s secret methods and means in the emperor’s imperial city, he was vigilant about Han Zhengfang’s movements very much. The moment Zhang Tie saw Han Zhengfang breaking his tongue tip, spurring out blood and the other similar self-mutilating behaviors, Zhang Tie immediately expanded the distance between them and reached over 80 m away from Han Zhengfang. At the same time, he expanded his protective battle qi to its utmost extent and prepared to respond to the coming danger.

However, Zhang Tie underestimated the power of the secret method of Bloody Soul Temple.

The moment the red rune flew out of Han Zhengfang’s protective battle qi, Zhang Tie had intended to block it with a silver secret shield. Unimaginably, the rune directly penetrated through Zhang Tie’s silver secret shield like a visionary object. In the blink of an eye, it had arrived at Zhang Tie’s side. Being shocked too much, Zhang Tie hurriedly dodged from it at his highest speed. However, the closer the rune was to Zhang Tie, the faster it would move. It just chased after Zhang Tie like a lightning bolt.

Zhang Tie had changed more than 300 locations in one second, leaving many visional shadows in Canglan Palace. Even though, the rune still caught up with Zhang Tie like a massless visional shadow. It penetrated through Zhang Tie’s second silver secret shield, Zhang Tie’s battle qi strikes, Zhang Tie’s protective battle qi and Chaos before falling onto Zhang Tie.

The moment that rune fell onto Zhang Tie’s body, Zhang Tie had changed his face.

He thought it was a sharp killing skill; however, he had not imagined that he didn’t even lose one hair after being hit by the rune; neither did he feel painful or itchy. When Zhang Tie felt weird, he suddenly had an inconceivable feeling, which was very similar to the feeling when he formed a 3-in-1 battle formation with the other 2 knights through knight’s consciousness. It was even deeper than the ties of 3-in-1 battle formation.

The 3-in-1 battle formation was connected by different knights' consciousness; however, after being hit by Han Zhengfang's rune, Zhang Tie felt that his chakras had been closely tied with that of Han Zhengfang like two high-power magnets being drawn together tightly.

Each knight's chakras were composed of element crystals in the material world or element crystals in the Elements Realm. Knights always stayed with their chakras. However, chakras existed in a special pattern. Being neither in the elements realm nor the material world, it was a mode of existence between elements realm and the material world. Chakras were invisible and untouchable; however, they indeed existed.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that there was a secret skill of Bloody Soul Temple that could directly act upon one's chakras. Besides Purgatory Samsara Method, it was his first time to see another secret method that could act upon one's chakras.

Facing the irresistible attraction caused by chakras, Zhang Tie's body seemed to become the appendage of his chakras and a nail on a super-powerful magnet. When two magnets attached together, Zhang Tie was unconsciously drawn towards Han Zhengfang by the attraction between their chakras. That was an irresistible pulling force, which carried the qi of the elements realm. Like a waterfall that rushed down from a high place, this pulling force was hard to refuse.

When Zhang Tie was worried whether this great strength would involve him in the close combat that was desired by Han Zhengfang, this pulling force suddenly disappeared when he was less than 30 m away from Han Zhengfang. Because their chakras had been closely attached together at this moment. Neither could he further approach nor stay farther away from Han Zhengfang. Neither could Han Zhengfang.

'What does that mean?' Zhang Tie doubted, 'Even though Han Zhengfang wants to pull me closer by a secret method, he could not rush to the front of me in such a distance; neither could it influence my strike against him.'

When Zhang Tie was pulled closer to Han Zhengfang, he didn't stop his strikes against Han Zhengfang.

"What's this secret method of Bloody Soul Temple? Do you think that you could threaten me in this way?" Zhang Tie's muffled voice drifted from the breathing holes under his ears before resonating in the ruined Canglan Palace.

Since they started the combat, it was Zhang Tie's first time to open his mouth.

Zhang Tie's original voice didn't sound mature; however, after being drifted from the breathing holes under his ears, his voice turned utterly different. It carried a strange metallic resonance. Of course, Han Zhengfang couldn't figure out Zhang Tie's identity through his voice.

Zhang Tie ignored Han Zhengfang's question just now because he didn't want to get a revenge from Han Zhengfang's subordinates. As Han Zhengfang probably carried remote-sensing crystals which were used to contact the other major figures of Heavens Reaching Church. If Zhang Tie exposed his real identity, Han Zhengfang might send this message to the other remnants of Heavens Reaching Church. As a result, they might revenge Zhang Tie and Huaiyuan Palace. If so, what Zhang Tie arranged tonight were all in vain; additionally, nobody could enjoy such a meal that Zhang Tie prepared for the Gobbling Party and Meng Shidao.

Because of this reason, Zhang Tie became silent until he was curious about this secret method of Han Zhengfang.

"This is the lock of bloody chakras of Bloody Soul Temple! You are really something as you could make me use this skill." Han Zhengfang revealed a faint confident smile on his grim and aggressive face, "You will know the effect of this secret skill soon!"

"Really?"

The two people talked with each other as they fought.

"Of course, look at what's on the earth?" Han Zhengfang pointed at the ground.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at the ground and found scarlet magma was gurgling out of a hole which was as large as a bowl.

When he blocked Han Zhengfang's strike by one shield just now, he caused such a hole. Actually, the Canglan Palace of Bloody Soul Temple was built on an underground magma vein. This place was actually very close to the magma in the vein.

At the sight of the magma that gurgled out of the ground, Zhang Tie immediately thought about a possibility...

Zhang Tie's heart pounded as he looked at Han Zhengfang.

Han Zhengfang was looking at Zhang Tie with an eye light which was full of killing intent as he revealed an icy and insidious sinister. Closely after that, he spent his full efforts in punching against the ground of the palace.

In an earthquake, a crack as wide as dozens of meters suddenly appeared on the ground of the palace. In the blink of an eye, magma surged out of the crack and soaked half of Canglan Palace.

At the sight of the magma, Zhang Tie wanted to fly consciously; however, he found that he couldn't move at all; because Han Zhengfang didn't move. The two people's chakras were locked together like two magnets. As Han Zhengfang was advantageous over Zhang Tie in battle strength, if Han Zhengfang didn't move, Zhang Tie couldn't move either.

Zhang Tie tried to contact Castle of Black Iron; however, he couldn't return to Castle of Black Iron because of the same reason.

Since he owned Castle of Black Iron, it was Zhang Tie's second time to meet such a situation. Last time, it was in the prison of Senel Clan, a Three-eye Association Clan when his body was clocked by a rune shackle. That time, he almost lost his life; he also experienced the feeling of being unable to return to his ultimate shelter when in crisis. After promoting to a knight, Zhang Tie thought that he would not meet such an experience for the rest of his life; unimaginably, it could come so fast.

All of a sudden, Zhang Tie understood what Han Zhengfang wanted to do. He felt hopeless at once.

'He's one of the 9 ministers of Taixia Country. He has concealed his real identity in the hinterland of Taixia Country for so many years. This is the master of Heavens Reaching Church who didn't expose his loophole even in front of Emperor Xuanyuan, the top powerhouse that could escape from the heavenly

net made by Meng Shidao and Xuanyuan Hill. Even he's severely injured and has declined to a lower realm, his insidious movements, intelligence and decisiveness definitely rank top in Taixia Country. If not, he could not mess up the entire Taixia Country with his own strength.'

'I've underestimated this man. It proves once again that everything in the world wouldn't always run at one's will.'

'It's already too late for me to be regretful.'

After Han Zhengfang gave his second punch, the greater part of the ground of Canglan Palace had been collapsed while hundreds of millions of tons of magma poured inside like sea water.

In magma which had a very high density, the attacking ability of divine dominator was reduced to the utmost extent. Being flurried, Zhang Tie could only put away his weapons and silver secret items into Castle of Black Iron, leaving one silver secret shield in hand.

Han Zhengfang threw a sneer at Zhang Tie before diving into magma and flying downwards. Being drawn by Han Zhengfang's chakras, Zhang Tie felt being fastened by an invisible iron chain as he was pulled towards the depth of the magma vein...

Zhang Tie felt increasing pressure from all directions...

Chapter 1172: Breaking the Universe

As they grew increasingly deeper, Zhang Tie felt an increasing pressure that acted upon his protective battle qi.

It was like how a diver deepened into the ocean. The deeper he reached, the greater pressure he would suffer from the sea water.

However, Zhang Tie was not in the ocean, but in the scorching magma.

In the same depth, the pressure of magma was 2.5 times that of the water pressure. Canglan Palace of Bloody Soul Temple was about 5,000 m deep in the magma, the pressure at which location was equal to the water pressure deeper than 12,500 m. Anyone below knights would be crushed into pieces by such a great pressure, not to mention battle spirits who had formed protective battle qis. Even knights would not feel good under such a great pressure.

The maximal depth that underwater robots and submarines which humans invented before the Catastrophe was about 12,000 m. If a huge solid iron ball was thrown deeper than 10,000 m underwater, it would be compressed greatly by water pressure.

Han Zhengfang "bound" Zhang Tie to him by the secret method of Bloody Soul Temple and moved towards the depth of the magma so that he could crush Zhang Tie into pieces using the sheer terror of nature.

The protective battle qi of a shadow knight was definitely more protective than that of an earth knight. Under the same pressure, Han Zhengfang was confident to win the combat in the end. Additionally, due

to the greater density and pressure of the magma, Zhang Tie's benefit as a divine dominator was completely restricted.

Han Zhengfang immediately reversed the result of this combat in such an insidious way.

Zhang Tie had taken a lot of fiery lotus seeds; therefore, he could adapt to the heat of magma; however, he had to sustain the great pressure of the magma.

Han Zhengfang didn't attack Zhang Tie; instead, he just dove towards the depth of the magma. In a short while, they had reached over 10,000 m in depth. The deeper they reached, the more magma there would be. It was absolutely a bottomless magma sea.

Zhang Tie knew what Han Zhengfang was thinking about. Of course, he would not just wait for death. At such a critical moment, Zhang Tie was also trying his utmost efforts to reverse the situation.

Zhang Tie started to attack Han Zhengfang. As he was just 30 m away from Han Zhengfang. Even though he didn't run his lotus-flower eyes, he could also target at Han Zhengfang easily. He just launched his battle qi towards Han Zhengfang after going through the magma between them.

Han Zhengfang was not anxious about fighting Zhang Tie anymore; he just blocked Zhang Tie's attacks as he kept diving towards the depth of the magma.

"Heheheh, just move; you will not move later..." Han Zhengfang's sneer full of killing intent drifted into Zhang Tie's ears.

Zhang Tie soon knew Han Zhengfang's meaning. When he reached 20,000 m deep into the magma sea, he could barely attack Han Zhengfang with his battle qi anymore due to the great pressure from all directions.

The deeper it was, the denser the magma would be and the greater the pressure would be. As a result, 30-m thick magma was as hard as 30-m granite protective layer for his battle qi. Even though his battle qi could still reach Han Zhengfang, its lethality would be weakened greatly. Han Zhengfang could easily block it only by raising his hand.

If Zhang Tie attacked Han Zhengfang at such a depth, he could not do any harm to Han Zhengfang; additionally, it would accelerate the consumption of his battle qi and physical strength. In this situation, Han Zhengfang could easily collapse Zhang Tie's attack at a trivial price.

Zhang Tie stopped attacking Han Zhengfang; Han Zhengfang didn't attack Zhang Tie. They were not idiots. The one who could stand until the last minute would succeed.

The pressure from all directions constantly compressed Zhang Tie's protective battle qi. Han Zhengfang's protective battle qi was also greatly compressed. After reaching 25,000 m in depth, Zhang Tie became more and more befuddled; he even became breathless. His chest and back felt like being gradually compressed by two iron sheets, causing his chest to become increasingly hotter. The gaps between Chaos and Zhang Tie's body were extremely narrowed. The entire Chaos started to be out of shape due to compression. Zhang Tie could hear the slight sound of frictions from Chaos due to deformation, "Kakakaka".

All of a sudden, Zhang Tie felt his upper lip becoming cold while two lines of nosebleed ran out of his nostrils constantly.

It was blazing white light in front of his eyes, which indicated that the temperature of the magma had reached above 1,000 degree Celsius. Zhang Tie looked around and found it was a vast magma sea; additionally, the bottom of this magma sea should be deeper than 100,000 m.

Han Zhengfang was also bearing the high temperature and pressure 30 m away. His protective battle qi was also less than 1 m away from his body; however, he was much better than Zhang Tie; at least he didn't run nosebleed constantly.

With 30-m scorching magma between them, Han Zhengfang couldn't see Zhang Tie; however, he could clearly sense Zhang Tie's physical and spiritual situation.

"How about that, do you start to run nosebleed? Haha, it's just a start. Even knights could not bear the great pressure from the magma. Nosebleed is just an omen for your body to lose blood. Gradually, your eyes will be filled with blood; your eyeballs will jump out of your eye sockets; your innards will push your blood out of your body like squeezing water out of the sponge. When your protective battle qi finally collapses, your brains will spurt out of your ears, eyes, nostrils and mouth; your belly will blow up; your intestines and guts would be burned into ashes in the magma.

"I don't care who you're. This magma sea is your graveyard. Even being injured, a tiger is still a tiger; I could not be bullied by an ordinary earth knight, even though you're a divine dominator. You will become the first earth knight that I kill..."

Han Zhengfang said as he continued to dive downwards. In the blink of an eye, the two people had reached over 30,000 m in depth.

All of a sudden, the blazing white light suddenly turned bloody. It was not because the temperature here suddenly fell; Zhang Tie knew that his eyes had started to be congestive while some blood capillaries in his eyes had started to crack. Zhang Tie knew that his eyes must be filled with blood streaks. Each time Zhang Tie's heart beat, he would feel being a kid walking with 1,000 kg's burden on his back.

If it was just a small lake, Zhang Tie could still teleport all the magma here into Castle of Black Iron in order to reduce the pressure around him and make Han Zhengfang abandon his plan. However, it was a vast magma sea. Even if he opened the siphon tunnel linking this magma sea to Castle of Black Iron, it was also almost in vain; before he dried up the magma sea, he might have already been crushed into pieces by the great pressure, not to mention the sequela that he might face after exposing the trump card of Castle of Black Iron.

This was almost the most dangerous moment for Zhang Tie. In such a desperate situation, almost all the trump cards of Zhang Tie became ineffective at once.

'I couldn't enter Castle of Black Iron, neither could I use the ability of a divine dominator. Will I be killed by Han Zhengfang? Couldn't I even kill a severely injured shadow knight?'

Some alveoli had started to crack while Zhang Tie almost spurted out a mouthful of blood; however, he gritted his teeth and swallowed it forcefully.

'No, never, I will never die here!' Zhang Tie roared inside.

In desperation, a firm belief occurred to Zhang Tie's mind. When his head was almost crushed, Zhang Tie suddenly recalled the scene when he manifested his virtual image of king roc for the first time when he promoted to an earth knight. He sensed the domineering realm of King Roc Sutra once again.

'For free! For free! For free!' This was what rocs pursued for the rest of their lives.

'Who could restrict my freedom?'

'If the earth restricts me, I will break the earth by foot!'

'If the sky restricts me, I will tear up the sky and break the void!'

'If I flap my wings, everything will succumb to me!'

'Who could restrict my freedom? Who could restrict my freedom? Who could restrict my freedom?'

With bloody eyes, Zhang Tie roared towards the sky as he punched against his own lower abdomen by two hands at the same time...

'In the universe, who could make the emperor succumb to him?'

'Ka...'

A crow sounded in the hot sun in the battle qi void of his lower abdomen. Closely after that, the hot sun gave out dazzling light, manifesting the virtual image of king roc. With another crow, a bizarre golden rune flew out of the king roc's mouth and disappeared in Zhang Tie's two chakras.

At this moment, Han Zhengfang suddenly became still as he changed his face greatly.

Just now, Han Zhengfang felt like pulling a car by tank using a rope; at this moment, he felt the car that he pulled suddenly became a mountain. No matter how he tried, he couldn't move it anymore.

'Lock of bloody chakras is a secret skill of *Bloody Soul Sutra*, I could have defeated all the low-level enemies in it.'

'No way, no way. How could that be? How could that be? Nobody in Bloody Soul Temple had encountered such an exception since the establishment of Bloody Soul Temple.'

Han Zhengfang suddenly became puzzled.

If he could, Han Zhengfang really wanted to see what happened to Zhang Tie. Pitifully, Han Zhengfang's vision was completely blocked by the dozens of meters thick scorching magma. He could feel the external situation of Zhang Tie; however, he couldn't feel the situation inside Zhang Tie's body. Additionally, he couldn't approach Zhang Tie any more due to the existence of the lock of bloody chakras. Actually, the distance between them had been fixed.

Zhang Tie moved and took the initiative, followed by Han Zhengfang. As a result, Han Zhengfang became the locust being shackled by the lock of bloody chakras and experienced what Zhang Tie experienced just now. Just now, Han Zhengfang pulled away a "sedan" by a "high-horsepower tank"; in the blink of an eye, Zhang Tie became as powerful as a steam turbine. How could a tank's engine match that of a warship?

At this moment, Zhang Tie was in a special realm where he could clearly sense the marvel when his chakras were bound to that of Han Zhengfang by the secret skill of Bloody Soul Temple.

‘He has 3 chakras. I only have 2; however, my 2 chakras are bigger than his 3 chakras. Therefore, Han Zhengfang’s 3 chakras are covered by my 2 chakras.’

Just now, Zhang Tie was negative; however, now, Zhang Tie took the initiative.

All of a sudden, a whim occurred to his mind. ‘Previously, I couldn’t refine the enemy’s chakra unless I touched his body by my palms; now, as my chakras have already touched his and I took the initiative, whether could I trigger the Purgatory Samsara Method in this situation?’

The moment this whim occurred to Zhang Tie’s mind, it had become as scorching as the surrounding magma.

‘Just do it. Whatever, it’s just a trial. I will not lose a hair.’

Closely after that, Zhang Tie triggered his Purgatory Samsara Method directly.

Zhang Tie’s two chakras immediately drew Han Zhengfang’s water chakra and shattered it like two parts of a huge mill and a merciless grinder...

The moment he triggered it, Zhang Tie had realized that he had made it. In this situation, his secret method could directly act upon on the opposite chakras through the tie between their chakras. The effect was absolutely out of Zhang Tie’s imagination. In this situation, the efficiency of Purgatory Samsara Method could reach dozens of times that of before. It was similar to the difference between steam spinning machine and manual spinning wheel.

Zhang Tie was so thrilled that he quivered all over. He had not imagined about such a terrifying effect after combining Purgatory Samsara Method with the lock of bloody chakras of Bloody Soul Temple.

After succeeding in the first trial, Zhang Tie immediately exerted the Purgatory Samsara Method to the utmost. Like a ferocious beast that bit the blood vessels on the throat of the prey, he spared no chance for Han Zhengfang to launch a counter-attack and escape.

Zhang Tie was very scared about the means of this master of Heavens Reaching Church.

Due to the sudden collapse of his water chakra, Han Zhengfang was immediately severely injured as he spurted out a mouthful of blood at once. At the same time, his protective battle qi also shrunk greatly. Han Zhengfang screamed towards the direction of Zhang Tie at his full efforts with a terrified look as if he had seen a ghost, “Purgatory Samsama...”

Han Zhengfang could never imagine that the guy who already fell into his trap and was shackled by his lock of bloody chakras could grasp the secret method of Purgatory Samsara Method and trigger it in this situation. Even the alchemist demon had not heard about such a talent.

However, Han Zhengfang didn’t have time to be amazed anymore. The moment Zhang Tie triggered his Purgatory Samsara Method, the situations between them was utterly reversed. The Purgatory Samsara Method not only shattered his chakras but also completely froze his spiritual energy.

In legends, the real purgatory was filled with magma and flames; at this moment, Han Zhengfang was in the realm purgatory.

After shattering and absorbing Han Zhengfang's water chakra, Zhang Tie started to shatter his earth chakra...

Han Zhengfang didn't know that Zhang Tie couldn't even stop it. As long as the Purgatory Samsara Method and the secret skill of Bloody Soul Temple combined with each other, the effect was as berserk as a buffalo that had just rushed out of the lair...

When his earth chakra was shattered, Han Zhengfang's protective battle qi was collapsed. He had been fully used up. Before he uttered a sound, he had been burned into ashes by billions of tons' high-temperature magma.

This magma sea became the graveyard of Han Zhengfang; instead of Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie forcefully swam over there and caught that token. Closely after that, he teleported the token into Castle of Black Iron.

Soon after he teleported the token into Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie had felt dark in his eyes as he spurted out another mouthful of blood. As his protective battle qi was almost collapsed, Zhang Tie couldn't bear such a desperate situation anymore. He had long been severely injured. Therefore, Zhang Tie targeted that arch door in his mind sea and entered Castle of Black Iron

After entering Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie saw the palace tree, the small tree and the familiar and concerned face of Heller...

"I finally survived back..." Zhang Tie revealed a faint smile. Closely after that, he felt dark in his mind like having shaken off a heavy burden before falling down...

Before he passed out, Zhang Tie heard Edward and his three servants' exclamations...

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On the evening of November 15th, the 903rd year of Black Iron Calendar, Xuanyuan Hill was in chaos. After a few hours, bloody figures wreaked havoc in 78 provinces of Taixia Country. As a result, the entire Taixia Country was covered with battle flames and smokes. From then on, Taixia country was involved in the 3rd holy war between humans and demons in an all-round manner...

Chapter 1173: A New Start

Castle of Black Iron was the ultimate shelter that Zhang Tie prepared for his family members and friends, also the resting place of Zhang Tie himself!

This time, Zhang Tie fell asleep 4 days.

Sleep was the best way for Zhang Tie to recover his injuries and vitality. Additionally, when he was in deep sleep, Heller fed him a vial of senior recovery medicament. When Zhang Tie woke up 4 days later, he had completely recovered his injuries and vitality.

After waking up, Zhang Tie felt completely relaxed instead of being thrilled. He had not been such relaxed for a long time.

Lying on the big bed of his own room in Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie felt returning to the past. In the past, the holy war had not broken out yet. His life in Blackhot City was tranquil and peaceful. Each weekend, his mom would let him have a lie-in on the bed in his own attic. Therefore, Zhang Tie had been used to linger in his bed in the morning of each Saturday and Sunday.

In winter, he would stay in his warm quilt lazily. In summer, the warm sunshine would cast onto his butt through the window of the attic. Each weekend, Zhang Tie would have a pretty good sleep. He would not get up until he smelt the fragrant breakfast that his mom prepared or heard his belly coo or couldn't hold his urine...

The previous insipid life felt pretty happy now.

After killing Han Zhengfang, the top enemy of Zhang Tie and Huaiyuan Palace, Zhang Tie became relaxed at once. He didn't have any concern anymore. What was more, after experiencing this hardship, Zhang Tie grew more mature.

Han Zhengfang was the first shadow knight that Zhang Tie had killed! It was a milestone for Zhang Tie. After getting the invitation card, Zhang Tie came to Xuanyuan Hill to set a plot; after that, he lit the fuse at the critical moment; finally, he had a close combat with Han Zhengfang. Zhang Tie didn't just have a fight and gnosis about battle realm; instead, he received an all-round baptism and metamorphosis including intelligence, insight, ability and means. After such a baptism and metamorphosis, the former sapling was growing into an unshakable towering tree.

Zhang Tie manipulated the entire process. All the results had met his anticipations—the finance minister of Taixia Country was dead; his identity as the master of Heavens Reaching Church was exposed; Han Clan was uprooted; Meng Shidao was used by him; the Gobbling Party became antagonistic against the Heavens Reaching Church. The local and central patterns of Taixia Country would have great changes—he accomplished all this with his own efforts. He might be a bit lucky; whatever, it was already a big success.

After lingering in the bed and recalling the precious happy and tranquil days for a short while, Zhang Tie felt a bit hungry. Smacking his lips, Zhang Tie got up and came to one window of his room.

Zhang Tie's room was in the highest location of the palace tree. Through the windows of his room, he could easily overlook the entire Immortal Mountain and the habitation in the far.

The sky of Castle of Black Iron was a bit dim. However, the dim colorful clouds in the eastern sky had revealed glowing halos. There was no sun inside Castle of Black Iron. the halos being similar to sunglow referred to the morning of Castle of Black Iron. Such a scene also indicated the start of a new day in Taixia Country.

Some smokes rose in the horizon in the far, bringing a special vitality to Castle of Black Iron. People in Castle of Black Iron started a new day.

The smokes covered the villages being surrounded by hills and woods. A large area of land on the plain near the villages had been reclaimed. People had built crisscrossed water channels near the riverside so as to provide those farming lands with abundant water.

With lotus-flower eyes, Zhang Tie could see some kids running and frolicking on the ridges of those farming lands jubilantly in the early morning. Many teenagers were practicing various battle skills seriously under the guidance of some elders on the squares in the middle of those villages. Zhang Tie had people deliver those secret methods to them. In Zhang Tie's opinion, the battle skills of those teenagers even their instructors had many loopholes; however, it was already something for commoners.

'Although I couldn't enjoy such a happiness and tranquility anymore, I could grant this happiness and tranquility to others and watch them enjoy it.' Zhang Tie became reassured when he thought in this way.

When it broke completely, the bell ring from the hierons started to resonate among these villages. After hearing the bell rings, all the people gathered in the hierons or the squares near the hierons in the villages, male or female, old or young, including those kids who were having fun and those teenagers who were taking rest after their exercises.

At this moment, some people in white robes walked out of the hierons and hosted a very religious rite. Closely after that, those people in white robes knelt down in front of the hierons and started to pray by putting their palms together and muttering prayers devoutly, followed by all the others.

Of course, the deity being consecrated in the hierons was Zhang Tie's sculpture...

At the sight of this, Zhang Tie touched his nose as he revealed a self-deprecating smile. Closely after that, he moved his eyes away from them.

His Chaos had been taken off by Heller and his three servants. The clothes inside the Chaos had not been taken off. There were still blood stains on his clothes. Heller and the other three servants knew Zhang Tie's custom. As Zhang Tie was not suitable to be served by some men, they didn't change clothes for him during the past 4 days.

It was indeed not comfortable without the care of women. However, Zhang Tie refused the suggestion of Heller and the three servants. Because Zhang Tie felt that it would be more troublesome if he let people send women onto the Immortal Mountain. Therefore, he just tried to look after himself.

After taking off his clothes, he took a bath in his room. After that, he put on a set of clean clothes.

After doing all this, Zhang Tie felt much better at the sight of the handsome teenager in the mirror. He pulled his face against the mirror before leaving his room.

Heller, Edward, Agan, Aziz had long been waiting for him outside his door respectfully.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, the four people revealed a smile at the same time. Heller's smile was still implicit and elegant with a sincere pleasure in a dignified and perfect way. Zhang Tie felt that each facial expression and movement of Heller could be taken as an imperial etiquette training mode. However, sparkling tears started to well up their eyes out of excitement.

“What’s wrong?” Zhang Tie asked Agan in front of him.

“It’s a great pleasure for us to see you wake up, Castle Lord. Heller told us that Castle Lord has made a fruitful harvest this time after killing a powerful enemy. Castle of Black Iron will have a lot of changes. But Castle Lord could barely come back...” Agan said while wiping his tears. At the same time, Edward and Aziz nodded forcefully.

Watching the sincere looks of Agan, Aziz and Edward, Zhang Tie felt a bit warm and touched. ‘I remember that Heller told me that I would have a surprise in Castle of Black Iron. Did I really get some rarities from Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong this time?’ Zhang Tie thought inside. However, he didn’t ask Heller about it right away; instead, he told Agan, Aziz and Edward genially, “Well, don’t cry. I just met a bit danger this time. However, I’ve gained a narrow success. I will not meet the same danger later on. Therefore, you don’t need to worry about me anymore. And oh, I’ve not tasted your food for a long time. I’m so hungry!”

“I’ve prepared the breakfast for you, Castle Lord. It’s all your favorite food!” Edward said.

“Thank you so much!” Zhang Tie threw a deep glance at Edward. Edward indeed helped Zhang Tie a lot in Castle of Black Iron.

“It’s my honor!” Edward slightly bowed towards Zhang Tie.

Closely after that, Zhang Tie followed Edward into the dining hall of the palace tree.

As Zhang Tie had not eaten food for a few days and had consumed too much physical strength this time, Zhang Tie was starving this time. He needed some food to make him full. No medicament could replace food.

On the long dining table being covered with a piece of snow-white cloth, there were delicate tableware and various food, including the roasted flesh of huge deep-sea monster, steak with nectar, cheese, sausages, honey tea, various bread, nuts, dozens of fruits and juices and two spirits. This food could feed 10 tough men; however, it was only available to Zhang Tie himself. How luxurious it was!

Heller was directing Edward, Aziz and Agan to serve Zhang Tie from one step behind him.

It took Zhang Tie 1 hour to finish his breakfast, leaving the greater part of the food. Watching Zhang Tie wiping his mouth using a napkin, Heller clapped his hands while another one entered the dining hall.

After coming to Zhang Tie’s front, that one immediately knelt down and kowtowed three times loudly towards Zhang Tie, “It’s this old slave’s honor to see master!”

Chapter 1174: Old Slave Zhang Gui

‘The familiar qi; the strange face of Zhang Tie became dumbfounded!

Zhang Tie was familiar with the qi of this man who kowtowed towards him and called him master. It was the qi of the very earth knight that he captured from the airboat of Han Yuanhong. However, this man’s look had changed greatly as if it had been disguised. His original face was thin and long; however, it turned round. He looked like an old neighboring man. ‘But why did he call himself this old slave?’

"Previously, this old slave was misled into the evil way and almost lost my life. Thanks to you, my master, this old slave gained a chance to be a good man. This old slave has already understood the universal laws and fortunes. You almost gave this old slave a new life. This old slave might not pay you back for the rest of my life..." The man explained while dropping off tears out of his control.

Zhang Tie listened to his explanation in a dumbfounded look as if he was dreaming. He threw a glance at Heller. Heller blinked his eyes to Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie understood that it was the meritorious service of Heller. 'Now that Heller has already handed this man to me, he must be reliable. Additionally, an earth-knight level old slave would indeed help me a lot. It's an earth knight. Several years ago, Zhang Tie could not even imagine that he would have an earth-knight level slave.

"Ahem...ahem..." Zhang Tie pretended to cough twice as he rubbed his face and said in a perfunctory manner, "Erm...let the bygones be bygones. Hopefully, you could follow my orders in the future!"

"Thanks, master, this old slave is called Xiao Longfei. This name is too sinful. From then on, Xiao Longfei has died, this old slave has gained a new life. Please gift another name to this old slave, master!"

"My surname is Zhang, you will follow my family name. From now on, you're Zhang...Zhang Gui, which means rich!"

Honestly, the name Zhang Gui was really ordinary and extremely vulgar. However, after hearing this name, the one kneeling down in front of him was very happy and solemn as if he had accomplished a religious rite of gaining a new birth. He seriously kowtowed towards Zhang Tie three times once again before saying, "Thanks for the name, master. From now on, this old slave is Zhang Gui!"

"Alright, stand up!" Besides the enemy that was under his foot, Zhang Tie was really not used to see someone kneeling down in front of him. "From then on, no need to kowtow in front of me anymore!"

"Yes, master!" Zhang Gui stood up. Heller waved his hand towards him. Zhang Gui then left the dining hall in a respectful way.

After Zhang Gui left, Zhang Tie turned around and asked Heller, "What happened to him? Did you control him by a secret method?"

Heller shrugged as he replied innocently, "Castle Lord, do you think that one could only be controlled by a secret method? So many people would like to rebel with ambitious ones regardless of the lives of their wives and children; so many people would like have their family members take drugs and commit suicide with them after joining a heresy; so many people in Ice and Snow Wilderness treat Castle Lord as their deity. Do you think that they are also under the control of secret methods?"

"Can you explain it in details?"

"I just talked with him for a few times and showed him the marvelous Castle of Black Iron. After that, he surrendered to Castle Lord completely. As Castle Lord came back with the belongings of Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong, after knowing that Han Clan was uprooted by Castle Lord, this man realized that it's his greatest honor to follow Castle Lord. The greatest secret method is to control one's heart. You could control one's heart in many means. Someone one would be convinced by some words. As long as you help him find the truth and belief in his life, he would prostrate himself in worship sincerely."

Heller put it simply; however, his words still reminded Zhang Tie of those believers being brainwashed by false pastors in churches and those unsophisticated youths who believed that they could make a fortune after joining a pyramid marketing organization. 'Heller could definitely brainwash them much more effectively than those false pastors and instructors.'

"Has he been disguised?"

"Disguising is temporary. You could reach the same effect only by using some medicine or making an orthopedic operation; additionally, it's permanent!"

"What about his battle skills and secret methods? Won't they expose his original identity and the relationship between him and Heavens Reaching Church?"

"He cultivates a viscount-level secret method. In the beginning, he was just a member of a small sect in Taixia Country. The small sect has long disbanded. After promoting to a knight, he sought refuge with Han Zhengfang. The viscount-level secret method that he cultivates has lasted for a long time in a large range in Taixia Country. More than one sect and clan have such a secret method. Therefore, nobody could recognize his original identity from the secret method that he cultivates. Additionally, when in Heavens Reaching Church, he just served Han Clan and was always low-key. He even gained some secret methods from Han Clan. Few people know him!" Heller replied.

"Is it okay for him to stay in Castle of Black Iron?"

"No problem. He would not leak your secrets at any time, Castle Lord. Although I've not controlled him using a secret method, I've made a precaution on him. When in need, he would blow up!"

Zhang Tie became reassured, 'Heller is always considerate.' Zhang Tie wanted to bring Zhang Gui out of Castle of Black Iron; therefore, he had to know some details. If he just kept such an earth knight in Castle of Black Iron, it would be too wasteful.

"Is that the surprise that you referred to?"

"It's just a small part. The real surprise is in the parlor of the palace tree!" Heller smiled, "Castle Lord, you need to review your achievement!"

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It took Zhang Tie less than 1 minute to arrive at the parlor of the palace tree from the dining hall. Although Zhang Tie was curious about that, he still walked casually and calmly towards there. He didn't need to be anxious anymore. After all, the booties were in Castle of Black Iron and would not escape away themselves. He had already slept 4 days; therefore, he didn't need to save such a few seconds.

That item was higher than 2 m. It was a huge polyhedral crystal. Floating in the parlor of the palace tree quietly, it was giving out the brilliance and constantly changing its color like a rainbow. Like huge shadowy, colorful lamps on the stage, it made the entire lobby of the palace tree colorful and dreamlike.

The entire lobby was filled with surging four elements.

"A piece of God's Star!" At the sight of this dreamlike crystal floating in the air, Zhang Tie couldn't stand crying out.

It was too shocking. Zhang Tie had not imagined that the surprise referred to a piece of God's Star. This piece was much larger than that one he saw in Ice and Snow Wilderness; additionally, it had different colors. Of course, it had different functions.

Being thrilled, a possibility occurred to Zhang Tie's mind, 'Was that piece of God's Star which was going to be auctioned in Gold and Power Market purchased by Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong?'

Zhang Tie looked at Heller. Heller nodded towards him before saying, "This piece of God's Star indeed comes from the space-teleportation equipment of Han Yuanhong!"

'No wonder few people could see this piece of God's Star since the beginning.' Zhang Tie immediately figured out the reason. As the master and bright golden master of Gold and Power Market respectively, Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong were both ambitious. Of course, when they met the piece of God's Star, they would get it in any way. Han Clan was qualified to gain it. How could the original owner of this piece of God's Star withstand the allure and power of Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong?

Zhang Tie closed his eyes as he immediately injected his spiritual energy into the piece of God's Star.

Previously, Castle of Black Iron was isolated from the Elements Realm. Zhang Tie could not absorb elements from Elements Realm in Castle of Black Iron. If he wanted to cultivate, he had to absorb element crystals. However, with the existence of this piece of God's Star, Zhang Tie could feel that the entire lobby of the palace tree was filled with surging elements ubiquitous.

After sensing it for a short while, Zhang Tie opened his eyes with a bit doubt in his eyes. Besides Gold and Power Law, each top sect of Taixia Country should at least have a piece of God's Star that could gather a single element and act upon knights effectively. That piece of God's Star in Ice and Snow Wilderness could gather 4 elements into the source of berserk energy; however, this one could form a sea of 4 elements instead of a single one. Although the 4 elements were plentiful, they were very berserk and couldn't be controlled easily. As for the cultivation of knights, this piece of God's Star was definitely more effective than an ordinary elements gathering matrix. However, the elements just mixed with each other instead of being separated. Therefore, the effect of this piece of God's Star would be sharply reduced; perhaps, this was the very reason that the clan which owned this piece of God's Star would like to sell it in terms of the auction.

'Whatever, better than nothing. At least I could continue my cultivation in Castle of Black Iron without elements crystal.'

"Castle Lord, are you thinking about cultivating with this piece of God's Star in Castle of Black Iron in the future?" Heller asked as if he had already known what Zhang Tie was thinking about.

Zhang Tie nodded, "Right, I was thinking about that. This piece of God's Star is indeed a great achievement!"

"If Castle Lord really thinks so, I think you could not make full use of this piece of God's Star. It would be wasteful if you just cultivated with it!" Heller said seriously.

Chapter 1175: Elements Tunnel

“Isn’t the piece of God’s Star used for cultivation?” Zhang Tie asked out of amazement.

“It is for knights!” Heller said in a calm look, “However, in Castle of Black Iron, the piece of God’s Star could have another purpose!”

“What purpose?”

“If Pool of Chaos could devour and integrate with the piece of God’s Star, the Pool of Chaos could advance to a higher level. The entire Castle of Black Iron would have a great change by then!”

‘Advance the Pool of Chaos?’ Zhang Tie became stunned by Heller’s words as he had not imagined that the Pool of Chaos could advance to a higher level. He became interested in it right away, “How? Go ahead!”

“Castle of Black Iron is an independent world. This world is not connected to the Elements Realm. Castle Lord, you must know this!”

“Yes, I know!”

“Pool of Chaos could convert everything into the basic energy, which is what Castle of Black Iron’s expansion relies upon!”

Zhang Tie nodded once again.

“Castle Lord could connect Castle of Black Iron with the Elements Realm using the piece of God’s Star as an element transfer tunnel. After devouring and integrating with the piece of God’s Star, the Pool of Chaos could automatically and constantly withdraw elements from the Elements Realm and convert the elements from the Elements Realm into the basic energy for the expansion of Castle of Black Iron!”

‘Automatically? Constantly?’ The two words were captured by Zhang Tie sensitively. After being silent for a second, Zhang Tie asked carefully, “You mean...if the Pool of Chaos could devour and integrate with this piece of God’s Star, it’s equal to connecting a free pipe between the Elements Realm and Castle of Black Iron. Elements could constantly flow into Pool of Chaos from Elements Realm for the expansion of Castle of Black Iron!”

“It’s a vivid metaphor, Castle Lord!” Heller nodded.

Zhang Tie tried to become reassured as he took in a deep breath and asked, “After integrating with this piece of God’s Star, how many enemies could the Pool of Chaos withdraw from the Elements Realm per day? How large the area of land could these energies be converted to for Castle of Black Iron?”

“This is a constant process. Therefore, its efficiency is very high. After integrating with this piece of God’s Star, the Pool of Chaos in Castle of Black Iron could convert the basic energy that it withdraws from the Elements Realm to about 20 square miles’ land a day!

“Won’t such constant withdrawal affect the Elements Realm?”

Heller couldn’t help laughing as he looked at Zhang Tie seriously and said, “Castle Lord, the entire world that you’re in, including the sun, moons and stars in the sky, the planets, the entire material universe that commoners could sense and see, including the bright substances and dark substances in the universe are composed of elements in the Elements Realm according to different rules. How large is this

planet? How large is this galaxy? How large is this universe? As for the Elements Realm, even if Castle of Black Iron becomes 100 times even 10,000 times larger than the entire Eastern Continent one day, the bit loss of the elements is just a drop of water in the ocean; additionally, the Elements Realm and the Material Realm could balance. Implies with the law of balance. No matter what, Castle of Black Iron could not influence the balance between the Elements Realm and the Material Realm.”

“After the Pool of Chaos devours and integrates with the piece of God’s Star, could I cultivate in Castle of Black Iron using the piece of God’s Star?”

“You could as long as you’re near the Pool of Chaos. Some elements would spill out of the Pool of Chaos automatically. Of course, the densities of those elements could not match that of the elements that were gathered by this piece of God’s Star. It might be equal to that of elements which could be sensed by knights in the Physical Realm without the help of the elements gathering matrix. Common knights could accept such a cultivation environment; however, it’s too weak for Castle Lord!”

“How long will the Pool of Chaos take to integrate with the piece of God’s Star?”

“Very fast, within 1 hour!”

Zhang Tie immediately sprung up. Closely after that, he pulled Heller’s arm and walked towards the gate of the palace tree before saying, “Let’s go. Right now. What are we waiting for?”

Zhang Tie remembered how difficult it was for him to pour some slags into Castle of Black Iron when he attended the survival training in Wild Wolf Valley. It was like smuggling. At that time, he would smell stinky and be extremely fatigued everyday only for increasing a bit basic energy for Castle of Black Iron. After promoting to a knight, even though he could open the siphon tunnel of Castle of Black Iron to absorb seawater at a fast speed, the basic energy of seawater could only be available for expanding the terrain of Castle of Black Iron.

Being limited to the supply of basic energy, the space of Castle of Black Iron was still small until now. Sometimes, Zhang Tie even felt that he had wasted such a treasure. If not revenge Han Clan, after returning to Youzhou Province, Zhang Tie even planned to absorb some more water from the ocean.

The appearance of this piece of God’s Star almost broke through the bottleneck of the expansion of Castle of Black Iron due to insufficient basic energy storage. As a result, Zhang Tie could have a great amount of basic energy storage which could be converted to about 20 square miles’ land a day. Although 20 square miles were not a big figure; it would become considerable day by day.

Given the great consumption of elements to form a chakra of the emperor-level secret method, Zhang Tie had long determined to use Purgatory Samsara Method to form his chakras. He even felt it a bit slow to absorb element crystals now. Of course, he ignored the weak effect of the piece of God’s Star.

Zhang Tie had long given up absorbing element crystals from the Elements Realm. Now that it was available to absorb elements from the Elements Realm in Castle of Black Iron now, even if Zhang Tie ignored it, the others might use it in the future. Zhang Tie thought that this cultivation method could at least help those knights in Castle of Black Iron promote to higher levels if there was one day when he teleported his family members to Castle of Black Iron.

'If this piece of God's Star could meet the possible demand for cultivation in Castle of Black Iron and break the bottleneck of the insufficient basic energy in Castle of Black Iron, why not have the Pool of Chaos devour and integrate with it?'

Zhang Tie wanted it right away.

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A few meters away from the palace tree, there was a stone path leading to the back of the mountain. After walking down the stairs, Zhang Tie came to the side of the Pool of Chaos.

The former Pool of Chaos had already become the Abyss of Chaos, a part of the Immortal Mountain. However, in Zhang Tie's mind, this Abyss of Chaos was always the Heavenly No. 1 garbage disposal plant.

The platform where Zhang Tie accepted the baptism of the Heavenly Waterfall was still on the side of the Abyss of Chaos. However, after a few years, that platform had been covered with mosses. There were some marks on the platform—some sword traces and the marks of his butt. The beech trees on the side of that platform also grew high and sturdy. The shades of the beech trees covered a small half of that platform. If it was a hot day, this place could become a nice place to prevent from sunstroke.

The nestle of the little black beetle was on the cliff of the Abyss of Chaos. After sensing that Zhang Tie was back, the little black beetle immediately flew out of the nestle and flew around Zhang Tie jubilantly. Soon after that, a sonic boom drifted from the sky while an extremely imposing thunder hawk descended as fast as a lightning bolt. The strong wind brought by the wings of the thunder hawk directly blew away the little black beetle, sending it rolling far away.

The thunder hawk was almost as tall as Zhang Tie. It kept rubbing its head against Zhang Tie's arm like a spoiled baby.

After braking itself, the little black beetle flew back stubbornly once again. It flew around the thunder hawk for a short while as if it was protesting how the thunder hawk maltreated him. However, the thunder hawk ignored it in a distant look. Finally, the little black thing directly fell onto Zhang Tie's hair as it wanted to find back its position. The thunder hawk threw a glare at it as it uttered a muffled-thunder like sound. Closely after that, it stretched out its neck and wanted to peck the beetle. The little black thing was so scared that it flew away at once.

Insects were born to be afraid of birds, even though the little black beetle was not ordinary; however, the thunder hawk was not an ordinary bird either.

The scene that the little black thing strove for Zhang Tie's favor with the thunder hawk was very interesting. At the sight of it, Zhang Tie burst out into laughter. He stretched out his hand to stroke the metallic, smooth and tidy feathers on the neck of the thunder hawk as he called back the little black thing onto his collar before saying, "It's fine; it's fine. You two are both my good partners. Little Thunder, you're large, don't bully Little Black. When you were not here these years, Little Black had helped me a lot."

The thunder hawk squawked in a dissatisfied way, which meant, "If I'm here, I could definitely help you more." The little black beetle raised its shell in a pleasant way which meant that "I could fly too".

After soothing the two little things, Zhang Tie waved his hand towards Heller before saying, "Let's start. I want to see how the Pool of Chaos devours and integrates with the piece of God's Star!"

Heller just revealed a smile while the piece of God's Star as colorful as rainbow behind him immediately flew into the Abyss of Chaos and was devoured by the black mist in the Abyss of Chaos.

The black mist and the black silt-like chaos beneath the mist of the Abyss of Chaos immediately rolled and formed a huge swirl. When the swirl rotated, the black Abyss of Chaos immediately gave out colorful brilliance...

Chapter 1176: Spatial Change

It only took the Abyss of Chaos less than 1 hour to devour and integrate with the piece of God's Star as was told by Heller. Actually, it was at most 40 minutes. When a dreamlike light curtain like polar light twisted and replaced the original black mist that covered the Abyss of Chaos, the entire process came to an end.

As a result, besides being black, the original Pool of Chaos which was as black as hundreds of millions of years old swamp was also covered with light bands in yellow, blue, cyan and red and swirls in different sizes. Colorful lights were spilling out of the Pool of Chaos while massive elements were surging into the Pool of Chaos like a great river or an ocean. The 4 elements were constantly devoured and converted into the basic energy storage of Castle of Black Iron by the Pool of Chaos.

The Abyss of Chaos could devour too many elements per second. Therefore, some fine particles of elements escaped out of the Abyss of Chaos and loomed in the air. Numerous floating light spots were flying around the Abyss of Chaos like colorful fireflies. As a result, the lifeless Abyss of Chaos became vigorous and dreamlike. Zhang Tie was really stunned by this scene.

It was dreamlike and shocking even in the daytime. In the evening, the scene here would be more romantic and brilliant.

After sensing the 4 elements, the little black beetle on Zhang Tie's collar flew off at once out of ecstasy. After flying around Zhang Tie for a short while, it hurriedly chased after those looming light spots of 4 elements in the air. After that, it rapidly flew back into his nestle on the cliff of Abyss of Chaos. The little beetle immediately felt that its nestle became a sea-view mansion.

"Is it still the Abyss of Chaos?" Zhang Tie asked Heller.

Heller replied with a smile, "After devouring a piece of God's Star, this Abyss of Chaos has already evolved once, Castle Lord could rename it!"

After naming an earth knight, Zhang Tie said without any hesitation, "Just call it Abyss of Elements from then on!"

Zhang Tie was so happy that he zoomed in the window of the basic attributes of Castle of Black Iron which he had not checked for a long time.

After expanding the terrain and space of Castle of Black Iron for a few times, the contents in the window of basic attributes of Castle of Black Iron had been adapted to Zhang Tie's recognition and demands much better in a more intelligent and human-friendlier way.

Zhang Tie didn't know whether they were adjusted by Heller on purpose. For instance, the units of length and distance had been changed to "meter" and "kilometer" which were universally adopted by humans in that times.

Additionally, the items "length" and "width" also turned into "land area" and "average thickness of crust", which sounded more three-dimensional and plentiful.

Because of these changes, the window of basic attributes of Castle of Black Iron in front of Zhang Tie looked a bit fresher.

Castle of Black Iron

——Land area: 2500 square miles

——Average crustal thickness: 200 m

——Aura value: 86928703

——Merit value: 172587664

——Basic energy storage: 3985210

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Zhang Tie had not checked the window of basic attributes of Castle of Black Iron for a long time. At the sight of it, Zhang Tie found that the aura value of Castle of Black Iron had already reached over 80 million points while his merit value had reached 150,000,000 points. Of course, the basic energy storage of Castle of Black Iron was still the least since last large-scale terrain and space renovation as he didn't spare any time to increase the basic energy storage of Castle of Black Iron during the past years.

However, what made Zhang Tie reassured was that figure of the basic energy storage started to rise rapidly like that on the water meter. It indicated that Castle of Black Iron had been able to gain basic energy from Elements Realm constantly.

Zhang Tie then clicked the logs of merit value.

——Eliminating the evil doers and encourage people to do good is the biggest mercy of creator among humans; respect the universal laws and love people is the nearest staircase for laities to return to the heavens; fortunate ones, on your way back to the heavens, please show the mercy of creator across the world so that the gods in the heavens could understand your sincerity; please receive the sincerest pleasure and gratitude from hundreds of billions of living beings; please end the evil souls and dark forces; when you become the light of your own, you will walk on the light for sure as a brilliant road would be spread under your foot.

The above paragraph was on the top of the log about merit value. It still made Zhang Tie hot boiled even now. Below this paragraph, there were concrete logs about merit values.

There were many logs about merit value lately. The front logs were all about setting free hairy shellfish and gulf shrimps which indicated that Paul was still carrying out the task strictly. Behind these logs, Zhang Tie saw the logs about killing Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong.

Zhang Tie clicked the log about killing Han Zhengfang.

——In the midnight of November 16th, the 903rd year of Black Iron Calendar, Castle Lord killed Han Zhengfang the master of Heavens Reaching Church in the magma sea and gained 32358410 merit value points.

‘Over 30 million merit value points?’ Zhang Tie took in a deep breath.

He then read the earlier log.

——On November 15th, the 903rd year of Black Iron Calendar, Castle Lord killed Han Yuanhong the young master of Heavens Reaching Church in Xuanyuan Hill and gained 752,100 merit value points.

The merit value points for killing Han Yuanhong were much smaller than that of Han Zhengfang. It indicated the sharp difference between the two people in positions and abilities. In another word, Han Zhengfang had done greater harm to Taixia Country and made more wicked deeds than his son.

The last log was recorded on November 15th too.

——On November 15th, the 903rd year of Black Iron Calendar, Castle Lord unveiled the plot of Heavens Reaching Church in a secret method of the Great Wilderness Sutra in a wise and brave way and caused a series of chain reactions. As a result, Castle Lord gained 115,870,016 merit value points.

‘After unveiling the real identity of Han Zhengfang in Xuanyuan Hill, I gained over 100 million merit value points? It’s even higher than killing Han Zhengfang?’

Zhang Tie was shocked for quite a while before recovering his composure, ‘If the merit value points that I gained by unveiling the real identity of Han Zhengfang is higher than killing Han Zhengfang himself, does it mean that what I easily did by those swans in Xuanyuan Hill was more influential and meaningful than that I killed Han Zhengfang at the risk of my life? Even though I’ve not killed Han Zhengfang, I’ve also gained over 100 million merit value points only by manifesting the 12 huge words using swans.’

When he thought about this, Zhang Tie moved his eyes onto the paragraph on the top of that log about merit value points. After understanding it for a short while, Zhang Tie closed the window about the basic attributes of Castle of Black Iron only by a click.

Standing beside the Abyss of Elements for a short while silently, Zhang Tie looked at Heller, “Does it mean that the space of Castle of Black Iron could be constantly expanded as long as I could provide enough merit value points?”

“Yes, aura value could be constantly produced by plants in Castle of Black Iron; basic energy could be constantly gained from the Abyss of Elements. As long as Castle Lord has enough merit value points, you could expand the space of Castle of Black Iron constantly. Therefore, if Castle Lord has a long-term plan about expanding Castle of Black Iron, you’d better pay attention to the provision of merit value!”

“Oh, you mentioned that Abyss of Elements could provide 20 square miles’ land for Castle of Black Iron every day. What’s the thickness of the earth’s crust? Is it still 200 m?”

“Not 200 m, but 50,000 m, the minimal depth of crust which is required for producing natural mineral veins and ores in Castle of Black Iron!” Heller continued with a smile, “Castle Lord has really underestimated the power of the combination of this piece of God’s Star and the Abyss of Chaos!”

Zhang Tie immediately remembered what Heller told him when he had Castle of Black Iron form this terrain last time——If you could produce an ocean or a piece of land that covers over 600 square miles and is over 30 miles in thickness as an initial earth crust, Castle of Black Iron might automatically produce one or more natural mineral veins or ores in the process of the formation and renovation of the space and terrain...

“You mean, I might gain one or more ores by expanding the land area of Castle of Black Iron by 600 square miles per month?” Zhang Tie became spirited at once.

“Principally, yes...”

Chapter 1177: Counting the Booties

“Principally yes?” Zhang Tie knew that it was not that easy given the tone of Heller.

“Yes. Castle Lord, you have to know some points!” Heller said calmly, “The daily output of the aura value couldn’t match the basic energy that could be gained by the Abyss of Elements each day. If not include the aura value points that you have accumulated over the past years, the daily aura value increase that could be produced by plants in Castle of Black Iron could only form 0.16 square mile’s land which could contain ores. Unless you expand the current land area of Castle of Black Iron by over 30 times, namely having it reach at least 7,000 square miles while being covered with a wood on its surface could the daily aura value increase match the daily basic energy increase and meet the constantly expansion of the space of Castle of Black Iron. The premise is that Castle Lord has to provide enough merit value points!”

“Besides, Castle Lord needs to know some more tips. First, the ores are produced optionally in the process of the formation of the earth’s surface; 160 square miles’ land is just the minimal requirement for the formation of ores, which are of the lowest qualities. They might even not be formed sometimes. Even though it is a gold ore, don’t expect that you could gain hundreds of tons of gold from it. You could gain at most a few tons of gold from it in the earth on such a scale. The greater land area you could form for a time, the more varieties and amount of ores could you gain.”

“Second, there are merely less than 10 templates about the varieties of ores that could be formed in Castle of Black Iron. The former two kinds are the low-quality iron ores and crystal ores that you gained in Wild Wolf Valley. The other ores originate from those crystal ores and ordinary ores that Castle Lord gained from the Earth-elements Realm casually. If Castle Lord wants more varieties of ores in Castle of Black Iron, you have to provide the corresponding templates. The higher level the ore is, the more aura value and merit value would it require. Additionally, as Castle of Black Iron form ores randomly, even if Castle Lord inputs a great amount of aura value and merit value in forming it, you could not gain high-level ores for sure. The more aura value and merit value you input in, the more possible it will be for you to gain high-quality ores. Additionally, the possibility has an upper limit...”

Whenever Heller “woke up” Zhang Tie, he would become very serious like a set of precise difference engine.

After hearing Heller's words, Zhang Tie indeed knew it much better. However, he didn't give up his thought completely.

"I've purchased plant seeds. But I've not imagined that I could gain a piece of God's Star this time. Therefore, the bottleneck of basic energy storage is solved at once. The insufficiency of aura value that you mentioned just now is indeed a problem; however, it doesn't mean that I couldn't solve it!" Zhang Tie said as he started his multi-tasking ability and gained a figure at once, "The basic energy storage that Castle of Black Iron absorb per month could be used to expand 160 square miles' land in the thickness of 50,000 m. As long as I maintain the current earth thickness of 200 m, I could expand 160,000 square miles' land per month. Is that right?"

"Yes!"

"Can't the current aura value and merit value in Castle of Black Iron meet such an expansion one month later?"

"Castle Lord, your merit value is enough for it; however, even one month later, the aura value in Castle of Black Iron could only meet the expansion of about 9,000 square miles' land!"

"Well, just 9,000 square miles' land!" Zhang Tie forcefully waved his hand as he determined his mind in a split second. He added, "Whatever, there're only a few people in Castle of Black Iron. They don't pose a great demand for ores. Let's make a thin pie first. After that, we will spread plant seeds over it. We only need to make the increase in daily aura value match the increase in daily basic energy as fast as possible and constantly meet the expansion of Castle of Black Iron. After solving this problem, I will further solve the provision of merit value!"

"Castle Lord, do you plan to expand and improve Castle of Black Iron as fast as possible in the future?"

"Yup. After this event in Xuanyuan Hill, I'm afraid that Taixia Country would be increasingly chaotic. I might have to live in here with my family members and those people that I could save. Therefore, I should make some preparation now!"

Zhang Tie then negotiated with Heller about the details of the expansion of Castle of Black Iron 1 month later beside the Abyss of Elements. After the negotiation, Zhang Tie suddenly thought about something as he asked Heller, "Oh, Han Yuanhong and Han Zhengfang should not only carry one piece of God's Star. I saw a tan token when Han Zhengfang died..."

"They indeed carried many more items. Castle Lord makes unimaginable achievement this time. Those items are in the treasure bank of the palace tree. Castle Lord, you should review them by yourself. You might have a surprise!" Heller said with a meaningful look.

"The last surprise that Heller mentioned referred to the piece of God's Star, what about this one?"

Zhang Tie's curiosity was aroused by Heller at once. He patted the thunder hawk to have it fly off before saying, "If you say so, I have to count my booties!"

"I think Castle Lord will not be disappointed!" Heller replied with a smile.

After throwing another glance at the Abyss of Elements in front of him, Zhang Tie left...

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A few minutes later, Heller and Zhang Tie returned to the lobby of the palace tree. Zhang Tie looked around the small tree before entering it.

This fruit of brilliance almost became dark as if it could absorb the surrounding light. In the dark, the fruit contained a bizarre spiral light band which looked like a galaxy in the universe. Zhang Tie had not seen such a fruit of brilliance; however, he could sense the terrifying spiritual energy in this fruit of brilliance, which was far greater than that of any fruit of brilliance that he had ever taken.

There were 3 fruits of judgment on the side of this fruit of brilliance.

Zhang Tie knew that these fruits of judgment were of the same skill——body-separation skill. At the sight of the three fruits of judgment, Zhang Tie had known that his body-separation skill would advance to a super level from preliminary level. After taking the 3 fruits, the final fruit of judgment would advance his body-separation skill to master-level.

A red and black fruit of bloodline was hiding in the dense leaves of the small tree in the shape of a bizarre 16-side crystal gem. He could almost not discover it if he didn't look at it carefully. Like that pitch-dark fruit of brilliance, this fruit of bloodline also manifested something special. This one was larger than the former ones; colorful lights were flashing by inside the fruit of bloodline now and then.

'When I killed Old Monster Qi, I've already gained a fruit of bloodline, which contained 1784 points of bloodline energy. I spent 67 points in activating a fundamental "spear affinity". There are still 1717 points of bloodline energy left. This fruit of bloodline definitely carries much more bloodline energy points than the former one. I could gain 1784 points of bloodline energy by killing an earth knight when I was a black iron knight. This time, after killing a shadow knight as an earth knight, I should at least gain two more times bloodline energy than the last time.

Besides these fruits, there were two more fruits of redemption on the small tree.

Watching those bizarre fruits, Zhang Tie knew that he had made a fortune. After taking these fruits, his overall strength would definitely rise greatly once again, as the fruit of brilliance, the fruit of bloodline and the 3 fruits of judgment were all of the unusual effects.

'Besides these fruits, I've not fully converted the water elements that I gained from Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong into my own chakra.'

Zhang Tie revealed a brilliant smile. He was not anxious about taking them right now; instead, after circling around the small tree and counting those fruits, he left the small tree and followed Heller into the treasure bank of the palace tree.

Zhang Tie's treasure bank was at the bottom of the palace tree. The entire treasure bank covered about 60,000 square meters and was higher than 50 m. There was a golden fluorite crystal lamp in each a few meters, which illuminated the entire treasure bank. The entire treasure bank was divided into 4 regions. Each region was filled with various rarities that Zhang Tie plundered from subcontinents and continents. If a commoner entered the treasure bank for the first time, he might be thrilled too much and have a heart attack at the sight of so many treasures. It was like the legendary paradise where was covered with treasures.

Precious metals such as gold and silver were the most ordinary items in the treasure bank. Zhang Tie didn't pack gold in crates, but in piles like the piles of wheat straws on the threshing grounds in rural areas. Each pile of gold was about 4-5 m high like a golden Mongolian yurt. The moment one entered the treasure bank, he would see dozens of rows of tidy golden Mongolian yurts extending all the way towards far...

Chapter 1178: Bloody Soul Sutra

The treasure bank contained all the wealth that Zhang Tie plundered from the 18 Three-eye Association clans in Waii Subcontinent, which were robbed by the latter from the northern countries in Waii Subcontinent.

Zhang Tie didn't feel like counting the value of the gold and silver in the treasure bank. He had been numb about them. The largest region of the treasure bank was used to store these gold. There were over 300,000 tons of silver, all of which were put in the underground warehouse as they were less valuable than gold.

As for the other 3 regions in the treasure bank, the second region was used to store other precious metals, gems and top-quality crystals. Mithril, abyss magical iron, mountain copper, violet gold, ruby, sapphire, cat's eye and diamonds were packed in crates in terms of categories. These treasures covered over 30,000 square meters. In order to store these items, Edward even made high metal racks. Like books in the library, these crates were put on the high metal racks. If a person couldn't fly, he had to use a professional mobile bridge ladder.

The third region of the treasure bank was used to store cultural relics, rare curios, jewelry and artworks of each human age. Many things were strange to Zhang Tie. However, now that those Three-eye Association clans collected these things seriously, he robbed away all of them, including some boring sculptures, oil paints and antiques.

The 4th region of the treasure bank contained what Zhang Tie could use now. They were of the highest value, including more than 10 silver secret items, over 10 secret pearls that had not been opened, some vials of rare medicaments on special medicament racks, some weapons and armors on the armracks and batches of element crystals that were placed in categories.

The footsteps of Zhang Tie and Heller were reverberating around the entire treasure bank. The resources in the treasure bank were as rich as a country; especially those silver secret items and space-teleportation items; even top clans in Taixia Country could not have such luxurious furnishings.

In the beginning, after coming here, Zhang Tie would not feel like leaving anymore. Several times later, he would still feel thrilled. Gradually, Zhang Tie had been used to it. Now, Zhang Tie had been numb about this shiny treasure bank.

When he passed by the 3rd region, he didn't even throw a glance at those priceless items over there. After passing by the 3rd region, Zhang Tie glanced at a golden mountain in front of him for a short while.

The golden mountain was genuinely a mountain of gold coins.

This golden mountain was in the center of the treasure bank. The entire golden mountain was composed of gold coins with various patterns. From a distance, it was like a pyramid made of gold coins. The golden mountain was 40 m in height. After being spread over the ground, they could cover a circular area whose diameter was almost 100 m. There was a huge pit as deep as dozens of meters beneath the golden mountain, which was also filled with gold coins. Under the lamplights, numerous gold coins were sparkling and dazzling.

It was very vulgar to put a pile of gold coins in the treasure bank. However, Zhang Tie stuck to it. Because this was one of his biggest life dreams when he was young. Zhang Tie had tried to sleep and roll on the golden mountain. After gradually losing his interest in it, Zhang Tie discovered that it was actually not comfortable to lie on gold coins; at least it was not as comfortable as lying and rolling on sand and bed. If he rolled too excessively on it, he might be buried by the gold coins that slid off the top of the golden mountain like an avalanche. Although it was not fatal, it was not funny.

When he didn't have such wealth, Zhang Tie thought that he would be very happy with them; however, after owning them, Zhang Tie found that what could make him really happy were not these gold coins but the rice brew that was made by his mom when he was young.

The brilliance and prosperity would finally return to plain and pureness. When one really understood what were the most precious things in his life, he had reached a higher life realm.

'Beloved ones are most precious for people; those who love a person the most is his or her parents.'

At the sight of that golden mountain that he was always dreaming about when he was young, a whim flashed through Zhang Tie's mind, 'After a few more days, I will be able to return home in front of the public.'

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The moment Zhang Tie entered the 4th region, he had noticed the change. There were 3 most evident changes. First, there were 4 more secret weapons here. Second, there were batches of element crystals. Third, there were 3 more space-teleportation items on the rack.

Zhang Tie and Heller walked towards the rack of space-teleportation items.

It was great for any knight to have a space-teleportation item. However, there was one row of space-teleportation items here which looked like jewelry being waited to be selected and waiters to be called by Zhang Tie.

Over 10 space-teleportation items were placed in a row on a table which was covered with green goose down. They were what Zhang Tie had achieved over these years. Some of them were plundered; some were from secret pearls. After a casual glance at them, Zhang Tie had discovered 3 new items. He only had an impression of the tan token that was left after Han Zhengfang disappeared in the magma sea.

However, Heller introduced the other two to him first.

"This finger ring and waistband are two portable space-teleportation items from Han Yuanhong. As the host of Gold and Power Market, Han Yuanhong put a lot of good things in the two space-teleportation items. They contain many anonymous gold checks and documents of drawing rights of 12.8 billion gold coins in total, 43,654 earth-element crystals, 21,250 water-element crystals, 8,500 wind-element

crystals and 4,000 fire-element crystal, over 1,200 vials of medicaments of different categories, some bronze secret-level armors and helmets, two quality high-level elements gathering towers and some food and drinks...”

‘I made a fortune! F*ck!’

The figures reported by Heller shocked Zhang Tie a bit. Although he knew that Han Yuanhong would carry some special items when he escaped, Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could carry so many valuables with him.

‘12.8 billion gold coins. What does that mean? The entire Guan Clan could hardly gather 700 million gold coins in a short period, 12.8 billion gold coins could be used to build over 100 cities or a prosperous prefecture in Taixia Country. Did Han Zhengfang prepare to use such a great amount of gold coins to recover Bloody Soul Temple or establish a country somewhere one day?’

Zhang Tie turned around and looked at the piles of elements crystals. Zhang Tie didn’t know whether other clans could have so many elements crystals, he knew that Huaiyuan Palace didn’t have so many elements crystals. It was Zhang Tie’s first time to see a knight carrying so many elements crystals with him.

Zhang Tie took up that finger ring left by Han Yuanhong casually. It was actually a private seal of Han Yuanhong as Han Yuanhong’s name was sealed on it. After injecting his spiritual energy into it, Zhang Tie found that the area of finger ring was approximately 300 cubic meters, which indicated that it was a top space-teleportation item.

The belt buckle was a dragon head as large as a half palm. Given the two eyes of the dragon head, Zhang Tie knew that it was special. Because the two eyes were made of top-class alchemist’s gems. There were 7 flowers on the gems. Such gems were definitely carved by an alchemist master. What was more, this pair of alchemist’s gems were rare sun gems.

Zhang Tie checked the function of this pair of alchemist’s gems. Closely after that, his face turned strange. ‘F*ck, this pair of alchemist’s sun gems could activate the surging points on man’s kidney and perineum. To put it simply, they could tonify one’s Yang.

“F*ck, the two sons of Han Zhengfang are nothing different.”

Zhang Tie felt a bit disgusted; however, he also knew that this item was not good or bad. In the eyes of those who needed them, this item was priceless, especially that pair of sun gems.

The space inside the belt buckle contained over 1,000 square meters, which indicated that it was also a top space-teleportation item.

After putting down the belt buckle, Zhang Tie took up that token of Han Zhengfang.

This token was almost as long as his palm. Although it looked like being made of copper, it wasn’t. Because the token was heavier than mithril. Besides, there were complex and mysterious grains on the token. Zhang Tie could recognize a sealed word “Decree” in the middle of these grains. The moment Zhang Tie held the token, he had felt being sober while the spiritual energy in his mind sea became tranquil at once. He felt pretty comfortable. ‘This token could lubricate one’s spiritual energy. How marvelous it is!’

Zhang Tie looked at it for a short while before asking, "What's inside?"

"I've not taken the items out of it yet. Castle Lord could review it yourself..."

After hearing Heller's words, Zhang Tie immediately injected his spiritual energy into the space of the token...

The token had a large space. It was the space-teleportation item with the largest space that Zhang Tie had ever seen besides Castle of Black Iron. It was even two times larger than that of Xuanwu Secret Warehouse of Bloody Soul Temple.

A 3-storey pavilion made of violet gold was floating inside the space.

On the pitch-dark metal tablet of the pavilion, there were some bloody words——Bloody Soul Sutra Enlightenment Pavilion.

At the sight of these words, Zhang Tie's heart almost stopped beating in a split second.

However, closely after that, Zhang Tie recovered his composure as he injected his spiritual energy into the sutra enlightenment pavilion.

It was hollow in the 3-storey pavilion. As there was no sundry and redundant decoration inside it besides an eye-catching black round high platform in the middle, a high caisson-shaped dome came into being. Beneath that black high platform, there were 9 steps being embedded with top-class fire-element crystals. There was only one item lying on the high black platform quietly which looked very solemn and eye-catching. As if the entire pavilion was built for that item on the platform.

The moment Zhang Tie injected his spiritual energy into this pavilion, he had been attracted by that item on the high platform in the middle.

Closely after that, Zhang Tie had taken that item out of there. Lying on Zhang Tie's hand, it gave out a mysterious brilliance...

That item was strange as if it was composed of two circles. The item was composed of 4 snakes that devoured each other's tail. Each of the two snakes formed a circle. Zhang Tie found that the 4 snakes were movable and could be dismantled. As long as they were put in the original places, they would bite each other's tail tightly too.

After observing this item for quite a while, Zhang Tie injected his spiritual energy into it; however, he got no response from it.

In Zhang Tie's impression, all the senior items would make a response to him as long as he injected his spiritual energy into them.

'How could Bloody Soul Temple and Han Zhengfang put such a worthless item in the Bloody Soul Sutra Enlightenment Pavilion in such a solemn way?'

Zhang Tie observed this item carefully and found that the 4 snakes being connected with each other formed a pattern with a marvelous meaning. In the Western Continent, it represented the never-ending samsara between life and death both physically and spiritually. The pattern of two snakes biting each other was still preserved in some hospitals in the Western Continent; in Eastern Continent, the pattern

of snakes biting each other could actually be seen everywhere too. However, it changed a bit. Hua people had replaced snakes with fish or dragon and tiger. The more abstract symbol of this pattern was the taichi diagram of Hua people.

Zhang Tie gradually felt that this item was like a headband. Therefore, he directly put it on his head.

Soon after that, the spiritual energy in Zhang Tie's mind sea shocked as the spiritual energy of this item had been connected with that of Zhang Tie, manifesting three unimaginable huge words in Zhang Tie's mind sea——Bloody Soul Sutra!

Chapter 1179: Skyrocketing Overall Strength

On December 1st, the 903rd year of Black Iron Calendar...

At this moment, the sky was a bit white while the ground within 30,000 square miles was covered with rising vapor as usual. As the first ray of sunlight reached the smoking crater, two figures broke out of the gurgling magma. After reaching high above the volcano, they suspended in the sky.

They were Zhang Tie and his old slave Zhang Gui.

It was really a great achievement. After Zhang Tie woke up, it took him 11 days to digest all the booties.

Although it was less than 2 weeks, Zhang Tie had been greatly different than when he followed Han Zhengfang here 2 weeks ago.

2 weeks ago, Zhang Tie formed 38 scales on his water chakra and had just reached 1 change earth knight realm. 2 weeks later, Zhang Tie had already formed 161 scales on his water chakra and entered 4 change earth knight realm.

From 1 change realm to 4 change realm, Zhang Tie had strengthened his ability as an earth knight for 3 times. As a result, his overall strength had been increased by 30%, including his battle strength.

As Zhang Tie killed Han Zhengfang in the deep magma sea, he was severely injured under the great pressure of the magma. After strengthening himself 3 times, the protective force of Zhang Tie's protective battle qi and his anti-striking ability surged once again. Zhang Tie had tried some times during these days and found that his protective battle qi and anti-striking ability had been intensified by about 40%.

Additionally, Zhang Tie's strength, speed and sensing capability of knight's consciousness had increased by 20% to 30%. What Zhang Tie was most interested in was that his battle qi started to become denser, more compact and more powerful. Additionally, his battle qi started to be solid from virtual.

The fruit of judgment enabled the last body-separation skill of his immortal rune to promote to a super realm. The super body-separation skill could never be matched by the preliminary body-separation skill in all aspects.

The latest fruit of bloodline brought Zhang Tie 15,687 points of bloodline energy; plus those of the former fruit of bloodline that he had not used, Zhang Tie could activate 17,404 points of bloodline energy in total.

Because Zhang Tie had not considered which bloodlines to activate with these bloodline energy points, he didn't use them for the time being.

After taking that fruit of brilliance which contained super strong spiritual energy, Zhang Tie could launch an attack by that secret item-level Thor's Hammer with the ability of divine dominator much easily. At this moment, even Zhang Tie himself couldn't imagine how strong was his spiritual energy.

However, compared to all the above improvements, Zhang Tie felt that his largest achievement was the *Bloody Soul Sutra* .

Zhang Tie spent a few days in browsing the contents of the *Bloody Soul Sutra* . The secret methods, knowledge and cultivation system in the *Bloody Soul Sutra* had greatly widened his horizon.

Evidently, it was impossible for Zhang Tie to grasp those great secret methods and battle skills in the *Bloody Soul Sutra* in such a short period. If not enter a secluded cultivation for dozens of years, he could never make any great achievement about this classic. However, after reviewing the former *Soul Forbidden Method* that he had cultivated referring to the original contents in *Bloody Soul Sutra* , Zhang Tie's *Soul Forbidden Method* had entered a wholly new realm.

After browsing *Bloody Soul Sutra*, Zhang Tie realized how lucky he was on that day. Han Zhengfang was a heavenly knight. In the Sincerity Garden of Xuanyuan Hill, Han Zhengfang used a secret skill of *Bloody Soul Sutra* to elevate his level to the semi-sage realm. After escaping away from Xuanyuan Hill, his vitality had been severely weakened, causing Han Zhengfang to directly decline to shadow knight from heavenly knight. Therefore, Zhang Tie got a chance to kill him. If Han Zhengfang's realm didn't decline or after he cultivated for a period, Zhang Tie would not have such a chance anymore. That was God's will.

'The secret skill of lock of bloody chakra is also recorded in the *Bloody Soul Sutra* . This secret method could coordinate with *Purgatory Samsara Method* pretty well. However, it's not easy to practice this secret skill. I couldn't practice it until I promote to a shadow knight. Additionally, one has to suffer a great loss for using this secret skill. If not being flurried, Han Zhengfang would never use this secret skill at the risk of his own life.'

If Zhang Tie was free or in a secluded cultivation, he didn't mind spending 10 years in studying the secret skills in *Bloody Soul Sutra*. However, Zhang Tie knew that it was not the right moment for him to enter a secluded cultivation somewhere. After making big trouble in Xuanyuan Hill 2 weeks ago, Zhang Tie knew that it must have been in a large-scale turmoil outside. Therefore, Zhang Tie could only hurriedly form his water chakra and take a lot of fruits before leaving Castle of Black Iron.

After flying out of the crater, Zhang Tie immediately contacted with his elder brother and Bai Suxian by the remote-sensing crystal.

As it was another space in Castle of Black Iron, the remote-sensing crystal was not available inside it; neither was it available in portable space-teleportation equipment.

Soon after contacting with Zhang Yang his elder brother and confirming the identities in jargons, Zhang Tie had received a lot of words.

"You're not in Xuanyuan Hill?"

"Are you alright these days?"

"I could not contact with you these days, I was worried about you very much!"

"It's chaotic across Taixia Country. Youzhou Province has entered a state of emergency as a whole; Yanghe Prefecture is in the state of siege. Our parents are worried about you so much, but I dare not tell them about your news!"

"I was always sleepless these days as I was afraid that I couldn't receive your news when in deep sleep."

"Whether you had long known that there was going to be a turmoil in Xuanyuan Hill? Otherwise, why did you tell me to leave in advance?"

Zhang Yang's news arrived so fast even before Zhang Tie asked him about the latest situation. Zhang Tie could imagine how anxious was his elder brother, which enabled Zhang Tie to sense a bit brotherhood and warmth.

Of course, Jinwu Business Group would not miss such an important occasion of Treasures Meeting in Xuanyuan Hill, because this was the best stage for expanding the popularity of all-purpose medicament. When Zhang Tie was in Xuanyuan Hill, Zhang Yang was actually in Xuanyuan Hill too. The two people were busy doing their businesses. Zhang Tie didn't go to find Zhang Yang as he was afraid of bringing trouble to Zhang Yang. One day before his revenge, Zhang Tie told Zhang Yang to leave Xuanyuan Hill for Youzhou Province by airboat without landing in any intermediate cities in the way as soon as possible through remote-sensing crystal without telling him about the reason.

Zhang Tie left Xuanyuan Hill by airboat on the morning of November 14th. On the evening of November 15th, Zhang Tie started his revenge, sending the entire Xuanyuan Hill into big chaos. As a wise man, of course Zhang Yang could guess that Zhang Tie must know something before telling him to leave Xuanyuan Hill. Therefore, Zhang Yang couldn't stand asking about that. Actually, he had been fermenting this question for over 2 weeks. As he couldn't contact Zhang Tie during the past 2 weeks, he became a bit anxious.

"I'm fine. I've not even lost a hair. Don't worry about me, elder brother!"

"Let's talk about Xuanyuan Hill later!"

"Additionally, I've already exposed my real identity to Bai Suxian and the disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect. They know that Cui Li and Zhang Tie are the same. I don't need to use the identity of Cui Li anymore!"

Zhang Tie replied 3 messages too.

The first 2 messages were within the expectation of Zhang Yang; however, after reading the 3rd message, Zhang Yang became silent for quite a while before replying Zhang Tie as if he didn't believe that Zhang Tie could make such a sudden decision.

"You've exposed your real identity to all of your disciples?"

"Yes, even Chengze and Chengxu have known about it. None of my disciples have carried any remote-sensing communications device. They are still in Zhongzhou City; but when we return to Youzhou Province, all of them should know that I'm Cui Li!"

"Are you sure?"

“Yes, I’m sure!”

“Whether the one who set you up is Han Zhengfang?”

“Yes, I’ve already killed Han Zhengfang! Elder brother, you’re the 2nd people who know this news besides me, don’t expose it to others!”

After hearing that Zhang Tie had killed Han Zhengfang, Zhang Yang, being in Youzhou Province, was shocked once again. Zhang Tie didn’t know that all the news about Han Zhengfang had shocked the entire country over the past days.

Who was Han Zhengfang? The former finance minister of Taixia Country; a super powerhouse who had promoted to a heavenly knight; the master of Heavens Reaching Church who aroused turmoils in Taixia Country; the culprit of the tragedy in Fuhai City; the public enemy of Hua people; the one who could escape from Meng Shidao who had promoted to semi-sage realm and couldn’t be blocked by anyone across Xuanyuan Hill. Unbelievably, he was killed by Zhang Tie.

Only after a few days, the alchemist demon Zhao Yuan had dropped to the second place on the wanted list of Supreme Court of Taixia Country while Han Zhengfang the master of Heavens Reaching Church ranked first. ‘My brother killed the heavenly knight who ranked first on the wanted list of Taixia Country.’

Zhang Yang became muddle-headed; however, he knew that Zhang Tie would not make fun of him.

After a few seconds, Zhang Tie received another message from Zhang Yang.

“Do you know the reward for...Han...Zhengfang’s head by Xuanyuan Hill?”

Zhang Yang must be thrilled at this moment as even his message was not incoherent.

“What’s that?”

“Anyone who could kill or catch Han Zhengfang alive would be conferred with the hereditary title of nobility of human duke and be rewarded with a bounty land along with the guard of honor as same as that of top three chancellors and a promise in cinnabar on iron sheet, with which all the death penalties of him and his family members would be remitted!”

Chapter 1180: Opportunity in the Chaos

The only way for a person to be regarded as a “noble” in Taixia Country was to be conferred as a duke after killing demons, which referred to the narrow sense of demons and those lackeys of Three-eye Association who cooperated with demons. It had long been proved that Heavens Reaching Church colluded with demons and cause turmoils in the world. Of course, Han Zhengfang, as the master of Heavens Reaching Church, was the most abhorrent demon of the demon.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that Xuanyuan Hill could provide such a high reward for catching Han Zhengfang.

The bounty land of one province; the hereditary dukedom, the treatment of three chancellors; the promise in cinnabar on an iron sheet which could remit the death penalty of all of his family members...With this reward, anyone who killed Han Zhengfang could enter his heyday in a split second.

If it were before, Zhang Tie would definitely be touched by such a great reward; however, he was only amazed about it now. He had just set a plot to push the Gobbling Party to the opposite side of Heavens Reaching Church. However, could he jump into this trap once again only for such a bit reward?

‘With one more province’s bounty land, I will not eat 10 times more than now or sleep in a room which was 10 times larger; the dukedom could not accelerate my cultivation; the honorable treatment of three chancellors could not make me like a king at once; neither am I ambitious and interested in rebellion; the promise in cinnabar on the iron sheet is just an iron sheet for me. Across Huaiyuan Palace, nobody else needed to be remitted except for me, whose case has just been redressed.’

Therefore, the reward from Xuanyuan Hill became meaningless for Zhang Tie.

“Elder brother, this reward is a red-hot iron. Neither could I nor Huaiyuan Palace bear it. Additionally, Han Zhengfang didn’t even leave any bones. It’s difficult for me to prove that I’ve killed him; additionally, nobody would believe that. I’m afraid that Xuanyuan Hill mostly wants to unite the other 6 top sects and some top clans of Taixia Country to deal with Han Zhengfang and Heavens Reaching Church. We’d better not be involved in it!”

After removing his covetous thoughts and worries about gains and losses, Zhang Tie immediately saw through the purpose of Xuanyuan Hill behind this reward. The biggest function of this reward was to inspire morale and make clear the attitude of Xuanyuan Hill towards Heavens Reaching Church and demons. No matter what, Han Zhengfang was the former finance minister of Taixia Country. Such a person as a mole of demons really affected Taixia Country too much. He had to be eliminated; however, only the top sects and a few clans in Taixia Country could kill a heavenly knight on the premise that few people knew the sequela of Han Zhengfang after using the secret method of *Bloody Soul Sutra* . Therefore, this reward was actually prepared for these super forces—

‘I won’t be touched by it, but it doesn’t mean that the others won’t be touched by it either. Just let those people look for Han Zhengfang across the world!’ Zhang Tie thought.

After being reminded by Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang recovered his composure too. When he heard that Zhang Tie killed Han Zhengfang, Zhang Yang who had been dreaming about reinvigorating Zhang Clan immediately remembered that reward. After hearing Zhang Tie’s explanation, Zhang Yang also realized that even Huaiyuan Palace as a whole could not bear such a reward, not to mention their family.

“I see, only you and I know this secret!”

“Cui Li is my incarnation. Elder brother, you can tell our parents about that in case of their concern now. I will return to Youzhou Province in a few days. After arriving at Youzhou Province, I will go to Jinwu City right away!”

“The culprit of the tragedy in Fuhai City has died. You came back too. Our parents could finally be reassured! And, don’t forget to notice Huaiyuan Palace about your incarnation. Even your disciples have known your real identity, if you don’t notice these elders in Huaiyuan Palace before you return, you might be blamed for estranging your relatives!”

“Elder brother, you can notice Huaiyuan Palace about that when you’re free. You only need to tell them that Cui Li is my incarnation. We will talk about other things when I come back!”

“Sure!”

“And oh, what major events have happened in Taixia Country from November 15 till now? I was ill-informed over the past 2 weeks. What response have Heavens Reaching Church made?”

“Taixia Country is in great chaos just like when the holy war broke out in Waii Subcontinent. Over 60 provinces of Taixia Country have been afflicted by bloody figures. The entire territory of Taixia Country has been involved in it. What happened in Zhongzhou Province 2 months ago is repeating across Taixia Country now!”

“Including Northeast Military Region?”

“Yes, the Weiyuan Prefecture in Tongzhou Province and the Anlan Prefecture in Gaozhou Province have been afflicted by bloody figures. As a result, the entire Northeast Military Region has been in a turmoil. Youzhou Province has been on the alert in an all-round manner. All the corps in Northeast Military Regions have already reached the border for strict defense. Even Elder Muray and Elder Muyu have been dispatched to encircle and annihilate large-scale bloody figure troops. All the other provinces have imposed a curfew. The clans of Heavens Reaching Church are making troubles everywhere across Taixia Country, increasing a great number of names on the wanted list of Supreme Court. I’ve not heard any good news in Jinwu City lately!”

This news was within Zhang Tie’s expectation; however, Zhang Tie had not imagined that it could arouse so many chain reactions after he exposed Han Zhengfang’s real identity to the public.

It was already not important that whether Han Zhengfang sent an order when he escaped to Xuanyuan Hill or the loyal backbones of Heavens Reaching Church made responses after they received the news that Han Zhengfang’s real identity was exposed. After hearing that so many places in Taixia Country have been inflicted by bloody figures and remembering the looks of the villages and cities which were affected by bloody figures, Zhang Tie’s heart pounded at once.

“Did those places being affected by bloody figures suffer great losses?”

“Fortunately, after the catastrophe of bloody figures broke out in Zhongzhou Province, all the places across Taixia Country have been on the alert by mobilizing all the local garrisons for stricter defense. All the big cities and clans have knight-level powerhouses on their back. The entire Taixia Country is preventing bloody figures over these days. Nobody dares to take a casual attitude about it, official or local major clans. Although the catastrophe of bloody figures broke out in Taixia Country suddenly this time, the chaos and losses on average in each province are less than that in Zhongzhou Province; because all the places have made precautions for that. Although this catastrophe of bloody figures has just broken out for about 2 weeks, all the troops of over 10,000 bloody figures across Taixia Country have been scattered by the knight-level powerhouses. Although bloody figures have greater battle strength than ordinary soldiers in Taixia Country, they’ve lost their commander; additionally, knights had an overwhelming advantage over these bloody figures. If a knight encounters a troop of bloody figures, he or she would cause a great casualty and scatter them...”

After hearing Zhang Yang's news, Zhang Tie finally realized why he could get so many merit value points after exposing the real identity of Han Zhengfang in Xuanyuan Hill.

When the entire Taixia Country was preparing for dealing with bloody figures, the catastrophe of bloody figures really broke out. What a coincidence! If the catastrophe of bloody figures broke out a bit earlier before the provinces across Taixia Country were ready for it, the loss suffered by each province would definitely be not less than that in Zhongzhou Province. If the catastrophe of bloody figures happened a couple of years later, Taixia Country as a whole would definitely relax their vigilance about bloody figures. By then, Taixia Country would suffer a greater loss. Additionally, the destructions caused by Heavens Reaching Church when they were ready for that were utterly different than that when they were not ready for that. This catastrophe of bloody figures broke out when the Heavens Reaching Church was flurried. Given the time, it was fortunate for Taixia Country.

In others' eyes, those bloody figures were just devils and killers who could only cause destructions and should be killed as fast as possible; however, in Zhang Tie's eyes, these bloody figures were as nourishing as lobsters and seashells over the rocks after ebb. If he had caught Han Zhengfang alive, he could promote to a shadow knight at the fastest speed with the help of these bloody figures.

"Elder brother, I have one thing to talk with you. No kidding. You don't need to know why because you will know it after I come back. From now on, you will mobilize all the power of Jinwu Business Group and notice Huaiyuan Palace to catch bloody figures as more as possible. I need alive bloody figures. As long as they're alive, the more, the better, even if they had no limbs. Money is not a problem. I want them even at 1,000 gold coins for one bloody figure..."

1,000 gold coins for one bloody figure; 10,000 bloody figures only cost him 10 million gold coins; 100,000 bloody figures only cost him 100 million gold coins. Such a bit of gold coins was nothing for Zhang Tie; however, if he had 100,000 bloody figures, he could extract the maximal value of these bloody figures with his bloody sacrifice furnace. Zhang Tie felt it even worthwhile to purchase a bloody figure at the cost of 10,000 gold coins, not to mention 1,000 gold coins.

It was Zhang Yang's 3rd time to be shocked by Zhang Tie today.

"Did I mishear it? You want alive bloody figures at such a high price?"

"Yes, elder brother, you didn't mishear it. I won't suffer a loss. I've got another request for you. Before I come back, elder brother could find a place near the territory of Iron-Dragon Sect to build a place for locking bloody figures. The bigger the better. As it was slow to build a city, you don't need to consider whether those bloody figures are comfortable or not; you can directly have people build a super large battle fortress near the territory of Iron-Dragon Sect.

When Zhang Tie said that, he recalled the crystal battle fortress in Selnes Theater of Operations. Given the scale of the crystal battle fortress, it could easily hold 100,000 bloody figures after slight renovation; additionally, those bloody figures could not make trouble or escape from the battle fortress...

Battle fortress was a special building in the holy war. Hua people's battle fortresses were definitely the best. With enough money, he could easily build a battle fortress in Fire-dragon Territory.

At this moment, Zhang Tie realized the significance of money. At least he didn't need to think about the amount of money for doing these things. With enough money, this catastrophe of bloody figures across Taixia Country would be the opportunity for the rise of Iron-Dragon Sect...