

## **Black Iron 1281**

### **Chapter 1281: Shoulder Heavy Responsibility**

"I've got a position which needs you to assume it voluntarily!" Ye Qingcheng slowly glanced around as the roars gradually faded away. Nobody lowered their eyes; even Zhang Tie was watching Ye Qingcheng frankly and calmly.

With a dignified and solemn eye light, Ye Qingcheng said, "This position could only be assumed by an earth knight. The earth knight should move 6,000 miles alone. He will face enemies without any relief. He even needs to deepen into the rear of the enemy. It's very dangerous. The one who takes this position will be the vanguard of the land force, air force and water force. He will be the eye and ear of Taixia Country, the dare-to-die one among knights and the gut of marshal. As long as you take it, you're forbidden to stop on the halfway. Neither will you be allowed to shirk work or responsibility; otherwise, don't blame for the merciless military disciplines. Therefore, this marshal doesn't want to assign anyone by force. Any volunteer?"

After hearing Ye Qingcheng's words, everybody at present knew that black iron knights couldn't be able to take this position. The one must be the scout and dare-to-die member among the knights. As the army of demons was arriving in an overwhelming way, the person would definitely highly risk his own life assuming this position in the place where demons and humans broke out the fiercest conflicts.

After hearing Ye Qingcheng's words, Lu Dingzhi turned solemn; Mountain Lifting Hermit quivered his long eyebrows. They were all making decisions.

Even those dauntless people had to think twice before taking this dangerous and tough task.

When all the other knights in the lobby became silent, Zhang Tie strode one step out as he said calmly, "I..."

Bai Suxian became flurried as she wanted to say something; however, after Zhang Tie threw a solemn glance at her, she swallowed her words back.

Mountain Lifting Hermit raised his long eyebrows as he shot out shrewd eye light. The moment he wanted to say something, he heard Zhang Tie's words secretly, "Elder brother, Iron-Dragon Sect needs an earth knight. If you and me both die, Iron-Dragon Sect will be collapsed. I will take it; not you!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Mountain Lifting Hermit became silent.

Elder Muray and Elder Muyu widely opened their mouths with a dumbfounded look as they had not imagined that Zhang Tie could take the most dangerous task.

At this moment, Ye Qingcheng and all the surrounding people moved their eyes onto Zhang Tie at the same time.

At the sight of the man with a teenager's look, many people's hearts pounded.

However, Zhang Tie looked as cool as a cucumber.

“Do you wish to be the volunteer?” Ye Qingcheng asked Zhang Tie as his eye light covered Zhang Tie like a sharp blade.

“Yes!” Zhang Tie nodded.

“Who’re you? Tell me your name!”

“Zhang Tie from Youzhou Province, Zhang Mushen...”

“Do you know that joking is not allowed in the army?”

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, “I know. It’s not my first time to attend the army; neither it is my first time to execute such a task.”

“Fine!” Ye Qingcheng threw a deep glance at Zhang Tie before moving his eyes onto the others and asking calmly, “Who else? This marshal needs another 19 volunteers!”

As if they were stimulated by Zhang Tie, soon after Ye Qingcheng’s words, a lot of more earth knights from Northeast Military Region stood out. In a short while, the 20 vacancies had been occupied.

Among the other 19 earth knights, Zhang Tie saw a Zhu elder of Yanzhou provincial governor’s clan, a Mo elder of Mozhou Province, 2 more came from provincial governor’s clans in Northeast Military Region. All the other 15 earth knights were strange to Zhang Tie.

Nangong Sheng the owner of Immortal Fist Position didn’t stand out; Lu Dingzhi’s face changed for a short while as he was a bit hesitated. However, before he made his decision, all the 20 vacancies had been occupied.

“Follow me, I will tell you about your tasks alone...”

Soon after the 20 vacancies were occupied, the “humanoid trumpet” that floated outside the military camp outside Yanzhou City had flown outside as he called the 20 earth knights to leave the lobby after him.

This “humanoid trumpet” was a shadow knight, who was on the equal footing with Guan Qianchong in Black Armor Army. Therefore, none of the 20 earth knights dared put on airs in front of that shadow knight; they just followed the shadow knight away from the lobby...

Before leaving the lobby, Zhang Tie heard Ye Qingcheng’s voice from the lobby...

“Demons are powerful. Through the negotiation between the crown prince and the top three chancellors, Taixia Country will set up a western theater of operations in Peacwest Military Region. Relying on the Military Region, we will build 11 advanced bases in 20,000 miles from Huanzhou Province, Kangzhou Province all the way to Ningzhou Province in the east of Helan Mountain Range and in the south of Weishui River. We will mobilize over 10,000 knights and over 800 corps to punch against demons and shatter them within the territory of Peacwest Military Region completely. The military minister will go to the frontier himself. The top 7 sects of Taixia Country will also organize powerhouses to fight demons in this region. Our current main task is to consolidate this line of defense, prevent the vanguard of demons from further moving towards the east and help commoners and armies in the west of Huaizhou Province to evacuate as soon as possible...”

After hearing Ye Qingcheng's words, Zhang Tie immediately understood Taixia Country's layout in the west.

On this occasion, small troops of Taixia Country couldn't reverse the overall situation anymore; instead, they could only accelerate the failure. Before gathering enough power, the forces of Taixia Country in the west was at a disadvantageous position; they could only increase their forces at the cost of some space, which referred to the territory of Wuzhou Province, Zhuzhou Province and Yinzhou Province...

Although he knew that this was the most correct countermeasure as far and a right judgment that Chen Minggong the Yezhou provincial governor made before death, Zhang Tie's heart still pounded the moment he realized that tens of billions of commoners had not evacuated from Wuzhou Province, Zhuzhou Province and Yinzhou Province...

Taixia Country didn't give up the commoners in the three provinces; however, the brutal outcome of strategical decision inevitably fell on tens of billions of commoners in Taixia Country. According to Zhang Tie's experience, it was already something if Taixia Country could evacuate half of the commoners in this critical moment. What about the other half?

## **Chapter 1282: The First Task**

Half an hour later, Zhang Tie walked out of one room in the command post of the advanced base.

Those who came and went in the command post of the advanced base were all soldiers in uniform in Taixia Country. Not all of them were knights; additionally, there were some female soldiers in civilian posts. However, all of their eyes carried a bit of admiration when they looked at Zhang Tie.

Half an hour ago, 20 earth knights who would like to be the scouts for the whole army held a conference. Luo Tiancheng the marshal of Black Armor Army was responsible for introducing the situation facing the Western Theater of Operations and the deployment of forces of Taixia Country to all of them. After that, the 20 earth knights separated and entered a smaller back room respectively. Each of them then received a military map for the theater of operations which was divided by grids. Furthermore, each of them bore a remote-sensing communications code and received their first task.

When Zhang Tie approached the lobby of the advanced base, Zhang Tie stroked the wholly new remote-sensing finger ring on his hand unconsciously. He could contact this advanced base with this finger ring. Each earth knight who applied to be scout would get one exclusive remote-sensing communications finger ring. In emergencies, he could directly contact Ye Qingcheng by this new finger ring and transmit the latest news to Ye Qingcheng as a guarantee.

All the knights who were gathering in the lobby had scattered, except for some knights who were still wandering over there.

Elder Muray and Elder Muyu, Bai Suxian and Mountain Lifting Hermit were waiting for Zhang Tie in the lobby.

When they saw Zhang Tie walking out of the path which was guarded by soldiers on both sides, they soon surrounded him. Those men were fine; however, Bai Suxian almost cried out.

"I have one hour here. Half an hour later, I will set off. I know what you want to say. Let's talk about it back in the airboat!" Zhang Tie said before they opened their mouths.

On the way from the advanced base to their airboat, Zhang Tie felt that those people on the roadside paid more attention to him. Qianji Hermit had become more famous among all the knights in this advanced base. Previously, Qianji Hermit was well-known across the country due to his mysterious methods, immortal bloodline, battle skills and endless means; now he was also known as being dauntless.

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After 5 people crowded in Zhang Tie's room, they didn't even have a place to sit. Therefore, they could only stand there. However, on this occasion, nobody would care about that.

"Easy, even though I am a scout, it doesn't mean that I'm destined to die. Am I not standing here safe and sound?" Zhang Tie said. Although he wanted to make them relaxed, he had not imagined that Mountain Lifting Hermit, Elder Muray and Elder Muyu turned more solemn while Bai Suxian dropped off her tears at once.

"If you deepened into the rear of the enemy, it would definitely be 10 times more dangerous than that in the Earth-element Realm..." Mountain Lifting Hermit said with a solemn look.

"Elder Mushen, you're the pillar of Huaiyuan Palace and the owner of Iron-Dragon Sect, why would you enter such a dangerous place..." Elder Muyu let out a sigh as Elder Muray nodded forcefully.

"Do you want me to become a widow before marrying you, you d\*\*chebag..." Bai Suxian almost cried.

Looking at these people's expressions, Zhang Tie rubbed his nose. Closely after that, he asked them as he pointed at his own nose, "Do you think I'm an idiot?"

The other 4 people became silent as they exchanged a glance with each other.

Zhang Tie asked once again, "Perhaps you feel that I'm lunatic or have no hope for life?"

The other 4 people's eyes moved as if they had understood Zhang Tie's meaning slightly.

Zhang Tie let out a long sigh as he said calmly, "Actually, Elder Muyu's words are not enough. I'm not only the grand elder of Huaiyuan Palace and the owner of Iron-Dragon Sect, but I'm also the son of my parents, the husband of a lot of women, the father of over 10 kids, also the Mr. Right of you, Bai Suxian and the dad of our kid in the future. If I died, how sad would my parents be? How could I leave so many wives alone? How could I feel like having my kids lose their father since they are young?" Zhang Tie looked around those people whose expressions were changing before continuing, "Therefore, please believe in me, I will not die. Now that I'm called Qianji Hermit, I could survive any dangerous situation. Additionally, it's my responsibility to go there. This task suits me most. Even Ye Qingcheng didn't say that, I would also request to leave this advanced base to fight demons!"

Zhang Tie finally convinced the other 4 people and told them that he was not playing a funky game. In the final analysis, Zhang Tie had never let them down no matter what dilemma he was in. Additionally, Zhang Tie's trump cards were always shocking.

Bai Suxian stopped dropping tears immediately as she asked, "Will you leave in half an hour?"

“Yes!”

“What’s your task?”

“In a period of time, I will stay near Helan Mountain Range between Huanzhou Province and Wuzhou Province to snipe and kill those demon knights who invaded Huanzhou Province from Wuzhou Province as the scout of the vanguard of this base. I should try my best to prevent the wing demon knights from invading Huanzhou Province after crossing Helan Mountain Range. Additionally, I should pay attention to the actions of the vanguard corps and large troops of demons in the west of Helan Mountain Range and provide early warning to the advanced base...”

After hearing Zhang Tie’s words, the 4 knights finally knew why only earth knight could execute this task. This task requested the scout to snipe demons’ advance wing knights and defend the border of a province while paying attention to the actions of the demons’ army and providing early warning to the advanced base behind him. Black iron knights could barely face such a tough challenge because demons could easily sweep all the black iron knights assigned by Taixia Country as scouts.

Certainly, theoretically, earth knights were destined to die when they met a shadow knight or a heavenly knight. However, both humans and demons had few shadow knights or above. Shadow knights and those above shadow knights were all major and cardinal figures in the opponent’s camps. Only idiots would assign high-level knights as vanguards and scouts for the safety of low-level knights. It might happen in some special situations; however, from the perspective of wargaming, this was not the normality of wars and could be ignored on most occasions.

### **Chapter 1283: Going on an Expedition**

Half an hour later, Zhang Tie set off from the advanced base in Huanhou Province——Blackwater Base.

Zhang Tie had only stayed in Blackwater Base for less than 2 hours.

When Zhang Tie left from there, the sun had just set off.

Zhang Tie waved his hands towards the back as he threw a glance at his partners. After that, he left Blackwater Base and flew towards that red sun which was setting off.

At that time, Guo Hongyi was also at the exit of the base; however, she didn’t stand together with Bai Suxian, Mountain Lifting Hermit, Elder Muray and Elder Muyu; instead, she just stood far away and saw Zhang Tie off silently with a complexed expression as if she was bidding a farewell to Zhang Tie. However, she didn’t say anything to Zhang Tie. As a result, Zhang Tie didn’t know what to say even though he wanted to say something to her. Therefore, Zhang Tie could only wave his hands to them.

Although Zhang Tie didn’t move fast, under the red glow and warm sunlight, Zhang Tie soon disappeared in the halos as if a hero who was going on an expedition alone in a decisive and brave manner.

After Zhang Tie disappeared, Bai Suxian and the other 3 knights turned around and saw Guo Hongyi turning around and leaving there too...

“Elder Mushen and the clan head of Guo Clan...” Elder Muyu also noticed Guo Hongyi who came here to bid a farewell to Zhang Tie. Only Zhang Tie left the base from this exit at this moment. Therefore, it was impossible for Guo Hongyi to come here to bid a farewell to others. Elder Muyu also noticed something special from the eyes of Guo Hongyi. He just didn’t believe in that as he was shocked inside. Elder Muyu had not heard any gossips between Zhang Tie and Guo Hongyi, ‘But why do I feel that this rouge tiger who’s well-known across Youzhou Province is in love with Zhang Tie? That’s too unbelievable!’

Bai Suxian threw a glance at Guo Hongyi’s back. As Bai Suxian was still immersed in the depression caused by Zhang Tie’s departure, she didn’t feel like being at odds with Guo Hongyi. After hearing Elder Muyu’s secret question, she just shook her head as she answered secretly, “Don’t ask me about that, I have no idea...”

Mountain Lifting Hermit shrugged as he suggested, “Let’s go back for cultivation. I’m afraid that we will take tasks in a few days!”

The 4 people then separated.

On the way towards their cabins, Elder Muyu asked Elder Muray, “What do you think?”

Elder Muray revealed a bitter smile as he stroked his beard and replied, “Whenever I stayed with Elder Mushen, I would feel that I was growing old rapidly. I have not had such a feeling previously; but now, I have to admit that I’m already old. Such a young earth knight! I admit that I couldn’t match Elder Mushen on cultivation. But now, I am also lagged far behind by him on love. I was also personable when I was young; I’m also strong even now; but why am I not favored by any female knight? Does Qianji Hermit even have mysterious means to pick up girls?”

Elder Muyu became dumbfounded as he had not imagined that Elder Muray who used to be solemn could speak such sort of words. After thinking about it carefully, Elder Muyu could only shake his head as he revealed a bitter smile, “But the love affairs between Elder Mushen and Yunxi...”

Elder Muray threw a glance at Elder Muyu. There were some gossips about the love affairs between Zhang Tie and Lan Yunxi. As the elders of Huaiyuan Palace, of course, they knew the gossips. However, due to certain reasons, those elders prevented the disciples of Huaiyuan Palace from spreading over the gossips...

“We don’t need to worry about that. Yunxi’s surname is Lan; instead of Zhang. Even if Yunxi’s surname was Zhang, after so many generations, it would absolutely be easy for them to get married. It’s better. They would be more intimate as they were relatives. At least nobody would compete for the position of the clan head of Huaiyuan Palace in the future. As a result, Huaiyuan Palace would grow stronger. Although Elder Mushen would not compete for the position of the clan head of Huaiyuan Palace, it doesn’t mean that the descendants of Elder Mushen would not compete for this position with the descendants of the branch in Yiyang City either. You must have heard about the three sons of Elder Mushen in Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Based on their talents, they are destined to be knights one day. Who else among the descendants in the branch of Yiyang City could match them in the future? If not, do we expect that Elder Mushen’s sons could be as modest as Elder Mushen? Even if they could be as modest as Elder Mushen, what about the dignity of the clan head in the future? Don’t forget that Elder Mushen belongs to the branch of Goldensea City...” Elder Muray didn’t seem to be joking when he mentioned about the future of the clan.

Elder Muyu nodded before shaking his head and replying, "But Yunxi is going to be the goddess of Taiyi Fantasy Sect!"

"If we had long known that Elder Mushen could make such a great achievement, I would definitely have prevented Yunxi from joining Taiyi Fantasy Sect..."

"We're humans, not deities. Nobody could predict the future..." Elder Muyu let out a sigh too.

"Yes, we're humans, not deities..."

Speaking of this, the two elders of Huaiyuan Palace threw a glance at each other as they recalled the word "God" that Zhang Tie selected by rotating the chakra. From then on, everything that happened to Zhang Tie seemingly proved that Zhang Tie was destined to select this word because Elder Mushen seemingly was always favored by God...

"We're far-stretched...let's talk about it after this holy war!" Elder Muyu revealed a bitter smile.

Elder Muray nodded...

The words "holy war" were enough to make the two elders of Huaiyuan Palace forget about everything else which was not related to "holy war"...

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Under the Blackwater Base, so many airships were coming and going around the clock. The location of the Blackwater Base was regarded as the safest place in Peacewest Military Region. All the human airships would choose the airline which was close to the base for the sake of safety; therefore, people could see the grand scenery in the air.

What Zhang Tie saw looked like a shoal of fish crossing the river.

Under the sunset, at over 10,000 m in height, Zhang Tie watched numerous airships bathing the afterglow, the clouds and the vast land below. If there was no demon or the holy war, such a scene would be pretty spectacular; even a bit poetic. However, because of demons and war, what he saw would have utterly different meanings.

"No. 136 has already left Blackwater Base for Helan Mountain Range..."

After flying off the Blackwater Base for 10 minutes, Zhang Tie injected his spiritual energy into that Xuanyuan remote-sensing crystal as he sent a message to Blackwater Base in the communications code which was commonly adopted by him and Blackwater Base.

"Blackwater received; wish you come back safely!"

Blackwater Base gave him a feedback almost the moment Zhang Tie sent out the message, which indicated a smooth communications channel.

After using the remote-sensing communications device, Zhang Tie nodded inside as he felt pretty pleasant. Although Zhang Tie was not clear about the situation facing the command post of Blackwater Base, given the great feedback speed of the remote-sensing device, Zhang Tie knew that at least 2 fighters above LV 9 were responsible for contacting him around the clock.

After receiving the reply, Zhang Tie sped up abruptly as he constantly ascended...

When Zhang Tie left Blackwater Base, he looked handsome and calm; however, Zhang Tie had been long berserk inside and longing to use his Purgatory Samsara Method...

Those demon knights might be threatening to others; however, in Zhang Tie's eyes, they were just gifts for his chakra. When Zhang Tie was worried about not having sufficient raw materials for the Bloody Sacrifice Furnace, so many demon knights had presented themselves to him.

With black iron knights, Ockham whose water chakra had been absorbed by Zhang Tie would recover his water chakra once again. Additionally, earth demon knights were the best raw material for Zhang Tie by Purgatory Samsara Method. In Zhang Tie's eyes, as long as there were not too many demon knights to be digested for one time, demon knights were definitely mobile treasures.

As for shadow demon knights and heavenly demon knights, Zhang Tie didn't care. If he could defeat them, he would do that; if not, he would escape. With the great flight ability as a divine dominator and Castle of Black Iron on his back, he was not afraid of anything.

The catastrophe that demon corps brought to Taixia Country made Zhang Tie hard to be happy. At the same time, Zhang Tie became excited inside as he found a way to rapidly improve his battle strength. Therefore, Zhang Tie left Blackwater Base with a complexed feeling.

After flying for a short while, as the sun gradually went down, due to his optimistic temperament as a small figure essentially, Zhang Tie thought it through at once.

'Damn it, whatever, I will kill as many demons as possible and save as many people as possible. As long as I live up to myself, I don't need to think too much. No matter what I think, will I do any harm to the demons? Will one fewer commoner die?'

'Yes, f\*ck them!'

When Zhang Tie thought it through, he felt pretty relaxed immediately.

At this moment, Zhang Tie suddenly felt that a person was gazing at him from the direction of Blackwater Base...

Zhang Tie's heart pounded as he estimated that only one person in Blackwater Base could do it——Year Qingcheng.

If not Zhang Tie's spiritual energy had been extremely high and he had a similar experience, Zhang Tie would never sense the faint gaze from a heavenly knight.

After thinking about it for a few seconds, Zhang Tie didn't look back; instead, he roared towards the sky with a bizarre smile.

After hearing Zhang Tie's roar, the thunder hawk dove downwards at the speed which was 2 times the speed of sound and came to Zhang Tie's side. After Zhang Tie rode on its back, the thunder hawk flew towards Helan Mountain Range at the same speed...

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‘No wonder...’

Ye Qingcheng moved his eye light away from the west near a window at the highest place of Blackwater Battlefortress; however, he was still a bit shocked inside...

## **Chapter 1284: Prey**

Before Zhang Tie determined to leave for the west border of Taixia Country, he had already called back the thunder hawk. These days, the thunder hawk followed afar Black Dragon Airboat all the way to Huanzhou Province.

It was not a secret in Iron-Dragon Sect that the thunder hawk was Zhang Tie’s mount and pet. Zhang Tie purposefully exposed his trump card of thunder hawk to Ye Qingcheng. With the help of the thunder hawk, Zhang Tie could escape away from dilemmas or travel 6,000 miles a day. Of course, Ye Qingcheng would not doubt that Zhang Tie might have any other trump cards such as Castle of Black Iron or a super high-speed flight ability as a divine dominator.

This was the benefit of having a lot of trump cards. Any trump card that Zhang Tie exposed to the public would make people see the light suddenly and think that it’s all the abilities of him. However, it was just a tip of the iceberg.

‘Sometimes, I could better hide myself by exposing some of my secrets to the public.’

Riding on the thunder hawk, Zhang Tie suddenly thought through it pleasantly.

As the thunder hawk flashed towards Helan Mountain Range between the border of Huanzhou Province and Wuzhou Province at tens of thousands of meters high, the land below was gradually covered by the dark.

In the high altitude, Zhang Tie activated his lotus-flower eyes as he could see far away in all directions...

Even though the night fell, the floods of airships and cars didn’t stop moving. The army of airships was evacuating towards the east like a floating milky way. So did those cars. On the highway from Huanzhou Province to Tongzhou Province, numerous vehicles were slowly moving with high luggage on the top, carrying old and young, brightening up the entire road as if it was daytime.

It was very noisy over the road, which included kids’ cries and adults’ quarrels.

The local garrison of Huanzhou Province was maintaining the order on the highway. In each a few miles on the highway, there would be a resting area, from where people could get food, drinking water and coal.

On the roadsides, all the temporary vacancies for vehicles had been occupied. In the wild, there were bonfires here and there, reflecting on the flurried and helpless faces of adults.

People in the towns and villages on both sides of the road were also evacuating. Many smaller villages had been empty. Coincidentally, those who evacuated from the west could take a rest in these empty villages and towns. Zhang Tie saw many airships of Black Armor Army landing in the wild or outside the cities on the way back after carrying troops of soldiers and materials to the destination. After that, those

people in the nearby villages and towns would board the airships organized by local officials by batches before flying eastward.

As demons had not arrived here, the commoners in Huanzhou Province still evacuated orderly.

Women, pregnant women, old and young would be firstly evacuated, followed by male adults; then local militia officials; local garrisons evacuated in the end.

However, not all of them would evacuate.

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In an empty small village, a group of strong adults with red cloth strips on their hair were standing quietly on the grain-sunning field with the resolute look, sabers in hands, crossbows on the back. A tough man with whiskers was speaking loudly and passionately on the millstone of the grain-sunning field. After he said something, all the strong adults raised their sabers and swords as they roared. Closely after that, all of them divided into two batches. One batch of people carried bags of grains and the other materials into the mountain; the others silently buried something somewhere near the village...

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A grey-haired old man was sitting in a small ordinary downtown courtyard in an unlined garment while grinding a sword with a long blade and a short hilt wielded with both hands which was usually used by ordinary soldiers in Taixia Country on a hone, causing shrill sound. In the room, a grey-haired old woman took out an old set of armors from a crate and was sewing and mending the lining of the armor for the old man. Before the old man polished his saber, 5-6 grey-haired old man in the armor of soldiers in Huanzhou Province had entered his courtyard, making the courtyard boisterous at once. Some guys felt bored as they directly started to perform saber skills in the courtyard...

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Although the entire town outside the city was empty, the official residence was still brightly lit. A low-level official was sitting in the lobby in tidy uniform solemnly and drinking alone...

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In the downtown, a fatty and drunk butcher closed his meat store with a pig sticker and a bone chopper on his waistband. Additionally, with a liquor-containing gourd in hand, he went to the blacksmith's shop and broke the ironmaking furnace and the steam hammer together with the blacksmith. After that, the two people burst out into laughter. The blacksmith carried a long saber and an iron bow; the fatty butcher found a helmet and a set of light armor in the blacksmith's shop and put them on. After that, the two people drove an old pickup truck to the west...

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youngsters and teenagers would leave the teams that evacuated towards the east individually or in a group of 2 or 3 people and turned around towards the west...

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In a school which filled with osmanthus trees, a teacher in the green robe was standing outside the door of the room. A lot of young students were kneeling down outside the room. They were talking about something. The teacher in the green robe shook his head as he entered the room. At the same time, he let his old servant close the door. From then on, he refused to meet with those people outside the room and talk to them. Only a thin shadow which was cupping a book was reflected onto the window by the candlelight. Those who were kneeling down outside the room became tearful as they all kowtowed towards the door before leaving...

The airship was parking outside the school. When these youngsters were going to board the airship, the old servant of the teacher in the green robe ran out of the courtyard as he gave some books and an envelop to those youngsters. After saying something to them, the old servant returned to the school.

After opening that envelope, the young students saw a fresh poem in vigorous handwriting on the letter.

After reading over 10,000 books of sages, you will be unrivaled.

You will always feel inspired.

When you burst out into laughter, you will scatter all the guests.

When you grow furious, you prefer to climb the mountain being filled with tigers.

You will not be afraid of death.

Your song will make it sunny.

When you become alone, you don't need to bow towards anyone.

Just break the sky and ground to make yourself relieved for the rest of your life!

The last line was—as long as poems and articles still exist in Taixia Country, Taixia Country will be fine!

After reading that poem, those youngsters burst out into tears as they knelt down and bowed towards their teacher's residence before leaving...

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With lotus-flower eyes, Zhang Tie saw all these scenes in Guizhou Province; especially in that school, the poem that the teacher in the green robe wrote to his students were as clear as they were in front of Zhang Tie even if it was hundreds of miles away.

Zhang Tie was deeply moved by Huanzhou Province and Taixia Country as he immediately sent a message to the Iron Heart Palace of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

'I've already arrived at Huanzhou Province. I'm fine. My dear wives, you don't need to worry about me. However, the large-scale war between humans and demons in the territory of Peacwest Military Region will break out soon. In the future, this region might be in ruins while commoners here would live on the edge of starvation. All the commoners in the theater of operations are evacuating; however, they're limited in the speed of evacuation as they lack traffic tools; especially airboats. I have an idea. When Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory choose to cooperate with major clans on producing Fiery Oil, could

we consider the achievements of these major clans in helping commoners evacuate from the theater of operations?’

‘The major clans in Taixia Country had numerous airboats and airships. If only they could participate in the evacuation positively! One airboat might transfer over 10,000 people rapidly away from the theater of operations and survive them in the future.’

‘I am not doing this for reputation. Because I grew up among commoners and have witnessed the tragedy facing commoners across countries when Waii Subcontinent was exterminated by demons, I don’t want to see the same scene in Taixia Country. Although Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and I have limited capabilities, we could use Fiery Oil to force major clans in Taixia Country to contribute to the evacuation. Dear wives, please consider it carefully and formulate articles. Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory could make a discount for them on Fiery Oil!

After sending the message to Iron Heart Palace, Zhang Tie told his elder brother that he was safe.

After doing all this, Zhang Tie felt a bit reassured.

He just wanted to do his best.

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The thunder hawk was approaching the border of Huanzhou Province after flying over many cities at the speed of 2 times the speed of sound.

After Zhang Tie left Blackwater Base for 3 hours, a shadow suddenly appeared in the sight of Zhang Tie’s lotus-flower eyes. Zhang Tie fixed his eyes closely onto the shadow at once.

That was a wing demon. In the dark, it silently flew out of the woods towards a city in the south at an extremely high speed.

As Zhang Tie had fought wing demons, given its speed and figure, Zhang Tie knew that was a wing demon knight.

The wing demon knight was very careful. It didn’t fly high; instead, it just flew close to the top of trees. Based on the terrain and the nightscape, this wing demon knight moved very secretly. The others could barely find him within dozens of miles.

However, that wing demon could not imagine that someone had fixed his eyes on it from over 1,000 miles away.

It seemed that the wing demon was also spying the situation within Huanzhou Province in the east of Helan Mountain and Taixia Country’s deployment over there. After flying over a small city far away and observing that small city for quite a while, the wing demon saw a troop of airships being escorted by an airboat flying over. The wing demon even flew into a small lake from the top of a tree and lurked inside there. The wing demon stealthily watched the scene in the sky as it was thinking about launching a strike...

## **Chapter 1285: The First Achievement**

As for wing demons; especially wing demon knights, human airships were absolutely their toys, even weaker. Any wing demon knight could easily hit down all the airships within their sight and cause great damages to humans.

There were so many airships in the sky as if they came from Wuzhou Province. Being close to each other one after another, over 500 airships were evacuating towards Huanzhou Province like a chain of barges on the canal.

This was a piece of fat. It might belong to the official or the major clans of Taixia Country.

The wing demon kept watching the airships with bloody eyes being close to the surface of the water.

The airships in the sky were alluring to wing demons. However, there were also two blurred black points ahead of the airboat in front of those airships.

The two human knights in the sky could barely find the wing demon knight under the water.

‘Damn human knights!’

The wing demon knight swore under the water. Without the two human knights, the 500-odd human airships would be completely its toys. However, because of the two human knights, the wing demon knight could only watch these toys sliding away in front of his eyes.

Of course, it could launch a strike and hit down dozens of airships; however, he would be surrounded by the two human knights. As they were all black iron knights, the wing demon knight could barely survive the siege of the two human knights.

After thinking about it for a while, the wing demon could only see those airships flying away escorted by the two human knights...

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The moment Zhang Tie caught sight of that wing demon knight, Zhang Tie had already left the thunder hawk and flew towards the wing demon from tens of thousands of meters high at the speed which was 13 times the speed of sound.

With the effects of rapid moving skill and hiding skill, the sonic boom in flight was reduced to the lowest volume; additionally, Zhang Tie’s body emerged like an invisible owl.

At this moment, Zhang Tie wore a pair of metal caliga, a full-moon dragon’s soul waistband and a pair of metal wristbands. Although these items looked trivial and nobody knew what they were, they were actually Zhang Tie’s “simplified flight suit”. With the ability of divine dominator, if he flew 100,000 miles, of course, this simplified flight suit didn’t feel as comfortable and labor-saving as Chaos. However, it was enough for Zhang Tie to fly 1,000 miles by these equipments.

Zhang Tie also saw a troop of airships and the two human knights flying towards him. Zhang Tie didn’t know who was inside those airships and the airboat; however, in order to avoid from being discovered by them, Zhang Tie purposefully ascended and kept flying higher than 300,000 m. Additionally, he passed by the airships from aside instead of from above them.

When Zhang Tie flew over, the two knights also heard the faint sonic boom; however, as the sonic boom was too weak, they could barely identify the precise location of the sonic boom. What was more, the speed of sound was much slower than the speed of Zhang Tie's movement. The two knights looked up with suspicious looks; however, they found nothing abnormal.

After discussing it for a short while, the two human knights determined to prioritize the convoy of the troop of airships. They didn't look for the source of the faintly strange sound as this sound might be the resonance of thunder in the far or some sound on the ground...

At 13 times the speed of sound, it only took Zhang Tie 10 minutes to arrive at the lake since he fixed his eyes on the wing demon knight. However, the wing demon knight was still lurking in the lake.

Not until Zhang Tie arrived above the lake did he slow down and enter the lake quietly.

The moment Zhang Tie returned to the lake, it was like how a dragon returned to the ocean and how a tiger returned to the deep mountain.

When in flight, Zhang Tie would cause some sound more or less; however, when in water, as long as he liked, he could completely be as quiet as a bubble or a drop of water.

Ironically, not until Zhang Tie came to the side of the wing demon knight from over 1,000 miles away, the demon knight had not discovered Zhang Tie.

It was already a bit unfair for an earth knight to raid a black iron knight; however, that earth knight was a divine dominator who cultivated an emperor-level secret method and had a myriad of secret skills. Such a duel was like putting a 150 kg professional boxer and a 7-year old kid in the same ring. That's too unfair...

Finding that the wing demon knight was still immersed in his own world and plan, Zhang Tie became a bit embarrassed.

"Ahem...", Zhang Tie purposefully coughed in water which was finally heard by that wing demon knight through water waves.

The wing demon knight was shocked as it turned around at once; however, it saw a punch approaching him...

Zhang Tie directly punched onto the lower abdomen of the wing demon knight. Before the wing demon knight released its protective battle qi, its bones all over had been completely broken. Additionally, its eyeballs bulged 1 inch outside of its eye sockets. Its face twisted like a wrinkled dishcloth.

Besides the extremely terrifying strength, Zhang Tie's punch also carried a strange strength. When Zhang Tie's fist touched the wing demon's lower abdomen, the strange strength immediately disordered the battle qi of the wing demon as a whole. At the same time, its mind sea shocked heavily as if it was going to pass out.

This punch was called *Bloody Mark Three-Kill Fist* that Zhang Tie had just learned from *Bloody Soul Sutra*. With this punch, Zhang Tie could break the opponent's body, qi and soul. This wing demon was fortunate to be the first target of Zhang Tie soon after Zhang Tie grasped the secret skill in *Bloody Soul Sutra*.

Before this wing demon screamed or ran its battle qi, Zhang Tie had punched onto its head. As was imagined, this wing demon knight passed out at once.

Zhang Tie grasped its neck and teleported it into Castle of Black iron...

Since the beginning of this raid, Zhang Tie only caused some ripples on the lake when he punched towards the wing demon knight as if a big fish jumped out of the water and fell down, nothing else...

Heller's chuckle drifted from Castle of Black Iron as he said, "Congratulations, Castle Lord, if you teleport 20-more black iron demon knights like this one, Ockham will be alive once again..."

### **Chapter 1286: You Should Read More Books**

It soon came to late October as it turned a bit cold. However, demons' strike was still surging towards the west border of Taixia Country. As a result, Wuzhou Province, Zhuzhou Province and Yinzhou Province almost collapsed consecutively. Cities in Taixia Country almost collapsed every day. Taixia Country was shocked as a whole. Tens of thousands of miles' land on Eastern Continent were covered with smoke signals while the battle flames of the holy war started to spread over the Eastern Continent...

Wuzhou Province, Zhuzhou Province and Yinzhou Province were neither barren provinces nor lower provinces, but medium-sized provinces in Taixia Country. They were much more powerful than lower provinces and barren provinces. When demons' vanguard entered the three provinces and gradually expanded, the battle situation facing the west border of Taixia Country almost made every commoner of Taixia Country concerned.

Over these months, wing demons were always mentioned in the news about demons. As it was wing demons who invaded the three provinces, a lot of news were about wing demons. It was said that demons had assigned over 100 million LV 9 wing demons as the vanguards. Besides, there were thousands of wing demon knights in the vanguards.

Within the three provinces, billions of commoners deteriorated into refugees as they were evacuating towards eastern provinces...

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In a mountain area of Helan Mountain Range, all the maple leaves had turned red after the autumn arrived. Like wildfires, they spread over one hundred square miles.

As the sun had just come out, the dew in the woods had not fully evaporated. A frost was suffusing in the valley. With the sound of footsteps, over 20 people suddenly drilled out of the woods in embarrassed looks with luggage on the back, male or female.

At the sight of those dense and high maple trees hundreds of meters in front of them, the front ones had cheered up, "Sugar maple, we've got something to eat..."

After hearing that there were something to eat, all the people became spirited as they accelerated towards that maple woods...

As for starved ones, nothing was more attractive to them than food.

“Wait for me...wait for me...leave some to me...” A panting fat man at his 50s lagged behind those people for a distance. Given the extremely dirty and broken golden silk robe of ministry councilor and the expensive fox-fur robe of the fat man, they must have traveled a lot of days in the woods.

Watching those people running towards those maple trees, leaving him alone, the fat man couldn't help but swear, “You...b\*stards...how could you only care about yourself at this moment...and leave your owner alone...when this owner leave out of here, I will punish you by beating your butt...none of you could get any copper coin from this owner...”

In front of the team were some bodyguards in leather armor and wristbands who looked strong and powerful with weapons in hand. Although they looked embarrassed, they were much more agile than the fat man. After reaching that maple woods, one of them selected a 30 m higher maple wood whose diameter was about 2 m as he made a cut on the trunk; closely after that, some dense, slightly tawny fluid started to flow off the cut.

After taking some by his dagger and putting it into his mouth, the person immediately started to receive the fluid with his iron-sheet kettle.

All the other men also imitated him. Some people in the uniform of servants directly approached their mouth onto the cut and started to suck the dense fluid...

“Thankfully, it's autumn...when it comes to winter, there will be no syrup...” Someone said as he drank the fluid.

“This one...this one...choose this one...yours look too dark...the more transparent the syrup is, the sweeter it will be...”

The maple woods became noisy at once.

A person who looked like a steward at his 40s with a thin face and three wisps of long beard didn't run towards here; instead, he just walked leisurely behind these people. Among all these people, this steward looked tidiest with fewest broken places on his clothes.

This steward directly walked to the front of the bodyguard who rushed into the maple woods first. The sturdy bodyguard hurriedly gave the kettle of syrup to the steward.

After having two mouths of the syrup and licking his lips, the steward looked much better as he said, “God bless us. I've not imagined that we could meet such a large area of sugar maple woods at such a critical moment!”

“Thanks to Steward Li's guidance; otherwise, we could never leave Helan Mountain Range!” A servant hurriedly flattered him soon after Steward Li finished his words.

Steward Li neither looked pleasant nor blamed the servant for speaking the wrong words; instead, he just revealed a smile which looked profound more or less. He then told the bodyguard who gave him the kettle, “Although few fierce magical beasts above LV 10 is left in Helan Mountain Range, there're still many wild beasts below LV 10. You bodyguards need to be alert by shifts. We will rest 2 hours here. After being full, fill all your kettles with syrup. It seems that we will leave Helan Mountain Range after



hundreds of miles. With syrup, as long as we could drink some water in later days, we will survive ourselves...”

“Yes, sir...” The bodyguard replied. After looking around, the bodyguard’s eyes turned a bit weird. Before he said something, two women had walked over here with an enchanting smile in a bashful way. The steward threw a glance at the bodyguard, who hurriedly lowered his head and walked away...

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When the fat man entered this maple woods, the others had rested for over 10 minutes.

Previously, the fat man moved slowly. After being flurried, he fell down, bruising his forehead and spraining his ankle. As a result, he moved slower.

When he came to the maple woods, the fat man’s face had turned green and white while his forehead had been covered with fine sweat drops. The fat man instantly threw himself onto the ground and sat against the trunk of a maple tree while panting heavily.

“Owner, try some. This humble man especially kept it for you. I wanted to prepare your drink, therefore, I ran so fast just now...” A servant gave a kettle of syrup to the fat man as he licked the syrup over his lips.

“Hmm, Liu Shan is most loyal to me...after leaving this damn place...this owner will reward you greatly...” The fat man said while panting. Only after throwing a casual glance at the servant, he had grabbed away the kettle and drank it as if he didn’t mean to leave even a bit to the servant.

“Thanks, owner; thanks, owner...” The servant called Liu Shan smiled while narrowing his eyes. At the same time, he bowed deeply towards the fat man as he dreamed about the owner’s reward.

After bottoming up the syrup served by “loyal” Liu Shan, the fat man felt a bit better. However, he still had a pain in his sprained foot. Soon after he put down the kettle, the fat owner had turned around and saw his two concubines sitting on both sides of Steward Li and drinking his syrup.

Of course, this was not the point. The point was that the two concubines had completely stuck to Steward Li’s clothes. One concubine even whispered to Steward Li in an enchanting way while having one breast stick to Steward Li’s arm. The other concubine was helping Steward Li rub his shoulders.

At the sight of the two bitches’ movements, they had long forgotten about the existence of the owner. Those outsiders would mistake them as Steward Li’s women.

People’s hearts would be seen in adversities. Since their airships crashed in Helan Mountain Range by accident a few days ago, this fat owner had felt that something was wrong with his two “beloved concubines” as if they were staying with Steward Li longer and longer. Just now, the two b\*tches directly ran over here, leaving the fat owner behind.

In a split second, the fat owner felt extremely furious as he immediately threw his kettle towards Steward Li and the two b\*tches.

As the three people were over 10 m away from the fat owner, the fat owner didn’t hit his target; instead, he only hit a maple tree beside the 3 people.

The sudden noise startled all the others who were resting here.

With exclamations, the two beloved concubines turned around as they immediately saw their owner whose eyes almost burned.

The steward also turned around. Although the steward changed his look, he didn't dodge away.

However, the moment he was going to reprimand Steward Li, he realized that they were all escaping and he was inconvenient in movement; if he stirred up the steward, he might not have a good result. Therefore, he directly lost his temper towards his two concubines.

"Liu Shan..." The fat owner roared as he pointed at the two beloved concubines with a quivering finger, "Come over there, draw the two b\*tches over here and slap each of them 10 times!"

Only after being slightly hesitated, Liu Shan had rolled up his sleeves and walked over there.

Steward Li and the two beloved concubines of the fat owner had stood up. After hearing the fat owner's order, the two women changed their looks at once as they tightly held the sleeves of Steward Li and hid behind Steward Li. Seeing their response, the fat owner was more furious as he realized that the two b\*tches had long been on the side of Steward Li.

At this critical moment, women's response was real. If the two women still treated the fat owner as their husband, they would kneel down and beg for his forgiveness; however, they hid behind Steward Li, which meant that they only had Steward Li in their hearts.

"Steward Li, please give way to me, owner let me..." Liu Shan told Steward Li politely and carefully.

Before Liu Shan finished his words, he had quivered all over as a wisp of blood flew out of his mouth corner. He lowered his head and looked at his chest with widely opened eyes.

A dagger had been inserted into Liu Shan's chest. Steward Li was holding the handle of the dagger. Not until then did Liu Shan know when Steward Li had a dagger in hand; neither did he believe that Steward Li could kill him...

Liu Shan had seen Steward Li holding a pen and using abacus; however, he had not seen Steward Li holding any dagger.

Steward Li looked gloomy. His hands didn't quiver at all. He clutched the handle of the dagger, exposing the green veins on his hand. Under the shocked eye light of Liu Shan, Steward Li forcefully wrenched the handle of the dagger.

As the dagger had hit Liu Shan's heart. After Steward Li wrenched the handle of the dagger, Liu Shan immediately spurted out a mouth of blood over Steward Li's face. At the same time, he fell down and died.

The sudden event and the strong killing qi of Steward Li startled all the others in the maple woods.

"Murderer..." A timid servant exclaimed as he immediately scrambled away towards far.

The two women behind Steward Li had been scared too much that they directly stood on the ground. More people were dumbfounded. The fat owner also exclaimed like a pig being slaughtered, "Zhao Wu, Zhao Wu, Steward Li is mad, hurry, catch him...".

The sturdy safeguard immediately ran towards Steward Li with saber in hand. However, he just watched Steward Li instead of launching a strike.

Steward Li wiped off the blood from his face. After that, he threw a glance at that servant who was running far away. Zhao Wu immediately caught up with the servant as he stabbed into the servant's heart...

At the sight of this scene, all the other servants exclaimed as they ran towards the outside of the woods with great fear.

"Kill them all..." Steward Li said icily.

Those bodyguards then rushed towards those escaping servants...

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As was imagined, only after 1 minute, all the bodyguards had returned with bloody sabers. They then surrounded the fat owner with brutal and greedy eye light like a flock of wild wolves surrounding a fat pig.

Watching these grim and terrifying faces which were usually familiar and humble, the fat owner became scared too much that he even had a pee in his pants. Sitting against the maple tree, he had nowhere to go. He had not imagined that all the bodyguards had been bought over by Steward Li. "Ste...Steward Li...what...what are you doing?"

"Previously, I want you to die in a relatively graceful manner as you were once my owner. However, I've not imagined that you could lose your temper here. Don't blame me for that then!" Steward Li walked over here. Although he had wiped off the blood from his face, his face still looked red which was pretty terrifying.

"You...you want my wealth?" The fat owner realized it at once.

"Whatever, you have no posterity and have so many diseases. You couldn't even f\*ck women. Isn't it worthless for you to keep so many properties? Why not let me enjoy them for you?" Steward Li sneered which sounded a bit terrifying.

"You...aren't you afraid of being punished by God?"

"Being punished by God?" Steward Li burst out into laughter at once as if he had heard a joke, "It's really funny for you to say that. If you believe in God's punishment, how could Boss Hong of Huairen Cloth Store die soon after becoming your sworn brother for less than 1 year? Don't you think that I don't know that?"

After hearing Boss Hong, the fat owner's face turned pale at once as if he was struck by a lightning bolt. At the same time, his body quivered all over as he pointed at Steward Li with a finger and stammered, "You...you...you...".

"I will let you die clearly. Don't you feel strange why you're getting worse with more and more diseases these years and have no posterity? Even doctors couldn't help you?"

"You did that..." The fat owner quivered all over. Closely after that, he shook his head as he said, "Impossible. All the doctors said that I was suffering from the shortage of sperms and weak sperms. Because of my physique, I could barely make women pregnant!"

"Hahaha, if you have posterities, it will not be my turn to inherit your properties..." Steward Li burst out into laughter, "Do you remember what I usually told you? Even though you're rich, you have to read more books. There're gold and beauties in books. You read too few books. Additionally, you despise scholars. Now you know that, if you read too few books, it would be useless no matter how much money you have. Because you don't even know why you have no posterities and are getting worse spiritually and physically. The method is not strange at all. I just added some potassium iodate in your salt. After so many years, of course, you're getting worse. If you could read some more books like me, you will know that demons and Three-eye Association had used the same method to strike and exterminate Hua people. If you read some more books, you will know the secrets..."

"Potassium iodate?" The fat owner muttered as this name was too strange to him. It sounded that he had heard about this thing before, "Is...isn't it used to add iodine to human bodies in case of a big neck?"

Steward Li let out a sigh as he said, "This is why, if you could reincarnate into another person, you have to read more books. Otherwise, you don't even know the difference between potassium iodate and potassium iodide and don't know why you're getting worse spiritually and physically. Although you can widely open your eyes, you're living nothing different than a blind. If it were before, demons and Three-eye Association must like such a kind of idiot like you. Although they're utterly different, you think they're same just because they sound similar to each other..."

In the beginning, the fat man thought that it was caused by excessive drink and sex; he had not imagined that he was framed by someone. The elements of the salt that he ate 3 times a day had long been changed by someone. Therefore, he was getting worse spiritually and physically.

"I will kill you..." The fat owner immediately sprung up with a grim look as he wanted to charge at Steward Li. However, the moment he sprung up, he had been forcefully kicked by a bodyguard onto his chest and fell down, causing him to spurt out a mouth of blood. He then shouted with a miserable smile, "You will be punished by God. Even if you kill me, don't dream about taking my properties."

Steward Li sneered as he said kindly, "Didn't you sew the gold notes inside your fox-fur robe? How could you take away your gold checks after I kill you? Do you really think this airship crash is an accident? Without this accident, how could I know that you've carried all of your properties with you?"

"You..."

The fat owner still wanted to say something; however, Steward Li had released his battle qi while chopping off his head, spraying his blood over the trunks of maple trees on one side. The fat owner's head then rolled away with widely opened eyes...

After chopping off his head, Steward Li immediately peeled off the fat owner's fox-fur robe, exposing the brilliant gold checks inside. The minimal par value of those gold checks was 10,000 gold coins...

The surrounding bodyguards panted. When Steward Li looked around them, all the bodyguards' hearts pounded as they lowered their heads at once. All the bodyguards knew the power of Steward Li; otherwise, Steward Li couldn't buy over them all these years.

Steward Li took out those piles of gold checks from the corpse's fox-fur robe and put them in his portable luggage before saying, "Now we're grasshoppers on the same rope. Don't think too much. I will pay you what I promised you. As it's chaotic in Taixia Country. We could leave Huanzhou Province by chance and settle down somewhere. Later on, I will be your owner. You will live much better than now if you follow me..."

"As you will, owner..."

"Fine, clean up these corpses. Dig a pit here and bury them all..."

"Yes, sir!" Zhao Wu and the other bodyguards started to dig a pit on the ground with their tools and buried all the corpses.

Only after such a short while, the 2 beloved concubines of the fat owner had been scared too much by the series of accidents. Watching Steward Li walking towards them with a bloody face, the two enchanting women quivered all over with pale faces.

"Steward Li, later on...we will both follow your orders..."

"Steward Li, we...our sisters...will serve you well later on..."

Steward Li just walked towards them with a glassy-eyed look. Even though the two women begged for his forgiveness, he still killed them, one prick for one life.

After that, Steward Li squatted down and cleaned his dagger on the collars of the two women. After that, he said, "You were just two prostitutes previously. Owner bought you over given your beautiful looks and provided you good clothes and delicious food. However, you betrayed him. How do I know whether you will not betray me one day? Do you really think that the man will not kill you if you could make him happy on the bed? You're just b\*tches. Do you think that you could dally with a man based on your tricks and beautiful looks? Do you think that the man couldn't live without you..." After cleaning his dagger, Steward Li stood up. Watching the two human corpses which were gradually turning colder, he shook his head as he made a conclusion, "You should read some more books..."

In less than 10 minutes, all the corpses had been buried, leaving a faint, bloody smell in the maple woods.

After doing all this, the moment Steward Li was walking out of the maple woods, followed by his bodyguards, they stopped as their pupils contracted.

A 17-year old young man was standing in front of them. They didn't even know how long had this young man stood there.

The young man didn't carry any weapon as if he was a noble childe who was making an autumn outing.

The young man looked at the maple leaves, then the fresh blood stains in the woods before shaking his head and saying pitifully, "The red color of the maple woods looked beautiful previously; however, after being covered with blood, it turned dazzling!"

Steward Li narrowed his eyes as he couldn't see through the true abilities of this young man. However, there was no servant on the side of this young man. What was more, this man looked too young that he didn't look like a powerhouse. Therefore, Steward Li had a fluke mind that he could kill this young man here.

"Zhao Wu, kill him!" Steward Li sent an order to Zhao Wu.

Soon after receiving Steward Li's words, Zhao Wu had rushed out.

Watching Zhao Wu rushing over here, the young man rubbed his fingers, causing a sound. The sound was seemingly magical. The moment the sound deepened into the consciousnesses of everybody else, all the people at present became stiff all over at once. They couldn't even move.

The young man watched these people as he shook his head and said which carried a bizarre heart-breaking resonance and strength, "I don't even want to contaminate my hands by killing you myself. You'd better commit suicide to beg for my forgiveness!"

Soon after the young man's words, all the stiff bodies had taken their weapons and stabbed into their own necks or chests forcefully.

The strong bloody smell diffused over the maple woods once again...

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## **Chapter 1287: A Problematic Region**

Of course, this young man was Zhang Tie.

Even Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could see such a hideous scene in this maple woods of Helan Mountain Range. Over these days, as Zhang Tie had seen so many righteous, loyal men and strange commoners who assisted each other when in evacuation in Peacewest Military Region, he felt very disgusted the moment he saw these people.

All the maple leaves were red in the woods. Those corps turned a large area of land red too, which looked miserable, icy and brutal...

Just now, Zhang Tie tried a hypnosis soul-controlling secret skill in Bloody Soul Sutra on these small figures. Zhang Tie could have these small figures commit suicide only by moving his own lips.

Steward Li penetrated a dagger through his own heart. He was gazing at the sky with extremely pale eyes even though he was already dead.

Greed and betrayal always existed wherever there were people. However, Zhang Tie was still shocked when he saw servants and concubines screwing up their master. Watching the painful expression of Steward Li, Zhang Tie suddenly thought about a question— as all humans have their hideous side, will I also suffer from such a betrayal due to others' greed?

When it occurred to Zhang Tie's mind, Zhang Tie's heart pounded. Closely after that, Zhang Tie forgot about it. As it was in the holy war, it was not necessary for him to be worried about that here.

Although this Steward Li was as weak as an ant in Zhang Tie's eyes, this person had terrifying thoughts and means.

As Zhang Tie had not read too many books, he knew less about medicaments and pills. Therefore, if Steward Li didn't mention it, Zhang Tie didn't even know that potassium iodate would make male lack sperms, not to mention that demons and Three-eye Association once changed potassium iodide into potassium iodate in the table salt of Hua people before the Catastrophe. Most of the people didn't have such a remote knowledge. Even though Zhang Tie was a knight, he didn't know all the details of the knowledge and history before the Catastrophe.

Zhang Tie only knew that Blackhot City lacked iodine in the inland. At his mom's request, he would always buy 2 bags of table salt for his family each year. Additionally, the iodine indeed existed in terms of potassium iodide; instead of potassium iodate. Even if the salt was added with potassium iodide, his mom who was responsible for the food and drinks of the family still prevented them from eating too much table salt.

Only after thinking about it for a short while, Zhang Tie had dropped it. As for Zhang Tie, if he wanted to know the dangers and influences of potassium iodate to human beings or how demons and Three-eye Association screwed up Hua people by changing the elements of their table salt before the Catastrophe, he only needed to enter the trouble-reappearance situation of Xuanyuan Hill and look them up in the database of Human Pharmacists Union Headquarters. He could definitely get the most authoritative and professional literature and research materials over there. Otherwise, he could directly ask his elder brother Zhang Yang. Zhang Yang was also a pharmacist, who must know much more than Steward Li on this aspect.

However, it was unnecessary!

"Even if you've read too many books, it doesn't work if you don't follow the path of righteousness." Zhang Tie let out a sigh with emotions as he took out the gold checks from Steward Li's body.

These people deserved to die. However, money was not guilty. Zhang Tie shouldn't waste these gold checks which were worth over 600,000 gold coins. Such a bit of money was not worth mentioning for Zhang Tie; however, the amount of 600,000-odd gold coins was already an astronomical figure for commoners.

Only after bending his body, he would enable 50,000 refugees to have a residence. Of course, Zhang Tie would like to do that. Zhang Tie was not that high-hearted. As for a person who grudged drinking a bowl of rice brew only to save some copper coins, Zhang Tie knew better about the power of money when in dangerous and a chaotic world.

After throwing those gold checks into Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie didn't stay here anymore; instead, he walked towards the depth of the maple woods. This was an ugly performance that revealed the hideous side of humans that Zhang Tie met in Helan Mountain Range over the past 2 months.

Of course, Zhang Tie was not here especially to watch this performance.

It was just a coincidence. Actually, this maple woods was the most dangerous place in Helan Mountain Range; instead of only providing those dead guys with syrup. Those guys who only thought about hundreds of thousands of gold coins couldn't see the dangers at all...

At this moment, besides knight scouts such as Zhang Tie, there were also a lot of human fighters in Helan Mountain Range. These human fighters were sentinels and field scouts of Black Armor Army in this region. Their mission was almost like that of Zhang Tie's, namely being the eyes and ears of Blackwater Base in Helan Mountain Range. Because there were too many sentinels and field scouts, the messages that they sent back to Blackwater Base could complement and verify the messages sent by Zhang Tie and the other earth knight scouts. Sometimes, when these sentinels and field scouts discovered the traces of local knights, they could even send the message to Blackwater Base and have Blackwater Base send an early warning to Zhang Tie and the other earth knight scouts in the nearby. Therefore, these sentinels and field scouts were also unnecessary forces of humans in Helan Mountain Range——In holy wars, those in battlefields were not only knights.

Zhang Tie received the message from Blackwater Base 2 days ago. He was told that a large number of human sentinels and field scouts had disappeared in this region of Helan Mountain Range on the border between Yunze Prefecture of Huanzhou Province and Jishi Prefecture of Wuzhou Province and lost contact with Blackwater Base completely in late 2 weeks. 2 days ago, an earth knight scout assigned by Blackwater Base to this region, also one of the 20 earth knight scouts from Youzhou Province lost his contact with Blackwater Base too.

As a knight scout, even though Zhang Tie didn't discover anything, he should also send a message to Blackwater Base every day to express that he was still alive and in his post. This was also one of the methods that scout knights adopted to send an early warning to Blackwater Base. They were sending an early warning back to the base at the risk of their lives. If an earth knight lost contact with Blackwater Base for 2 days for no reason, he probably would have been killed by the enemy.

As too many human sentinels and scouts had disappeared in this region of Helan Mountain Range and Zhang Tie was mainly patrolling the neighboring region, therefore, Blackwater Base sent an order to Zhang Tie to have him take a look over here.

Other knights could barely discover a problematic place in the mountain range which covered over 500,000 square miles for 10 days; however, it only took Zhang Tie 2 days to discover this problematic region which covered over 10,000 square miles and confirmed that the problem might be in the vast maple woods or nearby.

Zhang Tie just walked into the maple woods leisurely. Even if he stepped onto tree leaves, he didn't make any sound. Although there was still dew in the shrubs and weeds, they couldn't stick to Zhang Tie's clothes at all as if they were isolated by a bizarre strength. Zhang Tie just walked in the woods like a shadow.

Only after walking a few minutes in the maple woods, Zhang Tie had discovered something from less than 300 m away from where Steward Li made the spree killing for money.

Zhang Tie saw a metal pipe which was 20 cm in length and 2 cm in width on a trunk of a tall sugar maple. The inside of the metal pipe had been frozen by syrup.

Zhang Tie drew that metal pipe out of the trunk. The metal pipe was black with one sharp end. After looking at it carefully, Zhang Tie identified that it was a multi-purpose tool carried by field scouts of Taixia Country. With this tool, they could release a needle quietly. The needle could kill a target or a wild prey which had no defensive mentality quietly within 50 m. Additionally, this tool could accelerate blood



flow when it was stabbed into people's body as the wound could be hardly healed. Of course, they could also insert this metal pipe into the trunk to drink and collect syrup.

A field scout would never casually drop this tool. Given the spot, this pipe had been inserted into the trunk for a few days.

Zhang Tie looked at the ground under the trunk and found some special trace with the sensory perceptions of knight's consciousness. After walking less than 10 m along the trace, he had seen a small bloody piece of camouflage coat of a wild scout...

Zhang Tie picked the small piece of cloth. Closely after that, he looked up at the sky and made a bizarre hand gesture. Soon after that, a woodpecker and 4 titmice have flown over here. After flying around Zhang Tie for a short while, the woodpecker and 3 titmice flew away while the other titmouse landed onto Zhang Tie's palm which carried a small piece of camouflage cloth. After jumping up a couple of times in Zhang Tie's hand, it nodded and flew away towards another direction of the maple woods.

Zhang Tie then followed that titmouse...

### **Chapter 1288: Tracing**

Under the guidance of the small titmouse, Zhang Tie had another discovery over 100 m away...

That was a patch of ground whose color looked a bit deeper than the surrounding land. Right here, Zhang Tie sniffed a faintly bloody and stinky smell. Some small pieces of camouflage cloth scattered over 20 square meters while a cluster of ants was busy carrying fine flesh and bones into their own nests...

At the sight of such a spot, Zhang Tie circled around this place for a short while. After that, he stood somewhere as he made a hand gesture; at the same time, a scene occurred to his mind—a field scout who was sucking syrup in this maple woods suddenly found an enemy. As the enemy was much more powerful than him, he determined to escape right away; pitifully, when he arrived here, he had been caught up by that field scout. Only with one punch, the enemy had completely shattered the human field scout's body into blood foam, spraying over the ground in terms of a fan shape and became the food of the ants...

Along the direction of the fan shape, Zhang Tie found a distorted scout's matt longsword.

Zhang Tie picked the longsword and looked at it carefully. He didn't find any breach on the blade. Zhang Tie guessed that it should be bounced back by at least an earth knight's protective battle qi.

A brave Hua fighter then sacrificed in this maple woods of Helan Mountain Range quietly, leaving not even a complete corpse or a name, except for that distorted longsword, which indicated the decisiveness of this fighter before his death.

Being not far away from where the field scout fought to death, Zhang Tie found another two shattered bodies of field scouts, a broken remote-sensing communications device and some equipment.

The 3 field scouts could form a group in the army of Taixia Country. Now that a group of 3 field scouts died so miserably here, it could be imagined that there must be more casualties in this maple woods.

When field scouts were taking actions or executing missions, they could not gain the supply from the base; especially in the Helan Mountain Range, they had to be self-sufficient. In this case, syrup would be the best supply for field scouts. If demon knights knew this law, they only needed to wait here for groups of Hua field scouts.

The earth human knight who was responsible for patrolling this region probably had been killed. Among the demons in this region, there should be at least one top earth demon knight.

Zhang Tie's eyes gave out an aggressive light as he licked his lips with a faintly grim smile...

Although the other humans might feel that demon knights were terrifying and tricky; as for Zhang Tie, the more, the better. Even the war between demon and humans in the west border of Taixia Country had turned white-hot, knights were minorities among humans and demons respectively. Over the past 2 months, Zhang Tie had been longing for demon knights so much. Besides the first black iron wing demon knights that Zhang Tie met here on the first day, Zhang Tie only killed 3 more black iron wing demon knights who intended to slide into Huanzhou Province from Helan Mountain stealthily. As for Zhang Tie, the 4 wing demon knights were just like kittens or puppies. The more, the better.

Even Zhang Tie could only meet 4 black iron wing demon knights; not to mention the other human earth knight scouts. If they were unfortunate, such as that missing one, they might meet a powerful opponent.

If not shoulder such a heavy responsibility, Zhang Tie even wanted to hunt demon knights in the frontline or the areas which had been occupied by demons.

Out of his imagination, Zhang Tie could meet a big fish over here.

The titmouse kept hovering beside Zhang Tie. After Zhang Tie checked these traces, he directly followed the titmouse deep into maple woods. However, only after flying over 200 m away, that titmouse had started to hover beside Zhang Tie once again.

Zhang Tie took out some food and fed the titmouse before having it leave.

After the titmouse flew away, Zhang Tie made another hand gesture. Only after a few seconds, a grey fox had run over here as he continued to lead Zhang Tie towards the depth of the maple woods.

Over 15 miles away, the grey fox got its reward and left jubilantly while a uang continued to lead Zhang Tie into the depth of the maple woods...

After the uang, two boars continued to guide Zhang Tie. After that an owl guided him...

The demon knights in this woods might not know the outcome of being hostile to an inheritor of "Great Wilderness Sutra" in a vigorous mountain area where lived various animals. They were actually hostile to the whole world; instead of one person...

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On the way, Zhang Tie found some more corpses of human fighters...

2 hours later, at the entrance of a mountain cave in the depth of this maple woods, a mutated viper moved around Zhang Tie for a couple of times...

Zhang Tie stretched out his hand and stroked the head of the viper. After that, he directly poured some all-purpose medicament into the stomach of the mutated viper which was preparing for hibernation. The viper stuck out its tongue and licked Zhang Tie's palm before drilling into the weeds a few meters away by twisting its body.

Zhang Tie took a look at this mountain cave for a short while before walking inside quietly.

In this mountain area covering hundreds of thousands of square miles, there were at least 1,000 such kinds of mountain caves. Some mountain caves were shallow as they were on the mountainside. Zhang Tie could see through such mountain caves easily with lotus-flower eyes; some mountain caves were dozens even hundreds of miles deep which contained numerous bypasses and gaps like Dragon Cave in Hidden Dragon Island. Even though Zhang Tie had lotus-flower eyes, he could not see through such mountain caves.

Undoubtedly, this mountain cave belonged to the latter type.

The inside of the mountain cave was gloomy and dark. Only after entering it for less than 100 m, it had been completely dark. Additionally, over 100,000 bats were living inside. Bats' feces had been thick in the mountain cave. Of course, Zhang Tie's arrival didn't shock those bats. Instead, after communicating with these bats, Zhang Tie got a more useful intelligence from these bats—2 days ago, 8 wing demons and a human like him flew into the mountain cave together...

#### **Chapter 1289: A Delicate Trap**

'8 wing demons and 1 human knight flew into the mountain cave?'

After hearing this news from those bats, Zhang Tie became dubious at once. It was not strange for wing demons to hide in this mountain cave; neither it was strange for a human knight to stay inside; the point was those wing demons and a human knight stayed with each other.

'Is that human knight the missing earth knight or someone else? It's a problem. What was more, why would this human knight stay with wing demons?'

As bats had limited intelligence, Zhang Tie couldn't get details from these bats even being a top animal controller. He couldn't know how the human knight looked. Zhang Tie only knew that that human knight almost flew into the mountain cave together with 8 wing demons at the same time. Those bats didn't know the levels of those wing demons; however, Zhang Tie knew that the human must be at least a black iron knight as he could fly.

Given the environment here, Zhang Tie judged that the 8 wing demons seemingly had not broken out a fight with that human knight. None of the bats in the mountain cave were involved in either. Given these signs, Zhang Tie judged that the human knight probably was on the same side with those wing demons.

In Taixia Country, those humans who stayed with demons must be remnants of Heavens Reaching Church...

Zhang Tie revealed a cold smile. He had been longing for catching some more b\*stards for bloody furnace these days and here they came.

After triggering a hiding rune effect and placing some tracing feathers near the entrance of the mountain cave so as to remind him when someone else entered, Zhang Tie flashed into the mountain cave like a lightning bolt.

Powerhouses were always dauntless. As Zhang Tie was growing more and more powerful, he wouldn't fear about it even if there were 9 earth knights in the mountain cave at this moment.

It was very dim inside the mountain cave. After flying a few miles, Zhang Tie had seen some strange small insects which looked like the combination of fireflies and spiders. Besides giving out light like fireflies in flight, they could even spit out fine noddle-like webs onto the palisades and stalactites on the top of the mountain cave, making this mountain cave a bit fantastic...

These illuminant small insects were the favorite food of bats. However, their fine webs could stick bats' wings and scare them too much. Being protected by those fine webs, these illuminant small insects maintained a subtle balance with bats in the mountain cave.

Additionally, the feces that bats left in the mountain cave for so many years could survive smaller insects such as salamanders, centipedes, snakes and dark mice. Therefore, there was an inter-dependent macroecological system in the entire mountain cave.

There were not too many bypasses and gaps in this mountain cave. Some of them were too narrow to pass or were dead ends. Therefore, there was basically only one path in the mountain cave. Zhang Tie even discovered some corpses of Hua fighters with miserable looks whose guts and brains had been eaten up. Therefore, Zhang Tie determined to catch all the 8 demons and the human knight of Three-eye Association...

After twisting in the mountain cave for about 60 miles, Zhang Tie came to a dangerous place in the mountain cave and stopped there...

In the mountain cave, Zhang Tie slightly looked at this place with slight frown.

It was deep underground as it turned more and more spacious. Zhang Tie even saw some special fungi here. However, this place looked very dangerous as the space abruptly narrowed and became deeper. It turned into a tunnel which was only 3 m in height and 2 m in width and extended all the way towards the depth of the underground space.

There were hard granite rocks outside the small entrance, so were inside the tunnel. The tunnel was surrounded by hundreds of millions tons of rocks. Being similar to a magnifying rat's hole, the moment he entered it, he would barely come out easily if someone blocked the two ends unless he made a spree killing inside.

At the sight of this tunnel, Zhang Tie's heart suddenly pounded as he felt that this distant and narrow tunnel was full of killing intents.

Zhang Tie didn't enter it immediately; instead, he looked around the entrance of the tunnel. With the effect of lotus-flower eyes, the rocks surrounding the winding small tunnel gradually turned transparent as the overall look of the small tunnel gradually became clear in Zhang Tie's eyes.

In this case, even though Zhang Tie had lotus-flower eyes, he could still only see through about 10,000 m in thickness as the granite rocks contained some quartz and metal. The rocks over 10,000 m away would form a thick color temperature barrier and block what was behind it.

Although Zhang Tie was taking the seeds of fiery-flame red lotus, he could at most see through granite rocks about 10,000 m in this case.

The winding tunnel's length was over 10,000 m; therefore, Zhang Tie couldn't see what was over 10,000 m away. However, at least everything in this tunnel was normal within 10,000 m.

After thinking about it for a few seconds, Zhang Tie flew into the small tunnel slowly as he fully triggered the effect of his lotus-flower eyes.

After flying about 13,000 m in the small tunnel, Zhang Tie stopped once again; because he could already see the scene on the other end of the tunnel.

After extending over 9,000 m in linear distance, the winding tunnel reached a huge bubble-shaped underground space. If this winding tunnel was one's intestine, that underground space was like one's stomach. On the other end of this underground space, there were some slightly bigger entrances which could lead to far away...

Besides the superficial look of this underground space, Zhang Tie could see everything in this space through the thick granite rocks.

A human knight was lurking on top of the underground space near the other end of this narrow tunnel while hiding his qi. If not lotus-flower eyes, Zhang Tie could almost not see him at all. Additionally, 6 wing demon knights were lurking at the entrance of the other entrance of the underground space. Furthermore, 2 more wing demon knights were flying in the underground space as if they were looking for something. They even looked at the other end of this narrow tunnel now and then...

All the 8 wing demons were knights, 5 of them were two-winged black iron knights, 3 of them were earth demon knights who had started to grow out the second pair of wings. Although that human knight was hiding secretly, his look was still clearly exposed under Zhang Tie's lotus-flower eyes. That human knight looked grim in grey hair. Given his look, he was already old. What was more impressive was the terrifying black pigmented nevus between his eyebrows...

Zhang Tie's heart pounded, 'Gao Tianzhao, the founder of Gao Clan of Time-honored Flavor Palace in Lingzhou Province, a top figure in Heavens Reaching Church who's wanted by the Supreme Court in Taixia Country, whose daughter has married Han Zhengfang's son.'

If not have seen the wanted image; especially being impressed by that black nevus between the two eyebrows of Gao Tianzhao, Zhang Tie could not identify him at once.

Although being in concealment, that human knight was still keeping a close eye on the exit of that narrow tunnel while narrowing his eyes.

Even though he had not reached there, Zhang Tie could still sense the strong killing intent from that spacious underground space.

Gao Tianzhao and those demon knights were lurking inside for someone.

‘That’s a trap!’

In this case, even an ordinary shadow knight might be killed if he entered the trap set by one shadow human knight and 8 demon knights.

‘Who’s their target?’

After thinking about it for a short while, Zhang Tie got the answer at once——This trap will target anyone who probably breaks in.

‘After one human earth knight and a lot of field scouts and sentinels lost their contacts with Blackwater Base, of course, the one who probably is assigned here to investigate about the situation in this region is me who “looks not bad”!’

‘They’re trapping me...’

‘It’s not a coincidence for Heavens Reaching Church and demons to attract me here by making troubles; but how could they confirm that I would find this place?’

‘Unless they have guessed that I’m an animal controller who could use animals to locate them. If so, those corpses that I saw in the mountain cave must be purposefully left by them.’

‘However, aren’t they afraid of scaring me away? If they’re targeting me, that’s evidently a big loophole. How could an earth knight casually enter a trap ambushed by 9 opposite knights? Do they target someone else? But who else would come except for me?’

Zhang Tie’s eyes gleamed. All of a sudden, he patted his head as he thought it through.

‘They had guessed that I’m an animal controller; however, they had not imagined that I’m cultivating “Great Wilderness Sutra”, the ability of which could not be matched by any other animal controlling skills. The other animal controllers who had not cultivated “Great Wilderness Sutra” probably locate this mountain cave too with the help of animals; they could also get information from those bats that some giant things flew into the mountain cave recently; however, those animal controllers could never know the number of these arrivers and their physical features.’

‘Therefore, this trap became perfect. Because the opponents didn’t know that I’m cultivating “Great Wilderness Sutra”, they’re trapping me in this way. Of course, they don’t know that I have lotus-flower eyes and could see through everything before entering their trap...’

‘F\*ck, 9 knights, 1 shadow knight of Heavens Reaching Church, 3 earth wing demon knights and 5 black iron wing demon knights. Demons and Heavens Reaching Church really gave me face. What a great trap...’

Zhang Tie licked his lips...

‘The 9 knights means shiny water chakra for me. How alluring they are! But the point is the great dangers in the allure...’

‘What should I do?’

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## Chapter 1290: Qianji Hermit's Countermeasure

When Zhang Tie stayed still in the gloomy narrow tunnel, with the effect of hiding rune skill, Zhang Tie almost combined with those rocks in the surroundings as he could completely hide his qi.

Those knights who were ambushing over 10,000 m away couldn't notice that Zhang Tie at all.

Although Zhang Tie's body remained still, he was racking his mind and looking for the solutions while many thoughts occurred to his mind like meteors.

As they were fat, if not have a fierce bite, Zhang Tie would feel that he was wasting treasures. Zhang Tie was not clear about the real battle strength of Gao Tianzhao; however, as a shadow knight of Heavens Reaching Church, Gao Tianzhao should not be weaker than Ockham in battle strength. Facing such a shadow knight whose battle strength was unknown and had made preparation in ambushing him, Zhang Tie was not sure whether he could keep Gao Tianzhao alive.

Whereas, as long as he kept Gao Tianzhao alive, Zhang Tie's battle strength would be greatly improved after enjoying the fruit of bloodline, the fruit of brilliance, the complete water chakra brought by the shadow knight.

Although Gao Tianzhao was tricky, Zhang Tie would feel regretful if he didn't try his best.

'Even though I could catch Gao Tianzhao alive, I should also adopt flexible strategies; I should never expose my real battle strength.'

'Now that demons and Heavens Reaching Church could assign a shadow knight and 8 demon knights to kill me, it indicates that they've determined to kill me.'

Zhang Tie also became alert about the reason that demons and Heavens Reaching Church made such a delicate trap to kill him.

'Is that because of Han Zhengfang's event? It might be. When the turmoil in Xuanyuan Hill broke out, someone saw me in Xuanyuan Hill. After that, Han Zhengfang was in trouble and lost his contact with demons and Heavens Reaching Church. What would demons and Heavens Reaching Church think about it? I'm afraid that only they know that this might be related to me. Additionally, the animosity between me and Heavens Reaching Church was also a reason. What's more, I'm afraid that the Fiery Oil and the all-purpose medicaments that I invented made demons and Heavens Reaching Church flurried.'

'Fiery Oil and all-purpose medicaments were important strategical resources that could intensify the overall strength of Taixia Country and humans in the holy war and help them maintain a balance with demons to a certain aspect. Their functions couldn't be matched by some knights. Qianji Hermit himself is not terrifying; however, Qianji Hermit who could invent Fiery Oil and all-purpose medicaments is the great resistance facing demons in the holy war and has to be eliminated. I'm afraid that's why Han Zhengfang wanted to kill me.'

'When demons and Heavens Reaching Church are making a delicate trap to kill me, if I exposed my real battle strength and killed the shadow knight that they assigned here, I would be much more threatening to them at once. If so, they might assign a heavenly demon knight to kill me next time.'

‘Therefore, in this case, the best way to protect me is to not expose my real battle strength. It’s necessary for me to be low-key.’

‘If I have to catch Gao Tianzhao and all the other 8 demon knights alive on the premise of not exposing my real battle strength, I have to make a good plan.’

If the others faced such a case, they would definitely be perplexed; however, as Qianji Hermit who had grasped a lot of secret skills, of course, Zhang Tie could work out a countermeasure.

After working out a plan, Zhang Tie slowly revealed a calm smile. At the same time, a barrel-sized red alchemist’s bomb appeared in his hand. Zhang Tie then squatted down as he touched the ground. In a split second, he had taken a boulder out of the ground, exposing a huge pit.

Zhang Tie put the alchemist’s bomb into the pit. Soon after that, a silver secret longsword floated in the air beside him. Like cutting a piece of bean curd, it cut off a part of the bottom of the boulder. After that, Zhang Tie put the rest boulder on the alchemist’s bomb as he turned the part of the boulder into a pile of fine sands using soft strength silently and covered them on the pit. Even a shadow knight could barely discover Zhang Tie’s trap if not check it carefully.

Zhang Tie gained the alchemist’s bomb from the space-teleportation equipment of Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong. There were 500 more alchemists bombs in Castle of Black Iron. Previously, Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong might collect so many alchemist’s bombs for evil purposes. However, this time, coincidentally, Zhang Tie used it to deal with the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church and demons. It seemed that it was destined to happen.

After burying the alchemist’s bomb and leaving a spiritual touch signal, Zhang Tie slowly moved 50 m backward, where he buried another alchemist’s bomb silently.

In the next 10 more minutes, Zhang Tie totally buried over 40 alchemist’s bombs in the narrow and winding tunnel. After estimating that these alchemist’s bombs could collapse the entire tunnel and severely wound Gao Tianzhao, Zhang Tie stopped.

After that, he stroke the place between his eyebrows by his right palm while that jumping body separation rune immediately flew out of the place between Zhang Tie’s eyebrows. Right in front of Zhang Tie, a shadow gradually turned as same as naked Zhang Tie.

Although it was not his first time to use his body separation skill, Zhang Tie still felt as strange as looking into the mirror when he saw another him. As Zhang Tie could complete two tasks at the same time easily, there were two angles of view in his mind. It felt really special for him to watch another him from the other’s angle of view.

The others might be driven mad by such a feeling. However, Zhang Tie felt as easy as drinking the water. Only in this case did Zhang Tie know that his multi-tasking capability could match his body separation skill perfectly. After combining the effects of two secret skills, Zhang Tie gained a greater effect.

This case reminded Zhang Tie that in the far-ancient age, the so-called multi-tasking skill might be one fundamental ability that everybody could grasp and was as natural as breathing. With the assistance of multi-tasking capability, he could use his body separation skill and secret skills of “Great Wilderness Sutra” much better. However, as time went by, when humans couldn’t grasp this multi-tasking skill



anymore, it became harder for them to use body separation skill and animal controlling skills. People then gradually took this difficulty as reasonable...

When Zhang Tie thought about it, he took out a set of clothes and a pair of socks to have another Zhang Tie put them on. After a short while, two Zhang Tie just watched each other face to face. Even Zhang Tie couldn't identify any difference between him and that incarnation.

Zhang Tie's incarnation's battle strength was about 40% of that of Zhang Tie's. Additionally, the incarnation grasped all the secret skills that Zhang Tie himself had grasped. The incarnation could use "Super" god's runes which was only a bit inferior to "master-level" god's runes. Furthermore, the incarnation could fight over half an hour with the ability to control objects as a divine dominator...

This was the effect of the most powerful master-level body separation skill. At this moment, even though Zhang Tie's incarnation was standing in front of his dad and mom, it would not be recognized by his parents. Of course, he paid a lot for triggering a master-level body separation rune. As this incarnation was completely formed by Zhang Tie's spiritual energy and battle qi, even though Zhang Tie was powerful spiritually and physically, he could barely use 2 master-level body separation runes within 1 month. Otherwise, Zhang Tie might feel being drained.

The more you paid, the more you would reap. Watching this incarnation, Zhang Tie felt everything was worthwhile.

"You are me!" Zhang Tie told that incarnation secretly. At the same time, he triggered a master-level rapid moving rune on that incarnation.

"I am you. That would be a bit safer." Zhang Tie's incarnation told Zhang Tie secretly too.

After smiling at each other, Zhang Tie entered Castle of Black Iron. Closely after that, he called out that little black beetle. Zhang Tie's incarnation then put the little black beetle in its sleeves before flying towards the other end of the narrow, winding tunnel as fast as how Zhang Tie flew just now...