

## **Black Iron 1291**

### **Chapter 1291: Being Trapped (I)**

Zhang Tie's incarnation and the little black beetle in the sleeve of Zhang Tie's incarnation were inter-dependent as well as independent. Nobody else could reach such a mysterious realm by combining the top-secret animal controlling skill of "Great Wilderness Sutra" with the master-level body separation skill with the effect of multi-tasking skill except for Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie's incarnation moved forward rapidly. When it was approaching the winding and narrow tunnel, it purposefully slowed down and looked a bit meticulous. Because even an idiot would know that he was easily ambushed when he entered a vast space from a relatively, hidden space.

Being less than 100 m away from the other end of the tunnel, the little black beetle quietly flew out of the sleeve of Zhang Tie's incarnation and combined with the surrounding palisades in a remote place.

When Zhang Tie's incarnation reached the other end of the tunnel, it stopped at once out of the instinct and meticulousness of an earth knight in this case as if it didn't know there was an ambush in the spacious space. It just stood at the edge of the end and looked around this underground space with shiny eyes.

Under the gaze of lotus-flower eyes whose effect had declined by half, Zhang Tie's incarnation found Gao Tianzhao and those demon wing knights held their breaths at once as they became more careful in case of failing this task. Zhang Tie knew that Gao Tianzhao was still observing his incarnation in the dark. As a shadow knight, Gao Tianzhao was confident to observe Zhang Tie's incarnation without being noticed. Gao Tianzhao was less than 3,000 m away from Zhang Tie's incarnation, who was observing Zhang Tie's movements behind a stalactite on the top of the spacious underground space. Meanwhile, Gao Tianzhao was waiting for the right chance to launch a strike towards Zhang Tie's incarnation.

The two wing demon knights were "performing" good. The moment Zhang Tie came to the edge of this space underground space, the two "baits" had been "shocked". The two wing demon knights then rushed towards Zhang Tie with bloody eyes while uttering weird sounds, one after another, which looked normal in this case.

The two wing demon knights were both black iron knights. As for Zhang Tie, he could catch them alive only after a short while; however, if they were two earth demon knights or one earth demon knight and one black iron demon knight, they might scare Zhang Tie away as they almost had the same battle strength as Zhang Tie superficially. Given this point, the one who set the trap was really considerate.

However, no matter what, the one who screwed up Zhang Tie had not imagined that Zhang Tie had lotus-flower eyes and had already seen through everything in this underground space from 10,000 m away.

"You're really dauntless..." Zhang Tie sneered as he punched towards the two wing demons as fast as lightning bolts. As a result, the two grim wing demons were sent flying backward in a pretty embarrassing way from 100 m away.

“Earth knight...” The two wing demon knights screamed as they turned evidently flurried after realizing that Zhang Tie was an earth knight through “probe”. After knowing that they couldn’t defeat Zhang Tie, they hurriedly flew back towards the entrance of another tunnel in the far...

In their script, when Zhang Tie saw two wing demon knights escaping away in front of him, he would definitely fly out of the mountain cave and chase after them. After Zhang Tie left the other end of the winding, narrow tunnel for a distance, Gao Tianzhao and the other demon knights would show up and block Zhang Tie’s route of retreat. Being dominated by a shadow human knight, the 8 demon knights would kill Zhang Tie in this spacious underground space for sure...

They were confident about their trap. As long as Zhang Tie left the other end of the winding, narrow tunnel, he would be killed by them in this spacious underground space no matter how powerful was this earth knight.

Zhang Tie flew out of the other end of the tunnel; however, soon after he left there for less than 200 m when Gao Tianzhao had just revealed a faint floor, Zhang Tie had moved back at the other end of the tunnel. He threw a dubious and meticulous glance at the tunnel behind him, then this spacious underground space, then the two escaping wing demon knights. He looked hesitated...

After seeing Zhang Tie moving back, Gao Tianzhao’s floor instantly froze as he continued to hide there. If Zhang Tie flew hundreds of meters more and was over 1,000 m away from the other end of the winding, narrow tunnel, Gao Tianzhao would be confident to kill Zhang Tie in this spacious underground space. He had not imagined that Zhang Tie could be so careful.

The two wing knights continued to escape towards the entrance of another tunnel in the distance. Right under Zhang Tie’s eyes, they entered the other tunnel and disappeared...

At the sight of this scene, most of the earth knights would probably chase after them, except for Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie was still standing at the end of the winding, narrow tunnel as he gazed at this underground space inch by inch. Meanwhile, a steel spear appeared in Zhang Tie’s hand. When he saw a riprap over 800 m away, Zhang Tie directly threw his spear over there.

The spear drew a fiery line in the air and caused a thunder like how it was called Bolt-in-Palm.

With a “boom...”, the riprap over 500 m away was shattered at once, exposing a hidden place.

Another spear appeared in Zhang Tie’s hand. With another boom, a cave on the top of the underground space over 800 m away was blown up.

As more and more steel spears were thrown away, all the places which might contain enemies had been broken or laid flat by Zhang Tie’s Bolt-in-Palm.

Watching what Zhang Tie was doing, Gao Tianzhao became dumbfounded as he wondered whether they had left any loophole...

The latest spear blew up a stalactite over 400 m away from Gao Tianzhao on the top of the underground space.

Gao Tianzhao struggled inside. If he just stayed here, he would be discovered by Zhang Tie's incarnation sooner or later. But Zhang Tie might just be probing and would stop...

When Gao Tianzhao was struggling, Zhang Tie threw out something once again...

'Wait...'

Gao Tianzhao was shocked as this time it sounded evidently different than those in earlier times. Additionally, it might be flying towards Gao Tianzhao.

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Whereas, before Gao Tianzhao left those stalactites, one thing had arrived at the place above Gao Tianzhao's head. Before Gao Tianzhao fully released his protective qi, that thing had exploded...

"Boom..." With explosive flames, a sound which was much louder than Zhang Tie's thunder-in-palm rocked the entire underground space as numerous spalls and broken stalactites fell off the top of the spacious underground space...

A figure rushed out of the explosive flames. Although he had released his brilliant protective battle qi, he looked pretty embarrassed. Besides losing half of his hair, his clothes turned into rags. Additionally, there were some bloody bruises on his face. He was like a beggar...

"Gao Tianzhao the founder of Gao Clan!" Zhang Tie "exclaimed" as if he had just discovered Gao Tianzhao. However, soon after that, he burst out into laughter as he said, "You look really special. Why do Heavens Reaching Church become so poor? Look at you, you don't even have complete clothes. That's too excessive. That's the outcome of becoming a lackey of demons. Hahaha..."

Not until then did Gao Tianzhao believe that such a trap would fail. However, the small bruises over his body reminded him that the last thing that Zhang Tie threw must be an alchemist's bomb. As the alchemist's bomb exploded too close to him, he didn't even have time to hide from it. As a result, Gao Tianzhao suffered a bit loss. He was ambushing Zhang Tie; however, he was ambushed by Zhang Tie. What a shameful thing it would be if it was exposed to the public! Gao Tianzhao would not be reconciled to that if he didn't figure out how his trap was recognized by Zhang Tie. Gritting his teeth, he watched Zhang Tie in the far instead of charging at the latter immediately, "Junior, how did you find me here?"

"I just felt that this place is a bit dangerous. After leaving the end of this tunnel, as long as the tunnel was blocked by someone, I would barely escape away. I've not imagined that you're really ambushing here. Additionally, you're a shadow knight..." Zhang Tie replied as he slowly moved backward.

"I'm a shadow knight, it's impossible for you to find me." Gao Tianzhao shouted as he didn't believe in Zhang Tie's words.

"Hehe, don't be overconfident. It's true that I could not find you, but my spears could find you!"

"Impossible!" Gao Tianzhao roared, "Bolt-in-Palm is nothing but sh\*t in front of me..."

"Bolt-in-Palm is indeed nothing but sh\*t in the eyes of a shadow knight; however, I could find you based on the sound of the spear. No matter where you hide and how great your hiding skill is, your body's resonance would not be as same as that of the stalactites in this underground space. I've got a secret skill to test where there were human bodies in this closed space through constant resonances..." Virtual

was real; real was virtual. Zhang Tie didn't mind making up a lie at this moment. After all, his byname Qianji Hermit was used to frighten people.

"It seems that I have to kill you..." After hearing Zhang Tie's explanation, Gao Tianzhao's eyes turned solemn at once as he charged at Zhang Tie...

Zhang Tie escaped away instantly...

In front of a shadow knight, unless he wanted to die, Zhang Tie could only escape...

Watching Gao Tianzhao following Zhang Tie into the winding, narrow tunnel, all the other hiding demon knights including the two "baits" showed up as they entered the same tunnel...

## **Chapter 1292: Being Trapped (II)**

In the loud sound caused by Zhang Tie's spears, the little black beetle had long drilled out of the winding, narrow tunnel and hid behind a rock in the spacious underground space near the other end of the tunnel...

After the 8 demon knights rushed into the winding, narrow tunnel, the little black beetle immediately entered Castle of Black Iron. Closely after that, Zhang Tie's original body appeared near the other end of the tunnel quietly.

Watching that deep and narrow tunnel, Zhang Tie sneered. Closely after that, he wrapped up his whole body by Chaos. From then on, the hunter and the prey alternated...

At this moment, the fierce chase was happening in the winding, narrow tunnel.

Zhang Tie's incarnation was flying backward rapidly, closely followed by Gao Tianzhao who was full of killing intent. The 8 demon knights were closely following Gao Tianzhao. The three forces were over 1,000 m away from each other. As Gao Tianzhao was a powerful shadow knight, he was constantly approaching Zhang Tie while extending the distance between him and the other 8 demon knights.

"Shii..." A sharp shiny battle qi shot into the palisades of the narrow tunnel after rubbing the edge of Zhang Tie's protective battle qi, leaving a 20-m deeper hole as thick as one's thumb on the palisades. The spalls were easily blocked by Zhang Tie's protective battle qi.

It was Gao Tianzhao's blow by his finger from over 1,000 m away. In the rugged winding, narrow tunnel, this distance was relatively linear. As Zhang Tie appeared in Gao Tianzhao's sight, the latter immediately launched a strike towards Zhang Tie.

"Hahaha, are you getting old? You cannot even target me precisely..." Zhang Tie's heart pounded as he sighed with feeling inside, 'Gao Tianzhao is really something. Even if an earth knight who has reached the 9 change realm couldn't reach the effect of Gao Tianzhao from over 1,000 m. It's just Gao Tianzhao's finger skill; it could be imagined that Gao Tianzhao's battle strength must be very powerful when in real face-to-face battle. Only after a short while, Zhang Tie had realized that Gao Tianzhao was more powerful than Ockham. Therefore, Zhang Tie became more meticulous as he sped up a bit and moved as fast as a lightning bolt. Even so, he still burst out into laughter in a pretty heroic way.

“Zhang Tie, this day next year will be your death anniversary. This old man will slag you with my Unrivaled Bolt Finger!” Gao Tianzhao roared.

“Haha, even Han Zhengfang failed to do it. How could you think that you would do it? I also have an earth-shaking finger skill called F\*ck You Finger Skill. What do you think about that...” Zhang Tie erected his middle finger when flying backward.

After that, Zhang Tie came to a turn. Almost the moment Zhang Tie made a turn, Gao Tianzhao’s second battle qi-strike had penetrated through the heart of Zhang Tie’s shadow on the palisades, causing another small hole on the palisades.

After seeing Zhang Tie escaping away from his sight once again, Gao Tianzhao roared as he hurriedly caught up with Zhang Tie.

The part of the tunnel where Gao Tianzhao attacked Zhang Tie was the only linear distance in the winding, narrow tunnel where Gao Tianzhao could attack his target from over 1,000 m away. After making a turn, the tunnel had become winding as there would be a turn in each dozen of meters or over 100 meters. In this case, unless narrowing the distance between him and Zhang Tie’s incarnation to 100 m, Gao Tianzhao could barely hit Zhang Tie even if he was a powerful shadow knight. When he couldn’t see Zhang Tie, no matter how powerful his off-hand strike was, it would be blocked by the palisades of the winding, narrow tunnel.

8 demon knights closely followed Gao Tianzhao into the next curve.

Almost 2 minutes later, Zhang Tie entered the part of the tunnel where he had buried alchemist’s bombs in advance. During the past 2 minutes, Gao Tianzhao had been hundreds of meters closer to Zhang Tie; however, he still couldn’t catch up with Zhang Tie...

When Zhang Tie entered this part of the tunnel, Gao Tianzhao had been over 2,000 m away from the 8 demon knights. Given that he only buried the alchemist’s bombs in 1,000 m long in the tunnel, Zhang Tie could only choose one of them, Gao Tianzhao or those wing demons behind him.

Only after thinking about considering it for less than 0.1 seconds, Zhang Tie had made a decision——I will let go Gao Tianzhao first and keep those wing demon knights in the spacious underground space...

Gao Tianzhao closely followed Zhang Tie into the part of the tunnel which was full of alchemist’s bombs as he didn’t discover anything abnormal over there. When all the wing demon knights entered the middle of that part of tunnel, all the alchemist’s bombs were detonated by Zhang Tie at the same time...

The earth-shaking bombs drifted from the winding, narrow tunnel as the entire underground space started to rock like a small-scale earthquake. The spalls also fell off the top of the tunnel like raindrops. A fierce flame caught up with Gao Tianzhao rapidly in the tunnel with a strong impact wave, rocking the protective battle qi of Gao Tianzhao. Closely after that, Gao Tianzhao changed his face greatly. In the loud explosive sounds, Gao Tianzhao felt that a part of the tunnel over 1,000 m long had collapsed behind him. However, those 8 demon knights were right in that explosive region. After the explosions, they must have been buried by numerous spalls; even if they were not killed, they might have been severely injured...

At this moment, it would be hard for Gao Tianzhao to clear out that section of the collapsed tunnel even if he wanted.

“Alchemist’s bombs? You buried alchemist’s bombs in the tunnel...” Gao Tianzhao exclaimed as he was driven mad like a rat whose tail had been stomped by someone.

“Hahaha, just a preventive measure. Even a human earth knight scout has disappeared in this region, how could I not make any preventive measure in this region? Otherwise, I would have long been killed by Han Zhengfang...”

“Damn it...”

Zhang Tie was so cunning that even Gao Tianzhao was scared by his deed. The fatal trap that they made must have killed the target if it were someone else. However, in front of Zhang Tie, the fatal trap made by 1 shadow knight and 8 black iron demon knights could not gain any extra advantage at all from the beginning. Although Zhang Tie’s countermeasure had not severely injured Gao Tianzhao until now, the sense of frustration made Gao Tianzhao more uncomfortable as he determined his mind to kill Zhang Tie...

With a shrill roar, Gao Tianzhao’s eyes suddenly turned red as his body turned into a bloody shiny fog with moisture. Right in the bloody shiny fog, numerous runes were flying. Closely after that, the shiny fog suddenly turned into a 3-eye huge boa with two wings, which chased after Zhang Tie at a greater speed with a pretty grim look...

This time, Zhang Tie was really startled. It was Zhang Tie’s first time to see the real body of a shadow knight’s virtual image. That process was too amazing. Zhang Tie could only change into another person with the help of his body changing immortal bloodline; however, the process that a shadow knight transformed into the real body of his virtual image was like how a person transformed into a powerful monster.

In the tunnel, the giant boa was as free as fish in water. Only after a short while, Zhang Tie had felt that the real body of Gao Tianzhao’s virtual image was rapidly narrowing the distance between them. At the same time, the bloody and grim qi of the giant boa became hot at once...

‘Mamma Mia.’ Thankfully, Zhang Tie’s incarnation was carrying a portable space-teleportation equipment which contained something; otherwise, Zhang Tie’s incarnation would be killed in such a case.

The giant boa crashed here and there in the tunnel at a great speed. After feeling that it turned increasingly noisier behind him, Zhang Tie swore. Closely after that, an alchemist’s bomb appeared in his hand. Zhang Tie instantly threw it backward. When the real body of Gao Tianzhao’s virtual image approached him, it was exploded.

However, the explosion of the alchemist’s bomb didn’t hurt the real body of Gao Tianzhao’s virtual image at all. It only slightly slowed it down. Although the tunnel was blocked by the boulders that fell off the top of the tunnel, the giant boa directly break them up and passed by.

Before Gao Tianzhao was driven furious, the second alchemist’s bomb arrived. Flames, impact waves and the boulders slowed it down once again.

In the following explosions, the advantage of the giant boa in speed was gradually offset by Zhang Tie's alchemist's bombs...

Gao Tianzhao had never imagined that Zhang Tie could have so many alchemist's bombs.

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6 minutes after the consecutive explosions, 8 injured wing demon knights flew out of the other end of the tunnel and returned to where they ambushed Zhang Tie just now; they were wounded all over their bodies as their wings were broken.

Among those 8 wing demon knights, 3 black iron knights were severely injured as they were covered with blood; they couldn't fly anymore. Although the other 5 earth wing demon knights were also injured and some had holes on their wings, they were not that severely injured like the 3 black iron wing demon knights due to their powerful protective battle qi.

Soon after they returned to this spacious underground space, all the wing demons had become relaxed. However, the moment they stopped releasing their protective battle qi, Zhang Tie had launched a strike towards them. At the speed of over 10 times the speed of sound, Zhang Tie charged at them from the dark in Chaos. Almost at the same time, the strong qi of Three-Kill Punch and the gloomy cutting edges of Gold-Eaten Dagger had covered all the wing demon knights at present...

### **Chapter 1293: Destroying the Enemy One by One**

With a "boom" caused by the shadow knight's battle qi strike, numerous bats flew out of the mountain cave in a flurried manner. At the same time, Zhang Tie also flew out of the mountain cave and entered that fiery maple woods...

Almost the moment Zhang Tie's incarnation arrived at the air territory above the maple woods, a golden light had shot towards him as it stretched out its sharp claws and caught Zhang Tie's incarnation at once. In a split second, they flew towards the east at a speed which was twice the speed of sound.

Only after 3-4 seconds, the real body of the virtual image of giant boa had rushed out of the mountain cave. Closely after that, it looked up and caught sight of Zhang Tie on the back of that golden thunder hawk over 2,000 m away. Zhang Tie was turning around and laughing at the entrance of the mountain cave...

The moment he burst out into laughter, Zhang Tie had spurted out a mouth of blood. However, Zhang Tie still maintained a smile as he shouted, "F\*ck you. If you have guts, come and catch me; otherwise, you're my son..."

At the sight of the great speed of the thunder hawk, Gao Tianzhao had given up catching up with Zhang Tie's incarnation. 'Even if I try my utmost effort, I couldn't catch up with Zhang Tie. Additionally, Zhang Tie is flying towards the east that means he must have already contacted Blackwater Base. After being told that I'm here, the Black Armor Army's shadow knights or heavenly knights might be on the way here. If I go to east at this moment, it's nothing different than seeking for death.'

The real body of the virtual image of the giant boa quivered as Gao Tianzhao's original body reappeared in the haze of light and runes.

"I will kill you..." Gao Tianzhao roared towards the sky with bloody eyes while floating in the sky. His sonic waves blew up many bats that flew out of the mountain cave into the bloody mist...

Gao Tianzhao's sound failed to catch up with Zhang Tie. Gao Tianzhao didn't know whether Zhang Tie had heard about him or not; no matter what, Gao Tianzhao saw Zhang Tie erecting his middle finger towards him!

After Zhang Tie escaped away from such a delicate ambush. Gao Tianzhao was so furious that he almost spurted out blood. Through this wrestle, Gao Tianzhao finally knew why Zhang Tie could win the name of Qianji Hermit only in a few years.

After his plan failed, the preoccupation was to evacuate from Helan Mountain Range before the arrival of human powerhouses.

Gao Tianzhao estimated that he could at least have 2 hours to evacuate. He realized that it was too dangerous to stay here. After throwing another glare at the little black point of Zhang Tie diminishing in the skyline, Gao Tianzhao immediately turned around and flew back into the mountain cave.

The way of evacuation was a tunnel behind that spacious underground space where they prepared to ambush Zhang Tie. That bypass led to Wuzhou Province. If they evacuated from underground space, even Taixia Country's powerhouses couldn't catch them. They had already arranged it in advance. Additionally, the 8 demon knights were still in the mountain cave, Gao Tianzhao had to take them away...

Before entering the mountain cave, Gao Tianzhao contacted somewhere in the distance by his portable remote-sensing communications finger ring and noticed them that their plan failed. After the opposite inquired about the reason, it sent an order to Gao Tianzhao—We've underestimated the subtlety of Zhang Tie. We'll deal with him later on. This action comes to an end. The powerhouses of Taixia Country might be already on the way here, evacuate as soon as possible!

After ending the communication, Gao Tianzhao flew into the underground space unpleasantly. Meanwhile, he was imagining about the cool feeling when he killed Zhang Tie with maltreatment next time.

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When Gao Tianzhao flew towards the spacious underground space once again, Zhang Tie recovered his composure as he put away his gold-eaten dagger; closely after that, he teleported the last earth wing demon knight who was in a coma due to severe wounds into Castle of Black Iron.

5 earth wing demon knights and 3 black iron wing demon knights. The moment Zhang Tie thought about this achievement, he couldn't help but reveal a smile under his helmet.

That was Zhang Tie's fortunate day! According to Zhang Tie's estimation, the 5 earth wing demon knights were all top guys among earth wing demon knights who had reached higher than 6 change realm. If not being powerful, they would not have been assigned here. When he thought about the water chakras of the 5 earth wing demon knights, Zhang Tie couldn't stand but flow out his saliva.

In this case, it was as easy as how a lion fought some rabbits for Zhang Tie to deal with those flurried wing demon knights who had been wounded by alchemist's bombs with the ability of divine dominator. At Zhang Tie's full efforts, the moment he launched an attack towards them, they had been destined to lose the battle.

Not until Zhang Tie's god-eaten dagger scratched their bodies did they imagine what was happening.

After being attached to the master-level cracking rune effect, this gold-eaten dagger caused nearly 2 times greater injuries to those demon knights. The combination of master-level cracking rune effect and gold-eaten dagger brought Zhang Tie a surprise.

Facing various factors, Zhang Tie ended this battle as fast as he could.

In Zhang Tie's mind sea, a tracing feather was approaching the spacious underground space at a high speed. Zhang Tie knew that was Gao Tianzhao. Therefore, Zhang Tie took out a golden spear and entered the winding, narrow tunnel.

The part of the tunnel where Gao Tianzhao struck him by unrivaled bolt light finger skill was where Zhang Tie prepared to give Gao Tianzhao a surprise. That place was narrow, deep and relatively straight like a deep well. If he launched a strike over there, Gao Tianzhao could never avoid from his strike. Therefore, Zhang Tie could gain the maximal kinetic strike effect with his golden spear.

'However, before Gao Tianzhao returned, I should send a message to Blackwater Base.'

'When Gao Tianzhao saw me leaving by thunder hawk, he didn't seem to be too amazed. Combining with the terrain of this underground space where they wanted to trap me, it means that demons and Heavens Reaching Church have already known that I have the mount of thunder hawk. Soon after I exposed the secret that I have a thunder hawk, demons and Heavens Reaching Church have known that, what does this mean?'

Zhang Tie's eyes turned gloomy as he immediately sent a message to Blackwater Base...

——I'm ambushing in the underground mountain cave of Helan Mountain Range. Gao Tianzhao and some demon knights set a trap to kill me. Thankfully, I've escaped away. However, I'm severely injured and looking for somewhere to recuperate. Additionally, demons and Heavens Reaching Church might have already known that I have a mount of thunder hawk...

After sending this message to Blackwater Base and attaching the coordinates of this place on the map, Zhang Tie put away his remote-sensing communications finger ring.

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When he sent back the message to Blackwater Base, the thunder hawk flew out of the cloud and dove into a lake in Helan Mountain Range together with Zhang Tie's incarnation. In water, Zhang Tie's incarnation put its portable space-teleportation equipment into the mouth of the thunder hawk. Closely after that, Zhang Tie's incarnation turned into waterdrops and powders together with its clothes in a split second.

Over 10 seconds later, the thunder hawk flew out of the lake alone.

After doing that, Zhang Tie recovered his composure and waited for Gao Tianzhao calmly in the part of the winding, narrow tunnel...

### **Chapter 1294: Fighting the Shadow Knight**

As a part of the winding, narrow tunnel had been collapsed by Zhang Tie's alchemist's bombs, if Gao Tianzhao wanted to go back, he had to clear the ruins. However, it was nothing difficult for such a powerful shadow knight to do it. Gao Tianzhao completely blew up those boulders and spalls in the winding, narrow tunnel by force. With a rumble, Gao Tianzhao soon cleared out a way in the tunnel...

Under the gaze of lotus-flower eyes, Gao Tianzhao was approaching the spacious underground space. Zhang Tie could sense that Gao Tianzhao had been completely relaxed after fighting him just like the 8 wing demon knights. It seemed that Gao Tianzhao was focusing on clearing out that tunnel so as to evacuate from here with those demon knights as soon as possible.

Holding a golden spear, Zhang Tie remained still and calm as if he were a piece of icy, lifeless black granite. Standing solemnly and quietly on the other end of the winding, narrow tunnel, he felt his battle qi surging inside. At this moment, even Zhang Tie himself felt a bit strange. Facing a shadow knight, he should be a bit intense; however, Zhang Tie didn't feel intense in front of such powerful knights anymore, even though the shadow knight was much more powerful than him; instead, he only felt tranquil.

All the way from Blackhot City to now, after experiencing so many battles, Zhang Tie's heart realm had long been as hard as steel and as pure as crystal and diamond facing a battle. That was the heart realm of real powerhouses.

After breaking through the collapsed tunnel, Gao Tianzhao started to accelerate towards the spacious underground space.

The moment Gao Tianzhao entered the sight of Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie accelerated to over 14 times the speed of sound in a split second in the tunnel as he threw out his golden spear. When the golden spear left Zhang Tie's hand, its speed reached over 20 times that of the speed of sound immediately, which meant about 6,800 m per second. At the same time, Zhang Tie attached a "cracking" god's rune effect to the golden spear...

This kinetic strike was the most powerful strike that Zhang Tie had ever launched since fighting Ockham. This strike was greater than the most powerful strike which Zhang Tie launched towards Ockham in both speed and strength. It indicated Zhang Tie's wholly-new realm and battle strength after breaking through 5 change earth realm after absorbing the water chakra of Ockham.

Zhang Tie had calculated the time and the distance. Almost the moment the golden spear left Zhang Tie's hand, Gao Tianzhao had entered Zhang Tie's sight. The golden light almost touched Gao Tianzhao's protective battle qi at the same time. Gao Tianzhao couldn't even have time to respond to it.

Gao Tianzhao had not imagined that he could encounter the secondary strike in the winding, narrow tunnel where Zhang Tie had ambushed them with alchemist's bombs. It was psychological blindness that everyone would have in this case. After being ambushed by Zhang Tie in the place where he prepared to

ambush the opponent, Gao Tianzhao had been aggrieved; however, who could imagine that he could encounter the secondary strike after the opponent left?

When the golden spear approached him as fast as a lightning bolt, Gao Tianzhao didn't even see clearly what it was. However, Gao Tianzhao lost his guts immediately after noticing this thing's super great speed and the unrivaled sharpness that could penetrate through and destroy everything. Gao Tianzhao realized that he could neither evacuate nor make a turn. In the split second, he couldn't even fully release his protective battle qi before the golden spear reached Gao Tianzhao's chest...

When a 680 kg golden spear collided with Gao Tianzhao at the speed of over 6,800 m per second, it released over 15 billion Joules of kinetic energy in a split second on a tiny point.

The great power of the kinetic strike was restricted to an extremely small scope, causing greater destruction. In a split second, the rocks beside Gao Tianzhao had turned into ashes. Only after bearing a split second, Gao Tianzhao's protective battle qi had been broken through. Closely after that, the golden spear immediately penetrated through Gao Tianzhao's body, vaporizing all of his clothes and shattering all of his remote-sensing communications finger rings. Besides, Gao Tianzhao was sent flying back against the rocks, causing a huge pit which was dozens of meters in depth. The golden spear broke into pieces; some broken parts of the golden spears directly flew out of Gao Tianzhao's body, causing the secondary strike onto his body. The shock wave did the third time harms to Gao Tianzhao...

The entire underground space started to rock. It was as destructive as detonating hundreds of alchemist's bombs, which was over 10 times more destructive than that just now.

Gao Tianzhao was so angry that his eyes almost popped out of eye sockets as he spurted out blood constantly. His hair and beard had been burned by the kinetic energy and high temperature of the golden spear in a split second.

If it was someone else, he would have long been killed; however, as a shadow knight, the moment his body was penetrated through by the golden spear, he had released his protective battle qi, diffusing the greater part of the harms caused by the broken pieces of the golden spear and all the impact waves in the mountain cave...

If Gao Tianzhao was given a bit time, he could completely cure his injuries and leave out of here alive. Pitifully, Zhang Tie didn't spare any time to Gao Tianzhao.

"Who are.." Not until then did Gao Tianzhao see clearly who was ambushing him. Pitifully, Gao Tianzhao didn't have lotus-flower eyes. Of course, he couldn't see through Zhang Tie's face under the Chaos. Before he uttered "you", Zhang Tie's second blow had arrived.

In Chaos, Zhang Tie was holding Thor's Hammer in an extremely grim look. In the smokes and high temperature brought by the impact waves, he forcefully knocked onto the protective battle qi that Gao Tianzhao had just released by Thor's Hammer at the speed of over 14 times the speed of sound as fast as a lightning bolt like a ruthless God of Death who was ready to reap a life...

Chaos, Thor's Hammer plus Zhang Tie's weight made it to 7,486 kg in total. At the speed of over 5,000 m per second, Zhang Tie reached a new height in strength.

The shattering effect and lightning harm of Thor's Hammer with the kinetic energy of over 93 billion Joules fell onto the body of Gao Tianzhao once again.

Soon after Gao Tianzhao's protective battle qi was released, it was collapsed once again together with the hard rocks behind him. As a result, Gao Tianzhao was bleeding from eyes, ears, mouth and nose all over. Each of his wounds was enlarging and bleeding like running water. Gao Tianzhao directly sunk about 100 m into the rocks...

"Argh..." Gao Tianzhao roared as he started to launch a counterattack by punching towards Zhang Tie by two fists. At the same time, he released his battle qi...

However, Zhang Tie didn't spare any chance to Gao Tianzhao.

Zhang Tie kept surging forward as bravely as a God of Battle. The moment Gao Tianzhao punched his battle qi, Zhang Tie's Thor's Hammer had arrived again. The large flat side of the hammer collided with the shadow knight's two fists with the kinetic energy of over 93 billion Joules...

The collision between such terrifying kinetic energy and the battle qi of a shadow knight in a narrow tunnel would cause greater harm. Zhang Tie almost lost his control of the hammer. At the same time, a great strength directly hit onto Zhang Tie's body. Although Chaos and Zhang Tie's protective battle qi diffused the greater part of the strength, Zhang Tie still uttered a muffled sound; at the same time, blood surged to his throat. However, he swallowed it...

The great strength sent Zhang Tie over 100 m backward.

In the second collision, Gao Tianzhao was sent over 50 m deeper into the rock. At the same time, Gao Tianzhao's fists were completely shattered, leaving two bald wrists which were spraying out blood in a grim and terrifying way...

A lot of rocks collapsed from the top. After swallowing his blood, Zhang Tie gritted his teeth while launching the third time strike towards Gao Tianzhao after uttering a muffled roar...

In this case, Zhang Tie was deeply convinced that the braver one would win the battle in such a narrow path. He could only exert his utmost efforts to fight Gao Tianzhao.

After losing his fists, Gao Tianzhao turned into a bloody mist while being surrounded by numerous flying runes. Before Zhang Tie's strike arrived, Gao Tianzhao had turned into the real body of the virtual image of a giant boa as long as 100 m. The moment it quivered its body, it would cause an earthquake.

However, the wings of this real body of the virtual image of giant boa had been broken. Additionally, there was a big bleeding hole in its body. When Zhang Tie rushed over here for the third time, the giant boa suddenly opened its bloody mouth while its weird, black battle qi formed a huge black swirl in its mouth. Various bizarre runes were rotating in the huge black hole. When Zhang Tie approached it at the speed of 14 times the speed of sound, he was suddenly drawn by the strange suction in the swirl. He then slowed down at once. However, he felt like losing his control.

Before Zhang Tie made any response to it, the real body of the giant boa directly swallowed Zhang Tie...

**Chapter 1295: The Power of the Emperor-Level Sutra**

It was Zhang Tie's first time to sense the great power of the real body of the virtual image of a shadow knight...

The moment Zhang Tie was swallowed by the giant boa, he felt like he was sucked into a hole in an oceanic trench by a great undercurrent and swirl. As a result, he couldn't even use the capability of divine dominator for the time being.

After being dizzy for a short while, Zhang Tie felt like falling into the liquid. In a split second, Zhang Tie felt being tightened all over while he was covered by bloody water.

The bloody water's density was absolutely greater than that of mercury. As dense as the melting iron, the bloody water was squeezing Chaos. Besides, the bloody water had strong corrosiveness as Zhang Tie could hear the fine sound of "tsi tsi" like that when water dropped onto a hot iron plate.

Before his Chaos was broken by the bloody water, Zhang Tie didn't need to worry about his health for the time being. Additionally, he could release his protective battle qi. However, now that the bloody water could corrode the Chaos which was made of abyss iron, Zhang Tie was afraid that his protective battle qi could also be corroded.

Numerous black snake-shaped runes were floating in the bloody water. Zhang Tie found that those snake-shaped runes were connecting with each other like real snakes and chains. They wrapped Zhang Tie's limbs, waist and neck tightly so that he could not move. Additionally, those snake-shaped rune chains were tightening up constantly. Zhang Tie tried to move as he found that his strength was rapidly sucked by those rune chains. It was completely opposite to the function of vitality ring which could help him recover his strength rapidly. Therefore, Zhang Tie was so sad that he almost wanted to spurt out blood.

Zhang Tie was still holding Thor's Hammer; however, the dense corrosive bloody liquid was like a bizarre barrier as Zhang Tie found that his spiritual energy as a divine dominator could not penetrate through the liquid.

'Where am I? Principally, I should be in the stomach of the incarnation of Gao Tianzhao. However, it doesn't look like that. When in the winding, narrow tunnel, the giant boa's size was limited; however, I feel being in a large water pond and losing my direction in it. It's like a terrifying fatal trap. The bloody, glutinous liquid and my encounter remind me of the scene when Meng Shidao fought Han Zhengfang in his semi-sage realm.'

'Is this also a realm? No way. Gao Tianzhao is just a shadow knight. How could a shadow knight have the strength of the realm? But what else?'

A lot of questions occurred to Zhang Tie's mind; however, it was not the right place for Zhang Tie to think about it carefully and calmly.

'No, I have to leave out of here. If not, when I become extremely weak or my protective battle qi is fully corroded, I would die here for sure.'

'Open...' Zhang Tie roared as he used his full efforts by his limbs.

Although Zhang Tie had great strength, the moment he exerted his full effort, the rune chains over his limbs, waist and neck were tightened up at once, causing Zhang Tie's limbs to be closer to each other.

Due to the great strength of Zhang Tie and the binding effect of the rune chains, the entire Chaos started to creak.

When those rune chains were going to be broken by Zhang Tie, many more snake-shaped runes came into being in the bloody liquid before swimming over here, restoring those breaking rune chains at once, making them thicker and thicker. Gradually, Zhang Tie's arms were pulled apart once again while the rune chains became more and more powerful as if they were going to separate up Zhang Tie...

Zhang Tie roared as he exerted his full efforts to resist the increasing binding strength of the rune chains. At the same time, the bloody glutinous liquid which was squeezing and corroding Zhang Tie's Chaos started to rock, causing ripples around Zhang Tie which gradually spread around in all directions...

"Hahahaha, you have a great battle strength; however, it doesn't work, there..." Gao Tianzhao's voice resonated around this place which directly entered Zhang Tie's ears secretly. Given Gao Tianzhao's sound, he had been weak. It seemed that he wouldn't stand too long. Additionally, Zhang Tie identified a complex feeling of hatred and pleasure from Gao Tianzhao's voice. Gao Tianzhao continued, "The binding strength comes from the power between the Elements Realm and my earth chakra and water chakra. If you're a heavenly knight, you might break out; pitifully, you're not. If not swallow you, I've almost been cheated by you. You're a divine dominator. Are you from Penglai Immortal Realm and came here together with Zhang Tie? I've not imagined that even Penglai Immortal Realm has favored Fiery Oil..."

"Where am I?" Zhang Tie asked as he forcefully resisted the binding strength from the rune chains.

Through his body-changing immortal bloodline and the special sound-producing device of his Chaos, Zhang Tie's voice sounded tinny. Gao Tianzhao couldn't identify that was Zhang Tie at all. Not until now did Gao Tianzhao feel that this one was not Zhang Tie. He even brainwashed it and connected Penglai Immortal Realm with Zhang Tie with evidence. Zhang Tie didn't feel like explaining about it at all...

"You're in the stomach of the real body of the virtual image of Heavens-eaten Boa. Although shadow knight couldn't grasp the strength of the realm, the stomach of Heavens-eaten Boa could form a Heavens-eaten Bloody Realm which was similar to that of the realm. As a shadow knight, I could use the strength of earth and water here. As long as you're swallowed by the Heavens-eaten Boa, your life will be under my control unless you're a heavenly knight or above..." Gao Tianzhao said icily.

"Really?" Only after having such a short talk with Gao Tianzhao in Chaos, Zhang Tie had been oozing sweat heavily. Additionally, Zhang Tie found something more terrifying. The more strength he used, the faster the rune chains would suck his physical strength. Thankfully, Zhang Tie had super great strength which didn't even seem like being owned by humans. As a result, the rune chains couldn't suck his strength faster than the speed that he recovered his strength. Therefore, although the rune chains' binding strength was terrifyingly great, Zhang Tie could still bear it.

"You will know it soon. Don't expect that someone else could come to save you here. No matter how powerful you're as a divine dominator, you will turn into a puddle of bloody water in the end. Hehehe, it's my first time to devour a divine dominator..."

After Gao Tianzhao finished his words, Zhang Tie had felt this giant boa was moving. It seemed that it was moving forward and evacuating away from their battlefield rapidly. As long as Gao Tianzhao left

here, if a shadow knight wanted to hide somewhere in the underground space, even the powerhouses assigned here by Blackwater Base could barely find him.

When Zhang Tie was resisting the corrosion of the bloody liquid, he kept thinking about the solution. Although it was very dangerous, Zhang Tie was not running out of his ability. Zhang Tie felt that Gao Tianzhao couldn't kill him in a short period even though Gao Tianzhao trapped him with this real body of the virtual image of the giant boa. They were actually in a stalemate. It depended on who could last longer.

In this case, Zhang Tie felt that he underestimated the real power of a shadow knight. Now that shadow knight was higher than earth knight in level, he must have powerful battle strength. Additionally, the secret methods cultivated by shadow knights absolutely had reached a wholly new level. At least Zhang Tie had not imagined that a shadow knight could form a space which was close to the realm in the real body of his virtual image previously.

It should be the unique ability of the real body of the virtual image of Heavens-eaten Boa. It could be judged by the words "Heavens-eaten". The secret method that Gao Tianzhao cultivated must be something even in Taixia Country as a whole.

Shadow knights were indeed terrifying in power; however, Zhang Tie felt lucky that Gao Tianzhao was only a shadow knight. Given the power of the real body of the virtual image of Gao Tianzhao, as long as Gao Tianzhao promoted to a heavenly knight, the realm in the stomach of the Heavens-eaten Boa might be more terrifying.

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The giant boa rapidly flew in the underground space. Even Zhang Tie didn't know where it was. Zhang Tie just attempted to tear apart and break those rune chains. However, as was told by Gao Tianzhao, the power of those rune chains was connected to Gao Tianzhao's chakras and the Element Realm, which represented the earth strength. No matter how Zhang Tie struggled, he could at most transform those rune chains; instead of breaking them.

After almost 3 hours' struggle, Zhang Tie felt the giant boa suddenly stopped. It seemed that Gao Tianzhao had already hidden somewhere.

In the past 3 hours, although Zhang Tie had not used up his strength, he was still resisting the great strength of the rune chains. However, his Chaos had long been severely corroded by the bloody liquid with many pits on it. The bloody liquid which was denser than mercury was indeed terrifying.

"In the Heavens-eaten Bloody Realm, you could survive at most 2 days. I've already hidden somewhere. I have enough time to deal with you. If you want to survive yourself, we could make a deal..." Gao Tianzhao's voice sounded once again.

When Zhang Tie was thinking about the countermeasure, he heard Gao Tianzhao's sound once again. Therefore, he asked, "What deal..."

"You give me the cultivation method that Penglai Immortal Realm uses to train divine dominator..."

"Fine, you let me out of here. I will tell you about the cultivation method of divine dominator..." Zhang Tie replied without any sincerity.

“Don’t be that stubborn; I will see how long could you stand there...”

“Really? I will see how long could you remain the real body of your virtual image. When your virtual image collapses, do you think that you could trap me?” Zhang Tie sneered as he said dauntlessly.

At this moment, Zhang Tie had not fully released his protective battle qi. From the beginning, Zhang Tie was resisting the corrosion of the bloody liquid using his Chaos. Even though the Chaos was completely damaged, Zhang Tie was still confident to stand a few more days inside with his protective battle qi. However, Gao Tianzhao was severely injured too. Could he maintain the real body of his virtual image for a few more days?

“Do you think that’s all I have?”

“Just use them all...”

“Although I’ve not fully formed my wind chakra, I could have you taste different flavors in the Heavens-eaten Bloody Realm...” Gao Tianzhao said while hundred more bizarre silver runes suddenly appeared in the bloody glutinous liquid around Zhang Tie. The moment they appeared, they had stabbed onto the Chaos like snake’s fangs, causing several times heavier burden on Zhang Tie’s Chaos in a split second...

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Being corroded and attacked by the sharp spines, only after half an hour, a fingernail-sized hole had been caused on the most fragile joint of Zhang Tie’s Chaos. Soon after that, the bloody glutinous liquid and those fangs had poured into the hole as they started to attack Zhang Tie’s protective battle qi and body...

“Hehheh, it’s just the beginning. Enjoy it...” Gao Tianzhao’s ruthless voice entered Zhang Tie’s ears.

However, the moment the bloody glutinous liquid and fangs touched Zhang Tie’s protective battle qi and body, an extremely furious and dignified voice had sounded in the hot sun of Zhang Tie’s qi sea as if an unrivaled person’s authority was challenged and despised by a clown. In that voice, Zhang Tie’s body rocked heavily all over. At the same time, the virtual image of king roc in the “King Roc Sutra” manifested itself in the hot sun of battle qi. Closely after that, the image of this king roc turned into a huge golden rune in a split second as it rushed up and exploded in Zhang Tie’s mind sea...

In a split second, Zhang Tie finally knew why the virtual image of king roc was driven mad.

Rocs ate dragons. As the king of rocs, king roc ate 300 big dragons and 500 small dragons. The entire dragon species would be scared by king roc. At the sight of king roc, dragon king would become weak, sore and lose all of its strength...

King roc was nuts for dragons. Imposing dragons were just like noodles in front of king roc, not to mention the Heavens-eaten Boa which was even inferior to dragons and hated that it couldn’t turn into a dragon due to the height of the sky.

However, a Heavens-eaten Boa wanted to swallow a king roc. When the Heavens-eaten Bloody Realm touched Zhang Tie’s body, the “King Roc Sutra” that Zhang Tie cultivated took effect at once. In a split second, Zhang Tie mastered a new skill...

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All this really happened in a split second...

"Break..." Zhang Tie suddenly opened his eyes under the Chaos as his eyes shone while uttering this voice unconsciously. At the same time, Zhang Tie's 10 fingers turned straight or bend like how a roc stretched out its wings.

Soon after Zhang Tie uttered this voice, the entire Heavens-eaten Bloody Realm had been frozen. Closely after that, all the rune chains and fangs turned into ashes. The Heavens-eaten Bloody Realm then blew up into endless fiery flames with Gao Tianzhao's earth-shaking screams...

## **Chapter 1296: Aftermath**

Zhang Tie gained his freedom in the fiery flames of Gao Tianzhao's broken Heavens-eaten Boa...

The moment Zhang Tie escaped away from the trap, Zhang Tie had been able to use his Thor's Hammer once again. In a split second, Zhang Tie called two silver secret longswords out of Castle of Black Iron and prepared to give Gao Tianzhao a heavy blow. Kill him when he was sick! However, after seeing everything in front of him, Zhang Tie stopped at once.

He was in a hidden mountain cave. The dull red magma in the magma pond made the entire mountain cave look red. The mountain cave was closed in the surroundings. Only that magma pond led to outside. On the earth near the palisades, there was some magma. Given the current situation, the Heavens-eaten Boa should arrive at this place through that magma pond. Zhang Tie really wondered how Gao Tianzhao found such a secret place. The magma pond must be connected to a magma lake or a magma river. It was as hard as finding a needle in the ocean by finding such a secret place in the underground space.

Due to the existence of the magma pond, the temperature in the mountain cave was about 50-60 degrees Celsius. Besides making people suffocated, the air in the mountain cave was also thin. Commoners could barely survive this place or stay here for a long time. However, such an environment was just so-so for a shadow knight or an earth knight.

Gao Tianzhao was lying on the ground naked. He was scorched like a roasted duck which was tossed out of the oven. Crouching on the ground, Gao Tianzhao was showing the white in his eyes and spitting black blood. Additionally, he would twitch time and then.

Zhang Tie was really startled by Gao Tianzhao's look. If not fight Gao Tianzhao all the way here, Zhang Tie couldn't believe that the one who looked more miserable than a beggar could be Gao Tianzhao.

'Is this guy dying? He's got a complete water chakra. I will suffer a great loss if he just dies in this way.'

When he thought about that, Zhang Tie hurriedly put away his Thor's Hammer and two silver secret items. Being vigilant, Zhang Tie walked over there and squatted down before checking him carefully.

'Thank God, he's alive. His water chakra doesn't seem to collapse. However, Gao Tianzhao has already lost his battle strength for the time being.'

Watching Gao Tianzhao who was as poor as a chick whose hair had been plucked up, Zhang Tie poured some all-purpose medicaments into Gao Tianzhao's stomach so as to prevent his injuries going worse.

After that, he threw Gao Tianzhao into Castle of Black Iron like picking odds and ends from refuse reaps before standing up...

Right then, Zhang Tie's remote-sensing crystal finger ring rocked. Zhang Tie found it was a message from Blackwater Base...

—No. 136, powerhouses of Blackwater Base have already arrived at the coordinates that you marked on the map in Helan Mountain Range and are searching for you. How're you? Do you need any help? Waiting for your response...

When Zhang Tie was thinking about how to reply it, he received the same message once again.

—No. 136, powerhouses of Blackwater Base have already arrived at the coordinates that you marked on the map in Helan Mountain Range and are searching for you. How're you? Do you need any help? Waiting for your response...

A few seconds later, he received the same message for the third time.

Although being not in Blackwater Base, Zhang Tie could almost feel the anxious look of the Hua official who was texting him from Blackwater Base.

When in the stomach of the Heavens-eaten Boa, Zhang Tie didn't pay attention to his remote-sensing communications finger ring. Therefore, he didn't know how long had Blackwater Base insisted on trying to contacting him. Zhang Tie realized that Blackwater Base wondered whether he was still alive or not.

The moment Zhang Tie wanted to reply to Blackwater Base, he suddenly became hesitated as he thought about his thunder hawk. He realized that there might be some moles of demons and Heavens Reaching Church in Blackwater Base. If someone was keeping a close eye on Zhang Tie, Ye Qingcheng might not be the only one who saw Zhang Tie leaving the base by riding a thunder hawk. As Ye Qingcheng was gazing at him as a heavenly knight at that time, Zhang Tie could sense it; however, if someone watched him by telescope in a room of Blackwater Base or on the nearby ground, Zhang Tie might ignore that because there were many ground-to-air observation posts in Blackwater Base at that time.

When Zhang Tie thought about that, he made a reply after a consideration.

—I'm still alive. I've got enough medicaments and materials with me. But I need to recuperate myself. I'm in a hidden place and might not be able to execute the mission as a scout in a short period anymore.

Zhang Tie and Blackwater Base communicated in terms of independent and special codes. Besides Zhang Tie himself, even though the others gained his remote-sensing communications finger ring, they could not pass the message in the correct way. Of course, they could not decipher the messages received by this finger ring. Now that Blackwater Base could receive the correct information, it indicated that Zhang Tie was still alive.

After receiving Zhang Tie's message, Blackwater Base waited for half a minute before sending another message.

—How long will it take you to recover?

—About 1-2 months!

Zhang Tie dared not make it too short. The difference in battle strength between an earth knight and 8 demon knights was greater than 10 times. In such a case, it was already fortunate for Zhang Tie to keep his life. If not have so many trump cards, Zhang Tie might have been killed this time. Even if he told them that he could recover in 3-5 days, they would not believe in that.

Actually, it was already amazing for a knight to recover in 1-2 months after fighting a knight who was higher than him in level. It indicated that Zhang Tie was at least not completely passive facing the ambush of a shadow knight. It proved Zhang Tie's great power and fitted the powerful image that Qianji Hermit left to the public.

—Fine, please contact Blackwater Base after you recover! End!

—Received, end!

In the communication, Zhang Tie didn't tell them where he was. Blackwater Base also didn't ask him about that tacitly. Zhang Tie knew that Blackwater Base had already paid attention to the contents in his last message.

After contacting Blackwater Base, Zhang Tie sent a message to Bai Suxian and Mountain Lifting Hermit respectively and told them that he was safe. After that, he looked around that space before entering Castle of Black Iron while rubbing his hands.

If those people in Blackwater Base knew that Zhang Tie was safe and sound and had caught Gao Tianzhao and all the 8 demon knights alive. The entire Blackwater Base might be in an uproar at once.

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"No. 136 received the message and replied: received, end!"

A female Hua official in short hair was putting her hands on a mini pyramid-shaped remote-sensing communications device in a safety communications room of the control center of Blackwater Base. After receiving Zhang Tie's last message, she turned around and reported it to some guys behind her.

Ye Qingcheng and two knights of Blackwater Base were standing behind this female official who was responsible for contacting Zhang Tie. After receiving Zhang Tie's messages, they all became reassured.

Ye Qingcheng listened to her reply as he asked her with a slight frown, "How's the situation over Helan Mountain Range?"

"General Zhao has already sent a message. They have found a lot of corpses of human scouts and sentinels in that maple woods that Zhang Tie reported. Meanwhile, they found the combat traces of knights in that underground tunnel. The entire underground tunnel was collapsed. The combat was very fierce. It should at least be caused by a shadow knight. Additionally, at least 5 demon knights' qis were discovered in that tunnel. However, all the demon knights and Gao Tianzhao have disappeared and could be barely traced." A knight who looked gentle beside Ye Qingcheng replied kindly.

Even in the room, Ye Qingcheng was also talking with the knight beside him secretly. Even though the female officer who was responsible for contacting Zhang Tie on one side didn't know that No. 136 is Zhang Tie's byname in Blackwater Base. It was classified. Commoners could not know that. It was a confidential method adopted by Taixia troops which had passed the test of two holy wars.

“At least?” Ye Qingcheng turned around at once as he accented unconsciously as if he was not satisfied with this blurry word.

“Yes, besides the traces of combats between powerful knights, there were also a lot of explosive traces of alchemist’s bombs in the underground tunnel, the two regions mixed with each other, causing great destruction. Therefore, we could barely identify the highest battle strength level among them. It should be at least a shadow knight!”

“Alchemist’s bomb?” After hearing that word, Ye Qingcheng became slightly stunned. Closely after that, he became relieved, “It’s not difficult for Zhang Tie to get some alchemist’s bombs!”

“Jinwu Business Group have started to stockpile alchemist’s bombs a few years ago. Zhang Tie probably escaped away from the fatal trap of Gao Tianzhao with the help of his portable alchemist’s bombs. Qianji Hermit should have preventive measures!”

“It’s your turn. Before Blackwater Base arrived at Helan Mountain Range, I want to know who else has seen Zhang Tie leaving the base by riding his thunder hawk...” Ye Qingcheng said with a sort of killing intent, “Now that he has revealed his tail, catch him out of there...”

“I see!” The gentle knight replied as a shrewd light flashed by his eyes.

In late weeks, the vanguards of demons aggravated their strikes in Wuzhou Province, Zhuzhou Province and Yinzhou Province. More and more demons were discovered in Helan Mountain Range and Weishui River in an increasing frequency. After the 11 advanced bases of humans completed their gathering steadily and consolidated the defense line in the rear of Peacewest Military Region, in order to prevent Wuzhou Province, Zhuzhou Province and Yinzhou Province from be fully isolated by the vanguards of demons and for less loss, the 11 advanced bases of humans had been thinking about officially pushing the defense line of the advanced bases to Helan Mountain Range and Weishui River...

## **Chapter 1297: The Secret Skill “Break”**

Zhang Tie didn’t know what happened in Blackwater Base. Zhang Tie had just entered Castle of Black Iron and prepared to stay for a period over there so as to completely digest his achievements.

Almost the moment Zhang Tie entered Castle of Black Iron, he had seen a smile as Heller said, “Castle Lord, congratulations on your new achievements...”

With a sound of “Huala...”, Zhang Tie quivered all over for once as the Chaos left his body and returned to the armor stand in the lobby. After looking at so many pits and broken parts on Chaos, Zhang Tie shook his head. He didn’t lose his mind due to triumph; instead, he looked a bit solemn, “It was a bit dangerous this time; let Edward mend the Chaos...”

When he defeated Ockham and absorbed Ockham’s water chakra, Zhang Tie promoted to 5 change earth realm and gained an overall increase in his strength. He thought that he would not be afraid of shadow knights. However, he had not imagined that he almost suffered a great loss from Gao Tianzhao. If not the manifestation of his emperor-level cultivation method at the critical moment, Zhang Tie really dared not imagine about the outcome of this battle.

Although he was to be congratulated for defeating Gao Tianzhao and making a great achievement; after the battle, Zhang Tie was deeply impressed by Gao Tianzhao's ability in the stomach of Heavens-eaten Boa which was close to the realm and the terrifying power of his emperor-level secret method.

After this combat, Zhang Tie knew that the difference in levels would always be insurmountable in many cases. 'Shadow knights, heavenly knights, sage-level knights, all these people have greater power than me. Although I have a lot of trump cards and a great power, it's not the right moment for me to be pleased. I still have a long way to go. More and more powerful opponents would appear.'

'If I want to be more powerful and defeat enemies and opponents unconditionally, I have to improve my level and overall strength. The ability of divine dominator is limited; however, the power of higher level is most effective. If I've long promoted to a shadow knight before this combat, I could even defeat Gao Tianzhao without exposing the trump card that I'm a divine dominator.'

When he thought about the manifestation of *King Roc Sutra* in the stomach of Heavens-eaten Boa, Zhang Tie couldn't help but raise his palm and look at it. Not until now did Zhang Tie feel that what happened just now was as unbelievable as a dream. All of a sudden, he had grasped the secret skill "break" in *King Roc Sutra*, which was especially used to curb the real bodies of virtual images of dragons, snakes and all the mutated beasts in the sky, in the underground space and in the abyss realm which had the bloodlines of dragons and snakes. This secret skill was the manifestation of the dignity and killing intent of king roc. With the imposing power of the secret skill "break", all the real bodies of virtual images of dragons and snakes, all the species which shared the bloodlines with dragons and snakes would be easily destroyed whether they were special species in the wild or mutated beasts no matter how high level was the cultivation method practiced by that knight.

Zhang Tie was really shocked by the power of the secret skill "break" of the emperor-level cultivation method. Not until then did Zhang Tie realize how unrivaled was a complete emperor-level cultivation method. 'If I had the complete version of *King Roc Sutra*

, I should have long grasped the secret skill "break" instead of gaining such an insight in the extreme environment in the stomach of the Heavens-eaten Boa responding to the qi of *King Roc Sutra*.'

Of course Zhang Tie was happy that he could grasp the secret skill "break"; however, when he realized that *King Roc Sutra* must contain more than one secret skill "break", Zhang Tie felt faintly regretful and disappointed. It was completely fortunate for him to grasp this secret skill "break"; however, what about the next time?

Now that an emperor-level cultivation method could have such a terrifying power, how powerful would be Emperor Xuanyuan who had grasped the complete emperor-level *sutra* Xuanyuan God *Sutra* and had long promoted to sage-level knight? Even so, demons were still invading Taixia Country and Emperor Xuanyuan was missing. Did it mean that some powers were greater than sage-level knights who cultivated emperor-level secret method? It seemed that even sage-level knights who cultivated emperor-level secret method could not be free-will and almighty; otherwise, demons should have long disappeared in the world; neither could Han Zhengfang hide his real identity for so many years.

'All the powers have their limits. In another word, the powers that humans could control have their maximal limit. Even Emperor Xuanyuan couldn't eliminate demons, not to mention me.'

Zhang Tie watched his palm as a lot of thoughts flashed in his mind. He gradually thought through something and became relaxed.

Only when a person looked at the stars in the sky while standing high could he find that he was trivial.

Sometimes, if a person could admit that he was trivial and weak and desert his arrogance and illusion, he might live in a more comfortable and freer way.

Because of being trivial, humans would pursue immortality and greatness; because of being trivial, it would be meaningful for humans to struggle and fight.

Zhang Tie let out a long sigh as if he had cast off a heavy burden.

Zhang Tie was clear what a great stress he was sustaining inside in the last few days.

When Zhang Tie was in meditation, Heller just stood aside quietly as he kept watching Zhang Tie's face with profound and wise eyes.

"It's demons who are making disasters and massacres in the western provinces of Taixia Country; instead of Castle Lord. Even if Castle Lord didn't participate in it, it would happen too. All this doesn't exist because of you. Even though Castle Lord has Castle of Black Iron, you still couldn't change anything; additionally, Castle Lord has exerted your utmost efforts to do what you could. Because of Castle Lord, many people have survived in Taixia Country; additionally, Taixia Country and humans could have greater abilities to fight demons. Cheer up, Castle Lord. Sometimes, if you bear too much stress and a sense of responsibility due to excessive kindness, it might not be good! Demons would not kill fewer people or make less trouble because of you..."

After hearing Heller's words, Zhang Tie realized that Heller knew what he thought and what great stress and remorse he was sustaining these days...

## **Chapter 1298: The Dungeon in Castle of Black Iron**

"You're right. After seeing too many refugees in Taixia Country and finding that I couldn't help them a lot, I felt a bit depressed!" Zhang Tie replied with a smile. Closely after that, he shook his head and said, "Whereas, I've already thought it through. I don't need to consider too many things. It's better to form my water chakra as soon as possible than thinking about so many uncertainties in the future. In this world, many problems couldn't even be solved by Emperor Xuanyuan. I only need to try my best. No matter what, I'm the greatest winner in this combat. 1 shadow knight, 5 earth knights and 3 black iron knights came to increase my cultivation base as if they were virgins of wealth. That's amazing!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Heller revealed a smile as he replied, "It's nice that Castle Lord could think in this way. Speaking of increasing your cultivation base, Castle Lord has not entered Castle of Black Iron and taken any fruit for a long time."

After hearing Heller's implication, Zhang Tie turned around and looked at the small tree in the far.

Under his naked eyes, the entire small tree was covered with fruits of redemption, which almost made Zhang Tie dizzy. Before walking to the front of the small tree, Zhang Tie had identified the properties of those fruits of redemption.

The fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs counted most. At the sight of them, Zhang Tie found that there were dozens of fruits of redemption, which also included gratitude from earthworms, sea gulfs and hairy shells.

Zhang Tie immediately knew that Paul who had always been busy outside had finally found stable channels to purchase and set free golden uangs and earthworms once again after the termination of the supply side.

Zhang Tie felt pretty good at once as he burst out into laughter. To be honest, these fruits felt more genial than demon knights. All the demon knights looked disgusting; however, these fruits felt pretty intimate. A single fruit might not be more effective than a single demon knight; however, if he took these fruits day after day, he would gain an unquantifiable improvement in his battle strength. One fruit of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs would be able to increase Zhang Tie's overall strength by over 70 kg.

"Castle Lord, which do you want first, the water chakra of those demon knights or the fruits?" Heller asked.

"Hahaha, of course, step by step. I will digest the water chakras of those demon b\*stards first. As for these fruits, leave them here for the time being as good scenery. I've not been so happy for a long time..." Zhang Tie said as he threw a glance at the small tree for a couple of times before walking towards the dungeon beneath the palace tree with a big smile. All the demon knights that he had just teleported into Castle of Black Iron, Ockham and Gao Tianzhao were locked up in the dungeon beneath the palace tree which was specially designed for them. A corner of the lobby of the palace tree led to the dungeon.

It was brightly-lit in the tunnel. Although the dungeon was beneath the palace tree, it was not gloomy and dirty at all. It was at most a bit cold and solemn.

As long as these demon knights and knights of Three-eye Association fell in the hand of Heller, they would never escape away no matter how powerful they were. Therefore, Zhang Tie was not worried about it at all.

Each cell in the dungeon covered about 30 square meters which independently locked up those knight prisoners that Zhang Tie had caught. As Zhang Tie made such a great achievement today, Edward, Aziz and Agan were all busy doing their work in the dungeon by "disarming" the knights who were in coma and sent them to their "exclusive guestroom", making them Zhang Tie's "live bears" or "sacrificial offerings"...

This process might be pretty cruel; however, Zhang Tie was ruthless about those demons, members of Heavens Reaching Church even Ockham who came from Sacred Light Empire; because these b\*stards had caused much more pains than what they were suffering at this moment. Zhang Tie was actually doing a good deed by crippling these b\*stards. On the contrary, if Zhang Tie fell in their hands, they would also be ruthless to Zhang Tie.

The moment Zhang Tie's footsteps resonated in the tunnel of the dungeon, a sound of drawing iron chains had drifted from a cell in the dungeon. Before Zhang Tie reached that place, two arms had been stretched out of the iron rails as they were waving crazily as if they wanted to grab a life-saving straw. At

the same time, a miserable voice drifted from the cell, "Let me out, please, let me out...I'm the sacred light chief priest of the eastern parish of Sacred Light Empire...as long as you let me out, I could meet all your demands..."

Zhang Tie approached it as he turned his head and saw a beggar with messy hair and weak qi screaming loudly in his cell while watching outside with a poor and mad look. The previous supreme sacred light chief priest of the eastern parish of Sacred Light Empire had been on the brink of collapse only after he was teleported into Castle of Black Iron and his water chakra was absorbed by Zhang Tie for a few months.

"I know you...you're Zhang Tie...you're the king of Ice and Snow Wilderness...as long as you let me out...I could do everything for you..." Ockham stretched out his hands and wanted to grab Zhang Tie as he roared in the cell like he was mad. Besides his water chakra which had not been completely collapsed, his battle strength had been reduced to LV 9 when he couldn't even release his battle qi.

Zhang Tie threw an icy glance at Ockham. Without saying anything to him, Zhang Tie continued to walk forward...

"I know many secrets of Sacred Light Empire...I've got many subordinates in Sacred Light Empire...The entire eastern parish of Sacred Light Empire belongs to me..." Ockham shouted exhaustively behind Zhang Tie which resonated in the tunnel. Zhang Tie just walked forward like hearing nothing as he asked Heller, "Can this guy be another Zhang Gui?"

Heller revealed a faint smile as he said, "As long as Castle Lord recover his water chakra and destroy it once again, it would be easy to do it. Greedy people are always more afraid of death than commoners. As a religious organization, now that Sacred Light Church could dominate 10 billion followers in one region of Western Continent and manage the entire country strictly, they must have unique secret methods, which might match *Soul Forbidden Method* in some aspects. As the sacred light chief priest of Sacred Light Empire, Ockham must know the secrets. Besides his water chakra and wealth, Castle Lord could extract more things from him step by step..."

## **Chapter 1299: A Great Return**

Heller's words made Zhang Tie's heart pound. If he could really control Ockham spiritually and physically, it would be very meaningful. If a secret method could control a shadow knight like Ockham, not to mention earth knights and black iron knights.

However, Zhang Tie was a bit suspicious whether Sacred Light Empire really had such a secret method which could match *Soul Forbidden Method* in some aspects. Nevertheless, Zhang Tie didn't care whether there was such a secret method or not; it was good if he could find one; if not, it didn't matter. Because he had already got the *Bloody Soul Sutra* and the *Great Wilderness Sutra*. Although such kind of secret methods might make others drool, they were just so-so for Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie realized that it was better to make himself stronger than controlling others.

"It's good if there's such a secret method; if there isn't, it's okay. Before lighting the last scale on my water chakra, I should get one fruit of bloodline and one fruit of brilliance by killing a shadow knight. I'm sure I will make full use of him!" Zhang Tie responded to Heller's words. Zhang Tie suddenly thought

about something as he asked, "Oh, I always forget it. Does Gao Tianzhao carry some good items? The real body of the virtual image of Heavens-eaten Boa is something that I could learn from..."

"Gao Tianzhao only carries an ordinary space-teleportation equipment. I've already helped Castle Lord put it in the equipment warehouse. His space-teleportation equipment only contains some food, medicaments, millions of gold coins and some weapons made of abyss iron. Perhaps, he knew the danger of ambushing Castle Lord; therefore, Gao Tianzhao didn't carry regular cultivation method with him."

"Alright!" Zhang Tie shook his head as he didn't care about it. Heller's words were reasonable. Real battlefields between humans and demons were covered with dangers. Even though knights carried a portable space-teleportation equipment, they barely carried any important secret methods when in missions. It was similar to commoners who would not carry their passbook when going to the battlefield.

As for the new space-teleportation equipment, Zhang Tie didn't even feel like taking a look at it. Nobody else across Taixia Country might have such a temperament of mushroom.

Cells in the dungeon were a bit far away from each other. Additionally, Heller had Edward, Aziz and Agan set rune tricks between cells in order to control these prisoners. Even though there was a tunnel beside cells, the sound would also be isolated by the devices in the middle line of the two cells. Therefore, even though two knights were neighboring each other, they couldn't make any communications. Heller said that such an environment would easily make people collapse mentally.

As expected, when Zhang Tie and Heller passed by the middle line between Ockham's cell and the other cell, Ockham's voice had disappeared at once, leaving the footsteps of Zhang Tie and Heller alone.

The direct descendant of Augulas Clan that Zhang Tie captured from Earth-elements Realm was neighboring Ockham. From this guy's mouth, Zhang Tie knew that one of top 9 ministers in Taixia Country colluded with demons and finally figured out that it was Han Zhengfang who framed him in Xuanyuan Hill.

Zhang Tie felt this guy was a bit special. It was Zhang Tie's first time to see a demon knight who was afraid of death. Given that this guy would be useful in the future, Zhang Tie just locked it up in the dungeon.

Compared to Ockham, this black iron demon knight was more afraid of Zhang Tie. Watching Zhang Tie coming over here, it directly hid in a corner of the wall of his cell as it lowered its head and quivered all over. The longer it stayed in Castle of Black Iron, the clearer this demon knight would be about Zhang Tie's terror and the outcome of those demon knights in Zhang Tie's hands...

Zhang Tie threw a glance at it as if he was watching a bizarre clown. After gazing at this black iron demon knight for half more second than Ockham, Zhang Tie directly passed by without leaving any word.

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Edward, Aziz and Agan were soaking Gao Tianzhao who had completely lost his resistance with special medicaments. It would take them some time to keep Gao Tianzhao alive and crippled. At the sight of

Zhang Tie, they hurriedly came out of the cell to bow towards Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie directly waved his hand as he asked them about the locations of those earth demon knights. Closely after that, he walked towards the cells of those earth wing demon knights.

When Zhang Tie came to the front of the cell of the first wing earth demon knight, the cell's door opened automatically. The earth wing demon knight was completely in a coma. Zhang Tie directly walked over there as he put his hand on its head. At the same time, he started to trigger his Purgatory Samsara Method to refine the water chakra of this earth wing demon knight...

In a coma, the earth wing demon knight suddenly woke up due to great pain. However, under Zhang Tie's hand, the earth wing demon knight just struggled weakly like a chick or duck whose neck had been broken by a butcher by flapping its broken wings...

A few minutes later, Zhang Tie opened his eyes.

When Zhang Tie opened his eyes, it meant that the water chakra that this earth wing demon knight had been trying to form over these years had been broken and refined by Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie nodded satisfactorily. The water elements in the water chakra of this earth wing demon knights were very dense which felt greater than half of the number of water elements in the water chakra of Ockham. It seemed that this earth wing demon knight should be at least in 6 change earth realm.

After dropping the paralyzed earth wing demon knight, Zhang Tie changed another cell with a big smile like a hyper pimp.

The earth wing demon knight in the second cell was different than that in the first cell. This earth wing demon knight was slightly injured. When Zhang Tie entered its cell, it had already woken up. Watching Zhang Tie coming in, although being fastened by rune chains, this earth wing demon knight still struggled to charge at Zhang Tie with red eyes.

Watching this earth wing demon knight, Zhang Tie sneered. 'It couldn't defeat me when being a healthy earth knight, not to mention now when it's almost like a LV 9 fighter. Zhang Tie almost completely ignored how it bared its fangs and brandished its claws. Like how an adult bullied a toddler, Zhang Tie directly walked over there and broke its hand easily, causing a cracking sound. Closely after, he put his hand on the head of this earth wing demon knight...

With the effect of Purgatory Samsara Method, the earth wing demon knight felt that his water chakra started to be shattered. In great pain, the earth wing demon knight who was pretty fierce just now revealed its fearful look for the first time as it screamed, "Purgatory Samsara Method...you grasped Purgatory Samsara Method...kill me...kill me...everything of me belongs to the demons' god...including my chakra...you mean human...dirty burglar and blasphemer...kill me if you have guts...kill me...argh..."

Zhang Tie continued to run his Purgatory Samsara Method without even blinking his eyes. Only after a few minutes, when Zhang Tie started to absorb its water chakra, the earth wing demon knight finally widely opened its bloody eyes with anger, breaking its lips by teeth and passing out due to the great pain physically and spiritually when its water chakra was drawn away by Zhang Tie.

If this earth wing demon knight was a human knight, he must be an admirable tough man based on his performance. Actually, most demon knights could be so dauntless. Pitifully, Zhang Tie was on the opposite stance with demons. The dauntless spirit of the demon knight didn't move Zhang Tie at all. Zhang Tie still did what he wanted without any halt.

A few minutes later, Zhang Tie opened his eyes as he walked to the other cell, which was then filled with the furious and hopeless swear and painful screams of the earth wing demon knight...

Half an hour later, Zhang Tie left the 5th cell. As he absorbed too many water elements at once using Purgatory Samsara Method, his face turned red while oozing sweat heavily. He even felt being drunk when he left there. It seemed that he needed some time to digest these water elements. It was Zhang Tie's first time to encounter such a situation. Previously, Zhang Tie had not imagined that it could have such a "side effect" by absorbing too many elements using Purgatory Samsara Method at once.

"Castle Lord, are you all right?" Heller felt ridiculous about Zhang Tie's look.

"I'm fine. As I've attached too many water elements to my water chakra at once, I've not fully digested these water elements. It's out of my imagination that too many water elements could influence the work of the other two chakras and the circulation of my qi and blood. I will come to refine Gao Tianzhao's water chakra next time..." Oozing sweat all over his face, Zhang Tie told Heller while panting, "I will digest and form these water elements first. Take good care of these earth wing demon knights. I will offer a bloody sacrifice with them when I come back. 5 earth wing demon knights and some black iron wing demon knights could recover Ockham's water chakra for sure..."

"Fine, don't worry, Castle Lord!"

After telling Heller about that, Zhang Tie left the dungeon and returned to his cultivation room in the palace tree. Regardless of those fruits on the small tree, he immediately entered closed cultivation and started to digest and form the enormous water elements that he absorbed from the 5 earth wing demon knights.

That's really a bumper harvest. Besides providing enormous water elements to Zhang Tie, the 5 earth wing demon knights could work as top-class sacrificial offerings to the bloody sacrifice furnace. With these materials for bloody sacrifice, Zhang Tie could extract the gall from an alive bear once again...

Before this enclosed cultivation, Zhang Tie had only lit less than 181 scales on his water chakra after absorbing the water chakra of Ockham and had just entered 5 change earth realm. In this enclosed cultivation, Zhang Tie felt that he could definitely make much greater progress than any time before...

### **Chapter 1300: A Terrifying Leap in Battle Strength**

It took Zhang Tie 5 days to completely digest the water elements that he drew from the 5 earth wing demon knights and made them a part of his water chakra.

Zhang Tie had just made an improvement in his overall strength after promoting to 6 change earth realm a few days ago. As he absorbed too many water elements from the 5 earth wing demon knights, after Zhang Tie fully absorbed the water elements and made them a part of his water chakra, he found

that he had lit 63 more scales. With 8 more scales, he would be able to break through 7 change earth realm and gain the secondary improvement in his overall strength during this closed cultivation.

After absorbing the water chakra of Ockham, Zhang Tie had just lit about 20 scales on his water chakra; however, the 5 earth wing demon knights helped him light 3 times more scales. Except for that he lit after absorbing the water elements from Han Zhengfang, he lit most scales on his water chakra this time.

Zhang Tie stood up and warmed up his body. Besides sensing the changes in all aspects after reaching the 6 change earth realm, he also had a sensation of hunger. Therefore, he walked out of his cultivation room.

Heller and Zhang Tie's 3 servants had long prepared a lot of nutritious food and drinks for Zhang Tie in the dining hall of the palace tree.

During this closed cultivation, Zhang Tie had entered 6 change earth realm. He updated his body in all aspects once again. Therefore, after leaving his cultivation room, Zhang Tie urgently needed to replenish nutrients and energy. He could only gain them from food.

It took Zhang Tie 2 hours to finish his first dinner after leaving the cultivation room. After consuming delicious food full of vital essence produced in Castle of Black Iron as much as that of 6 tough men and drinking two dozens of vials of all-purpose medicaments, Zhang Tie burped as the faint sense of hunger that he felt after promoting to 6 change earth realm and the slight tension that had existed for over 2 months since he entered the theater of operations finally disappeared.

When Zhang Tie was eating, Heller just stood behind Zhang Tie in a black ceremonial robe corresponding to his status. In front of Zhang Tie's table, Edward in the snow-white uniform of cook was standing in front of a circular kneading board which was covered with various ingredients. Edward would make food for Zhang Tie on the spot when he saw which dish Zhang Tie liked. Aziz and Agan in the clothes of waiters were busy serving dishes and drinks to Zhang Tie or helping Edward to prepare for the ingredients.

The best ingredients, the best cooks, the freshest delicious food, the best drinks, the most considerate steward. All was so comfortable and pleasant here. That was a living style that Zhang Tie pursued for, whether it was a feature of nobility or the enjoyment of a mushroom!

After having food, Zhang Tie let out a sigh inside satisfactorily. 'If people could live such a pleasant life every day, who the motherf\*cking would like to fight on battlefields at the risk of their lives?'

"Heller, whether those demon b\*stards are lunatic? Humans live on the earth's surface; demons live in the underground space. We just live our own lives respectively. The subterranean layer between demons and humans is so thick. Additionally, there're abundant materials on both earth's surface and in the underground space, each party could live well. But why demons always think about having a fight, ruling and eliminating humans?" Zhang Tie said with a helpless sigh after cleaning his mouth by a snow-white napkin.

"Everything has a reason. Castle Lord could only seek for it yourself!"

Zhang Tie was just complaining about that casually. However, he had not imagined that Heller could reply him in such a solemn and profound manner. Therefore, Zhang Tie turned around and threw a glance at Heller. Heller told Zhang Tie with a slight smile, "Gao Tianzhao has been stabilized. Castle Lord, do you want to refine his water chakra right now?"

"No need to be that hasty. I will do that after adapting to the 6 change earth realm!" Zhang Tie replied as he looked at his palm. Only after lightly clenching his fist, a boom had happened in the air, causing the tableware to jump up. After promoting to 6 change earth realm, Zhang Tie felt that he had reached a new height in all aspects. He had made great progress in spiritual energy, strength, speed, defensive capability and the perception of his knight's consciousness. As a result, his overall strength had increased by another 10%.

Sometimes, if one's battle strength improved too fast, his body and combat consciousness had to adapt to such a change; otherwise, he would make silly mistakes in combat.

"Castle Lord, Gao Tianzhao could wait; however, those fruits on the small tree couldn't wait anymore; otherwise, new fruits would have no place to bear..."

"What does that mean?"

"Castle Lord could take a look over there!"

When Zhang Tie came to the lobby of the palace tree and caught sight of the small tree, he widely opened his mouth at once. Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could see such an exaggerated scene.

Before Zhang Tie entered the closed cultivation, Zhang Tie had been shocked by over 40 fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs on the small tree. It was out of his imagination that there were 5 times more fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs only after less than 1 week. Zhang Tie found the small tree was fruitful and was almost bent over. There were at least 160 fruits of redemption from golden uangs on the small tree.

Zhang Tie was so pleased with the bumper harvest.

After making a circle around the small tree, Zhang Tie found that there were 177 fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs. That was amazing!

'Did Paul buy all the golden uangs across Taixia Country and set them free? How fruitful it is!'

Zhang Tie almost took out his remote-sensing crystal to contact Paul; however, when he realized that he was in Castle of Black Iron where remote-sensing communications could be isolated, Zhang Tie stopped.

'Something happened for sure!' Zhang Tie thought. However, it was a good thing for him because these fruits would finally enter his stomach.

"Wait until I digest the food..."

Watching those fruits, Zhang Tie touched his belly. After saying that, Zhang Tie directly flew out of the palace tree.

After a short while, dense booms had drifted from the training ground which covered over 1,200 square miles.

In order to adapt to the overall strength of 6 change earth realm and digest the food that he had just taken, Zhang Tie immediately started a fierce live drill in the training field of Castle of Black Iron; instead of entering the trouble-reappearance situation.

6 hours later, Zhang Tie flew back to the lobby of the palace tree while oozing sweat all over. Closely after that, he came to the side of the small tree and started to engulf those fruits one after another.

After taking one fruit of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs, he could immediately increase his strength by 71.5 kg.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could enjoy so many fruits once. After eating 177 fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs, Zhang Tie felt that his body was almost broken by a great strength from inside. The blood in the vessels that covered his muscles all over his body was as hot and powerful as magma.

Besides his blood that started to turn hot, Zhang Tie's muscles, tendons and bones all over started to slightly rock. Zhang Tie's boa silk robe had already been broken into pieces by that great strength from inside unconsciously.

Besides increasing Zhang Tie's strength, the fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs also helped Zhang Tie adapt to this strength.

After taking the last fruit of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs, Zhang Tie felt a dragon was running here and there inside his body. He uttered a long exclamation. Closely after that, the Thor's Hammer appeared in his hand once again as he flashed out of the lobby of the palace tree.

Only after a short while, louder booms drifted to the palace tree from the training field outside immortal mountain once again.

After a few more hours, Zhang Tie in rags flashed back to the lobby of palace tree as he screamed, "It's not enough; it's not enough; the 6.8 ton Thor's Hammer is too light, too light..." Zhang Tie looked around as he asked, "Where's Edward? Where's Edward?"

"Castle Lord, your loyal servant is here." Edward immediately flashed out of Heller's back.

"Build a proper weapon for me as soon as possible. It should be at least 15 tons in weight..."

"Castle Lord, what type of weapon do you want? Do you have any requirements on the materials?"

"A hammer. No request on its materials. The firmer the better. Can you finish it before I leave my cultivation room next time?"

"No problem, all as you will!" Edward hurriedly replied as his eyes turned squint.

After assigning a task to Edward, Zhang Tie walked towards the dungeon excitedly once again, regardless of his rags. When he reached the entrance of the dungeon, he stretched out his hand to draw the door; however, as his strength was too great, the entire iron gate was pulled off from the wall. The copper knocker was completely transformed. Zhang Tie was startled by himself.

That was the result of increasing over 12 tons' strength once.

“Castle Lord, don’t worry. I will deal with it, let me do it, let me do it...” Edward hurriedly ran over here.

Touching his head, Zhang Tie put aside the door.

“Castle Lord, as you have too great strength, you’d better control your strength in case of pinching Gao Tianzhao to death. Gao Tianzhao has no ability to resist you at all. Otherwise, it would be too wasteful...” Heller reminded Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie nodded his head forcefully.

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When Zhang Tie saw Gao Tianzhao once again, he found Gao Tianzhao was much better. His wounds had almost been cured. The big hole on his chest had disappeared. Additionally, he wore a set of clothes. Otherwise, it would be too embarrassing for Zhang Tie to absorb his water chakra as they would make physical contact...

“Zhang Tie...” At the sight of Zhang Tie, Gao Tianzhao felt like watching a ghost as he changed his face right away. Even the black pigmented nevus between his eyebrows started to quiver. He shouted, “Where am I? How could you be here? That divine dominator from Penglai Immortal Island is really on your side. What did you do to me? Is this the dungeon of Blackwater Base? Why didn’t Ye Qingcheng come here? I warn you...”

After his real body of the virtual image of Heavens-eaten Boa was broken by Zhang Tie, Gao Tianzhao had been in a coma. He didn’t know what happened afterward. He even didn’t know that he was in Castle of Black Iron; neither did he know that the divine dominator he was referring to was Zhang Tie. He still thought that he was in the dungeon of Blackwater Base...

What a poor guy!

In this case, Zhang Tie didn’t even feel like explaining it to Gao Tianzhao. After all, this guy had been destined to die like the fish on the kneading board.

In the widely opened eyes of Gao Tianzhao, Zhang Tie immediately put his huge hand on Gao Tianzhao’s head.

“Don’t dream about capturing my soul. I’ve long known that you’ve grasped *Soul Forbidden Method* , but it doesn’t work on me. *Soul Forbidden Method* originated from our Bloody Soul Temple. When I grasped *Soul Forbidden Method* , you were still a baby in diapers...” Gao Tianzhao revealed a scornful sneer.

“Idiot...” Zhang Tie threw a cold glance at Gao Tianzhao.

Only after a few seconds, Gao Tianzhao’s eyes had almost popped out as he quivered all over. At the same time, he changed his face greatly while uttering, “Argh...” At that time, Gao Tianzhao finally understood why Zhang Tie treated him so well. “Purgatory Samsara Method...you’re using Purgatory Samsara Method...how could you grasp it...what’s the relationship between you and alchemist’s demon...ahh, you’re alchemist’s demon’s disciple...”

In crazy screams, Gao Tianzhao passed out at once while foaming at the mouth.

After refining and absorbing the complete water chakra of Gao Tianzhao, Zhang Tie smacked his lips as he dropped Gao Tianzhao who had been in coma once again.

After dealing with Gao Tianzhao, Zhang Tie immediately brought Ockham back to the lobby of the palace tree. Like Gao Tianzhao, Ockham also wondered what Zhang Tie wanted to do with it. However, now that it was in such a magnificent lobby, it must be not a bad thing.

Ockham even thought that Zhang Tie had finally “realized its value” after listening to what it told Zhang Tie yesterday...

However, Ockham soon became fearful when it saw Zhang Tie taking the bloody sacrifice furnace out of the void in the lobby of the palace tree and some demon knights being brought here by Zhang Tie’s subordinates. When Ockham itself was put on the altar of the bloody sacrifice furnace by Zhang Tie, it almost collapsed spiritually.

Although it had not seen a bloody sacrifice furnace, Ockham didn’t feel good on the altar.

“Ahh, don’t kill me...I’m the sacred light chief priest of Sacred Light Empire...if you kill me...Sacred Light Empire will revenge you...” Ockham started to talk rubbish.

“Don’t worry. How could I kill you? I’m just curing your disease!” Zhang Tie said as he manipulated the bloody sacrifice furnace adroitly. Closely after that, Agan, Aziz and Edward put those demon knights into the furnace one after another.

When the first earth wing demon knight was put into the bloody sacrifice furnace, a warm glow fell on Ockham’s body. Compared to the pains when Zhang Tie refined its water chakra using Purgatory Samsara Method a few days ago, this process was so comfortable that Ockham almost started to groan.

After putting 4 earth wing demon knights and 3 black iron wing demon knights into the bloody sacrifice furnace, Zhang Tie stopped after receiving the message from the bloody sacrifice furnace.

It would take Ockham some time to recover his water chakra once again. After doing all this, Zhang Tie had Agan and the other two servants brought Ockham back into its cell.

When Ockham was immersed in the warm glow at the beginning, it was a bit happy. however, later on, it found that the glow could only work on its water chakra which had been refined and destroyed by Zhang Tie, Ockham immediately knew why Zhang Tie would cure him. Therefore, when it was taken back into the dungeon, Ockham started to wail mournfully once again with a pale look.

“Let me out, please, let me out...I’m the sacred light chief priest of the eastern parish of Sacred Light Empire...as long as you let me out, I could promise you everything...I’ve got a lot of subordinates in Sacred Light Empire...the entire eastern parish of Sacred Light Empire belongs to me...”

Zhang Tie ignored Ockham. After doing this, he started to enter closed cultivation once again.

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It took him 3 days to digest the water elements from Gao Tianzhao’s water chakra.

Gao Tianzhao’s water chakra was much greater than that of Ockham’s with more quantity of water elements. As a result, Zhang Tie lit 26 more scales on his water chakra and had reached 270 scales in

total. In only 3 days, Zhang Tie had entered 7 change earth realm and gained another improvement in all aspects.

Like how he left his cultivation room last time, Zhang Tie enjoyed dinner at first. After that, he took 51 more fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs. Then, Zhang Tie started his training on the training field outside the immortal mountain with the new 15-ton battle hammer that had just been built by Edward so as to adapt to his new strength and abilities.

Because Zhang Tie took 51 more fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs, his strength increased by another over 3,600 kg. As he had not completely adapted to the strength that he gained last time, this round of training and adaption took him 2 days. When Zhang Tie changed the 15-ton battle hammer into a 3 kg' ordinary longsword which was made of high-quality steel and didn't shatter the longsword while launching a casual strike with the longsword, he had basically adapted to his new strength.

After that, Ockham experienced the same pain when its water chakra was drawn and refined by Zhang Tie once again; it even wanted to die.

3 days later, Zhang Tie left his cultivation room after entering 8 change earth realm...