

Black Iron 1311

Chapter 1311: The Masters and the Apprentices

Zhang Tie didn't care how the disciple of Taiyi Fantasy Sect spurted out blood out of fury as he couldn't evade it.

'Perhaps since I slapped the face of a grand elder of Taiyi Fantasy Sect in Earth-elements Realm and won an airship from Feng Yexiao, Taiyi Fantasy had been hostile to me. Given Taiyi Fantasy Sect's position in Taixia Country, how could it suffer such a loss from an ordinary knight and lose its face?'

'Later on, through the mediation of Zhang Taixuan, although the conflict between Taiyi Fantasy Sect and I was relieved superficially, the more famous I am, the clearer it would be for Taiyi Fantasy Sect to remember the experience of suffering a loss from me. This point could be identified from the performance of Taiyi Fantasy Sect after I promoted to an earth knight.'

'At that moment, if Taiyi Fantasy Sect really forgave me, they should at least assign an elder to attend my rotating chakra ceremony. However, the fact was that they only assigned some small figures here. Additionally, those representatives of Taiyi Fantasy Sect were not there to congratulate me but to show off and find troubles. However, they were unsuccessful in their plan.'

'Later on, I didn't list Taiyi Fantasy Sect as one of the first batches of partners on Fiery Oil. It remembered that O'Laura told me 2 months ago that some major clans indeed wanted to cooperate with Fiery-Dragon Bounty Territory on Fiery Oil in the name of Taiyi Fantasy Sect. However, these clans' conditions for cooperations were very harsh; additionally, they behaved arrogantly and almost wanted to monopoly the business of Fiery Oil in the provinces where their clans were located in. They even wanted to expand their business to other provinces and prefectures without any restriction. It seemed that Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory became a pure supplier of cheap Fiery Oil and Taiyi Fantasy Sect had given me a big face by cooperating with me. Given their conditions, they must have taken themselves as the boss of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. Of course, Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory would not accept it. In the eyes of someone in Taiyi Fantasy Sect, the attitude of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory indicated that they despised Taiyi Fantasy Sect.'

'Just now, a black iron knight of Taiyi Fantasy Sect dared satirize me in the public after knowing my identity. What did this mean?'

'At least it means that these knights of Taiyi Fantasy Sect always spoke ill of me when they gathered together. I must have become an unruly one, even opponent and enemy that should be defeated by Taiyi Fantasy Sect as a whole in the eyes of many elders and knights of Taiyi Fantasy Sect...'

'If there's not such an atmosphere and recognition about me in Taiyi Fantasy Sect, how dare a black iron knight to despise an earth knight? Aren't the so-called "nine young elites", his senior fellow apprentices and uncle masters even elders on the back of Wen Qingkong?'

'Why would I spoil and give concession to such a person?'

Zhang Tie then recalled how Sarlon threw some dirty plates in front of him when he was sitting under a small tree in the campus of No. 7 Male Middle School in Blackhot City.

‘Many fierce conflicts started from trivial affairs. At that time, Grace and the others felt that they were unrivaled at school; therefore, they thought that I should follow their order and serve them willingly.’

‘As for Taiyi Fantasy Sect. When one of the 4 grand elders of Taiyi Fantasy Sect led a team of elites to show off in the Earth-elements Realm and make military exploits; however, they had not imagined that the largest bonus of killing that earth shadow demon knight was grabbed away by me who was an average black iron knight at that moment. As Taiyi Fantasy Sect was almost the most famous sect in the top 7 sects of Taixia Country, how embarrassed Feng Yexiao would feel? Therefore, Feng Yexiao always targeted at me and would like to make me embarrassed by finding my loopholes.’

‘However, when my loophole was proved to be not a loophole, Feng Yexiao lost his airboat and his face at the same time. The magnificent brand of Taiyi Fantasy Sect was then shattered by a small figure. From then on, Taiyi Fantasy Sect was destined to become hostile to me. As one’s position determined his thought. As the disciples of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, of course, they treat me as their enemy and opponent.’

After thinking about it for a while, Zhang Tie suddenly discovered that the fate of one person or a group of people was usually determined by one person’s simple thought.

‘If they knew that they would lose their lives by throwing some plates in front of me, Grace would never dare do that to me anymore. They just did it because of a presumptuous yet reasonable thought in their mind...’

‘If Feng Yexiao knew that he would lose his face completely, would he bet with me? Feng Yexiao made a bet with me because of a simple thought of jealousy, arrogance and killing intent. Because of such a bit evil thought, Taiyi Fantasy Sect turned hostile to me.’

‘However, all this could have been avoided based on the relationship between Huaiyuan Palace and Taiyi Fantasy Sect and the fact that I was a member of Huaiyuan Palace. However, I turned hostile to Taiyi Fantasy. Is this my destiny or the so-called destiny was just a trajectory of some thoughts?’

‘Thoughts!’

‘The word was shocking and made me meticulous!’

Zhang Tie didn’t know the final result between him and Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Zhang Tie didn’t feel that he could deal with Taiyi Fantasy Sect alone even now. Zhang Tie stuck to the principle that he would offend people only if he was offended first. ‘However, if the conflict between Taiyi Fantasy Sect and I further deteriorates, the relation between Lan Yunxi and I might be much unsteadier.’

‘In this case, I couldn’t eat humble pie. If I were regarded as good-for-nothing by the disciples of Taiyi Fantasy Sect and humiliated by a black iron knight of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, how could I grab Lan Yunxi’s heart? Will Taiyi Fantasy Sect agree with the marriage between Lan Yunxi and I because I was docile to them? I’m afraid that I would face a greater resistance by then. An ugly, short man could marry a beautiful common woman; however, he could never marry a gentlewoman or a princess.’

‘F*ck!’

When he thought about the boring thing, Zhang Tie couldn’t stand to swear inside. If Zhang Tie knew that he would incur so many troubles and so many obstacles to the marriage between Lan Yunxi and

him after killing an earth shadow knight in the Earth-elements Realm, he preferred to leave that earth shadow knight to Feng Yexiao the old guy.

However, regret didn't work.

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Only after a short while, Blackwater Base had appeared in front of Zhang Tie.

So many knights were accessing the Blackwater Base. Everyone should present their Xuanyuan Order before entering Blackwater Base. These people came from everywhere across Taixia Country, including those from the Northeast Military Region. With so many human knights flying in the sky, it was as same as that in the legendary heyday of humans—In a large city floating in the sky, everyone living in the city could fly as if they were walking on the earth...

Zhang Tie was too young. Although there were so many knights here, nobody else could be as young as him.

The moment Zhang Tie arrived there, those passers-by had moved their eyes on his face.

Some people didn't know Zhang Tie; however, most of the knights from Northeast Military Region had already known Zhang Tie's look.

"Ahh, Qianji Hermit is back..."

"This person is Qianji Hermit!"

"Of course, Zhang Tie is the youngest earth knight in Taixia Country!"

"But I didn't see him in the raid!"

"Qianji Hermit has already served as a scout for over 4 months..."

"Ahh, scout!" Someone repeated with an exclamation.

"Although Qianji Hermit didn't attend the raid, he must be executing another mission!"

"But I've not seen his name on the List of Earth Knights in Xuanyuan Fortress..."

"Perhaps he didn't report his military exploits. You know that earth knights who serve as scouts are never afraid of death..."

Those who knew Zhang Tie couldn't help but become slightly dumbfounded as they whispered something to those who didn't know Zhang Tie on their sides. Some of them even nodded towards Zhang Tie politely. Zhang Tie also nodded towards them with a smile. Soon after Zhang Tie came back, he had already heard the news of List of Earth Knights in Xuanyuan Fortress 2 times. However, Zhang Tie didn't care about it. Compared to the deed of that b*stard of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, the others' responses made Zhang Tie feel much warmer.

The knight at the entrance of Blackwater Base was also from Northeast Military Region. After taking Zhang Tie's Xuanyuan Order respectfully and checking it, he gave the Xuanyuan Order back to Zhang Tie with full of admiration. He even said, "Welcome in, thanks for your hard work, Hermit!"

"Pleasure..." Zhang Tie nodded with a smile as he took his Xuanyuan Order and entered Blackwater Base.

Soon after entering Blackwater Base, Zhang Tie had felt dizzy as two female knights were exiting Blackwater Base.

Coincidentally, one of the two female knights was Guo Hongyi; the other one looked a bit younger than Guo Hongyi. In a white skirt, she wore a pagoda-shaped bun. She looked very delicate while her beautiful eyes inclined towards her temples, making her pretty aggressive and different. When they walked towards Zhang Tie, all the surrounding male knights hurriedly gave way to them.

What made Zhang Tie feel strange was that Guo Hongyi respected that woman in the white skirt very much as Guo Hongyi always stayed half a step behind her.

Guo Hongyi and that woman saw Zhang Tie too. At the sight of Zhang Tie, Guo Hongyi's eyes shone at once which contained a slight love that could only be sensed by Zhang Tie. However, when that strange woman saw Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie immediately felt that his hair all over was frozen. As a result, Zhang Tie quivered all over once as he swore inside, 'Damn, what an abnormal eye light! It's like how an old virgin who was responsible for punishing criminals and had not seen light for hundreds of years interrogated a liar and rapist who was bound by ropes in a religious judicial office...'

'F*ck, she's a shadow knight.' Zhang Tie's heart raced at once!

"What a coincidence..." Zhang Tie greeted Guo Hongyi after dodging away from the eye light of the shadow female knight in the white skirt.

"Hmm!" Guo Hongyi replied as she lowered her eye light and nodded towards Zhang Tie, being neither passionate nor indifferent.

"Who's this man?" The female knight in the white skirt turned around and asked Guo Hongyi in front of Zhang Tie.

"Master, he's Zhang Tie!" Guo Hongyi answered.

"He's Zhang Tie?" The female knight in the white skirt became slightly stunned. This time, she nodded to Zhang Tie while her eyes turned a bit warmer; however, her eye light was still cold. "Now that he could write the poem 'The beloved ones', he's a bit conscientious. However, as he's married to a lot of women, he must be a lecherous and eloquent man. Stay away from him from now on. None of the men are good, not to mention male knights!"

Zhang Tie became stunned. Although he had seen a lot of women, it was his first time to be commented in this way. 'Damn, have I offended her or what? How could such a woman be the master of Guo Hongyi?'

"Hmm!" Guo Hongyi replied briefly while lowering her head. The woman in the white skirt threw a glance at Zhang Tie once again. Closely after that, she passed by Zhang Tie as if she had not seen Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie wanted to say something; however, he couldn't. Finally, Zhang Tie could only scratch his head helplessly as he saw them off...

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After Zhang Tie returned to Blackwater Base, he went to report on his mission in the control center.

Zhang Tie didn't see Ye Qingcheng; however, the knight who received him told him that he was on a 2 weeks' leave, during which period, he could make a free arrangement. However, if he was called by Blackwater Base, he had to arrive at the base in half an hour...

After hearing that Ye Qingcheng was on a 2 weeks' leave, Zhang Tie understood that the demons' attack must have been relieved recently...

Chapter 1312: Meeting Bai Suxian and Her Family Members

Elder Muray and Elder Muyu of Huaiyuan Palace were executing missions in a Class A city in Xing'an Prefecture of Huanzhou Province. In peaceful times, Class A cities in Taixia Country didn't need to be defended by so many knights; however, as it was in the western theater of operations, it was necessary to allocate more knights to defend Class A cities.

Although Huanzhou Province was in the western theater of operations, it was far away from the frontline. Additionally, it was in the east of Helan Mountain Range. Xingan Prefecture was also close to Bingzhou Province in the northeast of Huanzhou Province, also the place where Blackwater Base stayed for the first time. Actually, it was an easy and safe mission for Elder Muray and Elder Muyu. At least Xingan Prefecture could barely be attacked by demon knights before demons officially broke through Helan Mountain Range.

After communicating with Elder Muray and Elder Muyu through a remote-sensing communications finger ring, Zhang Tie knew that the two people were assigned to Xingan Prefecture as garrison knights soon after he became a scout. Due to their duties, they didn't even attend the raid under the leadership of Zuoqiu Mingyue.

Smacking his lips, Zhang Tie felt that this arrangement was very interesting, 'As I've assumed the most dangerous mission as a scout on my own initiative, Elder Muray and Elder Muyu who are my clan members gained a relatively safer and easier mission.'

Zhang Tie felt comfortable about this arrangement. He had to admit that Taixia Country was human-friendly in many aspects. For instance, if there was only one son in a family, he didn't need to serve in the army; when two brothers served in the army at the same time, if one had sacrificed, the other could retire in advance...

After contacting Elder Muray and Elder Muyu, Zhang Tie contacted Bai Suxian and told her that he had come back.

"You're back?"

Soon after Zhang Tie sent the message, he had received the reply of Bai Suxian.

"Yup, I've just come back. I've reported on my mission 1 minute ago. Where're you?"

"I'm on the airboat assigned by Lord Guangnan's Mansion!"

“Airboat? Have Lord Guangnan’s Mansion also assigned people to fight here?”

“Of course, the airboat of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion had long arrived here 2 months ago. Under the leadership of my 2nd uncle, Lord Guangnan’s Mansion assigned one airboat and over 30 knights here. Where’re you?”

“I’m going back to my cabin for some rest!”

“Okay, wait a moment, I will come for you!”

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The Black Dragon Airboat was still connected to Blackwater Bas as the “dorms” of knights from Northeast Military Region. After contacting Bai Suxian, Zhang Tie returned to his Fantasy No. 76 cabin of Black Dragon Airboat.

After opening his cabin, he found that everything in the room remained unchanged after over 4 months. The two master-level tracing feathers were still lying in the cabin, which indicated that nobody had visited here over the past 4 months. As there was a special air purification system in cabins of the airboat, none of the poisonous and harmful smoke, dust or suspended particle matters could enter cabins. After over 4 months, this cabin was still as clean as before.

After escorting the airship troop for 3 days without any rest, the moment he returned to his cabin, Zhang Tie had taken off his clothes and started to take a bath.

Due to limited water resources, it was very luxurious to take a bath on the airboat. Even being an earth knight, Zhang Tie could only enjoy limited water every day. Thankfully, Zhang Tie moved fast. He had finished his bath in less than 5 minutes. The moment he finished his bath, Zhang Tie had heard the knocks. He knew it must be Bai Suxian.

After covering his lower body with a towel, Zhang Tie cleaned his head by another towel as he opened the door of his cabin.

Bai Suxian was indeed standing outside the door while looking beautiful. The moment Zhang Tie opened the door, Bai Suxian had entered as she locked the door by hand. Closely after that, Bai Suxian gave a long kiss to Zhang Tie.

Reunion after a brief separation was as sweet as a honeymoon. After parting with Bai Suxian for over 4 months, Zhang Tie couldn’t cover his excitement.

After parting from each other physically, Bai Suxian watched Zhang Tie affectionately as she put one hand onto Zhang Tie’s chest and said, “Do you know how much I was worried about you after hearing that you were injured?”

“It’s fine, it’s not fatal!” Zhang Tie smirked as he started to fumble over Bai Suxian’s body.

“What happened?”

“I was ambushed by Gao Tianzhao and some demon b*stards!”

"Ahh, you were ambushed by a shadow knight..." Bai Suxian became shocked as her face blushed. She even forgot that Zhang Tie was fumbling over her body. Now that Zhang Tie could survive the ambush of a shadow knight, he must be fortunate or have a great ability...

"Ahh...stop; have you recovered your injuries...let me see..."

"I've cleaned my body and was waiting for you. You tell me whether I've recovered or not?" Zhang Tie smirked.

"My...2nd uncle knows you're back and wants to see you...now!" Bai Suxian pressed Zhang Tie's hands as she stammered.

After hearing Bai Suxian's words, Zhang Tie stopped his movement at once. Watching Bai Suxian with a bitter look, he said, "I've already taken off my pants, and you're telling me this..."

"Puffft..." Bai Suxian threw a glance at Zhang Tie whose bath towel had fallen onto the ground before saying, "Who told you to be so lascivious?"

Zhang Tie revealed a bitter smile as he took out a set of decent clothes from his portable space-teleportation equipment and put them on. No matter what, he was going to see Bai Suxian's family member. Bai Suxian's 2nd uncle should also be an influential figure in Lord Guangnan's Mansion. If Zhang Tie didn't see him, it would be a bit rude. "By the way, why were you in the airboat of Lord Guangna's Mansion? Did you execute missions these days?"

Bai Suxian let out a sigh as she replied, "Soon after my 2nd uncle came here a few days ago, he had met Ye Qingcheng. On the 2nd day, Ye Qingcheng had assigned me to the airboat of Lord Guangnan's Mansion to follow the order of my 2nd uncle!"

Zhang Tie understood it at once. Of course, the princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion should stay with the members of Lord Guangnan's Mansion in this case. Privileges existed everywhere. It was already remarkable that Lord Guangna's Mansion didn't assign Bai Suxian away from the frontline.

Bai Suxian then helped Zhang Tie put on his clothes carefully.

"Who led the team of Taiyi Fantasy Sect here?"

"It's Feng Yexiao, one of the top 4 grand elders of Taiyi Fantasy Sect!"

"Do Taiyi Fantasy Sect have some young men called 9 young elites?"

"They are 9 black iron knight elites in Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Above them, there are some earth knight elites called 5 peaks. Feng Yexiao brought here all of his beloved disciples..."

"Is there a disciple among the 9 young elites surnamed Wen?"

"Yup, might be Wen Qingkong. He likes to be in the limelight. You know him?" Bai Suxian threw a glance at Zhang Tie out of curiosity.

"All right!"

Zhang Tie understood it at once. 'No wonder that Wen Qingkong kept biting me like a mad dog the moment he saw me regardless of the basic etiquettes. It turns out that he's a disciple of Feng Yexiao...'

‘What a boisterous theater of operations! All the elites have arrived here, old and young!’

Chapter 1313: Six Lords of Taixia Country

According to Bai Suxian, except for different temperaments, her 2nd uncle looked very similar to his dad, Lord Guangnan.

Since the founding of Taixia Country, although it had experienced 2 holy wars, there were only 6 lords in Taixia Country. Given the title of nobility, except for Emperor Xuanyuan, the 6 lords could rank top in the officialdom of Taixia Country.

Bai Suxian knew that Zhang Tie didn’t know too much about the history of Taixia Country and the major clans in Taixia Country because Zhang Tie didn’t grow up in Taixia Country. Therefore, on the way from Blackwater Base to the airboat of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion, Bai Suxian started to supplement knowledge to Zhang Tie in case of embarrassment when Zhang Tie chatted with her 2nd uncle. Bai Suxian’s 2nd uncle paid attention to the face of major clan and sect very much.

According to Bai Suxian’s introduction, Zhang Tie started to understand the situations of the six lord’s clans in Taixia Country generally.

Besides Lord Guangnan, the other 5 lords were respectively Lord Xuanwu, Lord Jingtian, Lord Dingxi, Lord Yian and Lord Xianhai.

The foundation of Lu Clan of Lord Xuanwu was in Jinzhou Province and Pingzhou Province, which were immortal provinces and the most prosperous places in Taixia Country. Lu Clan’s wealth and influence were not weak among the six lords’ clans. Additionally, Lu Clan of Lord Xuanwu was the largest military supplier in Taixia Country, which had very great power on its back.

The foundation of Sun Clan of Lord Jingtian was in Xiangzhou Province, Yuezhou Province and Dingzhou Province which were in the middle of Taixia Country. The three provinces were full of elites and heroes. Lord Jingtian’s Mansion almost monopolized the entire mining industry in the three provinces and had a bounty land of 6,000 miles. Additionally, Lord Jingtian’s Mansion had over 100 Class A cities, 300,000 employed guests. Therefore, Lord Jingtian was known as a very hospitable person.

The foundation of Cao Clan of Lord Dingxi was in Shouzhou Province and Xianzhou Province in the west of Taixia Country. Compared to the other lords’ clans, Cao Clan of Lord Dingxi had slightly declined. After Cao Yan the Lord Dingxi was awarded as a lord in the first holy war for less than 10 years, he had been missing. After confirming that Cao Yan had been missing for 3 decades, as Cao Yan didn’t leave any will, at the request of Cao Clan, Xuanyuan Hill awarded the eldest son of Cao Yan as Lord Dingxi. However, the eldest son of Cao Yan was not as excellent as the other sons of Cao Yan. Therefore, it led to the frustrations and disruptions facing the branch of Lord Dingxi.

Over the past hundreds of years, Cao Clan had experienced many animosities for the title of Lord Dingxi. Outsiders didn’t know what happened inside Cao Clan. However, the fact was that all the successors of the title of Lord Dingxi had died suddenly in cultivation after succeeding to the crown for less than 10 years, whether they were clan heads or the direct descendants of Lord Dingxi and the like. Of course, Cao Clan would gradually decline among those lords’ clans in Taixia Country. Even so, Cao Clan could still

not be matched by common clans. Lord Dingxi's Mansion had over 30 Class A cities and hundreds of other cities.

The foundation of Qin Clan of Lord Yian was in Xuanyuan Hill. It was the only Lord's Clan that built its mansion in Xuanyuan Hill. However, Qin Clan of Lord Yian's influence could reach every corner and nook of the world; besides imperial households of Taixia Country, Qin Clan of Lord Yian was also on the back of Xuanyuan Bank the largest bank of Taixia Country. Actually, Qin Clan was managing Xuanyuan Bank. Besides, Qin Clan of Lord Yian was also favored by Emperor Xuanyuan. It could be said that Qin Clan of Lord Yian was in the lowest profile yet had the greatest potential among the six lord's mansions of Taixia Country.

"However, the most mysterious clan among the six lords of Taixia Country was Lord Xianhai. Nobody knew the name of Lord Xianhai until now!"

"Ahh, why?" Zhang Tie asked Bai Suxian with a surprised look as they were flying at a steady speed. They could already see the airboat of Lord Guangnan in front of them.

The airboat of Lord Guangnan's Mansion was nearby Xuanyuan Fortress. Xuanyuan Fortress was also a city in the sky like Lion Fortress in the Earth-elements Realm being surrounded by 11 air battlefronts. The airboat of Lord Guangnan's Mansion was longer than 1,000 m, which was even larger and more domineering than the Black Dragon Airboat. At the sight of the airboat, people would be able to sense the high social status of Lord Guangnan's Mansion.

"Lord Xianhai is a human lord being awarded in the 2nd holy war. When many knights were dropping their blood to manifest their military exploits in Heavens Fortune Sect, that man in white clothes just stood among the people in an average manner. Nobody knew his military exploits. However, when it was his turn to drop his blood on the tester, the Heavens Fortune List immediately indicated that he could be awarded as a lord; additionally, the word Xianhai appeared on the Heavens Fortune List. Numerous people were shocked at that time. Right then, that person left a sentence, "There're immortal mountains in the overseas. I live in the clouds". After that, that person burst out into laughter three times before flying away even faster than a heavenly knight.

"Nobody knew his name until now?"

"Not exactly. It's said that Lord Xianhai actually comes from Penglai Immortal Island; because Emperor Xuanyuan had awarded him with the 50,000 miles' waters in the east sea after awarding him Lord Xianhai. It's said that Penglai Immortal Island is in that waters..."

"Really?" Zhang Tie became interested in it at once. He had not imagined that there was such a legendary figure in Penglai Immortal Island besides the inheritance of divine dominator.

"Hmm, because nobody knows where is Penglai Immortal Island. People in Penglai Immortal Island always behave mysteriously. I've not heard that any outsiders could find Penglai Immortal Island until now. Many people would go to sea by boat for Penglai Immortal Island each year; however, none of them could find Penglai Immortal Island at all."

Zhang Tie was stunned by Bai Suxian's words. Previously, Zhang Tie was thinking about making a trip to Penglai Immortal Island and learning battle skills and secret methods of divine dominator from them. After being told that nobody could find Penglai Immortal Island at all, Zhang Tie became speechless.

Smacking his lips, Zhang Tie said, "There're too few lords in Taixia Country. I was told that each major sect has sage-level knights. Those old monsters have great battle strength and made a lot of military exploits. Why don't they drop their blood on the tester in Heavens Fortune Sect for a title of the lord?" Zhang Tie asked out of curiosity.

Bai Suxian threw a bitter smile at Zhang Tie before saying, "If you're Emperor Xuanyuan, will you allow the sage-level figures of major sects to drop their blood for a title of the lord? Will you allow them to rule numerous commoners in Taixia Country while being the leader of hundreds of millions of disciples? Even commoners and officials will bow towards them!"

Zhang Tie shook his head as he said, "Of course I won't. Otherwise, Emperor Xuanyuan will not have a good sleep. If someone among them was ambitious to be an emperor, it would cause great trouble across the country! You mean Emperor Xuanyuan forbids the sage-level knights of the top sects dropping their blood for a title of the lord?"

"Emperor Xuanyuan doesn't need to forbid it. The top sects and the imperial household of Taixia Country are all clear about it and are in privity. The disciples of those top sects could drop their blood on the tester for a title of the lord by doing which they could manifest their own battle strength and enhancing the reputation of their own sects. However, the sage-level knights of the top sects could do that; even heavenly knights of these top sects barely did that. If sage-level knights are awarded the title of lord, they would pose threats to Emperor Xuanyuan; if heavenly knights are awarded the title of lord, they would become the chancellors of Emperor Xuanyuan. The top sects don't feel like accepting that; neither is the heavenly knights of those top sects willing to do that. Therefore, nobody among the top sects of Taixia Country could be awarded as the title of lord. According to the regulations of Heavens Fortune Sect, all of its disciples from black iron knights to sage-level knights are forbidden to drop their blood for the title of lord."

Zhang Tie finally understood it. He had not imagined that the top sects could reach such privity with Emperor Xuanyuan on this point. Therefore, Xuanyuan Hill could maintain balance with the top sects.

"Introduce me your Lord Guangnan's Mansion..." Zhang Tie said with a grin.

"You're seeking for death!" Bai Suxian pouted.

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter. Of course, Bai Suxian didn't need to introduce Lord Guangnan's Mansion to Zhang Tie. If a person who was going to be the son-in-law of Lord Guangnan's Mansion didn't know about Lord Guangnan's Mansion, he had no sincerity to marry Bai Suxian at all. Bai Suxian had already told Zhang Tie about Lord Guangnan's Mansion previously. If Zhang Tie asked some dare-to-die fighters who were gifted by Lord Guangnan's Mansion, he would basically know Lord Guangnan's Mansion.

It could be said that each lord's mansion had their own features. Lord Guangnan's Mansion could match the other lords' mansions on both influence and wealth. Bai Clan of Lord Guangnan was based on Yuezhou Province, Hongzhou Province, Kunzhou Province and Zhaozhou Province in the south of Taixia Country. It had over 1,000 cities and over 100 million armored soldiers. Not only that, but Lord Guangnan also had a great influence among the tribes in the hundreds of millions of mountains in the south border of Taixia Country. The entire southern border of Taixia Country was like the backyard garden of Lord Guangnan. Even many barbarians had to follow the order of Lord Guangnan's Mansion. It

was said that everyone surnamed Bai in the hundreds of millions of mountains in the south border of Taixia Country could be safe. Lord Guangnan almost ranked top among the six lords of Taixia Country.

When Bai Suxian and Zhang Tie chatted with each other, they had come to the entrance of the airboat of Lord Guangnan's Mansion. Some bearded and strong old men blocked the entrance when they gazed at Zhang Tie who was flying towards them with Bai Suxian as if there was a beautiful flower on Zhang Tie's face.

At the sight of them, Zhang Tie had known that they were all knights; 3 of them were even earth knights.

At the sight of this scene, Bai Suxian immediately acted like a spoiled child as she said, "Uncles, what are you doing?"

"Hehhehheh, 2nd master said young lady was coming back with the son-in-law, of course, we're here to check him for you..." A silly guy whose arm was almost as thick as Zhang Tie's thigh touched his bald head as he smirked, "According to the regulation of southern border, the son-in-law should pass 3 tests set by our old men..."

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Chapter 1314: Conquering Bai Suxian's Family Members

Zhang Tie indeed had heard about some wedding customs in some regions of Taixia Country. In some regions, when a son-in-law proposed marriage in the female's house, the female's family members would find him troubles. Take these knights from Lord Guangnan's Mansion as an instance, although they were blocking Zhang Tie's door, they were never malicious. They might have long heard about Zhang Tie and couldn't help but "test" Zhang Tie's ability out of curiosity.

The knights of Lord Guangnan's Mansion had already treated Zhang Tie as their brother's son-in-law, which made Bai Suxian happy and a bit coy. However, when these guys wanted to make Zhang Tie embarrassed, Bai Suxian became a bit unhappy as she was worried that Zhang Tie would be infuriated. Therefore, she could only throw a glance at Zhang Tie carefully.

If they were ordinary ones, Bai Suxian had long reproached them; however, they were all Lord Guangnan's myrmidons, who saw Bai Suxian growing up since she was young. They were like Bai Suxian's uncles. Bai Suxian really didn't know what to say.

Zhang Tie smiled at Bai Suxian as he comforted her that he was not that narrow-minded.

"Now that elder brothers would like to be intimate with me, please ask questions. If I could, I would answer you; if I cannot, I will admit that I'm a loser. After all, we're of the same family. It's just a game; never mind it!" Zhang Tie burst out into laughter brightly and clearly.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, all the knights at the entrance of the airboat exchanged a glance with each other as Zhang Tie left a good impression in their mind. They spoke highly of Zhang Tie inside, "What a Qianji Hermit! His easy-going personality is indeed unusual. No wonder, he could win the favor of the "magic woman" of Lord Guangnan's Mansion.

“Fine, frank guy!” The bald-headed silly guy patted his own thigh forcefully, causing the fat of the half of his body to quiver. He watched Zhang Tie as he said heroically, “When our brother’s son-in-law propose marriage in the female’s house, he should pass three tests: first, a test on culture; second, a test on battle strength; third, a test on drinking capacity. When you went to Xuanyuan Hill, you detoxicated Old Zhong’s poison. Old Zhong was so excited when he mentioned it to us. We are convinced by your culture. You passed the first test. Therefore, you only need to match battle strength and drinking ability with us today...”

“How?” Zhang Tie asked with a smile.

“As we’re all knights, if we fought, we might be injured more or less. Let’s make it easier, just match strength. Attention! strength, not battle qi. I’m standing here. If you could push me away, you will win...” The bald-headed silly guy continued.

“No, Uncle Meng, you shouldn’t bully him in this way...” Bai Suxian hurriedly refused it for Zhang Tie before Zhang Tie expressed his opinion. Widely opening her eyes and pouting her mouth, Bai Suxian watched that silly guy as she added, “Uncle Meng, you’re born to have great strength. Additionally, you’re cultivating a count-level “Sky-Supporting Sutra”. “Sky-Supporting Sutra” could increase people’s strength most among all the cultivation methods that could help people promote to knights. Uncle Meng has promoted to an earth knight for over 3 decades; however, Zhang Tie has just promoted to an earth knight for a few years. Furthermore, Uncle Meng awakened the Fantasy-level Ancestral Wuding Bloodline of Meng Clan last year; you could even able to split open a mountain. Nobody else in Lord Guangnan’s Mansion could have greater strength than you. Even my dad said that you had the greatest strength in Lord Guangnan’s Mansion. If you match Zhang Tie on strength, it’s nothing different than bullying him. I don’t agree with that. Change one...”

“Erm...” Watching Bai Suxian pouting her mouth, the bald-headed silly guy felt a bit bashful. Touching his bald head, he turned around and looked at the other guys. Watching him turning around his head, Bai Suxian immediately understood it that this opinion on matching strength was worked out by them together. Although Zhang Tie was the son-in-law of Lord Guangnan, these myrmidons of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion would like to have Zhang Tie understand their high positions in Lord Guangnan’s Mansion; therefore, they chose such a program which they believed that “they would never lose” to frighten Zhang Tie to a certain degree. If Zhang Tie lost the match only in strength, he didn’t lose his face too much; because knight’ battle strength included more than just strength.

“Well, if uncles bully me, when I return to the Mansion, I will speak ill of you in front of my aunts; especially Uncle Meng. I will tell the aunt that you’ve fallen in love with another female knight here!”

After hearing that Bai Suxian was going to speak ill of him in front of his wife, the silly bald-headed guy immediately changed his face as he hurriedly waved his hand and said, “Little princess, you cannot do that. If your aunt fell for your words, I would have big trouble. She would peel off my skin...”

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter at once as he had not imagined that an earth knight could be so afraid of his wife, “Well, Suxian, it’s fine. It’s just a match on strength. I don’t care even if I lose it. Just have a try...”

“But...”

Bai Suxian still wanted to say something. However, Zhang Tie blinked his eyes to her. Bai Suxian then closed her mouth at once.

After hearing that Zhang Tie agreed to match strength with him, the silly guy hurriedly lowered his body as he put his arms forward horizontally, facing Zhang Tie with his palms. At the same time, he said, "As long as you could push me backward one step, you're the winner. Don't worry. This Old Meng will not hurt you. I will at most use 70% of my full strength. If you couldn't move me for one time, you could try some more times..."

After saying that, the silly guy's muscles bulged like a weird boa. At the same time, his body sounded like beating a drum from inside. As his qi and blood boiled, his body steamed, which indicated that he had exerted his strength to the extreme.

Zhang Tie watched him with interest. To be honest, this earth knight from Lord Guangnan's Mansion was indeed the most powerful earth knight that Zhang Tie had ever seen. However, even so, his strength was still not on the same scale with Zhang Tie. 'Bai Suxian didn't know that "King Roc Sutra" could increase more strength than "Sky-Supporting Sutra" did. Although I'm not born with an unusual strength, my 7 strengths have reached an unimaginable level after I took so many seven-strength fruits. Additionally, source fruits could not only enhance my vital essence but also increase my strength, not to mention so many fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs that I ate these days...'

"Are you ready?" Zhang Tie walked over there casually. After seeing the firm, the plain metal wall inside airboat 7-8 m behind that silly guy, Zhang Tie became reassured.

"Come on..." The silly guy said while exhaling.

Standing in front of him, Zhang Tie put his palms against the silly guy's palms. After seeing Zhang Tie's arrogant deed, the silly guy and all the other onlookers looked a bit angry at once; however, their indignation soon flashed by. Soon after having a good impression of Zhang Tie, they had felt that Zhang Tie was pretty presumptuous. However, they still doubted that Qianji Hermit wanted to admit defeat in such a manner.

Whereas, the silly guy didn't know that Zhang Tie used 2 hands given his face. Zhang Tie was actually worried about that the hand of this silly guy was shattered because of uneven force.

"Are you ready, one, two, three..." Zhang Tie opened his mouth...

Soon after Zhang Tie's words, with a sound of "bang...", the silly guy had been sent flying into the airboat and hit onto the metal wall before sliding off...

Everybody became stunned, including Bai Suxian, except for Zhang Tie who still maintained his smile.

"Old Meng, even though you're afraid of being beaten by your tigress at home, you don't need to behave in such a poor way. That's too ridiculous. Holy sh*t! This father has known you for 5-6 decades. When did you start to show the white feather in such a manner? When did your deadhead become enlightened..." Another knight couldn't help but exclaim soon after the silly guy picked himself up.

Of course, the others thought Old Meng did that on purpose; there were no other possibilities. Because of the following 2 reasons: first, Zhang Tie had not triggered his battle qi; second, he didn't use too

much strength at all. However, Old Meng was sent flying backward. Evidently, Old Meng intended to show his weakness.

The silly guy shook his head as he roared. Closely after that, he tore apart his boa silk robe regardless of the others' irony, exposing his muscled upper body. After that, he rushed towards Zhang Tie once again. This time, he made a pose by bending his legs in a heavier way; meanwhile, his upper body slightly inclined forward as his body steamed and the blood vessels in his hands and neck undulated like boas. After that, he said, "I've not used my full strength, one more time..."

Zhang Tie smiled. Like how he did just now, he put his hands against the palms of this silly guy once again as he said, "Ready? One, two, three..."

Just like before, soon after Zhang Tie finished his words, the silly guy had been sent flying backward and hit on the same metal wall before sliding off, causing another bang.

This time, all the onlookers had seen it clearly. Soon after Zhang Tie finished the word "three", he had pushed forward while straightening up his arms. At the same time, Old Meng was sent flying backward without any resistance like an ox being collided by a train.

This time, a part of the metal wall sunk inside.

After picking himself up, Old Meng shook his head as if he still didn't believe that he could be sent flying backward by Zhang Tie's hands which looked "weak". Therefore, he rushed towards Zhang Tie and made a pose for the 3rd time as he shouted, "One more time..."

At this moment, two other earth knights exchanged a glance with each other before jumping out of the crowd and coming to the back of that silly guy. Closely after that, they both made a pose as they put their arms straightly on the silly guy's shoulders. Being as wide as the gate of a warehouse, the silly guy's shoulders could easily hold 4 palms at the same time.

"One, two, three..."

"Bang..."

Undoubtedly, soon after the word "three", the 3 earth knights had been sent flying backward and hit onto the metal wall behind them.

All the onlookers were dumbfounded by Zhang Tie's superhuman strength. 'How could a person send 3 earth knights flying backward so easily? What a terrifying strength does Zhang Tie have? Given Zhang Tie's look, he's not used his full strength at all.'

"Superhuman strength...real superhuman strength...this Old Meng is conquered..." The silly guy said with full of admiration as he cupped his hands towards Zhang Tie when he picked himself up once again. The other two earth knights also cupped their hands towards Zhang Tie with an admiring look. All the knights at present realized that Zhang Tie had a terrifying, great strength in close combat even though he didn't release his battle qi. He could even tear apart steel by hand. They really wondered how did Zhang Tie practice his strength.

Bai Suxian watched Zhang Tie with a blush in an adoring look. Although Zhang Tie was the winner, it seemed that she was happier than Zhang Tie. Such a pure wrestle on masculinity and strength was convincing to her.

“Hahaha, Qianji Hermit really excels at culture and combat. Suxian’s insight is sharp...” A gentle and noble middle-aged man with a long beard walked out of the tunnel from the back of the entrance with his candid smile.

“2nd master!”

“2nd uncle!”

Soon after this middle-aged man appeared, Bai Suxian and the other knights at the entrance hurriedly greeted him. After knowing his identity, Zhang Tie also greeted him politely.

After looking at Zhang Tie from his head to his toe, that person nodded towards Zhang Tie with a smile. Closely after that, he turned around and watched that silly guy and the onlooking knights, “Do you admit defeat now?”

“We admit defeat!” All the myrmidons of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion nodded as they replied because Zhang Tie’s strength was really great enough to win people’s admiration.

“Now that you’ve admitted defeat, come in; I’ve had people prepare well the banquet. If you couldn’t even match his drinking capability, don’t blame me for flogging you with the bamboo!”

“Hahaha, 2nd master really cares about our faces...” The silly guy surnamed Meng smirked as he touched his bald head once again as if he didn’t care about the result of the test at all.

“Please...” Bai Suxian’s 2nd master made a gesture to invite Zhang Tie in as if he treated the latter as a VIP of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion instead of the ordinary elder brother’s son-in-law.

“2nd uncle first!” Zhang Tie replied modestly with a smile.

Bai Suxian’s 2nd uncle nodded as he burst out into laughter. At the same time, he walked into the airboat together with Zhang Tie arm in arm...

Chapter 1315: Fuma

It was already the next early morning when Zhang Tie woke up.

After that, Zhang Tie found that he was lying on the bed of a luxurious bedroom which covered over 100 square meters. He then realized that he was still in the airboat of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion.

Zhang Tie drank the most amount of alcohol since he was born yesterday. Zhang Tie didn’t remember how much he had drunk. He only remembered that it was very fervent at that time. He matched the drinking capability of those knights of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion. After defeating 5 people, Zhang Tie finally became dizzy. Closely after that, Bai Suxian accompanied him here.

After sobering up, Zhang Tie checked himself and found that he was very clear-minded. Therefore, he became reassured. Meanwhile, he had not imagined that he had such a great drinking capability.

Although drinking would cause mistakes. Honestly, after having a “cool” drink last night, Zhang Tie found that he was relaxed all over. The bit tiredness that was caused by the 3 days’ escort and those upside-down things seemingly had disappeared. ‘But I shouldn’t drink so much in the future. Otherwise, it might really incur troubles. People say that they would not feel comfortable after sobering up. But I don’t have such a feeling. I wonder whether it’s because that Lord Guangnan Mansion’s liquor is good or that I’m a knight or it’s related to my medium recovery body...’

As he thought about it, Zhang Tie got up and cleansed himself up. After that, he put on his clothes, opening the hatch door and walking out.

The moment Zhang Tie exited his berth, two maids hurriedly lowered their bodies sideways towards Zhang Tie as they greeted him, “Fuma!”

As the two maids greeted him, they stealthily glanced at Zhang Tie out of curiosity. The crew of the entire airboat was talking about that the Fuma had infinite power. Even Meng Chao the one with the greatest strength in Lord Guangnan’s Mansion was defeated by him. Not only that, but the drinking capability of the princess’ husband was also superb. It was said that the princess’ husband himself defeated 5 knights who had the greatest drinking capabilities in Lord Guangnan’s Mansion. After hearing such gossip, the two maids even thought that Zhang Tie was a tough man. However, they had not imagined that Zhang Tie was only a handsome youngster who looked even younger than them.

‘Fuma?’ Zhang Tie couldn’t help but laugh. He had not imagined that his identity as the princess’ husband had been fixed since he came to the airboat of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion yesterday. Zhang Tie didn’t know whether this appellation was fixed by Bai Suxian’s 2nd uncle or these maids, he didn’t mind it. No matter what, he would win this appellation sooner or later. He only felt that appellation was a bit fresh. Zhang Tie then replied, “Hmm, get up!”

After recovering their standing posture, the two maids stealthily glanced at Zhang Tie for a couple of times with blushes. If the princess really married Zhang Tie, these maids would be her dowry and belong to Zhang Tie too. That was to say, they would warm up the bed and serve Zhang Tie to go to bed in the future for sure. However, it was already a lot for them to meet such a good princess’ husband.

“Fuma, do you need inducing resuscitation dew?” A maid asked tenderly.

“Inducing resuscitation dew? What’s that?”

“Inducing resuscitation dew is the specialty in our southern border. It has a marvelous effect on sobering people. No matter how drunk one is, he would be sobered up only with one drop of inducing resuscitation dew. With it, people won’t cause any mistakes. Last night, princess told us to stay here. If there’s an emergency, princess told us to wake Fuma up!” Another maid with almond eyes and rosy cheeks said straightforwardly.

“Hehe, no need. You’ve worked hard...”

“It’s our pleasure...” The two maids hurriedly lowered their bodies at once.

When they talked, Bai Suxian had already come over here from the aisle. At the sight of Zhang Tie, Bai Suxian’s eyes turned bright at once as she said, “Ahh, you’ve sobered up. My 2nd uncle has just sobered up too. He wants me to call you for a breakfast together...”

Yesterday, Bai Suxian's 2nd uncle was the first one becoming drunk.

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5 minutes later, in the dining hall where they had a banquet yesterday, Zhang Tie, Bai Suxian and Bai Suxian's 2nd uncle were eating breakfast together in a quiet and graceful room of the airboat.

All the items on the airboat of Lord Guangnan's Mansion were carried here from Lord Guangnan's Mansion. It was said that various supplies would be sent here by airboat every month. Therefore, the breakfast on this airboat was pretty bumper.

Through the competition on strength and drinking capability with Bai Suxian's 2nd uncle and the myrmidons of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, it seemed that Zhang Tie had become the real Fuma of Lord Guangnan's Mansion. When the family members had breakfast together, all of them became relaxed and started to chat about the affairs in the western theater of operations and the south border of Taixia Country as if they had already accepted Zhang Tie as their family member.

"Oh, Zhang Tie, what kind of weapon do you use? After the battle strength competition, yesterday, Meng Chao and the other guys have been wondering what sort of weapon do you use given your superhuman strength. If you have no proper weapon, I could have people in Lord Guangnan's Mansion bring here some superhuman weapons that the Mansion collected these years for your selection!" Bai Ruicheng, also Bai Suxian's 2nd uncle suddenly asked.

Soon after Bai Ruicheng opened his mouth, all the surrounding knights had moved their eyes onto Zhang Tie.

After cleaning up his mouth by a piece of napkin, Zhang Tie immediately took out his Thor's Hammer.

The handle of Thor's Hammer was almost 2 m in length. The huge, grim head of Thor's Hammer was like an oil drum. However, the grunge and mysterious grains on Thor's Hammer and the shimmering light that flashed by the surface of the swarthy body of the hammer reminded the onlookers that it was a precious silver secret item.

Soon after Thor's Hammer was taken out, everybody had been dumbfounded.

"How heavy is this hammer?" Bai Runcheng asked Zhang Tie after looking at it carefully.

"6,800 kg!"

"Silver secret item?"

"Silver secret item!"

Zhang Tie held Thor's Hammer weighing 6,800 kg like holding a straw. All the others at present were conquered by Zhang Tie's great strength.

"Let me have a try..." At the sight of Zhang Tie's Thor's Hammer, Meng Chao the silly guy who compared strength with Zhang Tie yesterday immediately sprung up from his seat as he wanted to try its weight. Zhang Tie directly passed it to him.

After taking the Thor's Hammer, Meng Chao immediately revealed a solemn look. He couldn't carry it easily. Only after brandishing it for a few times in the lobby, the others at present had felt a strong wind blowing over their faces.

"That's powerful; that's too powerful!" Meng Chao screamed as he added, "It's fine using it on the ground; however, it would be too hard to use it in the sky for me; additionally, my moving speed would be reduced. If I want to beat others by this weapon, my opponents could torture me to death only by striking me with battle qi instead of having close combat with me. Additionally, even though in close combat, I could at most stand 1 hour with this weapon..."

"Let me have a try..." The other earth knights hurriedly swarm up to have a try as it was their first time to see such a heavy silver secret item. Like Meng Chao, although these earth knights could lift and brandish this hammer, they moved much slower than Zhang Tie.

All of them at present had tried the Thor's Hammer, including Bai Runcheng. Finally, it was passed back to Zhang Tie. Closely after that, Zhang Tie teleported it into his portable space-teleportation equipment.

"How do you feel about this hammer?" Bai Runcheng asked Zhang Tie.

"It's proper before. However, it feels lighter and lighter lately. I'm almost not accustomed to it." Zhang Tie said honestly.

'A 6,800 kg silver secret item feels light!' All of the knights at present would spurt out a mouth of saliva towards that person if it was told by someone else; however, they all believed in it when it was told by Zhang Tie; because they had already seen Zhang Tie's performance yesterday.

Bai Runcheng revealed a bitter smile as he shook his head, "After seeing your hammer, I realize that I've been overconfident just now. Among all the superhuman weapons collected by the Lord Guangnan's Mansion, the largest and heaviest one is a silver secret item-level long spear weighing only 4,900 kg. We couldn't even provide any weapon heavier than this one. Now that you could take this heavy hammer as your weapon, no wonder you could survive the trap of Gao Tianzhao..."

"2nd uncle, do you know where could I get a heavier weapon than my Thor's Hammer in Taixia Country?"

"How heavy do you need? Do you have any request on the category?"

After thinking for a short while, Zhang Tie replied, "At least 10 tons, over 20 tons is also acceptable. Saber, spear, hammer and sword, each of them works!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, the others at present became speechless. Commoners' weapons were measured in terms of kilograms; however, Zhang Tie's weapons were measured in tons. The Thor's Hammer was already frightening, they really couldn't imagine how it felt after being hit by a 10-20 ton weapon. Actually, Zhang Tie was telling truth as the Thor's Hammer was really too light for him. As for Zhang Tie, the Thor's Hammer couldn't completely exert the power of his kinetic strike in close combat; because 10 ton was just the most conservative estimation given the constant fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs and the surging strength after promoting to a shadow knight.

"It's easy for us to make heavier weapons using abyss iron, mithril and alloys of all kinds. However, their destructive strength could never match that of this silver secret item. Only a silver secret item could

match your request. You could find silver secret items only in two places, “First, Earth-element Realm; second, Taiyi City. You might not find a silver secret item heavier than Thor’s Hammer for hundreds of years; therefore, I’m afraid that you could only find it in Taiyi City.”

“Taiyi City?”

“Right, Taiyi City is the largest trading center of secret item pearls among humans. In Taiyi City, there’re numerous secret item pearls. Most of the secret item pearls that major sects and clans and individual knights of Taixia Country gain from other continents and subcontinents are finally gathered in Taiyi City for sale. I remember that a powerful heavy sword weighing 8,800 kg was opened from a secret item pearl in Taiyi City 140 years ago. Later on, this heavy sword was bought by Taiyi Fantasy Sect. They even named it as Immortal Taiyi Sword. As a trump card of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, it’s preserved by Immortal Xuanyuan, the head of Taiyi Fantasy Sect. The 4,900 kg long spear collected by Lord Guangnan’s Mansion was also gained from Taiyi City. Someone would find something special from a secret item pearl in each decade. Therefore, there might be a heavier silver secret item there. However, it depends on your luck if you want to gain a proper silver secret item from Taiyi City besides your own ability...”

“Thanks for your suggestion, 2nd uncle. If so, I should try my luck in Taiyi City...” Zhang Tie smiled.

“All the secret item pearls in Taiyi City are traded in terms of element crystals. You’d better invite some doctors who were proficient in the learning of secret items for a higher possibility. Lord Guangnan’s Mansion has a store in Taiyi City. If you go there, you could go for the boss of Lord Guangnan’s Treasures Pavilion with this plate if you meet some inconvenience. After seeing this plate, the boss would definitely try his best to help you!” As Bai Runcheng told Zhang Tie, he took out a crystal token and had a person on his side pass it to Zhang Tie.

In this case, Zhang Tie didn’t decline it; instead, he took that token straightforwardly. After looking at it, he teleported it into his portable space-teleportation equipment...

As for Zhang Tie, he didn’t lack element crystals. However, the so-called learning of secret items was just a joke in his eyes. The learning of secret items might be useful for others; however, the learning of secret items that made numerous knights scramble for was nothing but sh*t in Zhang Tie’s eyes.

“It’s said that Taiyi City has not been opened until now. The trade of secret item pearls have been suspended!”

Bai Runcheng replied with a casual smile, “It’s for the time being. The turmoil in Xuanyuan Hill shocked the entire world. It was just a stance of Taiyi City, which was like flying a flag at half-mast. Each holy war would last 100-200 years. How could they suspend their business for 100-200 years? As Taiyi Fantasy Sect have land, they could receive too much rent. Taiyi City is a major source of income of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, which has long been making the others jealous. Only after a few days, if Taiyi Fantasy Sect doesn’t open their market in Taiyi City, their business might be grabbed away by Xuanyuan Hill and the other sects. I’m afraid that Taiyi City will open its market soon after the battle situation facing Western Theater of Operations becomes stable...”

“2nd uncle, do you think that the Western Theater of Operations could be stabilized?”

“Of course, no matter how powerful demons are, they could never defeat Taixia Country only by one round. Each holy war would last over 100 years, including this holy war. Now that the lords in Xuanyuan

Hill are confident to curb the aggressiveness of demons in Helan Mountain Range and Weishui River, they must have reasons. Additionally, according to my intelligence, something unusual was happening in the regions occupied by demons over past days; demons are becoming smarter...”

When Zhang Tie was going to ask Bai Runcheng what happened in the regions occupied by demons, he suddenly received a message through his remote-sensing finger.

“What happened?” Bai Suxian knew that something was going to happen as she had been fixing her eyes onto Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie looked at Bai Suxian as he also felt it strange. He then told her, “I’ve just received a message, the commander-in-chief Zuoqiu Mingyue wants to see me...”

“Commander-in-chief wants to see you?” Bai Suxian became stunned too. Closely after that, she moved her eyes onto her 2nd uncle.

Stroking his beard and watching Zhang Tie for a few seconds, Bai Runcheng suddenly burst out into laughter, “It must be a good thing if you’re called in by one of the top 3 counselors...”

Chapter 1316: Being Hostile Openly

A knight subordinate of Zuoqiu Mingyue was waiting for Zhang Tie in Blackwater Base. After seeing Zhang Tie in a bit more than 10 minutes, the subordinate was very satisfied. After confirming Zhang Tie’s identity, that knight subordinate only said, “Follow me...” before leaving Blackwater Base for Xuanyuan Fortress.

Although Zhang Tie had just covered over here from the airboat of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion, after hearing that the commander-in-chief was waiting for him in Blackwater Base, Zhang Tie could only go back to Blackwater Base first before following that knight subordinate to Xuanyuan Fortress.

On the way, Zhang Tie was wondering why Zuoqiu Mingyue wanted to see him.

The knight subordinate was silent with an inflexible look and behaved in a rigid way without even greeting Zhang Tie. Therefore, Zhang Tie gave up inquiring something from this man. No matter what, he would know it after a short while.

Xuanyuan Fortress was similar to Lion Fortress in structure and staffing. They were both super large war fortresses. Over half of passers-by on the roads in the war fortresses were knights. Additionally, there were various metal towers on both sides of the roads, which could serve as people’s residences. Of course, there were also bars and stores where knights could become relaxed and exchange materials. As Zhang Tie had stayed in Lion Fortress for a few days, he didn’t feel too amazed about Xuanyuan Fortress. There was also a no-fly air territory and a marvelous energy cover above this fortress. Most of the knights couldn’t fly in the fortress except for heavenly knights.

“Zhang Tie...” a thunder-like voice sounded the moment Zhang Tie entered the fortress and walked with that knight on the road. Zhang Tie turned around as he saw Feng Yexiao, one of the top 4 grand elders of Taiyi Fantasy Sect who once lost a bet with him. Additionally, there were some knights on Feng Yexiao’s

side. Given their looks, they should be Taiyi Fantasy Sect's disciples. Soon after they walked out of a high roadside tower, they had caught sight of Zhang Tie.

Like how he looked when Zhang Tie saw him for the first time, Feng Yexiao also wore an extremely ordinary plain-colored linen robe. Of course, after seeing the luxurious configuration inside Taiyi Fantasy Sect's airboat, Zhang Tie would not consider that Feng Yexiao pursued frugality or diligence. Ladies in nightclubs didn't wear a lot less because they were born to be coquettish, but because of demand for work and livelihood. Similarly, grand elders of Taiyi Fantasy Sect didn't dress in this way to save some gold coins for the sect or they couldn't afford a boa silk robe; but for pretending to be frugal in order to catch outsiders' attention.

At the sight of Feng Yexiao, Zhang Tie stopped as he said calmly with a glassy-eyed look, "Elder Feng!"

The knight subordinate in front of Zhang Tie also stopped as he turned around and looked at Feng Yexiao and Zhang Tie silently.

Compared to Zhang Tie's calmness, Feng Yexiao widely opened his eyes as he questioned Zhang Tie strictly, "Zhang Tie, as an earth knight, why do you hurt my disciple the moment you came back yesterday?"

"Grand elder Feng, what do you mean?" Zhang Tie said with a distant look, "Since I came back yesterday, I've not fought anybody at all. Additionally, I only greeted some familiar ones. I've never talked with any disciple of Taiyi Fantasy Sect at all. Grand elder Feng's words really made me feel puzzled. I wonder how did I hurt your disciple. Could you explain me about the causes and effects?"

"You..." Feng Yexiao was so angry that his face was red. Nobody else across Xuanyuan Fortress would sympathize his disciple if he told them what happened yesterday. However, his disciple suffered a loss from Zhang Tie; additionally, this event was related to his own face. After recalling that his face was slapped by Zhang Tie for a couple times, he lost a bet with Zhang Tie which almost made him a laughingstock in Taiyi Fantasy Sect. This time, his disciple was driven infuriated so much by Zhang Tie that he even spurted out a mouth of blood. Therefore, Feng Yexiao finally lost his temper.

"My junior fellow apprentice Wen was once out of control when in cultivation; as a result, his heart meridian was injured. After being insulted and stimulated, his disease relapsed as he had a pain in the heart and spurted out blood. Qianji Hermit understood what happened yesterday, why do you pretend to be innocent here?" A disciple younger than 30 years old behind Feng Yexiao opened his mouth.

Zhang Tie glanced at that disciple of Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Given his long and narrow eyes, he looked very scheming. Additionally, his slightly thinner lips and sunken eye sockets looked a bit gloomy. At this moment, that person was gazing at Zhang Tie with narrow eyes dauntlessly. The moment he opened his mouth, he had attributed the responsibility to Zhang Tie.

"As a Hua sage said, one should not impose on others what he himself does not desire. Now that he couldn't stand being stimulated or humiliated, why did he always want to stimulate and humiliate others? Because he's the disciple of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, the others have to grasp the ability to have his saliva dry itself on their faces?" Zhang Tie sneered.

“Taiyi Fantasy Sect is the first sect in Taixia Country. Standing in the opposite of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, it’s not strange even if you grasp the ability to have one’s saliva dry itself on your face.” Feng Yexiao said with a faint sneer.

“Elder Feng, I got up early this morning. I’ve not even cleaned my teeth. However, you told me about this. I really have no preparation mentally...” Zhang Tie looked at Feng Yexiao with a smile as he continued, “As I have something to deal with, I have to go. If Elder Feng wants to grasp the ability to have one’s saliva dry itself on your face, I suggest Elder Feng have a try at a high place by spitting your saliva towards the strong wind. When Elder Feng promotes to sage realm one day and could match Emperor Xuanyuan, you might have already grasped this top skill. See you!”

After saying that, Zhang Tie directly told that knight subordinate of commander-in-chief without looking at Feng Yexiao before saying, “Let’s go!”

After throwing a glance at Zhang Tie and the members of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, the knight subordinate continued to walk forward in front of Zhang Tie silently.

Soon after Zhang Tie moved less than 5 footsteps, he had heard a sound. The one who spoke secretly was the young earth knight of Taiyi Fantasy Sect who talked to Zhang Tie just now, “It’s said that Qianji Hermit has a senior fellow apprentice called Lan Yunxi in Taiyi Fantasy Sect. She’s already a black iron knight and looks good. Heheh, after seeing Qianji Hermit, I realize that I’ve cared about junior fellow apprentice Lan too less before...”

Zhang Tie stopped at once as he slowly looked around. At the same time, he raised his arm and pointed at that earth knight of Taiyi Fantasy Sect who was watching him with a sneer and said straightforwardly, “Bear it in mind, from now on, as long as Lan Yunxi encounter any accident or misfortune in Taiyi Fantasy Sect, even if she broke one finger in cultivation, I will kill you for sure regardless of the reason. If you want to see whether I dare do that or not, just have a try. This is the price that you will pay for using the member of Huaiyuan Palace to threaten me. Wen Qingkong the son of a b*tch dared swear me in front of me; however, you the b*stard only dared threaten me secretly...You couldn’t even match Wen Qingkong”

“Zhang Tie, you’re too presumptuous...” The earth knight instantly changed his face. Feng Yexiao was also driven mad as he roared and grabbed the chance to punch towards Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie narrowed his eyes at once; at the same time, he punched against Feng Yexiao’s palm. With such a loud boom, Zhang Tie remained still; however, Feng Yexiao was sent back to his original place.

This round of combat was as fast as a lightning bolt. Zhang Tie and Feng Yexiao had finished their combat before the onlookers’ response. However, the loud boom attracted the attention of all the passers-by within 100 m.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at Feng Yexiao. Closely after that, he flicked his sleeves and turned around. Watching Zhang Tie’s back, Feng Yexiao’s facial expression turned mysterious. Only Feng Yexiao himself knew that his hand which punched against Zhang Tie’s palm was slightly quivering inside his sleeve...

‘What a terrifying strength!’ Feng Yexiao was shocked inside.

'F*ck, I finally became hostile against Taiyi Fantasy Sect!' Zhang Tie swore inside. However, after punching against Feng Yexiao openly just now, Zhang Tie had a feeling of exaltation upon fulfillment. He wouldn't feel suppressed anymore. After becoming hostile against Taiyi Fantasy Sect, Zhang Tie found that he didn't have anything to fear about from then on. Therefore, he felt as broad as sea and sky inside at once...

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Chapter 1317: Heavens Reaching Empire

Zhang Tie saw Zuoqiu Mingyue and Ye Qingcheng in a room at the top of the huge pyramid-shaped building in the middle of Xuanyuan Fortress. It seemed that the 2 people were waiting for Zhang Tie.

Through this room at the greatest altitude, Zuoqiu Mingyue and Ye Qingcheng could overlook all the 11 advanced bases in the entire Xuanyuan Fortress through the huge crystal French windows which carried the strong alchemical qi.

White clouds arrived outside the windows leisurely at their foot. Ye Qingcheng and Zuoqiu Mingyue had been fixing their eyes onto Zhang Tie since Zhang Tie entered the room.

"Commander-in-chief, commander..." Zhang Tie instantly made a military salute to the two people soon after he entered the room after glancing over the room. The two people were respectable from both cultivation base and military exploits. Although Zhang Tie didn't know about their moral standings, he felt they should be better than Feng Yexiao at least.

When Zhang Tie gave a military salute to them, he especially paid attention to Zuoqiu Mingyue who was known as the Military God in Taixia Country. Given his look, Zuoqiu Mingyue was just an elegant, hale old man like an immortal being. His qi as a whole was calm. If not the special uniform that was specially designed for top 3 counselors of the state, nobody could believe that this person was the Military God of Taixia Country, the commander-in-chief of numerous soldiers in Taixia Country next to Emperor Xuanyuan.

Of course, Zhang Tie knew that was just his superficial look or a supreme realm of simplicity. However, if anyone felt that commander-in-chief was such a calm and plain old man, that would be totally wrong. When Zhang Tie caught sight of the wall behind Zuoqiu Mingyue and Ye Qingcheng, his eye light suddenly froze.

There was a specimen on the wall behind the two people, which was the head of an ox horn demon. The change of demon knight's cultivation base would be reflected on their own bodies. After promoting to a heavenly knight, ox horn demon would have one more horn in the middle of their forehead. The head belonged to a 3-horn heavenly demon knight.

There was even a faintly grim and painful look before his death on its face.

It was Zhang Tie's first time to see a specimen of a heavenly demon knight's head in an office. Therefore, he was shocked more or less.

"It's a demon prince. It was brutal and killed so many human knights in the 2nd holy war; additionally, it liked to chop off human knights' heads and hang them on the wall for collection and appreciation. Therefore, I chopped its head and hung it on my wall. Only in this way could we frighten demons!" Zuoqiu Mingyue opened his mouth as he pointed at a location in the room as if he had sensed that Zhang Tie was gazing at the head of the heavenly demon knight on the wall, "Take a seat..."

"Commander-in-chief is really mighty and admirable. This really raise people's morale!" Zhang Tie cupped his hands towards Zuoqiu Mingyue as he took a seat frankly.

"Blackwater Base have already figured out why you were ambushed by Gao Tianzhao. Among the knights from Northeast Military Region in this base, You Dazhong the clan head of You Clan in Mozhou Province is a mole of Heavens Reaching Church. He leaked the intelligence that you have a mount and your traces to the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church after you came to the Western Theater of Operations. You Dazhong has been cleared secretly. You Clan in Mozhou has been confiscated. As we don't want to make people in the base flurried, we won't make any notice to the public. Now that you've come back, I should be responsible for you!" Ye Qingcheng said.

"Thanks, Commander Ye, Heavens Reaching Church has penetrated into our party so deeply that we could barely defend them!"

"Therefore, most of the military exploits for clearing moles in the base should owe to you this time. If you're not meticulous and don't provide us the clues, I'm afraid that bigger troubles would be aroused in the future if You Dazhong continued to lurk in Blackwater Base!" Ye Qingcheng let out a sigh too, "Oh, how did you discover that Go Tianzhao would ambush you in the underground space and survive his ambush?"

After hearing Ye Qingcheng's question, Zhang Tie started to depict what he experienced at that time. In front of Ye Qingcheng and Zuoqiu Mingyue, Zhang Tie admitted that he had grasped animal controlling skills. However, he didn't tell them that he had lotus-flower eyes. Through meticulous probe, Zhang Tie discovered the traces of Gao Tianzhao. Alchemist's bomb was also a method that Zhang Tie adopted to keep himself safe in a hopeless situation. After getting injured and leaving the mountain cave, Zhang Tie flew off Helan Mountain with the help of thunder hawk. After that, he started to recover his injuries in a hidden place. Although Zhang Tie didn't tell them where did he recover his injuries, now that he appeared in Xiangshan Prefecture, Wuzhou Province for the first time lately, the listeners must think that Zhang Tie didn't have the thunder hawk fly back to Huanzhou Province, but have it fly to a mountain region in Xiangshan Prefecture, Wuzhou Province out of the imagination of Gao Tianzhao and those demon knights.

Zhang Tie was telling the truth in details. Nobody could find any fault in his words. Even though those demon knights and Gao Tianzhao were here, it was hard to say Zhang Tie's depiction was wrong. Because Zhang Tie was telling true. However, nobody could imagine that Zhang Tie had body separation skill. His secret skills were also amazing. Finally, he could defeat Gao Tianzhao easily by the secret skill of King Roc Sutra.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Ye Qingcheng and Zuoqiu Mingyue exchanged a glance with each other before nodding inside at the same time. Zhang Tie's depiction was completely consistent with the information that they got through investigation later on. Although nobody else saw Gao Tianzhao

chasing Zhang Tie out of the mountain cave and Zhang Tie escaping away by thunder hawk, like how Zhang Tie could find that mountain cave by animal controlling skill, the tracing professionals assigned by Blackwater Base and Xuanyuan Fortress could also restore what happened at that time using animal controlling skill too.

“Did you see Gao Tianzhao any more from then on?”

“At that time, Gao Tianzhao chased after me very hurriedly; however, he didn’t catch up with me in the end. After that day, I’ve not seen Gao Tianzhao in the western theater of operations for over 2 months!” Zhang Tie was telling the truth. Zhang Tie spoke very carefully facing two powerful figures because high-level knights might grasp some unpredictable lie testing skills. If he told a lie in front of them, they might be able to sense it. In fact, Zhang Tie’s reply was true. If he didn’t add “in the western theater of operations”, he was telling a lie; if he added “in the western theater of operations”, he wasn’t telling a lie. Zhang Tie saw Gao Tianzhao in his Castle of Black Iron since then instead of in the western theater of operations. “Why do you ask me about this? Commander Ye?”

“The knights in Xuanyuan Fortress and the 11 bases might not have known that for the time being. But we’ve got the concrete information. The remnants of Heavens Reaching Church being wanted by Taixia Country have long escaped to Yezhou Province, a barren province in the west of Taixia Country. They were hiding in secret places over there. Soon after demon’s vanguard arrived, those remnants of Heavens Reaching Church had jumped out and started to coordinate with demons to occupy cities and land. A couple of days ago, the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church have already established a puppet regime in the region occupied by demons called Heavens Reaching Empire. Strangely, as Gao Tianzhao had the supreme position among the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church, he should definitely be selected as the puppet emperor; however, it was Gao Zeji the son of Gao Tianzhao who ascended to the throne. Gao Tianzhao didn’t show up at all...”

After hearing this news, Zhang Tie became dumbfounded. It was not strange that the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church hid in a barren province in the west of Taixia Country. Even Lancang Palace of Bloody Soul Temple could be discovered in the volcano being so close to Xuanyuan Hill, not to mention the western border of Taixia Country. If the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church really wanted to hide here, it was really hard to find them.

Actually, Zhang Tie had guessed that the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church being wanted might be hiding in some hidden place of Peacwest Military Region 2 months ago when he caught sight of Gao Tianzhao. However, it was really out of Zhang Tie’s imagination that Heavens Reaching Church could found a puppet regime openly and select an emperor. Because such a situation didn’t happen in the former 2 holy wars at all.

However, after thinking about it carefully, it was reasonable. Because Heavens Reaching Church which inherited the doctrine of Bloody Soul Temple excelled at confusing people, controlling and enslaving commoners. The remnants of Heavens Reaching Church needed power, liquors and beauties; demons wanted to consume the strength of Taixia Country and Hua people and have Hua people fall apart into pieces by killing each other. Therefore, the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church and demons made cooperation.

The same tactic had been used in the history of Hua people for many times. In the history of Taixia Country, all the invaders would finally play off one group of Hua people against the other by means such as differentiation, bribery and threat, assisting traitors, cultivating various ambitious people and agents and having Hua people separate from inside through mutual animosity and carnage for the purpose of ruling, enslaving and eliminating Hua people. Given the large population and land area, if they attacked Hua people blindly, they could only make Hua people more consolidated; however, if they cultivated some agents and puppet lackeys, they could realize the maximal destruction at the lowest price. It was similar to the tactic of leaving one exit while surrounding the other 3 exits of a city.

There had not been such cunning and delusive guys among Hua people for many years. Now that Heavens Reaching Church founded Heavens Reaching Church with the assistance of demons, it meant that the entire Heavens Reaching Church had completely abandoned the bound and foundation of Bloody Soul Temple and stood on the opposite of Hua people and Taixia Country. No matter what Bloody Soul Temple did at that time, it was still one of the top sects in Taixia Country and didn't separate Taixia Country openly and deteriorate to the lackeys of demons.

"Heavens Reaching Church's traitors are seeking for death..." Zhang Tie said resentfully while gritting his teeth...

Chapter 1318: Weiji General

"It's true that the cunning rebels of Heavens Reaching Church are seeking for death. However, if the greater part of the land in Yezhou Province which has been completely occupied by demons, Wuzhou Province, Zhuzhou Province and Yinzhou Province which are being attacked by demons are included, almost half of Peacewest Military Region have been occupied. Over 12 people of Taixia Country have been captured by demons in that territory."

"Over 12 billion commoners?" Zhang Tie was startled by this figure. He knew that many people were in the region of the 3 provinces which were occupied by demons; however, he had not imagined about such a terrifying figure.

"This figure is on the premise that Taixia Country has tried its best to evacuate people from Wuzhou Province, Zhuzhou Province and Yinzhou Province over the past half a year. Of course, you've also made a contribution to it!" Zuoqiu Mingyue said as he looked at Zhang Tie with a favorable expression, "Although it's a commercial means for major clans across Taixia Country to join in the team of evacuating people from the western theater of operations with the profit of Fiery Oil, it has a great effect. In many cases, by commanding people to do something with the concept of righteousness is not as effective as alluring people by profits. Although the royal court could also order major clans to do this, the major clans might not be as enthusiastic as they're now!"

"I'm overpraised, commander-in-chief. I've just done what I could!" Zhang Tie didn't feel proud at all; instead, he behaved in a very sincere way, "When I was in Waii Subcontinent, I've seen many people's miserable lives in the region under the rule of demons. Most of the people would rather die. All of them were lingering on with their last breath of life. Many people deteriorated to the edible slaves of demons like domestic animals being bred in captivity. More people turned into lifeless walking dead. Therefore, I think it's my compelling obligation to save my countrymen in my power!"

“What a compelling obligation! If everyone in Taixia Country could behave like you. Even though demons are powerful, our Hua people are destined to be the winner in the end!” Ye Qingcheng nodded as he said, “Do you know why demons allowed Heavens Reaching Church to establish a regime in the region which was occupied by them?”

“Won’t it be beneficial to both demons and Heavens Reaching Church through this cooperation?”

“Yes, it’s indeed beneficial to both parties. However, given demons’ temperaments, how could living people be better than walking deads like demonized puppets? Because they’re afraid of mutated moons miasma. Mutated moons miasma could break out among all the people in the 3 provinces after they are completely turned to demonized puppets. If so, demons’ line of attack would be blocked; demons’ plan on attacking Taixia Country would be completely disrupted. Even the main forces of demons would be involved. It’s nothing different than lifting a rock only to drop it on their own feet. At this moment, less than 20% of over 12 billion people in Taixia Country being captured by demons might still be living...” Ye Qingcheng said in a low voice.

‘Mutated moons miasma?’ Zhang Tie wondered whether the fact that Gorath was his incarnation had been known by Zuoqiu Mingyue and Ye Qingcheng. ‘As I could use mutated moons miasma, therefore, they called me here? That’s impossible. Who else except me knows that I’m Gorath?’

“Commander Ye, you mean...” Zhang Tie asked after being silent for a second.

“I was told that you got acquainted with Gorath.”

“I met him in Waii Subcontinent, but we’re not familiar with each other because we barely saw each other...” Zhang Tie said carefully.

“Taiyi Country has assigned professionals to collect samples of mutated moons miasma in Waii Subcontinent. The conclusion is that Gorath’s mutated moons miasma is the destroyer of demonized puppets, which also does great harm to LV 9 demon fighters. I believe that demons and Three-eye Association have carried out the same study and got the same conclusion. Therefore, after Waii Subcontinent was completely collapsed by demons; although all the subcontinents were covered with roaring battle flames, not a single demon disaster being involved with more than 100 million people have ever happened since then. Because of Gorath’s mutated moons miasma, parent puppet worm which is an effective weapon of mass destruction that demons prepare in this holy war is greatly restricted. Demons dare never turn people into demonized puppets on a large scale. It could be said that Gorath’s mutated moons miasma destroyed one trump card of demons. We’ve already received an intelligence. In order to kill Gorath and eliminate this threat, demons and Three-eye Association have already assigned some hunting groups composed of shadow knights to look for Gorath’s traces across the world. As long as they killed Gorath, the trump card of puppet worm would play its role once again. If you could contact Gorath, please notice him this intelligence and tell him that Taixia Country could provide protection for him at any time. If he wishes to serve Taixia Country, all of his conditions could be met by Taixia Country, including cultivation methods, resources, wealth, land, etc.. Taixia Country could even spare efforts to support him in the research of voodoo pills on the premise of sharing the study results with him...”

Zhang Tie understood it at once. ‘It turns out that my mutated moons miasma has posed a great threat to demons’ use of parent puppet worms. Therefore, demons and Three-eye Association want to kill

“Gorath”. However, mutated moons miasma is Taixia Country’s magic key. If Taixia Country could take control of Gorath and mutated moons miasma, Taixia Country would be able to balance off the threat from demons’ parent puppet worms and ensure that demons and those b*stards of Heavens Reaching Church wouldn’t turn people into demonized puppets casually. Because “Gorath” has shown up at my rotating chakra ceremony as if he got acquainted with me; therefore, the senior officials of Taixia Country thought about having me contact Gorath and take control of the trump card mutated moons miasma.’

At this moment, Zhang Tie felt lucky about his foresight by having Gorath appear in his rotating chakra ceremony so as to end up people’s doubt that he was Gorath. ‘In this world, nobody else would feel that I am Gorath; otherwise, as long as the fact that I own the body-changing bloodline was exposed, someone would doubt that I’m Gorath. Take this case as an instance, demons and Three-eye Association assigned some hunting teams composed of shadow knights to deal with Gorath. If I’ve not confirmed that I’m not Gorath, I’m afraid that such hunting teams would bring great trouble to my family members even if I don’t feel that such hunting teams could hurt me.’

“Although I have a history with Gorath, I have no remote-sensing device to contact him. If I saw him, I would definitely tell him about the message. However, I’m afraid that I could not see him in the theater of operations in a short period. When he appeared in my rotating chakra ceremony, he had expressed that he was going to leave Taixia Country. I’m not clear where he was going to, either.”

“Oh, I see. Just bear it in mind. As Gorath’s traces are too mysterious, Taixia Country couldn’t get any message about him even at our full efforts. I’m deeply convinced that demons and Three-eye Association couldn’t find him easily either...” Ye Qingcheng opened his mouth once again after being silent for a second, “There’s another thing about you!”

“About me?”

“Yes. From today on, your command and relationship of administrative subordination will be transferred to Xuanyuan Fortress from Blackwater Base. You will be responsible for me directly...” Zuoqiu Mingyue opened his mouth.

Zhang Tie was shocked for the 2nd time today. He had not imagined that Zuoqiu Mingyue could transfer him here from Blackwater Base. ‘What does he want to do?’

“As you were voluntary to become the scout of Blackwater Base at the beginning, you were very brave and could be a good model of all the knights from Northeast Military Region. Given your ability, I think that you could complete your task as a scout safely; therefore, I assigned you to Helan Mountain Region. However, the fact that you were ambushed by Gao Tianzhao reminded me and commander-in-chief that your ability and strength might not be limited to combat on the battlefield. If you’re just an earth knight only with great battle strength, demons and Heavens Reaching Church wouldn’t assign a shadow knight to kill you. We realize that we might have put fine timber to petty use...” Ye Qingcheng explained.

“Commander-in-chief, what do you want me to do then?” Zhang Tie put it straightforwardly.

“I will use you because of the same reason that makes demons and Heavens Reaching Church being anxious about killing you!” Zuoqiu Mingyue watched Zhang Tie calmly as he added, “The war between Taixia Country and demons is destined to last long. Demons couldn’t devour Taixia Country at once.

Taixia Country couldn't drive all the demons out of Eastern Continent either; especially after Heavens Reaching Empire is founded, the entire Western Theater of Operations will confront with demons and Heavens Reaching Empire for a long term. In the future, Helan Mountain Range and Weishui River will be a barrier that demons could barely break through in a short period. There's one position in the theater of operations that is most suitable for you. Therefore, I transferred you here from Commander Ye's Blackwater Base!"

"It's Fiery Oil!" Zhang Tie understood it at once.

"Fiery Oil and grains!" Zuoqiu Mingyue replied with a smile, "Given the current situation facing Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, we've known that you must have a good plan in your heart. You're qualified as Qianji Hermit. If the rear end of Western Theater of Operations could be as same as Fiery-Dragon Bounty Territory, Taixia's defense line in Helan Mountain Range and Weishui River would be safer. By then, it would cost demons more to break through it. I wonder whether you wish to leave the battlefield?"

After being silent for a second, Zhang Tie replied in a low voice, "It's fine for me as long as I could serve Taixia Country in the holy war!"

"Great!" Zuoqiu Mingyue then clapped his hands before saying, "From today on, I will entrust you as the assistant of commander-in-chief and Weiwei General of Xuanyuan Fortress. You will be responsible for the affairs of grains and weapons of the troops in Huanzhou Province, Kangzhou Province, Ningzhou Province and Bingzhou Province. Class III. You have the right to make an arbitrary decision..."

Zhang Tie was stunned by Zuoqiu Mingyue's words. As the assistant and secretary of Zuoqiu Mingyue, he could contact Zuoqiu Mingyue at any time. Weiwei General was responsible for logistics and supplies in troops, which was equal to the minister of logistics and weapons department...

"Yes, sir..." Zhang Tie stood up and replied solemnly only after being dumbfounded for a few seconds...

Chapter 1319: A Bet Between Zhang Tie and Feng Cangwu

The new year's eve of the 905th year of Black Iron Calendar arrived too early. After returning to Blackwater Base for 3 days, the last day of the 904th year of Black Iron Calendar had slid away unconsciously...

After heavy snow overnight, many provinces in Peacemist Military Region had been covered with snow. The east side and the west side of Helan Mountain Range were both covered in heavy snow. Even the flowing Weishui River had been frozen with thick ice.

Due to the dull weather, people couldn't see the Faerie-Dragon Star that rose from the east. However, the loud drumbeats that drifted from Xuanyuan Fortress last night cheered these Hua knights up and reminded them of the arrival of a new year.

Besides knights who executed routine inspection and performed tasks, all the knights in Xuanyuan Fortress and the other bases welcomed a rare 2-day leave since they entered the Western Theater of Operations.

Both scholars and fighters should be relaxed. During this period when demons slowed down their attack, knights in Taixia Country also welcomed their first new year in the theater of operations. All the knights finally had a chance to relax themselves.

Because they were forbidden to leave Xuanyuan Fortress and the other bases too far away, all the bars and likewise places across Xuanyuan Fortress were filled to capacity at once.

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“Weiji General? Commander-in-Chief appointed you as Weiji General?”

After hearing Zhang Tie’s words, Feng Cangwu stopped drinking immediately as he tilted his head and watched Zhang Tie with widely opened eyes who was looking at the scenery outside the crystal French window in an interesting way.

Feng Cangwu and Zhang Tie were in the Brilliance Tower inside Xuanyuan Fortress. This tower was the most boisterous place in Xuanyuan Fortress. Like that brilliance tower in Lion Fortress, this brilliance tower also had a lot of functional areas. Knights inside this theater of operations could exchange for element crystals with their booties here. The 81-storey tower was also matched with the largest knights’ bar and dining hall across Xuanyuan Fortress, where knights could consume and relax themselves. Of course, as for many people, the most attractive place in the entire Brilliance Tower were two huge military exploits rankings in the lobby of the Brilliance Tower.

The military exploits of top 1,000 knights could be manifested on the rankings. The entire rankings were divided into rankings for black iron knights’ military exploits; rankings for earth knights’ military exploits and rankings for shadow knights’ military exploits. The 3 rankings could cover over 99% of fighters joining the battle in the Western Theater of Operations. Their military exploits would be confirmed as long as they were confirmed and counted.

As for heavenly knights’ military exploits, it was hard to manifest them on the rankings simply. In fact, as long as a heavenly knight was in the base or the fortress, he would shock demons greatly. Additionally, as heavenly knights had supreme positions, every movement of them might be related to the confidential affairs. It was evidently irreverent to rank heavenly knights here. Additionally, confidential affairs might be leaked by ranking heavenly knights’ military exploits. Therefore, there were no rankings of heavenly knights’ military exploits in all the Brilliance Towers.

The accumulated points of military exploits indicated one’s battle strength and honor. Besides, they could also exchange for anything they wanted with these accumulated points inside Xuanyuan Fortress such as element crystals, wealth, land even various advanced cultivation methods and battle skills collected by the royal households of Taixia Country which were very practical and enticing.

The highest cultivation method which could be exchanged by these accumulated points were duke-level classics. Of course, those knights couldn’t cultivate another cultivation method. However, if possible, that knight could designate one of his posterities or disciples to accept the enlightenment of the duke-level cultivation method. So many knights and major clans exerted their full efforts to fight demons for this reward.

Additionally, such rankings were almost a rehearsal on the Heavens Fortune Rankings later on, through which people who ranked top would be conferred with dukedom. As long as they left their names on the

rankings, most of them on the rankings might become noblemen and benefit their offsprings; even be conferred as dukes. All the people on the rankings would be the pillars of Taixia Country in the future.

The square of the Brilliance Tower was always crowded with knights who were here to observe the rankings. Of course, the figures on the rankings became the focus of the public too.

In each holy war, Taixia Country would set the military exploits rankings in the theater of operations. Such a method was simple, direct and effective. Even the figures among the top 7 sects would like to compete in front of the rankings. No matter what they were pursuing for, fame, benefits, face or vanity, they could always find a reason to pay attention to this military exploits rankings.

Watching those knights commenting the figures on the rankings, Zhang Tie finally knew that the copycat military exploits that he saw in crystal fortress originated from here...

Zhang Tie might be interested in such rankings before; however, he didn't have any interest in it now. Even though his name also appeared on the rankings about military exploits of earth knights, Zhang Tie still didn't feel thrilled about it.

Zhang Tie's name appeared on the rankings 2 days ago. Xu Baoan the Cheji General of Wuzhou Province reported Zhang Tie's military exploits of killing 2 earth knights and 2 black iron knights to Xuanyuan Fortress. Besides Xu Baoan, there were other witnesses at present when Zhang Tie killed those demon knights. Therefore, after Xuanyuan Fortress approved it, Zhang Tie's name and his military exploits appeared on the rankings.

Additionally, if Zhang Tie could present other demon knights' heads, his rank would be higher on the rankings. However, Zhang Tie didn't feel like doing that at all.

In different realms, people would have different thoughts and demands. Someone might feel pleased with the rankings; however, Zhang Tie didn't think such rankings was meaningful to him. He didn't even want to catch people's attention.

However, after his name and military exploits appeared on the rankings, Taiyi Fantasy Sect's face was slapped forcefully in an indirect way too. Feng Yexiao couldn't even find a reason to find Zhang Tie trouble for Wen Qingkong anymore.

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After hearing Feng Cangwu's words, Zhang Tie moved his eyes onto Feng Cangwu as he asked with a smile, "Are you surprised?"

"Of course surprised. If you leave the theater of operations, even though this position looks supreme, you've lost the chance to make more military exploits in the theater of operations. What will you use to compete with others if knights are requested to drop their blood on the tester to manifest their military exploits on Heavens Fortune Rankings for dukedom in the future? You should know that the only condition for conferring people with dukedom is the number of demons they kill. It doesn't work no matter how well you serve as Weiji General. Even if Taixia Country win this holy war by driving demons back to the underground world, whose name do you think will be remembered by people, Zuoqiu Mingyue or your name as Weiji General? Don't tell me that you don't want to be conferred with a dukedom or strive for a noble dukedom for your sons..." Feng Cangwu said while frowning.

As the private room of the bar on the 28th floor of Brilliance Tower was installed with a special device for the sake of rest, drinking and chat for knights, Feng Cangwu and Zhang Tie didn't need to worry about leaking the information to the public.

Feng Cangwu's attitude made Zhang Tie's heart pound as he recalled the event that Taiyi Fantasy Sect had already been preparing for the "doomsday grain seeds" secretly which was told by Lan Yunxi. 'However, it seems that the talented apprentice of Heavens Fortune Sect is still thinking about the affairs after humans win the holy war. Do the 2 top sects of Taixia Country have an utterly different judgment on the consequence of this holy war?'

"Do Heavens Fortune Sect feel that humans could still win the holy war in the end?" Zhang Tie asked Feng Cangwu straightforwardly.

"Have you heard other judgments?" Feng Cangwu also asked Zhang Tie straightforwardly. Given their bosom relationship, they indeed didn't need to talk in a roundabout way.

After considering it for a second, Zhang Tie said, "Someone among the top 7 sects might not think that humans could win this holy war!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Feng Cangwu revealed a faint sneer at his mouth corners as he said, "Starting from the Catastrophe, in each holy war, there would be someone who felt that they had already seen the doomsday. However, Taixia finally survived all the doomsday fears. In each holy war, demons would be more powerful than last time; similarly, Taixia would also be more powerful. All the sects have their own strengths. However, speaking of heavens fortune, who else could match our Heavens Fortune Sect? As long as over 2 decades ago when this holy war broke out, some elders in our Heavens Fortune Sect had run the Heavens Fortune Rankings to only get one sentence——Hua people and Taixia Country would be vigorous forever. Therefore, we're confident to defeat demons in the end!"

"Hua people and Taixia Country would be vigorous forever. Is this the heavens fortune that Heavens Fortune Sect got?"

"Of course!" Feng Cangwu bottomed up his drink and made another cup for himself. Closely after that, he said, "According to elders of Heavens Fortune Sect, humans' heart has endless and mysterious strength; although humans would exhaust their strength physically, they would always have endless spiritual strength; heavens fortune is humans' heart. when humans' heart changes, the heavens fortune would change. If humans' heart is vigorous, humans would be vigorous forever; if humans' heart is lifeless, humans would lose the battle in the end. If humans' heart doesn't die, Hua people would not be exterminated. If demons want to exterminate humans, they have to kill humans spiritually. If demons want to subjugate Taixia Country, they have to wipe out their history."

"If demons want to exterminate humans, they have to kill humans spiritually..." After pondering this sentence for a few seconds, Zhang Tie finally felt being clear-minded as he said, "Thanks, I see..."

"See what?"

"I understand the most important thing that I should do after being appointed as Weiji General!" Zhang Tie smirked.

“Doesn’t commander-in-chief favor your ability to produce Fiery Oil and do farming work? As an earth knight, it’s amazing that you invented Fiery Oil; however, you’re also good at farming work which would make people envy you pretty much. What else do you want to do in that title?” Feng Cangwu asked as he sighed with a feeling.

“I want to invent something that could enable commoners or low-level fighters to kill knights; at least common cities could resist knight-level demon knights...” Zhang Tie said seriously.

“Do you want to deal knights with Fiery Oil? But Fiery Oil is not too destructive to demons even if you use too much of it. Do you want to make alchemist’s bombs? Do you know how difficult it is to make an alchemist’s bomb?” Feng Cangwu thought about alchemist’s bombs at once.

“No!” Zhang Tie shook his head as he said, “But I feel that I should have other methods except for alchemist’s bombs...”

Feng Cangwu looked at Zhang Tie for a few seconds. Then, he suddenly burst out into laughter as he pointed at the square outside and said, “If you could really make such a thing, I will marry that woman...”

Zhang Tie looked over there along Feng Cangwu’s finger. He then saw a “female knight” standing in front of the rankings about military exploits of black iron knights in an imposing manner. With scarlet lipstick over her lips, jewelry and a big red flower on her head, the woman was even stronger than men. Watching the names on the rankings, she was grinning like a rotten pear.

This woman was followed by some knight bodyguards. At the sight of this “female knight”, all the male knights hurriedly gave way to her. Wherever this female knight’s eye light reached, those male knights would instantly become mandarin ducks as they would slide away while covering their faces by hand.

“Boring. How could these people always want to catch my attention in this way? Why not something fresh? This lady will not come here anymore...” The female knight stomped her foot as she twisted her body. Zhang Tie couldn’t hear what she said due to the sound isolator in this room; however, any knights who had acquired lipreading skill knew what the female knight was talking about through the shape of her mouth. At the sight of that female knight, Zhang Tie immediately felt like vomiting. It felt more afflictive than seeing a tough man with whisker twisting his butt with orchid fingers.

“Who’s she?” Zhang Tie hurriedly turned around and asked Feng Cangwu.

“The princess of Lord Jingtian’s Mansion. The only daughter of Lord Jingtian’s Mansion. It’s strange that Lord Jingtian has dozens of sons and only one daughter. Therefore, he treasures her very much. This time, the princess of Lord Jingtian’s Mansion is especially here to select her husband. Lord Jingtian has long released the notice that he would at least use 10 Class A cities as his daughter’s dowry...”

“Well, I’ve borne it in mind!” Zhang Tie nodded forcefully as he watched Feng Cangwu with a malicious eye light and said, “If this girl doesn’t find her Mr. Right, I really want to be the matchmaker for you and her. As the handsome, talented apprentice of Heavens Fortune Sect, you would definitely be her dish!”

Feng Cangwu changed his face as he asked Zhang Tie, “Wait, are you serious?”

“Of course, I’m serious!”

“How could you have such an insane thought?”

Zhang Tie let out a sigh before saying, “After taking the ancient-well bean curds in Xiangshan City a few days ago, I couldn’t help but think about it...”

“After taking the ancient-well bean curds in Xiangshan City, you want commoners and common cities to kill demon knights?” Feng Cangwu was shocked by Zhang Tie’s words so much that he fixed his eyes onto Zhang Tie’s face.

“Yes, is it a bit insane?” Zhang Tie replied with a smile as he asked in a casual tone, “Do you want to regret? It’s still not late if you regret what you’ve promised now. I will just treat it as nonsense!”

“That’s a deal!” Feng Cangwu raised his head proudly after being silent for a half second, “If you could really invent such a thing, I will not even be afraid of feeding tigers with myself!”

“Ahh...” Zhang Tie suddenly recalled something else as he asked, “Do you know why the general being responsible for logistics in the theater of operations is called Weiji General?”

After throwing a serious glance at Zhang Tie, Feng Cangwu replied to Zhang Tie which sounded a bit familiar, “You should read more books...”

Zhang Tie became silent...

Chapter 1320: Going to His Post

On January 11th, the 905th year of Black Iron Calendar, Zhang Tie ended the 2 weeks’ union with Bai Suxian and officially left Xuanyuan Fortress to go to his post.

Soon after the news of Zhang Tie’s appointment by the commander-in-chief was released to the public, all the people across Xuanyuan Fortress had been shocked. The treatment of becoming a Class III officer of Taixia Country at such a young age was definitely rare in the history of Taixia Country. At least nobody else among all the Class III officers of Taixia Country was as young as Zhang Tie.

The official rank of the provincial governors of lower provinces in Taixia Country was subordinate Class IV; the official rank of the provincial governors of upper provinces in Taixia Country was Class IV; the official rank of the provincial governors of major provinces in Taixia Country was subordinate Class III; the official rank of the provincial governors of immortal provinces in Taixia Country was Class III; the official rank of Cheji Generals of each province was as same as that of their provincial governors; the official ranks of commanders of military regions including 4 ranks from subordinate Class II to Class I. The official rank of the 9 ministers and the generals of the top 4 armies of Taixia Country was Class I; the official rank of the top 3 counselors was immortal class.

At such a young age, Zhang Tie had won the favor of commander-in-chief and was appointed as the assistant of commander-in-chief and Weiji General of the Western Theater of Operations in Taixia Country. His rank was already closely under that of commanders of military regions. Across Peacewest Military Region, Zhang Tie’s official rank was just one class inferior to that of the commander of Peacewest Military Region. If Zhang Tie made further progress, he would be promoted to the commander of a military region. How amazing it was!

If it were in peaceful time, such an appointment would definitely arouse a great shock across Taixia Country. People would definitely wonder how could Zhang Tie be appointed to such a high post at such a young age. However, there were not so many stereotypes in the theater of operations, where military regulations were more useful than background and seniority and anything that could help humans defeat demons would prioritize. The commander-in-chief's words had to be strictly followed in the theater of operations.

When the fact that Zhang Tie was appointed as Weiwei General and the assistant of the commander-in-chief aroused a shock and disputes among Xuanyuan Fortress and the other 11 bases, Zuoqiu Mingyue's words made all the disputes disappear——Fiery Oil and grains are the dominating factors of our theater of operations. They're concerned about the morale of the soldiers in the theater of operations and the consolidation of the defensive line. If anyone dares make a military pledge that he could do better than Zhang Tie on the two things, I could also appoint him in the same post.

Grain supply could be guaranteed in the Western Theater of Operations as long as they were determined to make it. Even Qianji Hermit didn't go to the fields himself in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. As long as they wanted to guarantee the grain supply in the theater of operations, they could copy the set of measures adopted by Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory for fertilizing the soil and increasing the yield.

However, without Zhang Tie's consent, they couldn't make even one drop of Fiery Oil, not to mention a ton of it. Without Fiery Oil, many things would be empty talk.

Besides Fiery Oil, Qianji Hermit also manufactured airplanes and invented dual-drive engines. Additionally, he even produced some powerful weapons using Fiery Oil.

What was more, the role of all-purpose medicament was growing increasingly important after the holy war broke out. In the theater of operations, the all-purpose medicament had already become one of the most important materials in the logistics supply of the ground force. All-purpose medicaments also belonged to the Zhang family. The others might not get all-purpose medicaments easily; however, Zhang Tie could get as many as he desired.

If they considered it carefully, they would find that Qianji Hermit was really the only one across the theater of operations who was suitable to be the Weiwei General despite his age; besides being familiar with farming, Zhang Tie could also invent Fiery oil and make waste profitable. Additionally, he could provide a lot of all-purpose medicament and be proficient in manufacturing various mechanized equipment and weapons.

Additionally, Zhang Tie could guarantee the stability of the rear end with his great battle strength. As long as Zhang Tie was there, he could easily deal with it even if some demon knights broke through the defense line and raided the rear end. It was said that Zhang Tie killed 2 earth demon knights and 2 black iron demon knights in the same combat. The entire process was like breaking a dead branch of a tree. Many people witnessed how he fought those demon knights. It was the Cheji General of Wuzhou province who reported Zhang Tie's military exploits. Additionally, if one wanted to know how many demon knights had Zhang Tie killed when he served as a scout of Blackwater Base, they'd better ask Zhang Tie himself. However, Zhang Tie didn't feel like revealing it to the public; neither did he prove any certificates of that. Therefore, there weren't any corresponding records of his military exploits during the process when he served as the scout of Blackwater Base.

After thinking through it, who dared make a military pledge to the commander-in-chief? Everybody just showed their reverence to Zuoqiu Mingyue inside——What a Military God of Taixia Country! He could make full use of one's abilities.

Of course, after hearing that Zhang Tie was leaving the frontline, many people who treated Zhang Tie as a powerful opponent on the Military Exploits Rankings also felt delighted about it. Because it meant that Zhang Tie could barely accumulate any more military exploits by killing demons since he took the office of Wei'ji General. At this moment, although Zhang Tie looked to be in a high position being paid high, Zhang Tie's name might not appear on the Heavens Fortune Rankings and be conferred as a duke in the future. Those people of Taiyi Fantasy Sect had such a thought. As they had been totally hostile against Zhang Tie openly, of course, they didn't want to make Zhang Tie outstanding once more. Besides being jealous of the fact that Zhang Tie became the Wei'ji General, Feng Yexiao the grand elder of Taiyi Fantasy Sect also let out a sigh inside.

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When Zhang Tie was going to leave Blackwater Base on the morning of the 11th day of the month, Bai Suxian, Bai Runcheng, Feng Cangwu, Mountain Lifting Hermit who had just come back after carrying out his mission, the knights of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, the knight elders of Zhu Clan and Qian Clan who were familiar with Zhang Tie in Northeast Military Region and whose disciples were learning from Iron-Dragon Sect, the clan head of Lu Clan, the elders of Gu Clan, all of these people above came to bid a farewell to Zhang Tie. Loitering in the sky nearby Xuanyuan Fortress, they bade farewell to Zhang Tie. Even so, the group of people who came here to see Zhang Tie off was still not as eye-catching as an official airboat on their side.

"When an awl is placed in the bag, how could it not pierce the bag? When serving as the chief justice of Youzhou Province, he had already inflicted a heavy loss to Heavens Reaching Church and shocked so many people. Later on, although being framed by cunning traitors and experiencing a lot of troubles, Qianji Hermit still remained loyal to the country and stepped forward bravely and shouldered the heavy burden when Taixia Country was in trouble. What you did greatly rose the morale of knights within Northeast Military Region. We're really ennobled by you. Qianji Hermit, bon voyage, wish you have a bright future..."

Although Qian elder's words sounded a bit flattering, it indeed was what many people among Zhang Tie's team thought about at this moment.

The news that Zhang Tie was appointed as Wei'ji General and the assistant of commander-in-chief was shocking to others; especially to those people who were familiar with him, such as the elders of Zhu Clan and Qian Clan and Lu Dingzhi who once served as the finance director in a small country of Waii Subcontinent. Only these people who came from real official and major clans could sense the importance and influence of Zhang Tie's position.

Class III official rank was really something. The official rank of the provincial governor of Tongzhou Province, a medium-sized province was only subordinate Class IV; the official rank of the provincial governor of Yanzhou Province, a major province was only subordinate Class III; Lu Dingzhi as the finance minister of a small country in Waii Subcontinent was just a subordinate Class V official, so was Zhang Tie when he served as the chief justice of Youzhou Province. A Class V chief justice of a lower province was

suddenly appointed as a Class III official of Taixia Country after resigning for so many years. That was definitely a miracle. As long as Zhang Tie was ambitious of being a high official, he could definitely be promoted to higher positions if he didn't make any big mistake. Of course, Zhang Tie's experience was admirable. Across Northeast Military Region, the Class II Cheng Honglie might be the only one whose official rank was higher than that of Zhang Tie. The commander of Peacewest Military Region's official rank was subordinate Class II, which was only a bit higher than that of Zhang Tie. To a certain extent, Zhang Tie's another identity as the assistant of commander-in-chief meant that he could act on behalf of Zuoqiu Mingyue. That was to say, Zhang Tie could almost be arbitrary in the Western Theater of Operations.

At such a young age, Zhang Tie had won the favor of commander-in-chief and Lord Guangnan's Mansion. Additionally, he had a powerful and terrifying battle strength and had grasped so many secret skills and immortal bloodlines. He would definitely have a bright future. After coming to the theater of operations for less than half a year, Zhang Tie had already made tremendous progress while others had just made bit achievements. How could it not make others enviable? Therefore, Qian elder and Zhu elder both showed their reverence to Zhang Tie much more than before.

"Thank you for your blessing!"

Zhang Tie revealed a smile towards Qian elder politely without any arrogance and complacency. The Class III official rank might be very enviable to others; however, Zhang Tie didn't care about it too much as he was neither ambitious nor did he value official ranks and meritorious deeds. Additionally, he had other pursuits. The reason that he took over this position mainly lay in that he felt nobody else could do it better than him. As long as he worked hard, he might save a lot of soldiers, families and commoners and protect more cities of Taixia Country from being destroyed by demons; that's all...

Those knights bade a brief farewell to Zhang Tie one after another.

As for the elders of Qian Clan, Zhu Clan and Lu Clan, Zhang Tie's current official rank could win more respect from people; however, as for many knights, Zhang Tie's military exploits of killing two earth demon knights and two black iron demon knights in one combat was mostly overwhelming. How many earth knights and black iron knights were there in Youzhou Province in total?

All the knights in Youzhou Province who were free today had come here out of etiquette, including Guo Hongyi.

Soon after talking to the humble Li elder of Miyun Prefecture, Zhang Tie had seen Guo Hongyi.

Outsiders couldn't see Guo Hongyi's change; however, the moment Zhang Tie caught sight of Guo Hongyi, he had known that she had dressed up, although it was just a light make-up.

Guo Hongyi wore a festive red dress while her face was slightly daubed with rouge; her eyes were as clear as autumn water; her cheeks were rosy; her red lips were like fiery flames; additionally, she wore a beautiful lily-shaped bun. Being matched with Guo Hongyi's clearly-shaped and brilliant facial features, Guo Hongyi's make-up was both elegant and enticing. The lily-shaped bun on her head suddenly reminded Zhang Tie of the language of lily, namely, success, treasure and being closely attached to each other.

Soon after coming to Guo Hongyi's side, Zhang Tie had sniffed the mellow fragrance of rose essence dew. Such a fragrance was very attractive to men; therefore, Zhang Tie couldn't help but be excited inside.

Not only did Zhang Tie have not seen Guo Hongyi dressing up like this before; even the other knights from Youzhou Province might have not seen her like this before. The moment Guo Hongyi came here today, those knights from Youzhou province had started to glance at her stealthily. Not until Guo Hongyi glared at them like a tigress did those men hurriedly move their eyes away from her.

At the sight of the beauty, of course, Zhang Tie felt tempted. After being attracted by Guo Hongyi's qi, Zhang Tie couldn't help but glance at Guo Hongyi for a few more times. Guo Hongyi was even 3 cm higher than Bai Suxian. She was a tall Hua female. Perhaps because she always exercised her body, her figure was not only hot but also plump like all the other mature women. Actually, her figure was even nicer than his foreign wives such as Linda and Sabrina.

"Don't mind what my master said that day. She didn't mean to offend you. She treats every man in that way..." Guo Hongyi said while slightly opening her red lips. At the same time, she looked into Zhang Tie's eyes; coincidentally, she saw Zhang Tie's eye light falling onto her breasts. Closely after that, her rosy cheeks became more appealing. At the same time, she lowered her eyes in a bashful way.

After looking straight into Guo Hongyi's eyes, being caught by Guo Hongyi like a thief and seeing Guo Hongyi's bashful look, Zhang Tie instantly felt his heart racing. Bashful women were the most beautiful ones, not to mention Guo Hongyi.

Zhang Tie also inquired from others these days about Guo Hongyi's master. However, he was really startled by what he was told.

Guo Hongyi's master was called Yan Feiqing, the head of Fantasy Women Palace in Cloudydream Mountain in Wuzhou Province of Taixia Country. She was a famous shadow knight. Zhang Tie soon acquired two events related to the woman: first, when a promising male knight of Heavens Fortune Sect met Yan Feiqing in a peach woods of Xuanyuan Hill in the most beautiful season when they were black iron knights at a young age. Being surrounded by peach flowers, it was as fantastic as a dream. When the male talent met such a beauty, it should be where the love story started; however, when the male knight of Heavens Fortune Sect saw Yan Feiqing who was as beautiful as a fairy and couldn't stand teasing her, he was hung over a peach tree and beaten by Yan Feiqing for a whole day. Finally, when Yan Feiqing felt tired of beating him, she flew away as if nothing had happened.

The male knight of Heavens Fortune Sect who was hung over the peach tree and beaten by Yan Feiqing was Deyang Immortal the Freshwind Elder of Heavens Fortune Sect. This event once aroused a shock across Xuanyuan Hill and became the negative textbook of many playboys and romantic knights. Since then, Freshwind Elder determined to cultivate his battle skills seriously so as to avenge himself on Yan Feiqing. Dozens of years later, Freshwind Elder promoted to an earth knight and grasped the powerful secret method and battle skills of Heavens Fortune Sect. After hearing that Yan Feiqing had established a sect in Cloudydream Mountain, he decided to "seek for his dignity as a man" in Cloudydream Mountain. As for the process, nobody knew. However, the final result was that Freshwind Elder soon entered closed cultivation for another one decade soon after he returned to Heavens Fortune Sect. However, even though he exited his cultivation room 10 years later, the moment he heard the name of Yan

Feiqing, he would escape at once. In Heavens Fortune Sect, the name of Yan Feiqing almost became a taboo.

The second event was that Yan Feiqing killed Black Mountain Ancestor, a shadow knight who ranked 2nd on the wanted list of criminals in the supreme court of Taixia Country. The reason lay in that Black Mountain Ancestor killed a female disciple of Yan Feiqing who went down the hill by mistake. However, Yan Feiqing spent 11 years to kill all the 1178 disciples of Black Mountain Ancestor who kept hiding here and there during that period. Finally, she chased Black Mountain Ancestor all the way from Taixia Country to Yinyue Subcontinent and brought his head back.

Yan Feiqing the head of Fantasy Women Palace killed Black Mountain Ancestor 50 years ago. From then on, none of Fantasy Women Palace's female disciples were killed when they went off the mountain. All the female disciples of Fantasy Women Palace were also like Yan Feiqing. Besides being powerful in battle strength, they all despised men. Although Fantasy Women Palace's overall strength was not as brilliant as that of the top 7 sects of Taixia Country, nobody across Taixia Country dared offend Fantasy Women Palace.

After hearing about Yan Feiqing's "splendid experiences", Zhang Tie shrugged as he finally understood why that woman had such a strong qi field and dared educate Guo Hongyi in front of him. The aggressive qi was too fierce that all the grasses would die wherever she passed by. If Guo Hongyi was a tigress in Youzhou Province, Yan Feiqing the master of Guo Hongyi was a female tyrannosaur from far-ancient times.

"Ahem...ahem, I don't mind it. Leave it. Thank you for seeing me off..."

"Take care of yourself, bon voyage!"

"Take care of yourself too!"

Under the gaze of the public, Zhang Tie and Guo Hongyi talked to each other normally. Not until Zhang Tie turned around and was about to leave Guo Hongyi, he suddenly recalled Yan Feiqing's "warning" to Guo Hongyi that day; perhaps out of reverse psychology or that Guo Hongyi was pretty beautiful and enticing today, Zhang Tie felt like conquering her suddenly. Therefore, Zhang Tie couldn't stand teasing her in a secret way, "Your lily-shaped bun looks nice today..."

After hearing Zhang Tie's comment, Guo Hongyi's face turned especially adorable after being slightly stunned.

Soon after Zhang Tie came to the front of Feng Cangwu, he immediately heard Guo Hongyi's voice and a gloomy sigh. "If you know my heart, Hongyi will never feel regretful!"

If not in the sky, Zhang Tie almost tumbled.

No matter what, Feng Cangwu was a favorite student of Heavens Fortune Sect, he had noticed something special when Zhang Tie was talking to Guo Hongyi by secret means. After glancing at Zhang Tie's face and Guo Hongyi's face with a puzzled look, he was instantly embraced by Zhang Tie before he uttered any word. At the same time, Zhang Tie told Feng Cangwu by secret means, "Lord Jingtian might appreciate me for finding a good son-in-law for him in a few years..."

Feng Cangwu's face turned pale at once...

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Bai Suxian bade farewell to Zhang Tie with tearful eyes in the end.

“Don’t cry. Think about the positive side. I’m taking the office of Weiji General in the rear end; instead of being a scout in the frontline. There’re fewer dangers over there. I would be safe, right?” Zhang Tie comforted Bai Suxian.

Bai Suxian nodded. As she pulled Zhang Tie’s hands, she couldn’t stand dropping tears as she said, “I could also go there with you, but you’re not taking me with you on purpose. I could be your assistant...”

Zhang Tie revealed a bitter smile. It seemed that Bai Suxian still thought that the theater of operations was as same as Youzhou Province. As he was serving as a military officer; and the relationship between him and Bai Suxian had been opened to the public. If he took Bai Suxian over there and made love with her whenever he wanted, it would weaken the morale of the army. If so, commander-in-chief might even chop off his head after being offended.

Zhang Tie understood it. So did all the others of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion. Therefore, they all prevented Bai Suxian from following Zhang Tie over there at this moment...