

## **Black Iron 1481**

### **Chapter 1481: The Devil in Zhang Taixuan's Heart**

Tonight, many people were destined to be sleepless.

The study room of the Youzhou Provincial Governor's Mansion, White Tiger Building...

It was a deep night. In white robe, Zhang Taixuan was writing characters fluently with a brush dipping ink alone while holding his breath.

As was pursued by many people, the bigger the event was, the calmer one would be. Zhang Taixuan made it.

Zhang Taixuan had dealt with so many political affairs in the daytime. In the evening, he met an elder of Gu Clan, East River Prefecture and some representatives of Youzhou Provincial Steel Chamber of Commerce. Not until 10 pm did Zhang Tai Xuan become free. He then came to the study alone. He knew what was going to happen tonight—many people would die tonight in Golden Light City and Jinwu City. What happened tonight would also shock the country as a whole. However, Zhang Taixuan was not intense because he had already made arrangements perfectly.

He had deduced each detail of the event tonight, including what decisions those relevant people would probably make in that atmosphere according to their temperaments, what if someone died and what if not. After reckoning about it many times, he finally launched this strike. As for Zhang Taixuan, this action tonight was destined to succeed; if it failed, it would be due to God's will.

Sometimes, success depended on luck. In most cases, success relied on perseverance and patience.

Many people couldn't believe that Zhang Taixuan had already prepared for this action for 16 years. However, it was true.

Eyes closed, Zhang Taixuan was brandishing his brush on the snow-white rice paper with expensive Anhui ink, following his heart. Not until he stopped the last stroke did he open his eyes and look at the table in the study.

There was already a three-dimensional, magnificent drawing on the table—an ocean with surging billows; an island was in it. If Zhang people saw it, many of them could identify that it was Hidden Dragon Island and the waters nearby it.

Being contrast to the surging billows, heavy wind and low dark clouds, the scene beneath the sea in the west of Hidden Dragon Island was utterly different.

It was calm there. Additionally, there was a huge rock at the bottom of the sea where was deeper than 300 m. A line of magnificent characters was carved there—Zhang Taixuan arrived here at 17!

Right beside this line was another line which appeared as poor as ants' legs—Haha, Zhang Tie also arrived here at 16!

Actually, Zhang Taixuan knew Zhang Tie much earlier than that many Zhang elders could imagine.

One year, Zhang Taixuan was leaving for the Earth-elements Realm. He stayed in Hidden Dragon Island for a few days, during which period, he suddenly got an interest to visit the trace that he left at the bottom of the sea at a young age.

At the bottom of the sea where he got navy blue ores from, Zhang Taixuan saw the inscriptions that he left there along with Zhang Tie's line.

It could be imagined how amazed he was at that moment.

As the beloved one in Huaiyuan Palace, Zhang Taixuan was very clear how many resources had Huaiyuan Palace spent on him and how many hardships had he experienced before he left such a trace at the bottom of the sea at 17. How could an unknown common teenager surpass him at 16?

Because of this new line, Zhang Taixuan started to pay heed to Zhang Tie. Besides Zhang Taixuan himself, nobody else across Huaiyuan Palace knew it.

Soon after Zhang Taixuan entered Earth-elements Realm, Huaiyuan Palace had started to evacuate from Waii Subcontinent. At this moment, Zhang Taixuan's henchman in Huaiyuan Palace sent him a piece of news—A female disciple surnamed Ma got pregnant. Through interrogation, that pregnant female disciple admitted that her kid's father was Zhang Tie. However, Zhang Tie didn't know about her pregnancy yet.

After receiving that news, Zhang Taixuan had made his henchmen hide this affair. Meanwhile, the female disciple was under control. Nobody else knew about it.

Based on Zhang Taixuan's means and resources, it was too easy for him to completely control a common female disciple under LV 10 in Hidden Dragon Island and have her follow his will. He could completely turn that female disciple into his puppet step by step using a bit spiritual skill and some allure.

At that time, Zhang Taixuan just felt that this female disciple might be his card one day; however, he had not thought about how to use it. He had not imagined that he didn't play this card in this way until 16 years later.

Zhang Taixuan got an exotic item in Earth-elements Realm. When he left the Earth-elements Realm and saw Zhang Tie for the first time, the teenager who left words at the bottom of the sea had already become a clan elder, a dragon.

Without that exotic item that he got from the Earth-elements Realm, Zhang Taixuan might not reach this step. However, that exotic item foreshadowed what happened today; especially watching Zhang Tie becoming more and more excellent, admirable and powerful, Zhang Taixuan's jealousy and the information provided by that exotic item brought him increasingly greater wallop spiritually.

Zhang Tie's performance at the bank of Weishui River and the expose of his trump card of divine dominator finally broke Zhang Taixuan's mental defense line. As a result, Zhang Taixuan determined to rush into danger.

This time, God appeared to be standing on his side. Previously, Zhang Taixuan was worried that Zhang Tie had already recovered when he was told that Zhang Tie recovered his injuries using bloody sacrifice furnace and wavered his mind; however, according to the information exposed by Zhang Tie footsteps

on the grassland when he jumped off the airboat in Golden Light City, Zhang Taixuan finally made his decision.

Zhang Taixuan knew it was not right. However, which hero had cared about right or wrong since ancient times. Each one standing on the peak of the human world was standing on numerous corpses and skeletons.

‘Those who killed their brothers could also become emperors and enjoy their good fame forever. By contrast, what I did is nothing serious at all!’

A few hours ago, Zhang Taixuan had received the news that the plan in Golden Light City had succeeded. As was imagined, Zhang Tie indeed became less vigilant about the three senior sister apprentices that he knew in Hidden Dragon Island; especially that woman who had a love affair with him. Therefore, after Zhang Tie frankly went there, he was naturally under the control of Zhang Taixuan.

These years, Zhang Taixuan had studied Zhang Tie carefully. He knew that Zhang Tie was most filial besides being sentimental. If Zhang Tie and his parents were under control, Zhang Tie would meet any request of Zhang Taixuan without any resistance.

At this moment, Zhang Taixuan received news from Jinwu City by remote-sensing finger ring as he frowned at once...

“Zhang Gui...” Zhang Taixuan read it lightly as he found he had no impression about this name at all. Therefore, he shook his head before looking at the awkward characters on that huge rock in his drawing, muttering, “I’ve not imagined that you could arrange an earth knight on the side of your parents. Amazingly, that earth knight would like to be the slave servant of the Zhang family. It seems that it’s God’s will. If you could have an earth knight be your slave servant, what am I as an earth knight? However, even if the plan in Jinwu City fails, it should still not difficult for me to get that item from you...”

In the blink of an eye, all the remote-sensing finger rings in his hand rocked, including those which were used to contact elders of Huaiyuan Palace, commander of Northeast Military Region and Xuanyuan Hill... Zhang Taixuan had even heard the flurried footsteps of Elder Muray and his hoarse voice, “I’ve got an emergency. Hurry, lead me to clan head...”

Zhang Taixuan threw the last glance at the drawing which was still not dried yet on the table. Closely after that, he revealed a faint smile as he wove his hand, leaving nothing at all on the table.

When he walked out of his study, he had already looked gloomy...

“It’s too bad. Something happened to Elder Mushen...” Elder Muray said as his face had been covered with sweat when Zhang Taixuan saw him.

“I’ve got it just now. Commander of Northeast Military Region has already inquired me about the details. We will go to GoldenLight City by airboat right away!” Zhang Taixuan said with a bitter smile, “Hopefully, Elder Mushen could tide over this difficulty...”

“Do we need to notice other clan elders to go there together?”

"I doubt that Elder Mushen might be screwed by Heavens Reaching Church. I've just issued an order to have Youzhou Provincial Army enter a state of emergency. All the other clan elders are protecting different regions. Let's stabilize the situation at first..."

"Fine! Let's go..."

Without putting on his coat, Zhang Taixuan had boarded on the airboat with Elder Muray. Of course, he looked flurried in the eyes of outsiders.

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The army of Golden Light City had already arrived at Wild Lake Building outside Golden Light City. They were putting out the bright forest fire outside Wild Lake Building with loud noises...

Before the big fire was put out, a Heavens-Penetrating Silver Shuttle had suspended above Wild Lake Building. Closely after that, Yan Feiqing showed her look.

She instantly flew into the big blazing fire.

Only after a few seconds, Yan Feiqing had flown out of the fire. Closely after that, she wove her arm, releasing her berserk battle qi towards the fire and isolating flame from the air. As a result, the flame across Wild Lake Building was put out in a split second.

"Honey..." Yan Feiqing roared with grief as she flew towards the lake in the far...

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In the next morning, the news that Zhang Tie was assassinated outside Golden Light City had shocked the entire country...

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## **Chapter 1482: Puzzle**

In the natural world, the more powerful the individuals were, the fewer their population would be. Soul leave was an extremely rare poison. Even knights could barely survive this poison. However, soul leave's duration of effect was limited. After being poisoned by it, one's awareness couldn't be completely isolated from his body forever.

Soul leave denoted that one's soul would leave his body out of control. After his soul returned to his body, he would feel like having a dream.

After soul leave completely lost its effect, Zhang Tie gradually opened his eyes.

He was in a room, which appeared being in a mountain cave covering 600 square meters. The mountain cave was artificially built as everything in the room was well carved. It was covered with huge granites in all directions. Besides, there was an eternal fluorite lamp on the roof, the dim light gave out which made the mountain cave hazy.

In addition, there were some underground plants which were used to keep the air fresh. Meanwhile, Zhang Tie faintly heard surging sea waves from outside, which represented that this mountain cave was in a sea island or an underground space on the seaside.

With a sound “Huala...” Zhang Tie found his limbs were tied by huge, thick alloy runed chains. The moment he moved, the chains had clashed.

After lowering his head and throwing a glance at it, Zhang Tie had found it was made of abyss iron, mithril and dragon silk as an immortal craftsman. The firmness and tenacity of this alloy were completely out of people’s imagination. Additionally, some advanced runes were applied to this alloy: LV 5 consolidating and strengthening rune; advanced recovery rune, which could help people rapidly recover their spiritual energy and physical strength; an advanced reversal rune, which could completely counteract the effect of the advanced recovery rune at the same time and make people weak constantly.

The chains on his limbs were tightly interconnected with an alloy ring which was made of the same materials. The alloy ring was connected to a huge piece of an alloy which weighed over 1,000 tons. This set of instruments determined that Zhang Tie’s scope of activity was limited to this room.

As an immortal craftsman, Zhang Tie had heard about it. He just couldn’t imagine that it could be applied to him.

This whole set was called Dragonbinding Shackle. It could only be made by a craftsman master and above.

Even heavenly knights could not escape from such a set of instruments.

However, these were external binding instruments. There was another binding system inside his body, which had been sensed the moment Zhang Tie opened his eyes.

At this moment, three items being much thinner than hair were swimming in Zhang Tie’s heart, qi sea and mind sea respectively. Few people knew their names except for Zhang Tie——bloody soul needles.

As a secret skill of Bloody Soul Temple, bloody soul needles were to seal one’s spiritual energy, physical strength and battle qi. Whenever he wanted to run his battle qi, spiritual energy and do heavy activities, the three bloody soul needles would take effect in his brain, heart and abdomen respectively, causing him extremely miserable. At the crucial moments, the three bloody soul needles could even blow up his heart, brain and qi sea.

With Dragonbinding Shackle and bloody soul needles, even sage-level knights would be at the mercy what others demand of you.

When he sensed bloody soul needles, Zhang Tie immediately realized that he had fallen in the hand of the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church; because only they could probably master the secret skill of bloody soul needles.

‘The conflict between me and the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church couldn’t be diffused any more. Those b\*stards have the motive and ability to do it.’

‘However, how could those b\*stards of Heavens Reaching Church know the love affair between senior sister apprentice and me and screw me with it? This could never be done without a considerate plan.’

‘I offended Heavens Reaching Church after I returned to Taixia Country. Before it, I knew nothing about Heavens Reaching Church. Neither would Heavens Reaching Church care about a common knight on a subcontinent. If Heavens Reaching Church could foretell things, they would have long screwed me; neither would Han Zhengfang be killed by me after his real identity was exposed.’

‘If senior sister apprentice Ma really got pregnant and had psychological changes, the first one who knew her physical situation in Hidden Dragon Palace probably the head of Hidden Dragon Palace. If she really delivered the baby, how could she cheat so many people in Hidden Dragon Palace? Over these years, even I, as the grand elder of Huaiyuan Palace, didn’t know about the pregnancy of senior sister apprentice Ma. Nobody else in Hidden Dragon Palace has mentioned anything about it to me. How could Heavens Reaching Church know it?’

‘Unless...unless the influence of Heavens Reaching Church have long penetrated into Huaiyuan Palace so deep that even the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace and I don’t know about the secret concerning me in Huaiyuan Palace!’

The moment this whim occurred to his mind, Zhang Tie had felt a chill all over.

However, Zhang Tie soon felt that this reason was not right. At that time, Huaiyuan Palace, as a small Hua clan in Waii Subcontinent far away from Taixia Country, was completely like an ugly duckling in front of those major clans in Taixia Country. They didn’t have money or power. Was Huaiyuan Palace worth the penetration of Heavens Reaching Church?

When Zhang Tie was confused, with a cracking sound, an iron door above the steps that extended upwards was opened as the gloomy and vicious man at his 50’s that Zhang Tie had seen in Wild Lake Building walked downstairs.

This man reminded Zhang Tie of the late two senior sister apprentices, Gu Caidie and Yuan Ziyi at once. Zhang Tie then clenched his fists. Closely after that, he loosened his grip as he stood there quietly and watched the man coming to his front.

“You’re a dare-to-death fighter. Who’s your master?” Zhang Tie asked calmly as he looked at that man.

That man’s face changed a bit...

### **Chapter 1483: The Real Intention**

“It doesn’t count who’s my master. What’s important is that you will die if you don’t cooperate with me...” that arriver said as he soon recovered his composure and cold look, squinting at Zhang Tie with threatening eyesight.

“Really? But I don’t think so...” Zhang Tie responded to him calmly as he didn’t care about the threat at all. As for Zhang Tie, the crisis only happened when he drank the spirit which was mixed with Soul Leave.

Zhang Tie’s error lay in that he had not imagined that the first glass of spirit that he drank with three senior sister apprentices that he had not seen for over 10 years was mixed with Soul Leave. What’s

more, Senior Sister Apprentice Ma who had a love affair with him had already known that the spirit was poisoned. The culprit had known everything about Zhang Tie and Ma Aiyun and even let Gu Caidie and Yuan Ziyi the props of this trap. Therefore, it was too sudden. Even the most meticulous and shrewd person would not be vigilant about all of his relatives and friends all day long. Otherwise, he must have been driven mad by himself before others' attack.

No matter what happened outside, Zhang Tie still carried the simplest and sincerest emotion about his relatives and friends; because this was why he struggled to grow powerful. Perhaps, others made a constant improvement on the road of cultivation only to conquer others by stepping them down or become the unrivaled one. However, Zhang Tie held that money making and cultivation are only for one purpose, namely making his family members live better and enabling him to live in love. On the contrary, if he had fewer people to trust and became more vigilant as he grew more powerful, it indicated that he was just a timid guy who wore a set of irresistible helmet and armor and held a saber or a sword which could be used to kill hundreds of millions of people. Zhang Tie disdained it.

Additionally, Soul Leave took effect as fast and fiercely as an alchemist's bomb, which didn't spare any time for Zhang Tie to make any response. Any other poisons that could spare a second for Zhang Tie to make a response would be easily detoxified by Zhang Tie.

However, that person was absolutely wrong if he thought that he could bind Zhang Tie who couldn't use his battle qi, physical strength and spiritual energy using Dragonbinding Shackle and bloody soul needles.

As for Zhang Tie, he had already taken the initiative when he opened his eyes and recovered his awareness no matter how poor he looked now.

Because he was Zhang Tie, Immortal Qianji!

Zhang Tie knew that he had already become sore in demons' eyes. As his battle qi had not fully recovered, if he dared have Yan Feiqing leave him and stroll alone in Golden Light City, Fiery-Dragon Bounty Territory, he must have his own confidence and reliance.

What Zhang Tie wanted to do most now was to find that culprit and tear him into pieces so as to avenge for Gu Caidie and Yuan Ziyi.

That 50-year old man didn't understand that he was already a movable dead man in Zhang Tie's eyes. Zhang Tie's tone and eyesight made him very uncomfortable.

That man gave a heavy blow to Zhang Tie's lower abdomen after releasing his battle qi; however, Zhang Tie didn't even frown. Although Zhang Tie couldn't run his spiritual energy and battle qi, after taking so many iron-body fruits and promoting to a shadow knight, Zhang Tie still had a great defensive capability. In this case, strikes from people below LV 15 battle spirit couldn't pose any threat to him or hurt him at all. However, it would be too naive if this man in his 50's below LV 15 wanted to do any harm to Zhang Tie by a bare punch; especially that he was just a LV 13 great battle master, whose punch was like tickle for Zhang Tie.

Certainly, like how bloody soul needles entered Zhang Tie's blood and meridians, some rune weapons could also do harm to Zhang Tie when he was not vigilant. No matter what, shadow knight's body rigidity couldn't match alloy.

“Haven’t you eaten food? Where’s your strength?” Zhang Tie looked at that middle-aged man with a cold look as he added, “Small figures like you are not qualified to stand in front of me. Fetch your master here. Let him talk to me...”

After realizing that he couldn’t hurt Zhang Tie, that person gradually recovered his composure as he said, “My master would come when he wants!”

“You’ve spent too many efforts in catching me, but still kept me alive, you must want something from me. What do you want?”

“Smart, what an Immortal Qianji!” that middle-aged man’s facial muscles moved a bit as he said, “We’ve searched over your body. Master said that you’re still hiding one thing. As long as you present that item, you would survive and this thing would come to an end!”

“I would survive?” This thing would come to an end?” Zhang Tie burst out into laughter as he said, “What a funny, naive lie...”

“Our master only wants that thing, not your life. As long as he got that thing, all the dare-to-die fighters who join this action would commit suicide in front of you. That’s why our master doesn’t want to see you. After that, you could reunite with your Senior Sister Apprentice Ma and your kid. As you would not find anyone to avenge for, this thing would come to an end by then!”

Surrounding three exits, leaving one. It was a psywar for attacking a city. If a city was surrounded in four directions, the fighters and commoners inside would exert their utmost efforts to break out; however, if one exit was left open, the will of the garrisons would be collapsed. That was how the middle-aged man played in front of Zhang Tie. They thought that Zhang Tie had been under their control; therefore, they left hope to him so that he didn’t struggle at his full efforts at the risk of destroying that rarity.

However, such a gimmick was just a joke for Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie sneered inside as he pretended to consider it. After being hesitant for a second, he said, “Show me Ma Aiyun and our kid first!”

“No way. Master said that you three couldn’t reunite unless you hand in that thing!” the middle-aged man said, shaking his head.

Zhang Tie had already seen through this place using his lotus flower eyes when he talked with that man.

This underground mountain cave was indeed on the seaside. It was on the lowest floor. There were some more floors of underground facilities above this mountain cave. Above ground was a chateau which was on the hillside. Just now, Zhang Tie saw nothing but wilderness hundreds of miles away from the chateau on the open waters or the land.

The moment Zhang Tie saw it, he had known that he was near the coast of Liaozhou Province in the north of Youzhou Province. The chateau was a small base of a power, which was also used to bewilder people.

‘I might have been missing for over 5 days. However, who could find me in such a remote place given such a large size of Taixia Country?

There were over 30 dare-to-die fighters in the chateau and the underground cave, who were all common staff. The middle-aged man should be the head of these dare-do-die fighters.



Ma Aiyun was locked in a cell above Zhang Tie. The linear distance between Zhang Tie and her was fewer than 100 m. However, Ma Aiyun was not hurt; she was just a bit sluggish.

Zhang Tie didn't see his kid or any teenager here; therefore, that kid should be hidden somewhere by these dare-to-die fighters if Ma Aiyun really delivered the baby.

"Well, tell me what do you want, a piece of space-teleportation equipment, a silver secret item or a cultivation method like Fiery-Dragon Sutra?" Zhang Tie asked calmly.

"None of them!" that middle-aged man answered as he shook his head.

"None of them?" Zhang Tie became amazed as he asked again, "What do you want?"

"Immortal item!"

Zhang Tie was really shocked by this term.

"Immortal item? Did I mishear it? Or are you kidding me? It's just a legendary item. Who has seen the real immortal item? Is it square or round?" Zhang Tie burst out into laughter as he continued to ask, "Do you want my bloody sacrifice furnace?"

"No, it's an immortal item. Master said that you've got an immortal item, which helped you rise step by step from Blackhot City. Master wanted me to tell you that if you hand in the immortal item, this event would come to an end; otherwise, it's just a beginning..."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean if you don't hand in the immortal item, you will see the heads of your family members and friends one after another in a few days..."

At this moment, Zhang Tie's heart had raced as he appeared having not heard these words—Who knows that I have Castle of Black Iron?

#### **Chapter 1484: Waiting for the Culprit**

If Zhang Tie didn't know that the opponent had also mastered the secret skills of Bloody Soul Temple, after hearing such a threat, he had long exposed his trump card and escaped from it. After reading the memory of this middle-aged man, he would kill him and go directly for the culprit.

However, many secret skills of Bloody Soul Temple were curbing each other. There was also a solution against soul reading skill in Bloody Secret Temple; especially these dare-to-die fighters were executing such a confidential action, which would definitely arouse a great shock across the country, even the world. As long as these dare-to-die fighters were caught, and leaked a message, they would bring catastrophe to the culprit behind them. In this case, as long as that culprit was not an idiot, he must have made preventions before the action even at a high cost. As long as their souls were read, the secret skill against soul reading skill would be triggered. In a split second, they would become idiots while their heads would blow up.

Although Zhang Tie was especially furious inside, he remained calm superficially. Because he was not so sure whether the opponent was sounding out him. As long as he appeared to care about his relatives and friends, they would be more valuable, and more dangerous, in the eyes of the opponent.

Additionally, now that the middle-aged man mentioned it, they probably had already taken action about his family members and relatives while targeting him. However, those actions had failed. Otherwise, they should have pushed those captives in front of Zhang Tie so as to threaten him; instead of making it a verbal threat.

Zhang Tie immediately got a lot of information from the opponent's line.

"Hahaha, kill as many as you want, but how many could you kill?" Zhang Tie watched that dare-to-die fighter as he burst into laughter, "My family is in Jinwu City and Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. After I was screwed, you might have already tried to abduct them. But what about the result? You should know it clearer than me. I've got so many knights on my side, Yan Feiqing, Mountain Lifting Hermit, Bai Suxian, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi and elders of Huaiyuan Palace. How many of them dare you fight face to face? In front of such an absolutely overwhelming strength, do you really think that your gimmick and conspiracy could work when they're vigilant about you? Just do it! Show me how you're killed?"

"We couldn't hurt your family members; however, you've got friends!"

"Stop talking about friends. You could hurt as many family members of mine as possible. I've got so many wives, concubines and children. It's nothing serious to lose some of them!" Zhang Tie sneered casually as his tone turned icy, "If one son dies, I could kill 10 more; if one wife dies, I could marry 100 more. The so-called wives and children were nothing serious for powerful knights like me. I could get as many as possible as long as I want. In this world, I only treasure my parents and my elder brother. If you could hurt them, I might fear you; however, do you think that you could hurt them now? I could even abstain wives and children, what am I afraid of? As for friends, even I myself don't know how many friends do I have. I've not seen many of them for at least 70 years plus the period that I stayed in the tower of time. As for them, you could kill as many as you want. Let's see whether I would drop a tear or not..."

Zhang Tie's rhetoric was perfect; because his opinion represented that of most knights. Great battle strength and vigorous vitality determined that many knights' family notion was absolutely different than that of commoners. Many knights had hundreds even over 1,000 wives, concubines and children like emperors at their own home. With this mentality, it was really difficult to see how heavy their wives, concubines and children weigh in their hearts.

As for friends, many people deeply held the notion that when one became rich, he would change his wives; when one became dignified, he would change his friends. Based on Zhang Tie's current social status, even though he was concerned about those common friends, who would believe it if he didn't reveal it to the public. Take the members of Hit-Plane Brother as an instance, Zhang Tie always treated them as his brothers. However, if he didn't reveal it to the public, who knew. Even within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, many people would regard themselves as Zhang Tie's subordinates; instead of brothers.

However, Zhang Tie didn't put it too unduly; instead, he admitted the importance of his parents and his elder brother, which sounded real. So what? These people couldn't hurt his parents and elder brother at all. Therefore, Zhang Tie was not afraid that they could threaten him with his parents and elder brother.

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Certainly, after hearing Zhang Tie's words, that man slightly frowned. Apparently, he had not imagined that Zhang Tie could despise his threat so carelessly.

"You're a qualified dare-to-die fighter. However, in my eyes, you're just a tool, a saber of a person. You're not qualified to talk about conditions with me. I won't talk about the condition with a tool. All of your words are meaningless for me. I only want you to know that you'd better have your master assign an influential person above knight level in case of wasting my time..." Although being mired in dilemma, Zhang Tie still threw a contemptible and proud glance at that middle-aged man. Closely after that, he directly sat down in front of that man with crossed legs, eyes closed as if that man was dead.

That man was indeed shocked by Zhang Tie's attitude. After looking at Zhang Tie for a couple of seconds, he left this basement silently.

Not until this man left here did Zhang Tie open his eyes with a flash.

It would be meaningless for Zhang Tie to kill all of these small figures. However, if the opponent assigned a knight here, who couldn't completely hide his identity, Zhang Tie would get the information about the culprit through him. As long as the opponent was not a sage-level knight, Zhang Tie would kill him for sure.

From now on, the game came to a reversal. Zhang Tie wanted to see who was going to be trapped.

'Senior Sister Apprentice Gu, Senior Sister Apprentice Yuan, believe in me, I, Zhang Tie, swear to God that I will avenge for you!'

Zhang Tie gritted his teeth as he clenched his punches when he recalled the tragedy of his two senior sister apprentices. With a flash of grief, his eyes were full of killing intent.

Zhang Tie closed his eyes again as the sweet spring water full of Reiki from Castle of Black Iron was led into Zhang Tie's mouth. As Zhang Tie swallowed the sweet spring water, his body was lubricated while his vitality and vigor recovered rapidly..

### **Chapter 1485: Shocking Youzhou Province**

Zhang Tie had been missing for over 1 week; however, there was still no news about his whereabouts. As a result, the entire Youzhou Province became the focus of the world while forces from all directions converged in Youzhou Province, including surging hidden forces...

In the shrine palace of Huaiyuan Palace, Tiger Embracing City, Youzhou Province, Zhang Taixuan and a middle-aged man with narrow eyes and a long face were sitting face to face at a table. That middle-aged man wore a high Xiezhi-shaped crown and a Class I official uniform of Taixia Country who looked very dignified and full of killing intent. As he faintly squinted his eyes, he appeared to be able to see through one's soul, causing people's heart to tremble.

Even Zhang Taixuan had to behave seriously in front of him.

Zhang Taixuan had not slept for consecutively 5 days for the event of Zhang Tie. Within the 5 days, Zhang Taixuan had traveled across Youzhou Province and met people from all walks of life; he had to soothe the members of Huaiyuan Palace. As a result, he appeared haggard.

Anyone who saw Zhang Taixuan would sigh inside, 'What a clan head! When the pillar of Huaiyuan Palace is missing, this clan head must bear a great stress.'

A clan deacon hurriedly entered the room with three wooden boxes in hand. After coming to Zhang Taixuan's front, he bowed towards Zhang Taixuan before putting the three wooden boxes on the table. After that, he left by moving backward seriously and silently.

"Mr. Zhao, here are the materials about the three female disciples in Huaiyuan Palace..." Zhang Taixuan said with a faintly bitter look as he pushed the three boxes in front of that stranger, saying, "Hopefully, Mr. Zhao could catch the culprit and avenge for Huaiyuan Palace with these things as soon as possible!"

"Is there anything special with the three female disciples in the last years; especially that missing female disciple called Ma Aiyun..." Mr. Zhao asked as he opened one box and threw a glance at the documents inside. After that, he nodded as he put the documents back into the box and asked Zhang Taixuan.

"I was busy dealing with public affairs and didn't know too much about the three female disciples!" Zhang Taixuan said solemnly, "The three female disciples were the first batch of clan disciples who evacuated from Waii Subcontinent to Taixia Country. They have been living in Yingzhou Province over these years. They've not seen Elder Mushen for over 10 years. This event is really out of my imagination. I've asked clan deacons about their performance in Yingzhou Province these years. The answer is that they all performed normally in Yingzhou Province, including their cultivation and exercises..."

"It's said that the three female disciples got along well with Elder Mushen?"

"Hmm, when Elder Mushen cultivated in Hidden Dragon Island, he had already got acquainted with the three female disciples. They were bosom friends. They've even executed clan tasks together. It's said that Elder Mushen took care of them very much when in Hidden Dragon Island..."

Mr. Zhao slightly squinted at the void as he knocked his fingers on the table in a rhythm like beating a drum, asking, "Who else knows that Elder Mushen has recovered in Huaiyuan Palace besides you?"

"This event is of great significance. Only those clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace know his current situation!"

"Did the three people have a chance to touch the top poison Soul Leave in Huaiyuan Palace?"

"As disciples of Huaiyuan Palace, sometimes, they could indeed buy some rank poisons through internal channels for the sake of tasks; however, even Huaiyuan Palace itself doesn't have such a rare poison, not to mention the three female disciples!" Zhang Taixuan shook his head with a bitter smile.

"Hmm, in this case, I will not disturb you anymore..." Mr. Zhao said and stood up as he wove his arm over the table, collecting all the three boxes into his portable space-teleportation equipment and saying, "I will assign people to investigate in Yingzhou Province. Hopefully, Huaiyuan Palace could coordinate with us at your full efforts!"

"We will, we will; Huaiyuan Palace appreciate it very much as Mr. Zhao could spend time in visiting Youzhou Province!"

"Elder Mushen is the pillar of Taixia Country. How could I not come for such a big event? Additionally, it's at the order of His Majesty. After hearing that Elder Mushen encountered such an event, Crown

Prince was infuriated. Of course, the supreme court of Taixia Country would make their full efforts to solve this case!”

“Thanks!”

Zhang Taixuan accompanied Mr. Zhao to the outside of the shrine palace. After that, Mr. Zhao directly flew off and landed on an airboat in the sky. Zhang Taixuan respectfully saw him off with the airboat in the skyline before recovering his calm look...

It was out of Zhang Taixuan’s imagination that Mr. Zhao, one of the top 9 chancellors of Taixia Country, was assigned by the crown prince to investigate the case in Youzhou Province. Therefore, Zhang Taixuan was a bit jealous of Zhang Tie’s weight in the heart of the crown prince.

Mr. Zhao rushed to Youzhou Province with a group of elites of Supreme Court of Taixia Country at the order of the crown prince. They lived up to the expectation of the public with their exceptional ability as they had found the important clues from the dust and mud in Wild Lake Building where even a handful of ashes couldn’t be collected——two of the three female disciples had been killed and Zhang Tie was poisoned by Soul Leave. Even Zhang Taixuan was a bit shocked by such efficient means.

However, the investigation might not proceed anymore. Although the materials that Huaiyuan Palace handed to Mr. Zhao were real, of course, Zhang Taixuan would not leave any loophole to them as he had schemed it for over 10 years.

Two disciples had died. The grand elder of Huaiyuan Palace had been missing. Even though they couldn’t find Ma Aiyun, they were not sure whether she was still alive; because this was absolutely a method that Zhang Taixuan applied to puzzle the public. Additionally, Huaiyuan Palace exerted its full efforts to coordinate with the investigators. Who would doubt that it was schemed by Zhang Taixuan?

“I will take a short rest. Don’t have people disturb me...” Zhang Taixuan told the deacons before entering a backroom of the shrine palace. After closing the door, he waved his hand, displaying a lot of items on the table.

Most of those items were remote-sensing finger rings. Additionally, there were two rune pieces of equipment, one bronze secret item——full-moon dragon soul waistband, two space-teleportation equipment with some silver secret weapons and precious medicaments inside.

Zhang Tie would know that these items were all his if he were there...

These items were very precious; especially the two space-teleportation equipment and those silver secret items inside them. Zhang Taixuan looked at them as he approached his colorful fingerstall to them. After rubbing his fingerstall against those items for a while, he finally shook his head as he let out a sigh helplessly...

It was not Zhang Taixuan’s first time to check them. These days, Zhang Taixuan had checked them in different time and environments for many times; however, each time he was left disappointed.

#### **Chapter 1486: Whose Trap**

The news from the subordinate of Zhang Taixuan was that he didn’t find any immortal item from Zhang Tie. All of Zhang Tie’s belongings were here.

Zhang Taixuan believed in the news as all the dare-to-die fighters who executed this action were loyal to him while being supervised and constrained from each other. Additionally, they were under the control of his secret method and could die for him without demur. Therefore, those dare-to-die fighters would never deceive him. That was why Zhang Taixuan assigned them to execute the most dangerous task.

These days, Zhang Taixuan always thought that Zhang Tie had not taken that immortal item with him; however, Zhang Taixuan gradually wavered this mind as he felt that he never have the immortal item leave his sight if he were Zhang Tie; especially when he got the news that Zhang Tie wanted to talk about conditions with him, Zhang Taixuan became more confident about his deduction.

‘Zhang Tie is too calm and confident. Why he’s so confident in such a dilemma and think that he’s qualified to talk about conditions with me?’

‘He probably has the immortal item with him. That immortal item is his trump card. He knows that I would not hurt him before getting the immortal item. Therefore, he’s so confident.’

After looking at those items on the table in the backroom, Zhang Taixuan waved his arm, hoarding all of them into his portable space-teleportation equipment. After that, with hands on his back, he started to gently stroke his colorful fingerstall as he paced back and forth in the room while faintly frowning.

Zhang Taixuan was very scared of Zhang Tie. In this case, he didn’t plan to meet Zhang Tie at all. However, that mystical immortal item made him hesitant.

Immortal items carried unimaginable, exotic abilities. ‘It probably still was with Zhang Tie; however, the others couldn’t discover it except for this rarity of mine. However, people below knight level couldn’t drive this rarity at all; therefore, it’s unavailable to those dare-to-die fighters. However, I don’t have fully reliable subordinate knights. Those elders of Huaiyuan Palace are excluded at first. As for those who could drive it, I’m not sure whether they would disappear after getting that immortal item from Zhang Tie...’

‘Which knight could be immune to the allure of an immortal item?’

‘Would I go to see Zhang Tie or not?’

Zhang Taixuan became hesitant as he considered this question in the room for a while. After that, he received a message from his remote-sensing finger ring with a flash of gloomy eyesight. After being hesitant for a second, he let out a deep sigh as he walked out of the backroom and came to the outside of the shrine palace.

At this moment, after Mr. Zhao’s airboat left came another airboat in the sky above Tiger Embracing Mountain. Whereas, since so many airboats had arrived and left Tiger Embracing Mountain these days, they didn’t feel anything strange about it.

When Zhang Taixuan came out, three human shadows flew off that airboat. Before one of them arrived, his loud voice had rumbled the entire mountain, “Younger Brother Taixuan, after Huaiyuan Palace encountered such a major event and urgently need help, why not notice this elder brother?”

“Hahaha, Elder Brother Huang, you’ve come from afar, I’m so sorry for that!” Zhang Taixuan said as he cupped his hands towards the figure in the air.

With the flash of their shadows, the three people had landed on the ground steadily.

Among the three people, Elder Brother Huang was tall and strong with snow-like silver hair swaying in the air, making him a lion or a hedgehog. His face was as red as that of wine. Given his look, he should be bad-tempered. This man carried a powerful qi of shadow knight. Although he looked generous, when he landed and watched Zhang Taixuan, a weird, harsh light flashed across his face.

Catching that faintly harsh eyesight of Elder Brother Huang, Zhang Taixuan's smile became stiff for a second as he asked, "Elder Brother Huang, they're..."

"Hahaha..." Elder Brother Huang burst out into laughter again immediately as he answered, "They're both my friends. They're enthusiastic and heroic. After hearing about the event of Immortal Qianji and that I'm your friend, they urged to go to Youzhou Province with me. They want to give you a favor. Younger brother, won't you welcome us? If you don't, this elder brother will leave right now..."

After hearing the introduction of Elder Brother Huang, the other two knights forced a slight smile towards Zhang Taixuan. The two knights were both earth knights with a solemn and cold look. They were far from being enthusiastic and heroic as was extolled by Elder Brother Huang.

"Haha, Elder brother, no joke. Please, let's talk inside!" Zhang Taixuan made a hand gesture to invite them in.

"Fine, let's talk about it inside!"

Zhang Taixuan had a deacon forbid outsiders to disturb them. The moment the four people entered the parlor behind the shrine palace, Elder Brother Huang's smile had disappeared as he turned solemn at once.

"Zhang Taixuan, you're so audacious..." Elder Brother Huang said as he looked straight into Zhang Taixuan's eyes with icy eyesight as he told him by battle qi. His voice sounded which appeared to have nothing to do with the passion that he displayed outside just now.

No sooner had this man opened his mouth than the room became much colder than before.

Zhang Taixuan let out a sigh suddenly as he asked, "Has His Majesty long been unsatisfied with me? I didn't know about such a major event until it was caused a few days later in Youzhou Province. These days, I've been waiting in Youzhou Province for your explanation, elder brother."

After being silent for a second, Elder Brother Huang's icy eye light changed as he asked, "What do you mean?"

"Elder brother, don't pretend anymore." Zhang Taixuan revealed a bitter smile as he asked, "Wasn't Zhang Tie taken away by His Majesty? And that knight employed by Jinwu Business Group whom His Majesty said fully followed my order as my subordinate in Jinwu City; however, he raided Zhang Tie's old mansion in Jinwu City that night. I didn't know it until it happened. Did His Majesty deliver the order to him?"

At this moment, if Zhang Tie were here, he would doubt that Zhang Taixuan had already awakened his performance talent too. Zhang Taixuan was simply the best actor.

“Cut the crap, when did His Majesty deliver that order to him?” Elder Brother Huang asked as he became infuriated at once.

“His Majesty has not delivered that order to Liu Changxiong?” Zhang Taixuan revealed a shocked look as he continued, “What happened to Zhang Tie then?”

“Didn’t you do that?” Elder Brother Huang asked as he looked straight into Zhang Taixuan’s eyes.

“Elder Brother Huang, no kidding. All-purpose medicament and fiery oil are fully under the control of Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang. I couldn’t interfere with it. Even though I have eyes and ears in Jinwu Business Group and Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, those people are too weak to do any help to me at the critical moments. Zhang Tie became outstanding on the battlefield of Weishui River and promoted to a shadow knight. I was told that he had hooked up with Yan Feiqing in a tower of time. Even if I did it, as long as Yan Feiqing was there, I would not have a say in Zhang Tie’s family and get the production secrets of all-purpose medicaments and fiery-oil. Yan Feiqing alone is able to stabilize the overall situation. What would I do that for? It would have great risk and could bring no benefit at all. Am I that foolish? I’m not able to do that even if I want. After Zhang Tie returned, I feel that what I’ve promised His Majesty is growing more and more tricky as my influence in Youzhou Province is shrinking. I’m asking for relief from His Majesty? Wasn’t it done by His Majesty himself out of patience?”

Zhang Taixuan’s explanation and rhetorical question made Elder Brother Huang tightly frown as his look became strange.

“Is that really not you?”

“Hasn’t His Majesty delivered the order to Liu Changxiong?”

Zhang Taixuan and Elder Brother Huang asked almost in unison.

“Liu Changxiong has...” Zhang Taixuan suddenly sprung up as he asked, “Has Liu Changxiong got a new master? Is it done by another force? We’re all screwed. No, we have to report it to His Majesty right now...”

Elder Brother Huang looked straight into Zhang Taixuan’s eyes for 2 minutes before standing up, saying, “I will report it to His Majesty; however, Zhang Taixuan, I warn you, you’d better not play any trick in front of His Majesty. You know how powerful is His Majesty. His Majesty could figure out the identity of Liu Changxiong sooner or later...”

“I hope so. Only in this way could I clarify my innocence in front of His Majesty. I’ve worked hard for His Majesty for so many years. Even Huaiyuan Palace as a whole has been taken as a stake; however, I was wronged this time. I want an explanation...” Zhang Taixuan raised his head as he said generously.

Elder Brother Huang threw another glance at Zhang Taixuan silently as he directly strode out of the conference room, followed by the other two earth knights.

This time, Zhang Taixuan didn’t see them off; instead, he sat alone in the room.

Zhang Taixuan had long prepared for this case. He had actually prepared for all the possible situations. However, the failure of Knight Liu was out of his imagination together with that no immortal item was



discovered from Zhang Tie, arousing an abrupt increase of risk facing him before getting the immortal item.

'I have to make a decision. I only have two choices now, to get the immortal item as fast as possible or to clarify my innocence; otherwise...'

After sitting for a while, Zhang Tiaxuan's eyes became increasingly decisive...

### **Chapter 1487: Traps**

Two days later, in the deep night, Tiger Embracing City was having a heavy wind and rain, causing everything dim. As a coastal city, the sudden storm made Tiger Embracing City pretty quiet and cold within 600 miles. Being covered with vapor, it had extremely low visibility.

The rear of the Tiger Embracing City was a forest. Right in this wood, there was a mountain stream dozens of miles away from the shrine palace in the north. There was a waterfall over there. Due to this storm, the water flow of that waterfall abruptly increased as the dirty water rushed into a deep pool beneath that mountain stream together with mud and fallen leaves, causing tumbling sound, before converging into a river, then the ocean.

In such weather, such a deep night, such a wilderness, almost nobody could be seen. Even birds and beasts were hiding in their own nests and dens.

However, a head silently came out of the deep pool at this moment.

This man was dry all over. Water in the pool was isolated by his battle qi from 2 cm away.

Given his protective battle qi, he must be a knight; however, he looked strange.

After exposing his head above the water, he looked around before flying off the pool. Covered by the storm, he rapidly rushed into the heavy clouds before flying northwards.

After this man flew off this mountain stream for over 10 minutes, with a flash of light, three more people appeared in the mountain stream.

Elder Brother Huang whom Zhang Taixuan met that day was among them. One was an earth knight who wore sky-blue battle armor with a gloomy look; the other was a shadow knight with exotic, little braids and tattoos of various animals on his face and arms and a string of bone beads.

At this moment, a colorful, exotic butterfly was flapping two pairs of wings which were changing their colors like a rainbow on a palm of the shadow knight who wore a ring of exotic bone beads over his neck. The two tentacles of that butterfly were pointing at the direction where that knight had left for.

Before the muffled rumbles arrived, the three knights had disappeared and rushed into the sky, flying northwards after that knight.

"Zhang Taixuan is really cunning. If not His Majesty has assigned Immortal White Bone to help us, even I was almost cheated by him..." that old man surnamed Huang said with fury and brutality, "When Zhang Taixuan falls in my hand, he will die in my boots..."

Of course, the Immortal White Bone was a shadow knight. After hearing that old man's words, the knight with a string of bone beads on his neck sighed, saying, "His Majesty has long seen through everything and long known that Zhang Taixuan is extremely ambitious and could barely be loyal to him. After Zhang Tie disappeared, His Majesty realized it was done by Zhang Taixuan. Pitifully, we will have to waste a soul-chasing butterfly. This one is a class-leading mutated species, universal soul-chasing butterfly. It could position a knight based on the qi of his chakra within over 1,200 miles. It could only survive for one month. Even His Majesty only has fewer than 5 universal butterflies. His Majesty got them at an extremely high cost. He has been preserving them very well. After Zhang Tie missed, His Majesty considered it for quite a while before taking it out. Such a butterfly should at least be applied to the heavenly knight at critical moments..."

"His Majesty is far-sighted. His Majesty let immortal wake up the soul-chasing butterfly when we met Zhang Taixuan on the airboat so that the soul-chasing butterfly could position the qi of Zhang Taixuan's chakra; otherwise, we would have been screwed by him..."

"Hopefully, we don't waste this universal soul-chasing butterfly!"

"This universal soul-chasing butterfly is actually used to find Zhang Tie; instead of Zhang Taixuan. Zhang Taixuan is just an earth knight. He couldn't fly too far away tonight. As his action is so weird, he must have a hidden purpose. This time, let's show him our ability. How could a trivial earth knight play trick in front of us? That's preposterous..."

"I hope so!"

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Zhang Tie didn't sleep tonight. In the underground space, he could still hear the surging sea waves lapping against the reefs on the seaside and the crisscrossed karst caves beneath the mountain, causing loud sound and resonance. Hearing this sound and resonance, even though Zhang Tie didn't use lotus flower eyes, he had known that it was raining heavily, causing surging billows...

Zhang Tie had woken up three days ago. Within this period, that dare-to-die fighter only gave Zhang Tie some fresh water and cold food for one time. Therefore, Zhang Tie started to doubt, 'Is the culprit unwilling to talk about conditions with me?'

'Is this a psywar or that the person doesn't want to see me for the time being?'

Now that that culprit was not anxious, Zhang Tie was not anxious either. He just waited patiently.

In the underground karst cave, Zhang Tie sat on the ground with crossed legs as he was reciting the endless true words of the Great Wilderness Sutra. The three bloody soul needles in his body had already become three bloody fine lines over his finger which looked like a finger ring.

As for Zhang Tie who had mastered Bloody Soul Sutra, bloody soul needles were too naive and awkward. Such a secret skill could scare others; however, it was too easy for Zhang Tie to deal with it.

After hearing the faint noise above the mountain cave, Zhang Tie opened his eyes. After activating his lotus flower eyes, Zhang Tie found that the 50-year old dare-to-die fighter who looked gloomy was escorting Senior Sister Apprentice Ma downward from outside the mountain cave.

Catching sight of that, Zhang Tie instantly stopped his cultivation. He then raised that finger which was surrounded by three bloody soul needles and put it under his nose. Only with a light inspiration, the three bloody soul needles which were even finer than hair had twisted like a movable earthworm and spiritual snake as they loosed and drilled into Zhang Tie's nostril.

After Zhang Tie put down his hand, the iron gate above the mountain cave opened at once with a cracking sound as that dare-to-die fighter walked downward together with Ma Aiyun.

When he saw Senior Sister Apprentice Ma again, Zhang Tie sighed inside.

Ma Aiyun looked haggard. When she saw Zhang Tie, she looked a bit thrilled...

## **Chapter 1488: Oncoming**

"Senior sister apprentice, how are you these days?" Zhang Tie asked calmly as he watched Ma Aiyun.

"I'm... I'm sorry!" Ma Aiyun stammered as she dared not look straight into Zhang Tie's eyes.

"It's fine, never mind!" Zhang Tie said calmly as he didn't blame Ma Aiyun at all. Zhang Tie knew that Ma Aiyun was also a victim. Ma Aiyun was so weak in front of the culprit that those people could easily take control of her even though she was much greater than those iron-lady housewives.

"They said... they said... after a few days, I would be able to see our kid..." Ma Aiyun's eyes shone with an eager look.

Watching Ma Aiyun, Zhang Tie finally confirmed that she was controlled by an extremely advanced spiritual secret method. Among the secret methods of Bloody Soul Temple, only "Soul Seed" could carry out this effect. One could control people's senses and consciousness with this secret method secretly and silently. After being affected by "Soul Seed", people would mix aroma with stink, black with white and lose his mind with full of hallucinations. The one being controlled couldn't even determine whether to live or die. This secret method was too overbearing. The key was that the one being controlled didn't believe that her action and senses were manipulated by others; instead, she only felt that she did everything according to her own intention and decision.

Her obsession with her kid became Senior Sister Apprentice Ma's Achilles Heel and the bed of the "Soul Seed" in her senses and consciousness.

No wonder Senior Sister Ma didn't speak too much. Zhang Tie even thought that she was a bit bashful due to that one night stand between them. He realized that she was evidently under control spiritually in case of leaking too much information.

'I'm at the fault due to carelessness. It's none of her business.'

'As the aphorism goes, one is not afraid of being stolen, but being remembered by the thief. I've borne in mind that person for over 10 years. Due to carelessness, I finally left a chance to him.'

"Senior sister apprentice, believe me, everything will be better..." Zhang Tie sighed with emotions as he comforted Ma Aiyun.

"If you want to be better, drink it first!" that silent dare-to-die fighter opened his mouth as he made a glass of spirit and passed it to Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie instantly identified that that flagon in his hand was the same one in Wild Lake Building. Of course, the spirit had been drugged with "Soul Leave".

Zhang Tie watched that dare-to-die fighter with a sneer as he asked, "What? Do you think that I would drink it again?"

"When I count three, if you don't drink it, I will chop off one of her hands in front of you; when I count six, if you don't, I will chop off the other hand of hers; when I count nine, if you don't, I will chop off her feet; when I count fifteen, if you don't, I will behead her..." that dare-to-die fighter said in a cold voice, "Be wise, I'm counting...one..."

Zhang Tie thought, 'They took Ma Aiyun here to threaten me to drink the poisoned spirit. If Ma Aiyun was not here, although they could still force me to drink it, it would cost them a long time. No matter what, even if I have no battle strength, I could maintain my defensive strength. It's not that easy for them to open my mouth.'

'I would not be killed, but I would be in a deep coma. Why would they hurry to do that for?'

It was raining and winding outside in the deep night. After combining these aspects, Zhang Tie's heart pounded, 'Is the culprit coming? Or these people want to transfer me to another place...'

"Second..." the dare-to-die fighter's voice was full of killing intent as he teleported the flagon into his portable space-teleportation equipment. He put the glass of spirit in front of Zhang Tie by one hand while holding a saber on the other hand, pressing the edge of the saber on Ma Aiyun's shoulder.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at that fighter before taking the glass and bottoming it up.

Closely after that, Zhang Tie looked straight ahead silently as if he was frozen.

After putting away his saber, the dare-to-die fighter pinched Zhang Tie's face to check whether he had swallowed the spirit or not. After discovering it was true, he slightly pushed Zhang Tie, causing the latter to fall down with eyes closed...

"Zhang Tie..." Ma Aiyun wanted to rush towards him; however, she was stopped.

"Don't worry. He's fine. He's just having a sleep. Don't you want to see your kid?" the dare-to-die fighter comforted her. After throwing the last glance at Zhang Tie, he took Ma Aiyun away from this underground mountain cave.

Not until the footsteps moved far away and the iron gate above the mountain cave was closed up again did Zhang Tie open his eyes.

Although the spirit appeared having fully entered Zhang Tie's mouth, all of them had actually been teleported into Castle of Black Iron.

How could Zhang Tie fall into the same trap for the second time?

"Heller, you received it?"

“I’ve received it Castle Lord!”

“Can you fully separate the “Soul Leave” from the spirit?”

“Like a piece of cake!”

“Can you produce it?”

“Give me a bit time. I could even produce some variants!”

“Good!”

After having a short chat with Heller, Zhang Tie closed his eyes again.

Given the current situation, Zhang Tie was sure that his target was coming.

However, Zhang Tie still wondered why that culprit wanted him to be in a deep coma. ‘Isn’t he here talking about conditions with me? Perhaps, that person is too scared of me as he considered this case as the safest.’

Although Zhang Tie’s eyes were closed, how could the thin eyelids and flesh resist the power of his lotus flower eyes? At this moment, the eyelids were an absolutely transparent cover for him.

Lying on the cold ground, Zhang Tie just waited for his target calmly...

#### **Chapter 1489: The Cruel Truth**

Lying on the cold ground, Zhang Tie appeared being in a deep coma; however, he was counting time inside.

After Zhang Tie drank “Soul Leave” for two hours, he saw the same dare-to-die fighter and another one coming to the courtyard of the chateau and waiting there silently. After about 10 minutes, a shadow flashed in the courtyard facing the heavy wind and rain.

Closely after that, that person displayed something to them. After the two dare-to-die fighters bowed towards him at the same time, the dare-to-die fighter at his 50’s moved forward and told him something before leaving that person into the chateau, then towards the underground facility.

In the beginning, Zhang Tie missed that person’s face as he was looking upwards. When that person walked towards this underground mountain cave, with a cracking sound, he finally presented his look to Zhang Tie.

Although he had changed his figure slightly and looked a bit short and fat in a metal mask and another disguising mask beneath, all these were transparent to Zhang Tie when he entered the mountain cave.

With lotus flower eyes, Zhang Tie could see through everything.

The skeleton and the face under the two masks along with his halos implicated that he was Zhang Taixuan.

‘The one entering this underground space is Zhang Taixuan, the clan head of Huaiyuan Palace!’

'It's Zhang Taixuan!'

'He's Zhang Taixuan!'

Zhang Tie immediately felt even colder than the rock on the ground.

He was waiting for the culprit; however, the incomer was the clan head of Huaiyuan Palace, Lan Yunxi's father.

Although Zhang Tie remained still, he had been completely flurried and confused.

'No! No! It should be a coincidence! Zhang Taixuan might be saving me!'

A voice roared in Zhang Tie's heart.

However, the moment that dare-to-die fighter opened his mouth, he had shattered Zhang Tie's mere hope mercilessly. As a result, Zhang Tie sensed the cruelty and despair in reality again.

"Master, Zhang Tie is lying there. I've already fed him Soul Leave at your request. Like how you judge, as long as that woman surnamed Ma was drawn to his front, he had taken it even though he knew that it was poisoned!"

"Each one has his shortcoming. Zhang Tie's shortcoming is that he is too concerned about his family members and believes in his beloved ones too much!" Zhang Taixuan uttered a hoarse voice from below the masks, which sounded utterly different than usual. However, Zhang Tie could still identify it right away. With lotus flower eyes, Zhang Tie could even see clearly how Zhang Taixuan controlled the muscles of his vocal cords on purpose to utter such a weird tone. Zhang Taixuan waved his hand, saying, "You leave out of here. I will stay here alone for a few minutes..."

"Yes, sir!" that dare-to-die fighter replied as he exited the mountain cave and closed the metal gate.

Zhang Taixuan slowly approached Zhang Tie. He then stood still 3 m away from Zhang Tie. With weird eye light, he started to look Zhang Tie up and down seriously. After that, he took in a deep breath as he raised his hand. Zhang Tie saw Zhang Taixuan scanning over his body using that colorful fingerstall, which was giving out a dark blue light.

When that dark blue light touched Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie instantly felt that the marvelous arch door in his mind sea slightly rocked. Closely after that, an immortal hiding rune shot towards that arch door as fast as a lightning bolt before integrating with the latter. Then, the arch door became transparent as it gradually disappeared in the void of the mind sea.

Since Zhang Tie owned Castle of Black Iron, it was the most thorough times for Castle of Black Iron to hide in Zhang Tie's mind sea. Before it, Zhang Tie didn't even know that his hiding rune could be applied to the arch door that accessed to Castle of Black Iron.

The small tree and Castle of Black Iron must have sensed something. Therefore, they made such a reaction themselves.

Zhang Taixuan scanned over Zhang Tie's body from his toe to his head with the dark blue light that was given out from that colorful fingerstall, including his shanks, knees, thighs, crotch, lower abdomen, chest, hands, shoulders, neck and head, only to find nothing special.

However, Zhang Taixuan didn't abandon it as kept scanning over Zhang Tie two more times in vain.

"Has Zhang Tie really hidden the immortal item somewhere..." Zhang Taixuan muttered.

After letting out a sigh, Zhang Taixuan decisively turned around and left the mountain cave.

When that iron gate was opened again, Zhang Tie even heard Zhang Taixuan leaving words to that middle-aged man, "Keep an eye on him in case of any trouble. I will send you a message when in need!"

"Yes, sir!"

It only took Zhang Taixuan fewer than 5 minutes in here. After that, under Zhang Tie's lotus flower eyes, he flew off the courtyard of that chateau and entered the clouds before flying southwards...

Zhang Tie had already opened his eyes as he was watching the grey rocks on the top of the mountain cave in a trance. He appeared being extremely hopeless.

Right then, When Zhang Taixuan was standing beside him, Zhang Tie was struggling hardly which state couldn't even be described by words. He wanted to open his eyes and tear Zhang Taixuan into pieces; however, Lan Yunxi's beautiful eyes appeared in his mind sea instead of Zhang Taixuan. Zhang Tie felt that Lan Yunxi was watching him calmly with tears and imploration in eyes.

Zhang Tie had never struggled so mentally before.

Zhang Tie was waiting for his target; however, after the target arrived, he became hesitant and finally saw the target to leave.

At this moment, Zhang Tie felt that God had played an extremely bad joke with him.

When Zhang Tie felt that no more preys would come, he saw three more people abruptly with rumbling thunders in the courtyard above the underground mountain cave...

## **Chapter 1490: New Targets**

As the sharp and terrifying fiery battle qi flashed across the air with rain in the courtyard, the first batch of over 10 dare-to-die fighters was shattered into flesh.

In the clanks, those dare-to-die fighters' sabers and swords fell onto the ground. In the rain, the entire courtyard was paved with a scarlet carpet as a dense bloody smell started to suffuse in the courtyard.

With a faint, contemptuous smile, Elder Brother Huang drew back his hands as he said, "Fireflies dare scramble for brilliance with the moons. I'm really moved by these allegiant dogs of Zhang Taixuan!"

After throwing a glance at that colorful spiritual butterfly flying above his hand as he faintly frowned, "Zhang Taixuan has been here; however, he's already left. It seems that he's returned to Youzhou Province, will we..."

"Let him go. We will catch him sooner or later!" Elder Brother Huang said with a flash of cruel look, "Now that Zhang Taixuan came to such a hidden place stealthily, there must be something important here. Let's search for it!"

After hearing his words, the other two people nodded as they all entered the chateau for an investigation.

With the guidance of that mutated soul-chasing spiritual butterfly, the three people soon found the tunnel leading to the underground space. After that, they killed all the dare-to-die fighters on the way in an overwhelming way.

Zhang Tie had not seen the three people before. Now that they followed closely after Zhang Taixuan here, they must be here for Zhang Taixuan. 'That's weird!'

However, as Zhang Tie was not sure whether the three knights were enemies or friends, even though he continued to pretend to be in a coma, Zhang Tie would not do that with his original body. When the three arrivals started to kill people in the tunnel, Zhang Tie had already started to move.

Zhang Tie opened his eyes at once. He then sat up and pointed at his forehead with his finger. Closely after that, a light shot out of his forehead as he had triggered his body separation secret skill. Another Zhang Tie almost appeared in front of him in a split second. The new one was still a shadow at the beginning. Gradually, it lengthened with wind and turned into another living Zhang Tie immediately.

After the battle above Weishui River, although Zhang Tie was severely injured and couldn't run his spiritual energy, he had already hoarded Yan Feiqing's spiritual energy with the excuse of using her spiritual energy to look into his injuries after waking up in Xuanyuan Hill. Zhang Tie had long produced an immortal rune of master-level mirror body separation and could call out another substitute at any time. This substitute could save Zhang Tie's life at the critical moment, which was even more useful than a heavenly demon knight. Therefore, Zhang Tie dared leave Iron-Dragon Sect to inspect those refugees and bid farewell to his three senior sister apprentices.

This trump card was a secret. By contrast, if Zhang Tie took some knights as his bodyguards at any time, it meant that he had not fully recovered. A divine dominator didn't need any help at all.

Zhang Taixuan knew that Zhang Tie had not fully recovered; therefore, he set a trap. Nevertheless, Zhang Tie had so many amazing secret methods. As long as Zhang Tie woke up and recovered his awareness, Zhang Taixuan's means would be meaningless for him.

Zhang Tie's substitute also carried his awareness. The substitute was naked all over. Watching Zhang Tie, it shook his head as he sighed, saying, "What a pity!". After saying that, the substitute gazed at the Dragon Binding Shackle as it put its hand on the shackle and drew a bizarre rune. When that rune covered the Dragon Binding Shackle, the substitute activated its ability as a divine dominator. As a result, the Dragon Binding Shackle was opened quietly in less than 1 second as Zhang Tie's substitute was also in the realm of an immortal craftsman.

Zhang Tie had his substitute put on his clothes in a split second. After that, his substitute put on the Dragon Binding Shackle itself before lying on the ground and pretending to be in a coma while Zhang Tie's original body returned to Castle of Black Iron.

The entire process was completed in a few seconds.

After Zhang Tie finished doing all this for almost half a minute, that iron gate above the underground space was pushed open again from outside.



That middle-aged fighter showed up once again with a pale face in a flurried way. After pushing open the iron gate, he didn't go downstairs; instead, he directly jumped off and strode forward to Zhang Tie's side. Closely after that, he lifted Zhang Tie up from the ground and put Zhang Tie in front of him. Then, he waved his arm while a pineapple-sized alchemist's bomb appeared in his hand. He then put the bomb close to Zhang Tie and his own head as he roared towards the iron gate, "If anyone of you dares move, I will press down the switch at once. As long as I lose my hand, this alchemist's bomb would be detonated at once. I will die together with you..."

Two people of the three abruptly widened their eyes when they saw Zhang Tie.

"Immortal Qianji..."

"Zhang Tie..."

The two shadow knights exchanged a glance with each other full of shock as neither of them had imagined that they could see Zhang Tie here.

At the sight of the Dragon Binding Shackle, the two people had known what happened. However, being abducted by a person below knight with eyes closed, Zhang Tie didn't appear good.

The two people exchanged a glance with each other before walking downstairs slowly.

"Leave here, leave here..." that dare-to-die fighter roared out of mind as his eyes turned bloody, "As long as any one of you dare touch the ground, I will die with Zhang Tie..."

The two shadow knights stopped on the last step.

"No need to be that radical!" the shadow knight surnamed Huang persuaded him calmly.

When that shadow knight surnamed Huang spoke, a semi-transparent finger-nail-sized spider climbed out of the sleeve of the Immortal White Bone behind him and jumped into a shadowy area over 7 m away as fast as a lightning bolt.

"Cut the crap. Leave out of here, leave out of here..." that middle-aged fighter kept roaring.

"Put down the bomb. We would pay you 10 times more than that Zhang Taixuan could..."