

Black Iron 1491

Chapter 1491: A Shocking News

“When I count three, if you’re still here, I will detonate the bomb...” that fighter roared.

Right then, the semi-transparent spider had already slid off rapidly and quietly from the top of the mountain cave right above the fighter’s head by a thread.

The two shadow knights just watched him calmly.

“You’re just a weak fighter. Your struggle is meaningless.” the shadow knight surnamed Huang sighed, “Immortal Qianji is known by his secret methods. How could he be scared by you and such a tiny alchemist’ bomb...”

“At this moment, Zhang Tie has already been poisoned by Soul Leave. He has no ability to fight back!” that fighter said and threw a glance at the two shadow knights as he began to count, “One...”

However, before he counted two, the semi-transparent spider had already fallen near his neck and gave him a bite as fast as a lightning bolt.

In a split second, that dare-to-die fighter became stiff as a layer of white frost covered his face. Even his pupils turned white.

The two shadow knights got off the last step and came to the front of that fighter. The shadow knight surnamed Huang pinched his hand so that he could take off that alchemist’s bomb. After invalidating its switch, they started to observe Zhang Tie.

The middle-aged fighter was nothing different than a dead man or a stone statue as for the two shadow knights. He couldn’t pose any threat to the two shadow knights anymore.

“He’s Zhang Tie!”

“True, Immortal Qianji has a young face. He’s Zhang Tie, the Immortal Qianji!”

“Hahahaha, I’ve not imagined that we could find Zhang Tie here. What an easy job!” that shadow knight surnamed Huang burst out into laughter loudly and pleasantly, “Zhang Taixuan, Zhang Taixuan, although you’re smart, how could you have them all? You’re just preparing them for His Majesty. You’ve really saved us a lot of time!”

Immortal White Bone also burst out into laughter, “That’s true. If not Zhang Taixuan was too greedy, how could we control Zhang Tie so easily? As long as we have Zhang Tie, the recipes of fiery oil and all-purpose medicament would fall into the hand of His Majesty easily. By then, fiery oil and all-purpose medicaments across the world would be under the control of His Majesty. In this way, His Majesty would ascend to the throne sooner or later. Pitifully, being driven by Zhang Taixuan, Liu Changxiong wanted to abduct Zhang Tie’s parents but was killed by an earth knight called Zhang Gui whom Zhang Tie arranged in Jinwu City...”

“Known as Immortal Qianji, Zhang Tie has myriad secret methods such as Chaotic Treasure Body, Thousands of Beads Mental Sutra, Fiery-Dragon Sutra and the cultivation method of divine dominator. All these are top rarities. Pitifully, Zhang Taixuan might have already achieved them if they were with Zhang Tie...”

“Just let him hand them in. These rarities could only incur troubles for an earth knight. If he didn’t, we would sweep out Huaiyuan Palace and kill all the members of Zhang Clan. Is Huaiyuan Palace trickier than the Great Wilderness Sect and Bloody Soul Temple?” Immortal White Bone sneered.

“Haha, you’re right, immortal!”

“Zhang Tie was bound by Dragon Binding Shackle. That person should have the key. It might be hidden in his portable space-teleportation equipment...”

“Hmm, let me check it...”

When the two shadow knights saw Zhang Tie, they both became delighted. However, they had not imagined that all of their words had been heard by Zhang Tie.

The two shadow knights also knew the power of Soul Leave. However, Zhang Tie’s state puzzled them completely. Therefore, they were not vigilant at all while the secret exposed from their talk shocked Zhang Tie too much.

The “His Majesty” that they mentioned about must be a brother of Crown Prince Changying. Otherwise, they would not have said: “His Majesty would ascend to the throne sooner or later”. Because Crown Prince Changying had already ascended to the throne in Xuanyuan Hill.

Additionally, the power on the side of this “His Majesty” might be closely related to the extermination of the Great Wilderness Sect and Bloody Soul Temple. It could even exterminate great powers like the Great Wilderness Sect and Bloody Soul Temple in a short period. What a great force! The extermination of the Great Wilderness Sect was still a puzzle while the Bloody Soul Temple was heard to be exterminated by the major sects and the imperial households of Taixia Country. Was there any dominator behind that?

Especially the extermination of Bloody Soul Temple, the aftermath of which was still influencing the overall situation of Taixia Country as of today. If it was purposefully schemed by someone, it would be horrible.

It was Zhang Tie’s first time to know that he had long become the target of another “His Majesty”.

Both all-purpose medicament and fiery oil made people drool with envy. That “His Majesty” had already bought Zhang Taixuan over and arranged the employed knight Liu on Zhang Yang’s side only for Zhang Tie’s all-purpose medicament and fiery oil. If Zhang Gui was not staying on the side of Zhang Tie’s parents, the outcome would be out of Zhang Tie’s imagination.

Although Zhang Taixuan had been bought over by that “His Majesty”, they had not gained full mutual trust. That was why Zhang Taixuan did that.

However, Zhang Taixuan himself was involved in a great crisis together with Huaiyuan Palace.

Hearing them talking about killing everybody of Huaiyuan Palace with such a calm look, Zhang Tie was full of killing intent abruptly.

The two shadow knights instantly discovered the place where the fighter hid his space-teleportation equipment.

Immortal White Bone stretched out his hand as he peeled off the skin on the fighter's hand. Closely after that, he rubbed the latter's wrist into pieces, exposing a nano-bead as large as soybean in the latter's flesh and blood.

That fighter appeared to be still alive; however, he couldn't move. When his wrist was broken, he revealed a bitter look.

After getting the nanobead, Immortal White Bone directly wiped off its blood on the fighter's clothes as he smacked his lip, "Although this nanobead's look is of the lowest class and it has a very little space, Zhang Tiaxuan has truly spent a lot by giving it to a subordinate dare-to-die fighter..."

"Hahaha, If it was me, I would also do that. That's highly profitable..."

The two people then moved the item out of the nanobead as they saw a bizarre palm-sized metal key covered with runes...

Chapter 1492: Go Die

With the key, it was easy for Immortal White Bone to open the Dragon Binding Shackle.

He picked up the key being covered with runes densely before inserting it into the keyhole of the Dragon Binding Shackle. By rotating it, the lock was instantly opened with a 'click' sound.

As soon as the Dragon Binding Shackle was unlocked, Zhang Tie opened his eyes.

When Zhang Tie looked at Immortal White Bone straightly in his face, the latter immediately felt being poured by a basin of icy water from head to toe.

As a shadow knight, Immortal White Bone responded very fast as he immediately released his protective battle qi. However, Zhang Tie responded ahead of him as he immediately struck against Immortal White Bone by Thor's Hammer which weighed 6,800 kg. Almost at the same time, the second strike of his Thor's Hammer went to the other shadow knight.

The kinetic strike of the Thor's Hammer caused a tremulous sound which was similar to that when an alchemist's bomb was detonated in the underground space.

In front of such great strength, Immortal White Bone and that shadow knight surnamed Huang were immediately sent flying backward. After breaking the cliffs as thick as 70-80 m, they came out of the underground mountain cave from the other end.

The two shadow knights were almost killed.

After realizing that Zhang Tie still remained a great battle strength, the two shadow knights who talked about sweeping out Huaiyuan Palace as a whole casually just now were instantly scared. With earth-

shaking miserable shrieks, they spearheaded the efforts to escape towards south and north respectively in a pretty tacit way.

In the war at the bank of Weishui River, Zhang Tie killed shadow demon knights like slaughtering dogs and pigs and killed a heavenly demon knight only by striking it with a huge rod for 9 times. His reputation made them scared. The two shadow knights were clear that they were nothing but sh*t in front of a divine dominator.

If not being the narrow space and the short distance between Zhang Tie and them, in which case, Zhang Tie could only release 20-30% of the full power of his Thor's Hammer, the two people had long been killed.

Even so, the two people were still thoroughly scared as they dared not even face Zhang Tie any longer.

The underground mountain cave and the backroom were on the verge of a cliff. It was surging sea waves beneath. After the cliff was broken, strong wind and storm swarmed in at once.

Zhang Tie's substitute followed them out at once.

Closely after that, Zhang Tie's original body appeared in the mountain cave in clothes. After throwing a glance outwards, he waved his hand. In a split second, Ockham appeared in the mountain cave. In a golden mask, Ockham looked a bit horrible.

"An earth knight is flying westwards. Catch him up and bring his head back!" Zhang Tie told Ockham calmly.

"Yes, my master..." the halos priest of Sacred Light Empire bowed deeply towards Zhang Tie before disappearing in the mountain cave.

With a white flash, a lightning bolt flew across the void. At the same time, a heavy qi wave drifted from the sky while a huge hole was caused on a cloud. With the release of the kinetic strike, Zhang Tie's substitute had already caught up with a person and launched a strike towards him.

When Zhang Tie launched his strike just now, the earth knight who was searching over this base above the underground mountain cave was shocked by the miserable shrieks of Immortal White Bone and that shadow knight surnamed Huang and the loud noise underground. Closely after that, he rushed out of the chateau and escaped in another direction...

That earth knight also had high responsive speed. He was clear that it would be nothing different than seeking for death if he entered the underground space as the opponent could even hurt two shadow knights at the same time. Therefore, he chose to escape immediately.

After Zhang Tie determined to launch a strike for a few seconds, this secret base had been completely disordered. Nobody else could stand up except for Zhang Tie here.

The strong wind that blew in from the broken cliff rattled Zhang Tie's clothes. The strong wind and rain fell onto Zhang Tie's face, causing a small half of his face and clothes wet instantly. However, Zhang Tie appeared to have not noticed that...

At this moment, Zhang Tie was using his multi-tasking ability. He was controlling himself and his substitute at the same time. When he gathered the information about two places, he formed a unique

overall spatial experience in his consciousness. Zhang Tie's substitute had already shattered that shadow knight surnamed Huang into pieces just now.

That guy called Immortal White Bone had already escaped dozens of miles away only after a short while. After feeling the heavy qi wave caused by the kinetic strike in the cloud, he was so scared that he directly dove into the ocean, expecting to get rid of Zhang Tie's hunt by water.

The fact proved that it was just a joke! Because Zhang Tie was the dominator of the ocean!

Only after throwing a glance at the ocean with surging billows, Zhang Tie had neglected it as he walked towards that frozen fighter.

That fighter was still alive. Zhang Tie was clear about the name of that spider—a rarity in south border of Taixia Country called Glazed Soul Frozen. Immortal White Bone had not fully released its power. When this spider became mature, it would be a very terrifying killer which even black iron knights could barely survive. After growing mature, it would be bigger in size and like glaze as it could change its color; additionally, it would have an amazing jumping ability while his two fangs and venom could even break one's protective battle qi.

Of course, the nurture method of Glazed Soul Frozen was recorded in the Great Wilderness Sutra. Outsiders could at most get a bit of the knowledge through exploration.

That fighter was frozen all over; however, he could still feel the pain. His broken hand was dropping blood which was emitting a faint, cold qi when it touched the ground.

Zhang Tie came to the front of that fighter. After throwing a cold glance at him silently, he directly gave a punch against his head. Facing Zhang Tie's terrifying strength, he was shattered into pieces immediately.

After killing that dare-to-die fighter, Zhang Tie went upstairs calmly...

Chapter 1493: As Lonely As the Ocean

The underground passage and the mountain cave were covered with blood and broken limbs.

When the three knights entered, they almost killed all the dare-to-die fighters that Zhang Taixuan arranged here. Zhang Tie came all the bloody way to the cell where Ma Aiyun was detained.

Although Zhang Tie could neither use his battle qi nor his ability as a divine dominator, his sheer strength was also shocking. The cell was girdled by arm-thick alloy rails. The iron gate was locked. Zhang Tie didn't feel like searching for the key; instead, he directly pulled apart the hard alloy rails, exposing a big hole.

Ma Aiyun was lying on the ground in a coma. After being brought here, she had already lost her consciousness due to force.

Zhang Tie checked her as he found she was safe but a bit weak with a poor look. Zhang Tie helped her sit up. Closely after that, he poured some immortal spring water into her stomach from Castle of Black Iron. After a while, he poured two vials of all-purpose medicament into her stomach. After Ma Aiyun's face

looked a bit normal, Zhang Tie cradled her away from the cell before walking upwards along the underground passage.

When Zhang Tie cradled Ma Aiyun into the courtyard of the chateau, with a flash, another person landed with a bloody head in hand. Kneeling down on the ground with one knee, Ockham raised that head, saying respectfully, "Master, I've already brought back this person's head for you..."

After being baptized by Zhang Tie spiritually and brainwashed by Heller for so many years, Ockham had long become Zhang Tie's loyal servant like Zhang Gui. Zhang Tie ordered him to bring back the head of the earth knight and there he went and did it.

After throwing a glance at that head calmly, Zhang Tie nodded. At the same time, he ran his spiritual energy as space-teleportation equipment flew out of Castle of Black Iron and came to the front of Ockham, who caught it at once.

"Here's your own space-teleportation equipment. All of your belongings are inside. Additionally, I've put in some more things which are enough for you on the way. Go back, go back to the Western Continent. Go to the Sacred Light Empire and continue to be a halos priest. Go scramble for power and right again. Do whatever you want. I will contact you when I need you..."

It was time for Zhang Tie to place the piece "Ockham". Besides Ockham himself, nobody else in the world knew what he had experienced. If Ockham fabricated a lie that he was heavily wounded in Ice and Snow Wilderness and was healing his wounds somewhere hidden these years, nobody would doubt him. Because Zhang Tie also told the special envoy of the pope of the Sacred Light Empire that Ockham escaped after being heavily injured. Zhang Tie himself didn't know about his whereabouts either. Additionally, Zhang Tie was always alone these years, whether in Youzhou Province, Xuanyuan Hill or at Weishui River. Therefore, nobody would doubt that Ockham was always on Zhang Tie's side under the control of the latter.

It would definitely be more valuable by having Ockham go back to Sacred Light Empire as a halos priest on the Western Continent than keeping him in Castle of Black Iron.

Ockham could do many things for Zhang Tie in the future. Zhang Tie had already made a plan well. However, Zhang Tie didn't feel like talking to Ockham about that at this moment.

"Master...what else could I do for you?" Ockham asked.

Zhang Tie remained silent as he slightly waved his hands with which he was cradling Ma Aiyun. Finding that Zhang Tie was in a low mood, Ockham didn't speak anymore. Before the next lightning bolt brightened the sky, Ockham had disappeared in this courtyard like a vapor.

The moment Ockham left, Zhang Tie's substitute had descended into the courtyard as he caught Immortal White Bone like lifting a dead dog by one hand, Thor's Hammer in another.

Immortal White Bone who appeared as overbearing as a powerhouse just now had long passed out. With some seaweeds that could always be seen at the bottom of the sea over him, he looked as embarrassed as a dog in the water. Just now, this guy used an animal controlling skill to have some marine organisms cover for him. After realizing that this guy could use an animal controlling skill which

was similar to that of the Great Wilderness Sect, Zhang Tie's substitute kept him alive at the crucial moment; however, Zhang Tie's substitute stunned him and brought him back.

This guy was really unfortunate. At first, he wanted to compete for swimming skill with Zhang Tie's substitute; then he wanted to escape by using animal controlling skill. Perhaps he felt that he had great abilities; however, in Zhang Tie's eyes, the two abilities of Immortal White Bone were just a bit greater than acrobats in the streets. He was just seeking for death.

Zhang Tie's substitute couldn't use Castle of Black Iron except; unless his substitute stayed close to his original body, in which case, the portal of Castle of Black Iron was also available to his substitute.

Zhang Tie's substitute directly threw Immortal White Bone, two space-teleportation equipment and a metal gourd into Castle of Black Iron.

The three items all belonged to the two shadow knights. The metal gourd contained that mutated soul-chasing spiritual butterfly.

After doing that, Zhang Tie's substitute walked towards Zhang Tie and took Ma Aiyun. After that, he put his one hand onto her forehead as he started to relieve the effect of Soul Seed and spiritual control for her.

This process was spiritual-energy consuming. As Zhang Tie's original body was limited to spiritual energy, it would be very difficult for him to do that even though he knew how. Therefore, he could only wait until his substitute came back.

After giving Ma Aiyun to his substitute, Zhang Tie walked out of the courtyard and came to the edge of the cliff facing the ocean in the heavy rain and thunders.

Lightning bolts flashed; thunders rumbled; heavy wind wuthered and billows rolled, causing dozens of meters high black waves.

Raindrops mixed with cold wind struck Zhang Tie's body forcefully, causing him wet all over in a split second. Standing on the edge of the cliff, Zhang Tie just watched the rolling billows.

At this moment, Zhang Tie suddenly recalled a short poem that he had read somewhere.

He recited it to himself——

“When you remember it,

You have to forget it;

When you miss it most,

You have to abandon it;

You could only say goodbye;

Like it becomes silent,

When the billows reach their apex;

Leaving earth-shaking loneliness!”

After reciting the short poem, Zhang Tie suddenly burst into laughter out of mind. At the same time, his tears mixed with rains and streamed down his face...

Zhang Tie raised his head with red eyes. Watching the night sky where heavy rain lines shot down like arrows, Zhang Tie raised his arms as he roared, "Why, you tell me, why..."

However, he only heard thunders in response...

At this moment, a long warble broke the sky as it darted towards Zhang Tie through the heavy rain and wind as fast as a lightning bolt.

It was Zhang Tie's thunder hawk.

After coming to the edge of the cliff, the thunder hawk whined constantly while hovering around Zhang Tie.

At this moment, only this thunder hawk understood Zhang Tie and sensed his overwhelming fury and endless grief.

When his two senior sister apprentices died in front of Zhang Tie and Zhang Taixuan appeared in front of him, Zhang Tie had determined his mind...

What a farce! A farce fabricated by some clowns out of greed and ambition. When Zhang Tie woke up, this farce had already come to an end. However, this farce pushed Zhang Tie into the cruelest position as it had destroyed the thing that Zhang Tie treasured most in a split second...

'I cannot go back anymore...I can never go back anymore!'

Standing on the edge of the cliff in a trance, Zhang Tie remained silent like a stone sculpture, having the rain fall on him overnight. The thunder hawk also hovered and whined overnight beside him.

Chapter 1494: Returning to Iron-Dragon Sect

After hearing a long yowl from the Suzerain's Pavilion, two disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect who looked sad and sighed just now were shocked at the sight of the thunder hawk, the majestic and handsome immortal totem of Iron-Dragon Sect landing in a courtyard in front of them.

"Su...suzerain..." the two disciples stammered in unison while the other one was rubbing his eyes as he thought there was something wrong with his eyes.

These days, Iron-Dragon Sect as a whole was in sorrow because there were so many gossips about missing Zhang Tie such as Zhang Tie had been assassinated or had fallen in the hand of demons, etc.. As a result, all the members in Iron-Dragon Sect from elders to disciples were worried about Zhang Tie.

When Zhang Tie was here, they felt that Zhang Tie didn't care about the sect at all as if it was not necessary for him to be there at all. However, when Zhang Tie disappeared, everybody suddenly realized that Zhang Tie was the pillar of Iron-Dragon Sect. Without Zhang Tie, Iron-Dragon Sect would not exist virtually anymore.

"Notice the other elders of Iron-Dragon Sect that I've been back and will go to the palace after a while..." Zhang Tie told the two deacons calmly. The two deacons recovered their composure at once before running outside.

"Suzerain is back...Suzerain is back..." the two deacons shouted as they ran. One of them fell down when he passed the threshold. After picking himself up, he continued to rush out while screaming. The other deacon rushed towards the bell tower of Xuantian Peak.

Such screams were usually forbidden, except at that moment.

"Aiyun, how do you feel now?" Zhang Tie asked Ma Aiyun tenderly with a concerned look.

Ma Aiyun had completely recovered physically and spiritually. However, her face still looked a bit pale and was in a trance. She still didn't reveal any smile even back in Iron-Dragon Sect.

"Ahh, I...I'm fine..."

Ma Aiyun didn't make any response until Zhang Tie repeated it.

"You need a good rest. I will deal with the rest. Don't worry..." Zhang Tie looked straight in Ma Aiyun's eyes solemnly as he pinched her hand.

After having Ma Aiyun take a rest in the Suzerain's Pavilion, Zhang Tie went to the palace. At this moment, the bell sound reverberated from the bell tower on the Xuantian Peak for nine times, followed by the rune bells on the other peaks. The entire sect was shocked.

"Who's ringing the main bell on Xuantian Peak at this moment? You need to be severely punished according to the rules..." a figure flew towards Xuantian Peak after his furious rebuke.

After saying that, Lin Huanxi caught sight of Zhang Tie who was standing outside the palace, hands behind. Zhang Tie was also looking at her.

If not being a knight, Lin Huanxi might have already fallen down due to such a sheer shock. Lin Huanxi didn't believe that Zhang Tie was back even when she was arriving at the gate of the palace.

However, it was Zhang Tie right at the gate of the palace, whose look and temperament could absolutely not be imitated by others. Even if a shadow demon could imitate Zhang Tie's look, it could never imitate his temperament. Those knights who were familiar with Zhang Tie could identify him immediately.

"Su...Suzerain, you're back..." Lin Huanxi was completely shocked like common disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect as a knight.

"Hmm, I'm back. Are you guarding Iron-Dragon Sect alone? Thank you for that. Where are other people?"

Lin Huanxi tried to recover her composure as she replied, "As suzerain was missing these days, Mountain Lifting Hermit and Zhongming were looking for you outside. Young sister apprentice Suxian is accompanying your parents in the courtyard at the foot of the mountain..."

"My parents are at the foot of the mountain? Are they okay..." Zhang Tie let out a sigh of relief when he heard that his parents were right in the courtyard at the foot of the mountain.

"They're fine. On the night when suzerain disappeared, Jinwu City was a bit chaotic. Later on, the chaos was pacified. Suzerain's elder brother then moved your family to Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and had them live in the courtyard at the foot of the mountain for the time being!" Lin Huanxi put it straight.

Zhang Tie nodded as he said, "I've lost my remote-sensing finger ring and couldn't contact the other elders. Notice them that I've come back safe and sound. When you're all at present, I will tell you what happened to me these days!"

"Hmm!" Lin Huanxi replied as she watched Zhang Tie. With sensitive senses, she could still identify that Zhang Tie was a bit different than before. Whereas, she couldn't tell the details. After a few days, Zhang Tie's eye light and qi turned much more profound. Previously, she wouldn't feel any stress when Zhang Tie looked at her calmly; instead, she could feel sunshine and warmth from Zhang Tie's eyes. By contrast, this time, being gazed by Zhang Tie's black pupils, she felt a bit stress unconsciously even though Zhang Tie looked calm.

Lin Huanxi didn't know what happened to Zhang Tie these days. However, apparently, Zhang Tie had changed greatly.

Soon after Zhang Tie had a short talk with Lin Huanxi, another white shadow had arrived.

"Hubby..."

At the sight of Zhang Tie, Bai Suxian immediately put herself into Zhang Tie's arms like a baby swallow returning to the nest. She closely hugged Zhang Tie as she cried heavily.

Not until Bai Suxian almost finished her tears and raised her watery eyes and wanted to say something to him did Zhang Tie pat her back and hold her hand, saying, "It's all right. I'm fine. I will tell you what happened to me these days when the other elders are at present. Let's go downhill and take a look at my parents first. They must be concerned about me too much these days..."

Bai Suxian nodded as she wiped off her tears and flew downhill with Zhang Tie.

Although Zhang Tie had lost the flight ability as a knight, he could still drive the wind after activating his bloodline "Lietse Driving the Wind". Although he couldn't fly as fast as a knight, being held by Bai Suxian, he could still fly together with Bai Suxian. Zhang Tie felt like a feather, which was even easier than flying a kite.

Chapter 1495: A Reunion

In a split second, Bai Suxian and Zhang Tie had landed in the courtyard at the foot of the mountain.

The bell ring also reached the courtyard and shocked everybody over there. Almost all the people had exited the courtyard, including Zhang Tie's parents, wives, kids and Zhang Yang's family who were all looking at Xuantian Peak with different looks.

'Did someone knock the bell on Xuantian Peak by mistake?'

Not only Lin Huanxi thought so, almost everyone who heard the bell ring which denoted that the suzerain had returned would think so.

Not until they saw Bai Suxian coming back with Zhang Tie did they wake up.

“Dad...”

“Dad...”

The moment Zhang Tie landed, his kids had identified as they all rushed forward and surrounded him. Watching him back, all of Zhang Tie’s wives were tearful in their eyes.

Zhang Tie touched his kids’ heads as he walked towards his parents with them.

Only after a few days, Zhang Tie abruptly found that his parents had got some more grey hair and eyebrows, which must be caused by overconcern. Although with tears in eyes, his parents were still watching him with a smile.

Catching sight of the deepening wrinkles on their face, Zhang Tie’s heart raced suddenly as he directly knelt down in front of them, saying, “Dad, mom, it’s my fault, I’ve made you worry about me!”

“Get up, get up. It’s nice for you to come back; it’s nice for you to come back. It would be better than anything else as long as we as a family could stay together safe and sound!” Zhang Tie’s dad hurriedly helped Zhang Tie stand up as he added, “Your mom and I have realized that we could give up everything else as long as we as a family could stay together, whether it was Jinwu Business Group or a great fortune. You mom even burned incenses for you in the temple. She’s promised to not eat meat and do more good deeds for the sake of our family when you come back.”

“Dad, don’t worry. Such a thing would never happen again. Our family would live an increasingly better life...” Zhang Tie said calmly and decisively after standing up, looking at his father, then the rest at present.

After staying for 3 hours with his family and soothing his parents, Zhang Tie talked to Zhang Yang and his wives secretly for half an hour about what he had experienced during the past one week.

Generally, the fact that Zhang Tie was missing shocked the world too much. However, Zhang family’s business was not influenced. None of the idiots dared rob Zhang family, either. At this crucial moment, the value and power of Zhang Tie’s interpersonal relation became significant. Lord Guangnan’s Mansion and Heavenly Fortune Sect both assigned heavenly-knight powerhouses to protect Zhang family in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and stabilize the overall situation facing Youzhou Province and Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. The crown prince assigned the chief justice to investigate this case in Youzhou Province. The military of Taixia Country was shocked as a whole. Zuo Qiuming who was at the bank of Weishui River issued an order to have all the provincial armies and top four armies within Northeast Military Region enter the emergency situation. Curfew was executed in many places. The military had been mobilized to search and catch suspects.

The remnants of Heavens Reaching Church and demons were doubted as the troublemakers. Of course, it was reasonable for Taixia military to take actions for it.

Besides, all the major clans that cooperated with Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory to produce fiery oil and Jinwu Business Group’s business partners across the country had taken action. They all extended their regards to Zhang Tie’s family constantly whether they were sincere or not. The major clans and top 100 business groups in Taixia Country also offered great rewards for catching the accomplices. Anyone who could provide any clue would gain hundreds of millions of gold coins in total.

Because of the shocking amount of rewards, all the advanced bounty criminal hunters in Taixia Country couldn't stand pouring into Youzhou Province or collecting clues in all provinces. Not only that, even many paladins and powerhouses of major clans across the country had been stimulated to search for Zhang Tie.

In Zhang Yang's words, the fact that Zhang Tie disappeared shocked the whole world and displayed Zhang family's influence to the rest of the world. Zhang family had been completely different than before.

However, Zhang Yang felt a bit scared when he mentioned about Mr. Liu whom he employed to protect Zhang family, "Mr. Liu has followed me for so many years. He's diligent and docile. I always trusted him. I've not imagined that he could betray me at the critical moment. Thankfully, you've had Zhang Gui hide his identity at home; otherwise, I would have no face to see you if our parents' safety was threatened!"

"Elder brother, you should appreciate that Mr. Liu didn't target you. As you treated him as your bodyguard, if he suddenly launched a strike against you, you've long been killed!" Zhang Tie sighed, "Then, how could I have explained it to our parents and my elder sisters-in-law?"

Zhang Yang was infuriated as he pinched a delicate and expensive blue and white porcelain cup into pieces, saying, "We would never call it an end. No matter who's behind Mr. Liu, we brothers have to avenge this time. What do we make so much money for? This father is not a knight; however, this father has money. I could afford almost everything, including cities, land, element crystals, beauties, secret methods, thrones and countries. I don't believe that knights don't like them. I will kill him by money..."

"Elder brother, I will deal with Mr. Liu. I've already known who's behind him..." Zhang Tie said as he hung his eye light.

"Ahh, you know who's behind him?" Zhang Yang asked as he looked at Zhang Tie with eyes wide open.

Zhang Tie nodded.

Zhang Yang gazed at Zhang Tie as he was waiting for Zhang Tie's answer; however, after finding that Zhang Tie became silent, he immediately knew that Zhang Tie didn't want to mention about the culprit. Therefore, he didn't ask Zhang Tie anymore.

As brothers, they could say everything to each other. Zhang Yang knew that the silence didn't indicate mistrust but that Zhang Tie didn't want to have him involved in this event. Additionally, Zhang Tie had already made a decision inside.

Zhang Yang also sensed Zhang Tie's difference. Besides looking more profound, Zhang Tie might be hiding something inside...

Chapter 1496: The Arrangement

"Like what our parents said just now, we get all these from nothing. We're still young. We're not afraid of having another try. As long as we're alive, I would say no even if we jettison all of our undertakings. Therefore, *Tiezi*, if there's something wrong, let me know. This elder brother is not a knight; however, I would never say no to surge forward in the battlefield; neither would I be a b*stard. I would support you

no matter what. As we've come all the way from Blackhot City and experienced so many difficulties, we're afraid of nothing..."

Zhang Yang heavily patted Zhang Tie's shoulder as he looked at the latter solemnly.

Hearing his elder brother's words, Zhang Tie nodded with a faint smile, saying, "Elder brother, don't worry. If I need your help, I would let you know. From now on, outsiders especially those knights whose backgrounds were unknown shouldn't be employed anymore. However, elder brother, you and the other family members need powerhouses; I will have Zhang Gui stay with you. Zhang Gui is loyal to me."

"Is that proper?" Zhang Yang asked as he slightly frowned, and added, "But Zhang Gui is an earth knight..."

Earth knights were qualified to be a provincial governor and Cheji general in Taixia Country and even grand elders of some clans. It was good to keep him on their side; however, Zhang Yang felt it was too ostentatious and luxurious as few clans across Taixia Country could do it.

"It's okay. That's the deal. With Zhang Gui at home, I will be reassured. Additionally, after our family encountered such an accident, others would think it reasonable for us to use Zhang Gui!"

Zhang Yang thought about it seriously for a few seconds before nodding, and said, "Okay, we'll keep Zhang Gui at home as our butler. Hearing him call himself *this old slave* in front of our parents, I feel goosebumps all over..."

"Hmm, after a short while, I will talk with Zhang Gui!" Zhang Tie responded as he watched his elder brother, saying, "There's one more thing that I think you should consider carefully, elder brother..."

"What's that?"

"Elder brother, your cultivation qualification is actually greater than mine. I reach this step because of karma and opportunities. I think you should try to promote to a knight as we've got such good conditions and Jinwu Business Group is developing steadily..."

"Ahh, promote to a knight?" Zhang Yang was shocked.

"By promoting to a knight, you only need to polish your surging points gradually. Of course, it's difficult for commoners to promote to a knight; however, it's not out of reach for elder brother. Because you've got a good cultivation qualification. We've got the same cultivation means, pills, secret methods and cultivation resources which major clans use to cultivate their elite disciples. Therefore, you could promote to a knight in a fast way. Elder brother, why not have a try? You need to do that. Take this crisis facing our family as an instance, no matter how many money we could make, at the critical moment, only high-level battle strength could resolve the situation. If you promote to a knight, you would protect yourself basically. Additionally, you would live much longer than commoners and have a much brighter future in all aspects..."

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Zhang Yang's heart pounded. As a man in this age, of course, Zhang Yang would like to be a knight. However, Zhang Yang was clear of his own ability. He only felt his cultivation qualification was not bad; however, it was still far from being excellent. Additionally, over these years, he was busy doing his business and gradually slacked at his cultivation. Neither was he

longing for being a knight. However, after experiencing this crisis facing the Zhang family, Zhang Yang realized the role and power of a knight at the critical moment.

"Hmm, Jinwu Business Group is developing more and more smoothly these years. I've also cultivated many assistants. After this event is fixed, I will make an arrangement and only care about the major strategic decisions of the business group. I will spare some time to try it..." Zhang Yang finally made his decision as he forcefully patted his thigh.

"In my last chakra rotating ceremony, Heavenly Fortune Sect gifted me 20 years' right of cultivation in the tower of time in its Langya Dongtian. Elder brother, you make a preparation; after I notice Heavens Fortune Sect, you will go there. With plentiful pills and medicaments and 20 years' cultivation, when you come out of the tower of time in Heavens Fortune Sect, you would be nearly a knight..."

Zhang Yang hurriedly declined it, saying, "Ahh, that's a rare opportunity. It fits you more!"

"I've already been in the tower of time twice. Last time, I had stayed for 6 decades in the tower of time. Elder brother, you know that even the tower of time couldn't eliminate the aftermath of the Thunder of Nirvana; neither could it help me form my chakras again. In this case, it's meaningless and wasteful for me to enter the tower of time. Therefore, it would be more valuable for you to enter it than me!"

"You could enter it when you recover!"

"It depends. I might need 10 years, 25 years, 100 years or even 200 years. However, access to the tower of time in Heavenly Fortune Sect couldn't wait for me. Immortal Deyang has contacted me and hoped me to cultivate the Langya Dongtian as soon as possible. Therefore, I recommend you to go there, elder brother!"

"Zhang Su fits it better. Zhang Su has a greater cultivation qualification than me. With 20 years' cultivation and so many resources, he would have a greater possibility to become a knight than me. If he promotes to a knight, he could help you more than me!"

"I will consider about Zhang Su's arrangement. Elder brother, don't worry. It's not that only Heavenly Fortune Sect has a tower of time in Taixia Country. Many major clans and sects have towers of time. It's not that difficult for me to find another tower of time for Zhang Su!" Zhang Tie said calmly.

Although the tower of time was rare, it was not unreachable. Actually, Zhang Tie had already mastered two towers of time. However, both of them were far away from opening again. In the past 800-900 years, those major clans had already discovered a large number of towers of time in the underground world. Zhang Tie believed that many forces and sects would like to exchange him with access to the tower of time as long as he could offer proper conditions. Therefore, Zhang Tie was not worried about it at all.

After realizing that Zhang Tie had considered it well, Zhang Yang agreed to cultivate in the Langya Dongtian of Heavenly Fortune Sect.

'Zhang Tie has really changed.' A line rolled in Zhang Yang's heart. However, Zhang Yang didn't say it. Although he just had a short chat with Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang had already sensed Zhang Tie's change. Zhang Tie felt profound, cold with a desire for mastery and a bit majesty. As for those on Zhang Tie's side, such a change was not bad; because, Zhang Tie's change brought them some other things besides

stress. Even Zhang Yang felt reassured listening to Zhang Tie's arrangement. As a result, the tension that had haunted him these days disappeared in a split second.

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After chatting with his elder brother, Zhang Tie met Zhang Gui.

Zhang Gui was as same as before. When he saw Zhang Tie, he didn't look proud at all; instead, he greeted Zhang Tie by lowering his head respectfully, saying, "Welcome back, master!"

"You've done great. Very good!" Zhang Tie said as he nodded.

"It's this old slave's commitment to do that. It benefits from master's considerate arrangement!" Zhang Gui replied in a humble tone.

At this moment, Zhang Tie took out a piece of space-teleportation equipment and gave it to Zhang Gui. After injecting his spiritual energy into it, Zhang Gui instantly revealed an ecstasy.

In that space-teleportation equipment, Zhang Gui saw a great pile of water-element crystals, a crystal secret method and a tin of bizarre secret medicine...

Chapter 1497: Sincerity

"Besides the water-element crystals, the secret method inside it is *Thousands of Beads Mental Sutra* ; this secret method has myriad functions. If you master it, you could promote to a shadow knight at least two times faster!"

"Thank you so much, lord. Thank you so much, lord..." Zhang Gui replied. Now, the most precious things for Zhang Gui were such a kind of secret method and element crystals which could promote his cultivation. Therefore, after being rewarded, Zhang Gu became more loyal to Zhang Tie besides being extremely thrilled.

However, Zhang Gui had not imagined that there was something more precious inside for him.

Zhang Tie watched Zhang Gui calmly with his pitch-dark pupils as he added, "The secret medicine in that tin is made of the penis of abyss dragon lizard. This secret medicine is extremely yang and powerful as it could produce sperms and accelerate blood circulation. It could completely cure your hidden disease and recover your genetic vitality. You could have descendants in case of being alone in the future. Even though you're dead one day, you would also have heirs..."

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Zhang Gui was stunned.

When Zhang Gui was young, he cultivated an extremely yin and vicious secret method in order to promote to a knight as soon as possible. Later on, he made a mistake in cultivation, causing his genetic substance to lose its vitality due to yin. From then on, Zhang Gui lost his ability to make a woman pregnant. Zhang Gui had visited many famous doctors and taken a lot of medicines and means in vain.

When he was young, he didn't know the value of bloodline and descendants. He paid a lot for being a knight. When Zhang Gui became a knight, he owned wealth, position and women; however, it was

impossible for him to have kids. Therefore, Zhang Gui had always been troubled by this problem. As he grew elder; especially after his parents passed away, he became alone. Therefore, he desired more for kids. However, he failed to make it. One of the reasons that he gave himself up to Han Zhengfang lay in that he hoped that Han Zhengfang could grant him the ability to have babies one day with the secret methods of Bloody Soul Temple.

After promoting to an earth knight, Zhang Gui didn't recover even with the assistance of Han Zhengfang. Previously, Zhang Gui had been hopeless and given up. Unexpectedly, Zhang Tie fixed his lifetime regret. With Zhang Tie's help, Zhang Gui felt being wholly new and having his own family soon.

Zhang Gui gazed at Zhang Tie as his hands quivered; tears pouring out, he instantly knelt down in front of Zhang Tie as he started to kowtow towards Zhang Tie, saying, "Zhang Gui swears to be loyal to the lord for the rest of my life. If Zhang Gui does any harm to the lord and your family, I would die physically and spiritually together with all of my possible descendants. I, Zhang Gui and my descendants would be loyal to and serve the Zhang family until death to repay the lord's great help..."

"You descendants would share the same treatment with Zhang descendants. They would be regarded as my nephews and nieces and be well cultivated by the Zhang family. Zhang family will share honor and stigma with them..."

"Thank you, lord; thank you, lord..." Zhang Gui said as he was so thrilled that he didn't know how to appreciate Zhang Tie.

Previously, Zhang Tie subdued Zhang Gui by "tactics"; now, he subdued Zhang Gui by "the law". As a result, Zhang Tie would be extremely sincere to him and Zhang family as their henchman.

"Get up!"

Zhang Gui wiped off his tears as he straightened up his body with bizarre brilliance on his face. With a hope, Zhang Gui instantly gained a new life; even if his temperament had changed.

After picking himself up, with a wet face, Zhang Gui instantly revealed a vicious and insidious look as he said with strong killing intent, "Lord, I feel Zhang Taixuan has been involved in this event. If lord agrees, this old slave would immediately go and chop off Zhang Taixuan's head in case of threats. It's the best opportunity to kill him. If we killed him, nobody would doubt lord. Additionally, we could push it to those who dare fight lord and Jinwu City. This old slave is proficient in assassinations. I would never leave any clue in killing Zhang Taixuan..."

After hearing Zhang Gui's words, Zhang Tie closed his eyes in case Zhang Gui saw his changing emotion through his eyes. After a few seconds, he opened his eyes as his black pupils had already turned calm and deep. "I will dispose of it myself. His Majesty gifted me some innocent beauties in Xuanyuan Hill. All of them have good looks and talents. You can choose 4 of them as your wives and concubines. Hopefully, you could have descendants as soon as possible. Later on, stay with my elder brother and do a good job..."

Zhang Gui then hid his insidious look and aggressive intent as he lowered his head in a humble way.

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Zhang Tie stayed with his family members for a few hours. When Zhang Tie returned to Xuantian Peak, Mountain Lifting Hermit, Lu Zhongming and Yan Feiqing had already come back, including Guo Hongyi.

All the disciples had arrived there.

After confirming that Zhang Tie was safe, everybody became shocked and thrilled; especially Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi, at the sight of Zhang Tie, they instantly dropped off their tears even though Yan Feiqing was still a heavenly knight. Many of Zhang Tie's disciples also had red eyes.

After noticing that everybody had been present, Zhang Tie soothed his disciples before having two female disciples look after Ma Aiyun. After that, he summoned all the elders of Iron-Dragon Sect to the shrine palace.

When Zhang Tie told them to enter the shrine palace, Guo Hongyi felt a bit shameful as she was not sure whether she should enter it or not. However, Zhang Tie threw a glance at her before saying kindly, "Hongyi, come on in..."

Therefore, Guo Hongyi entered the shrine palace as her identity as Zhang Tie's first lady was fixed.

Mountain Lifting Hermit exchanged a glance with Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi silently; Bai Suxian threw a glance at Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi silently too.

No sooner had the gate been closed and everybody taken their seats on Zhang Tie's sides than Mountain Lifting Hermit turned solemn and asked Zhang Tie, "Suzerain, what happened?"

Everybody at present wondered about it. Therefore, the moment Mountain Lifting Hermit opened his mouth, everybody had fixated on Zhang Tie...

Chapter 1498: Zhang Tie's Answer

"I know you're all concerned about me and want to know what happened to me these days. However, I could only tell you that I was screwed and poisoned by Soul Leave in Wild Lake Building. As a result, I was in a dilemma these days. The culprit did that for Zhang family's all-purpose medicaments and fiery oil. The employed knight surnamed Liu who had been killed by Zhang Gui in Jinwu City was a piece that the culprit had long set in Jinwu Business Group. Thankfully, I got out of the trouble yesterday by secret means and killed a lackey of that culprit..."

Zhang Tie had considered it for a long while. He didn't want to keep it from his friends and family members; however, he found it improper to put something in details at this moment; instead, he just gave them an ambiguous explanation.

"Master, do you know the culprit?" Mountain Lifting Hermit continued.

"It's very complex. There might be more than one culprits. I've not figured it out yet. After a few days, I will give you an answer!"

All the knights at present were greater than commoners in sense and intelligence. After catching Zhang Tie's hesitance, they all knew that Zhang Tie had kept some secrets and didn't feel convenient to tell them now. Therefore, after exchanging a glance with each other, they remained silent. Zhang Tie's event

was really a bit weird. The time and opportunity to screw Zhang Tie was too coincident, not to mention the emergency in Jinwu City. The knight surnamed Liu was an old member of Jinwu Business Group; however, he had long been bought over by the culprit. Zhang Tie appeared having made preparation for such emergencies as he had made Zhang Gui stay in Jinwu City while hiding his real battle strength. After covering all these clues, all the people at present faintly sensed that the culprit of this conspiracy might not be remnants of Heavens Reaching Church and demons.

“As long as the master could come back safely, it would be the best answer for Iron-Dragon Sect!” Lu Zhongming said.

Zhang Tie lowered his head as his voice sounded negatively calm and decisive, “My two senior sister apprentices have been killed in the Wild Lake Building; my family was attacked; my parents almost got hurt. These days, you’ve spearheaded the efforts to look for me; therefore, it’s not only concerned about me; I will give you a satisfactory answer!”

Since she entered the palace, Yan Feiqing had been watching Zhang Tie calmly with her beautiful eyes. Yan Feiqing’s feeling about Zhang Tie’s change was different than that of others. Lin Huanxi sensed that Zhang Tie was profound. Just now, when Zhang Tie said that he would give them a satisfactory answer, Yan Feiqing felt an unspoken pain, duty and silence from Zhang Tie; additionally, he was like a heart-wrenching, despairing beast being mired in a dilemma.

Among all the people on his side, it was not Zhang Tie’s parents, Bai Suxian or Guo Hongyi who understood him most, but Yan Feiqing. After living with Zhang Tie for 6 decades, Yan Feiqing had long become the one who understood Zhang Tie most in this world. Only she could understand Zhang Tie’s pain from his eyes and body. The pain finally turned into cruelty, which was of himself; not towards others. Yan Feiqing appeared seeing Zhang Tie opening his own chest using a saber and digging out his heart before cutting off a part of his heart and burning it into ashes and spraying it in the air.

The calmer Zhang Tie looked, the crueler he would treat himself.

When Zhang Tie exchanged a glance with Yan Feiqing, Yan Feiqing’s heart raced abruptly.

Because Zhang Tie had also sensed that Yan Feiqing might have sensed something. Zhang Tie knew that Yan Feiqing understood him most than anyone else at present; therefore, he passed an undoubtedly overbearing and decisive message to her through his eyes—I will handle this thing; it’s none of your business!

Usually, Zhang Tie would adopt Yan Feiqing’s suggestion on many aspects, except for this case.

After finding that everyone else became silent, Zhang Tie fixated on Guo Hongyi who had been watching him with a concerned look, “Since we met at the bank of Weishui River, I’ve not have talked too much with you. Whereas, you suffered a lot for me many times. I’m so sorry...”

“It’s my pleasure. I love you. Therefore, I would do anything for you pleasantly!” Guo Hongyi said as her eyes turned wet; however, she still looked straight into Zhang Tie’s eyes decently and decisively without being contentious.

“Which peak do you like among the 18 Xuantian peaks. How about choosing a settlement for yourselves?” Zhang Tie watched Guo Hongyi and Yan Feiqing on her side, which denoted that they had

become his wives. Now that Bai Suxian had a peak here, Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi should also have one. The two people might not treasure such a peak; however, if they didn't have one, they would definitely feel uncomfortable. Zhang Tie understood women pretty well.

Guo Hongyi fixated on Yan Feiqing. After being silent for 2 seconds, Yan Feiqing answered, "Flying Phonex Peak then. Although I'm Hongyi's master, we're sisters in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory!"

Zhang Tie nodded silently.

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After having a gathering with Mountain Lifting Hermit, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi, the elders of Huaiyuan Palace and Zhang Taixuan hurriedly left for Iron-Dragon Sect by airboat after hearing about Zhang Tie's return.

The moment he got off the airboat, Zhang Taixuan had revealed a surprising look at the sight of Zhang Tie. Before Elder Muyuan, Elder Muray and the other clan elders moved, Zhang Taixuan had strode forward as he gave Zhang Tie a big hug and said excitedly, "It's so nice to see Elder Mushen coming back. It's the felicity of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and Huaiyuan Palace. Elder Mushen is always fortunate and gets the help of the God; of course, you could resolve the difficulty..."

Since Zhang Taixuan appeared, Zhang Tie had been gazing at him calmly. Not until Zhang Taixuan came over here and gave him a hug did Zhang Tie reveal a smile, saying, "It's said that clan head has been so busy looking for me these days. I'm so sorry about that..."

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Chapter 1499: Zhang Tie's Trickery

After Zhang Taixuan heard Zhang Tie's words, a weird look flashed across his face. If not Zhang Tie had long figured out everything, he couldn't catch Zhang Taixuan's changing eye light either.

However, closely after that, Zhang Taixuan had recovered his generous and fair look.

"It's my pleasure, Elder Mushen! You're committed to the development of Huaiyuan Palace even at the risk of your life. In this case, I even hate that I'm limited to my ability!" Zhang Taixuan said as he let out a deep sigh towards the sky before asking Zhang Tie out of concern, "I wonder how Elder Mushen tided over these days? Do you know who's behind that conspiracy..."

At this moment, the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace had already approached them. Unlike Zhang Taixuan, these elders' concern towards Zhang Tie was real.

Soon after they had a short chat, Elder Muray had been furious as he shouted, raising his eyebrows, "What an audacious b*stard! How dare you screw Huaiyuan Palace? This time, our old guys would definitely not let you go even at the cost of our lives..."

"I think that we could figure it out starting from that knight surnamed Liu. Although Liu Changxiong has died, as long as we investigate it along this clue, we would discover something more or less!" Elder Muyun said with a solemn look too.

"Hmm, I agree with you!" the other elders said as they nodded in unison.

"It's indeed a catastrophe facing our Huaiyuan Palace. We should never give up the investigation until we find the culprit!" Zhang Taixuan said with a serious look.

At this moment, nobody else could understand Zhang Tie's complex emotions except Zhang Tie himself.

Soon after they had a short communication, an airship, longer than 700 m, had flown over here. Before it landed, two beams of light had shot towards Zhang Tie. In a split second, they had landed in front of Zhang Tie.

They were Cheng Honglie the commander of Northeast Military Region and Zhao Guangli the chief justice of Supreme Court of Taixia Country. The moment they landed, they had started to look at Zhang Tie from his foot to his head with searchlight-like eyes. After confirming that Zhang Tie was fine, they finally let out a deep sigh of relief.

Zhang Taixuan and the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace hurriedly greeted the two people.

"It's not proper to have a conversation here. Clan head, elders and two lords, please take a seat in the palace. We will talk about it in details..."

After having a short reunion with Zhang Tie, Mountain Lifting Hermit, Bai Suxian and the other peak owners had already left the palace for dealing with other affairs in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. Yan Feiqing took Guo Hongyi to visit Zhang Tie's parents and family members.

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10 minutes later, the entire palace became silent except for Zhang Tie's voice...

"...after I woke up, I found two strange knights standing in front of me with the antidote of Soul Leave in hand. They were also asking me about the recipes of fiery oil and all-purpose medicaments and the cultivation method of divine dominator!" Zhang Tie said as he took his teacup and had a sip before continuing, "As I didn't tell the former group of people about that, neither did I tell it to the two people. After realizing that I would not tell them about that, they opened the Dragon Binding Shackle to take me away from that mountain cave. I then found that all the former group of people in the underground space who asked me about the secrets had died. The entire mountain cave was full of bloody stink!"

"You mean they came from two forces?" The chief justice couldn't wait to ask.

"I have no idea. When I woke up, the former group of people had died. The two knights wanted to transfer me to a new place. Therefore, I'm not sure whether they were killed by the two knights or not. I felt that the former group of people were all dare-to-die fighters below knight, who were not of significance!"

"How did you escape?"

"They used Dragon Binding Shackle and Bloody Soul Immortal Needles to bind me. On that occasion, I could curb Bloody Soul Immortal Needles for the time being; however, I couldn't open the Dragon Binding Shackle. Actually, I've already almost recovered. However, they didn't know that. Therefore, after they opened the Dragon Binding Shackle for me, I instantly launched a strike and killed one of them. The rest one escaped away after being injured..."

Only Zhang Tie understood whether his words were true or not. As he spoke, he threw a glance at Zhang Taixuan. Zhang Taixuan was watching him with a concerned look. After hearing that Zhang Tie didn't see the two knights until he woke up, Zhang Taixuan evidently let out a sigh of relief.

"Do you remember the looks of the two knights?" the chief justice asked Zhang Tie hurriedly. "Of course!" Zhang Tie said as he instantly took out the head of the earth knight hunted by Ockham from Castle of Black Iron. Although the head was bloody, nobody at present felt uncomfortable at all; instead, all of them were gazing at that head. Zhang Tie passed it to chief justice as he said, "It belongs to an earth knight. The one escaped away was a shadow knight..." Zhang Tie said as he paved a piece of white paper on the table and started to draw on it by a pencil. Only after a short while, the sketch of the "Elder Brother Huang" had appeared on the paper vividly. "I heard that this shadow knight's surname was Huang!"

With sketch, testimony, level and family name, if the supreme court still couldn't figure out this person, it should be revoked.

Watching the sketch, chief justice gave out shrewd eye light and strong killing intent. Cheng Honglie the commander of Northeast Military Region said with a frown, "Surnamed Huang? Ah, I might have seen him somewhere..."

Watching the sketch, Zhang Taixuan changed his face constantly. After turning shocked and vacant in the end, he suddenly opened his mouth, "I...I know him...I've not imagined...he's such a kind of a person..."

Chapter 1500: Being Troubled

The moment Zhang Taixuan opened his mouth, all the others had fixated on him, including Zhang Tie.

Although Zhang Tie appeared a bit shocked, he was extremely calm inside; because Zhang Taixuan's response was within his expectation.

The three knights followed Zhang Taixuan into that mountain cave. According to their talk, they were very familiar with Zhang Taixuan; especially that shadow knight surnamed Huang.

Additionally, they were not wanted by the supreme court and didn't need to hide. Therefore, they might have already met Zhang Taixuan in Youzhou Province, in the public. Zhang Taixuan couldn't disavow it. If Zhang Taixuan remained silent at this moment, when supreme court figured out the background of the shadow knight surnamed Huang and his trace in Youzhou Province, Zhang Taixuan's silence would bring him big troubles. Therefore, Zhang Taixuan had to take his stand at this moment.

The reason that Zhang Tie mentioned this shadow knight surnamed Huang lay in that he wanted Zhang Taixuan to expose and denounce him himself.

After the three people were reported, the "His Majesty" must think that he was betrayed by Zhang Taixuan.

However, Zhang Taixuan had to do that at this moment for the sake of his own life. Conversely, the relation between him and that "His Majesty" would further deteriorate. Zhang Taixuan had to sacrifice

something for his own safety. The deeper supreme court investigated along this clue, the more that “His Majesty” would be furious about Zhang Taixuan. That was to say, Zhang Taixuan would be cornered.

Zhang Tie’s drawing was more piercing than a direct poke into Zhang Taixuan.

“You know him?” the chief justice asked as he instantly fixated on Zhang Taixuan.

“We knew each other in the Earth-elements Realm. I always treated him as a friend. A few days ago, when Elder Mushen disappeared, this person even went to Embracing Tiger City and posed to do me a favor. Unexpectedly, he’s such kind of person...” Zhang Taixuan said with a painful and hateful look.

“Who’s he?”

After gritting his teeth inside, Zhang Taixuan replied, “He’s Huang Botao, the Immortal Raging Flame, the grand elder of Huang Clan, Mercury Palace, Qizhou Province...”

It didn’t matter even if Zhang Taixuan didn’t say it. Because the supreme court could figure out the background of this shadow knight surnamed Huang within one day. However, it would be different after Zhang Taixuan revealed it.

After hearing Zhang Taixuan’s words, the chief justice slightly moved his fingers as if he had already issued an order. These people dared screw Zhang Tie and hurt Zhang family despite world condemnation, violating Taixia laws and breaking the bottom line of a human knight, the entire Huang Clan, Mercury Palace in Qingzhou Province would be cleaned up for sure regardless of their quantity.

“Immortal, do you have other clues...” the chief justice asked Zhang Tie again.

Zhang Tie slightly frowned as he said, “I remember that the two knights planned to send me to Yinzhou Province; they even mentioned Sagus, the Abyss King of demons...”

Yinzhou Province was the “capital” of Heavens Reaching Empire. Although Zhang Tie didn’t say the two knights colluded with demons as remnants of Heavens Reaching Church, Zhang Tie’s words had already branded them with the stigma of lackeys of Heavens Reaching Church and demons.

Heavens Reaching Church and demons were the public enemies of humans. Supreme Court, the Military and Xuanyuan Hill would never show mercy to them; instead, all of them would be killed in the end.

Although neither the three people nor Zhang Taixuan belonged to Heavens Reaching Church or demons, they were as Zhang Tie told. Who else could refute Zhang Tie at this moment? Additionally, it was reasonable for Zhang Tie to owe it to demons and Heavens Reaching Church, which adapted to the guess and anticipation of many people.

Zhang Tie was using supreme court even the military of Taixia Country to kill people, namely driving tigers to engulf wolves. Zhang Tie essentially aimed at that “His Majesty”.

At this moment, the so-called truth became unimportant.

No matter how powerful was that prince, he didn’t take any action in this case. Because if they took any action, it was nothing different than admitting themselves as the lackeys of demons and the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church. By then, they would become the public enemy of humans as a whole. Additionally, Zhang Tie could avenge them without having to shoulder any outcome.

As was imagined by Zhang Tie, both the chief justice and Cheng Honglie revealed a solemn look when they heard Zhang Tie's words.

Zhang Tie threw a stealthy glance at Zhang Taixuan. Although Zhang Taixuan looked calm, his face turned much paler when he heard demons and Heavens Reaching Church.

The deeper the supreme court and the military of Taixia Country investigated along the clue of Huang Botao, the greater condemnation would Zhang Taixuan carry from that prince.

After catching such a clue, Mr. Li, the chief justice couldn't wait to watch Zhang Tie, saying, "It's said that immortal has brought back Ma Aiyun. I wonder..."

"Ma Aiyun was cheated. She knew nothing at all. These days, she had been terror-shocked and fatigued. I've already had her take a rest. If Mr. Li has any question, just ask me..." Zhang Tie said straightforwardly.

Only one of the three senior sister apprentices who invited Zhang Tie for a party stayed alive. Now that Ma Aiyun was kept alive, it indicated that she was something different than the other two or that she could influence Zhang Tie's decision. They could definitely find clues from Ma Aiyun. However, as Zhang Tie had already brought the head of an earth knight and exposed the clue of Huang Clan, it could already clarify the problem. A LV 9 fighter of Huaiyuan Palace was at most a piece being used to seduce Zhang Tie. Her life was of significance. It was unnecessary for them to stir up Zhang Tie because of her.

As many thoughts flashed through his mind, the chief justice instantly stood up as he said with a solemn look, "This event is very important. I shall notice His Majesty right away. Now that it's concerned about Heavens Reaching Church and demons, it couldn't be determined by me. I shall go to Qizhou Province to catch Immortal Raging Flame Huang Botao and the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church at once in case they escape away. Before you hear any action in Qizhou Province, please don't leak this message to the public. See you..."

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Zhang Tie and the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace then saw off the chief justice and commander of the Northeast Military Region. Watching that airboat heading southwards at the fastest speed, Zhang Tie fixated on Zhang Taixuan as he asked surprisingly, "Clan head, are you okay? You don't look good..."

Zhang Taixuan indeed didn't look good. After hearing Zhang Tie's question, he forced a smile, saying, "I was very intense these days. After Elder Mushen came back, I feel a bit tired perhaps..."

"Clan head just stayed in Embracing Tiger Mountain these days for the sake of Elder Mushen. He almost didn't rest..." Elder Muyuan sighed on one side.