

Black Iron 1511

Chapter 1511: New Life

Overnight, Zhang Tie felt being a teenager again as he gave vent to Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi at his full efforts. He fully released his depression and grief that he had accumulated over the past two months through creampie.

After so many times' release, Zhang Tie finally calmed down as he fell asleep for the first time over the past two months.

He woke up late. When he opened his eyes, the sun rays had already cast onto the bed through the windows which were covered with carved patterns. Birds were tweeting cheerily on the twigs outside the room. It seemed to be almost noon.

The body fragrance of Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi were still over the bed and pillows; however, the two women were not on the bed.

Squinting his eyes, Zhang Tie leaned against the head of the bed as he looked at the bright sunshine outside the windows in a trance.

With a cracking sound, the door was pushed open as Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi entered with a basin of water respectively.

"You're awake?" Yan Feiqing asked.

"Hmm!" Zhang Tie nodded as he fixated on Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi, who had already dressed up. After being "lubricated" by Zhang Tie overnight, Yan Feiqing's face turned red and shiny and more charming while Guo Hongyi appeared a bit more womanly. With a straight upward bun, Guo Hongyi looked more like a woman, Zhang Tie's wife.

Watching them entering with water, Zhang Tie also got off naked. Standing aside from the bed, he was waiting for their service. Guo Hongyi still felt a bit bashful. By contrast, Yan Feiqing was straightforward as she directly squatted down to clean Zhang Tie's body with water.

Guo Hongyi then imitated Yan Feiqing to serve Zhang Tie.

"You were too ferocious last night. Hongyi almost passed out and couldn't get up this morning. She didn't recover until I fed her a vial of a senior medicament..." Yan Feiqing said as she cleaned up Zhang Tie's body and rolled her eyes on Zhang Tie.

When Zhang Tie recalled the grandeur when she conquered the master and her apprentice last night, being stimulated by water, Zhang Tie's "mummy" turned grim at a stroke.

Yan Feiqing remained calm as she continued to clean Zhang Tie's body. As Guo Hongyi had just become a woman, her hands quivered as she almost dropped her towel and dared not look into Zhang Tie's eyes.

"Thank you so much for the last night. It would be fine in the future..." Zhang Tie told Guo Hongyi gently.

"Hmm..." Guo Hongyi replied in a low tone.

Enjoying their service, Zhang Tie kept looking outside the window with profound eye light. When they were going to put on clothes for him, Zhang Tie suddenly told Yan Feiqing, "How about merging Fantasy Lady Palace into Iron-Dragon Sect?"

"Merging Fantasy Lady Sect into Iron-Dragon Sect?" Yan Feiqing slowed down at once.

In the bedroom, Yan Feiqing always treated herself as Zhang Tie's first wife. However, she was officially the head of Fantasy Lady Sect outside. Zhang Tie's suggestion was not only a domestic affair but also involved the two sects and many people. Therefore, Yan Feiqing slowed down as she started to deliberate it.

"Why?" Yan Feiqing asked Zhang Tie as she implied Guo Hongyi to fasten the waistband for Zhang Tie.

No matter how serious she was in front of outsiders, Guo Hongyi was always docile in front of Yan Feiqing and Zhang Tie. Therefore, she just listened aside.

"I have been thinking about it for a long time. I didn't mention it before as it was not proper!" Zhang Tie replied calmly as he added, "However, it's different now. From today on, I will establish a new clan. I have nothing to do with Huaiyuan Palace anymore. As you're my wives, it's unnecessary for you to support Fantasy Lady Sect alone. Additionally, you don't have too many disciples in Fantasy Lady Sect. It's not difficult for you to move all of them here. Besides you and Hongyi, none of the other disciples of yours are knights. If you stay in Iron-Dragon Sect, Fantasy Lady Sect would be weak and we could barely provide any relief timely in emergencies. Additionally, if you return to Fantasy Lady Sect when I was not in Fiery-Dragon Bounty Territory, I would worry about the safety of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. Therefore, the best way is to merge Fantasy Lady Sect into Iron-Dragon Sect. In this way, at least one of us is in Iron-Dragon Sect. As it's too dangerous now, Taixia Country is full of hidden forces, plus demons, if Fantasy Lady Sect merges into Iron-Dragon Sect, we would realize a win-win situation; if not, both of us would suffer a loss!"

"Let me think about it. The female disciples in Fantasy Lady Sect have been used to the living style in Cloud Dream Mountain, where men are forbidden inside. They didn't see any man at all; if they suddenly moved here, I'm afraid that they would not be able to adapt to it..."

"After they move here, Flyingphoenix Peak would be only exclusive to female. I would not come here either. They could adapt to it slowly. There're too many exotic and tranquil places in Flyingphoenix Peak, where they could enter secluded cultivation without being disturbed!" Zhang Tie said as he touched Yan Feiqing's lower abdomen, saying, "Furthermore, you've got a baby now. Do you want to traverse between the two locations? If you delivered a baby in Fantasy Lady Sect, I would worry about you. No matter what, our kid should not grow up among female!"

Hearing Zhang Tie's last words, Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi stopped what they were doing at the same time like being frozen.

"What...I...I've got a baby..." Yan Feiqing widely opened her eyes as she asked Zhang Tie in a quivering sound.

When Zhang Tie was receiving medical treatment in Xuanyuan Hill, Yan Feiqing had expressed to have a baby. However, she didn't get pregnant during the period when she stayed with Zhang Tie. Therefore,

Yan Feiqing was a bit intense as she was scared that she had lost her fertility due to age. Of course, she was pretty shocked when she heard that she had got a baby.

“Yes, yesterday, we’ve created a baby. I have telepathy with the baby. You’ve already got pregnant. You will sense its existence this month. You will deliver the baby one year later. It’s a boy...” Zhang Tie said firmly.

Closing her eyes, Yan Feiqing gently stroked her lower abdomen as if she was sensing the young and sacred life. When she opened her eyes, her eyes had already turned solemn. Closely after that, she turned to Zhang Tie with a bit complex eye light, saying, “I feel you’ve changed too much...”

Chapter 1512: Zhang’s Jinwu Palace

Yan Feiqing knew that Zhang Tie possessed too many secrets. As a smart woman, although she could take away her husband’s purse, even extrude his physical strength, she could never get all of his secrets.

Zhang Tie said he had telepathy with the oncoming baby; whereas, Yan Feiqing could clearly sense that her pregnancy was completely under Zhang Tie’s control. Although she didn’t know whether Zhang Tie had used a secret method or not, for practical purposes, she could imagine it when she referred to the bygones of the other women’s pregnancy.

Zhang Tie didn’t say it; therefore, Yan Feiqing didn’t ask about it.

When in Xuanyuan Hill, Zhang Tie didn’t make Yan Feiqing pregnant because he might think that the overall situation and environment were not suitable to her pregnancy, which, otherwise, would be affected by many aspects. Therefore, he procrastinated it until now.

No sooner had Zhang Tie returned than Yan Feiqing got pregnant. Meanwhile, he wanted to incorporate Fantasy Lady Sect into Iron-Dragon Sect. Although being a couple, Zhang Tie didn’t spare a chance for Yan Feiqing to refute. Therefore, Yan Feiqing could only listen to his arrangement.

If it were before, Zhang Tie would have negotiated with Yan Feiqing carefully and spared some time for her to deliberate it if he wanted to merge Fantasy Lady Sect. He would even pay a visit to Fantasy Lady Sect. However, after his return, though one night’s extreme pleasure together with Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi, Zhang Tie had resolved Yan Feiqing’s resistance and incorporated Fantasy Lady Sect silently, restricting Yan Feiqing to Iron-Dragon Sect and Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory as a result.

It was neither a trick nor means; instead, it denoted that Zhang Tie was growing maturer, more powerful and overbearing.

This was Zhang Tie’s change which Yan Feiqing didn’t say that she liked it or not. Zhang Tie was still her beloved man. However, after this man left Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory for over one month, his return implied some invisible changes which Yan Feiqing couldn’t describe it explicitly. Purely from the angle of view of a wife, she felt that Zhang Tie was more concerned about his family and became more obscure for this first lady, a heavenly knight.

Zhang Tie’s change made Yan Feiqing reassured and painful; because only she knew why Zhang Tie had changed.

"A new life, a new start..." Zhang Tie sighed with feeling as he stroked her lower abdomen, "Let's call this baby Zhang Chengzong. With I as his father and a heavenly knight as his mother, he would never be screwed in the future even if he passed his time with food and women every day. I don't pose a high request to him. I only want him to carry forward our bloodlines..."

"Peh, shut up! That sounds disgusting..." Yan Feiqing rolled her eyes on Zhang Tie as she slammed Zhang Tie's palm, forcing him to move his palm away from her lower abdomen. At the same time, she said with the instinct as a mother, "As long as I'm with him, I will definitely have him promote to a knight, even greater than you..."

"Haha, hope so. So, you've already got a family. Don't run here and there all day long. Just stay in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory to attend your husband and teach the babies and protect our family..."

"What will you do then?"

Zhang Tie burst into laughter, saying, "Women should always stay at home while men should always fight outside. Of course, I would fight outside so that they could live in a peaceful and happy environment; instead of being slaved by demons. Besides, I will make more milk-powder money and create greater undertakings for them so that they could have something to share in the future!"

Zhang Tie said with a joke. However, Yan Feiqing believed that as she nodded, "You're right. But what about your wound..."

"There's always a solution. After handling the domestic affairs, I will go to the southern border with Suxian. After coming back, I will focus on solving it. If I couldn't resolve it in one year, I will make it in two, ten or twenty years. I don't believe that the aftermath of the thunder of nirvana could haunt me for the rest of my life!" Zhang Tie said straightforwardly.

"Oh, you've not confirmed the name of our new clan yet. Zhang Yang was waiting for you these days so as to fix it!"

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"Stop it, elder brother. Qianji Palace doesn't work. I don't like it. As Zhang family belongs to you and me, let's call it Zhang's Jinwu Palace. With the predecessor of Jinwu Business Group, all the people in Taixia Country would know that Zhang's Jinwu Palace belongs to us..."

At afternoon, Zhang Tie was negotiating with the elders of Iron-Dragon Sect, Zhang Yang, his wives and Donder in the shrine palace of Iron-Dragon Sect.

It was Zhang Tie's first time to gather so many people for a conference since he was screwed by Zhang Taixuan. Basically, it was a conference for expanding the scale of Zhang family or Iron-Dragon Sect. Because it was concerned about both Iron-Dragon Sect and Zhang family, Zhang Tie summoned all the major figures.

Almost the moment Zhang Yang opened his mouth, Zhang Tie had fixed the name of the new clan.

Zhang Yang then replied with a warm smile. As brothers, they didn't need to argue about that. Therefore, their new clan would be Zhang's Jinwu Palace.

“Besides, the knights of Zhang’s Jinwu Palace should have an exclusive character in their names. As there’re already 875 clans surnamed Zhang who have founded shrine palaces, none of the 875 characters in the names of their knights could be used by the knights of Zhang’s Jinwu Palace anymore. I’ve already had people make a list of available characters through sifting. All the characters on the list are available to Zhang’s Jinwu Palace...” Zhang Yang said as he passed a list of characters to Zhang Tie.

After skimming over it, Zhang Tie asked his elder brother, “I’m not familiar with the proceedings for establishing a clan and a shrine palace; what else should we do after selecting the exclusive character?”

“After confirming the name of our clan and fixing the exclusive character for our knights, on the date when the shrine palace of Zhang’s Jinwu Palace is founded, we will pass an introduction of our clan to all the other 875 Zhang clans. By then, this event would almost come to an end. Later on, all the other Zhang clans would avoid from using the name of our clan and the exclusive character in the names of our knights!”

“Which character do you select, elder brother?”

“I’m not a knight yet. Therefore, the selection of the character could only be done by you. Later on, all those who select their last characters for their names would be knights. With the exclusive character selected by you in the middle of their names, our juniors would be blessed by you for a greater battle strength. Besides being a tradition in Taixia Country, it’s also an incentive. It would be a joke if I selected it!” Zhang Yang said as he shook his head.

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Chapter 1513: The Middle Character

After being told that it was a tradition in Taixia Country, Zhang Tie didn’t insist on it anymore; instead, he started his selection on the list of characters conscientiously.

There were too many regulations on establishing a clan and a shrine palace in Taixia Country. As 875 of totally over 3,000 characters had been selected by Zhang clans across the country, after deducting those strange and unfortunate words which couldn’t be used in names, there were only hundreds of characters left available on the list.

After looking at it for a short while, Zhang Tie fixed his eyes on one character unconsciously——” Pu ¹ ”

Hua culture was extensive and profound. Each Hua character was of great meaning. Unconsciously, Zhang Tie was attracted by this character. Being composed of a radical which meant person on the left and a character denoting prediction on the right, this character carried deep meaning. Zhang Tie implicitly felt that he had seen this character somewhere.

“Elder brother, how about the character ‘Pu’...” Zhang Tie asked as he circled the character “Pu” with a pen before returning the list to Zhang Yang.

“Pu?” Zhang Yang was shocked by Zhang Tie’s decision as it was too unusual. However, he accepted it soon as he said, “Great, let’s take the character ‘Pu’!”

After exchanging a glance with each other, all the others at present considered about the meaning of the character as they nodded in unison.

If so, the official names of all the knights in Zhang's Jinwu Palace would be Zhang PuX, including Zhang Yang, Zhang Su, even Zhang's junior knights.

Therefore, the character "Pu" became exclusive to all the knights of Jinwu Palace. As for the official name of Zhang Mushen, even though Zhang Tie had denounced Huaiyuan Palace by writing a letter with blood, he didn't mean to change it.

Zhang Yang then told Zhang Tie about the land purchase.

This trade went smoothly. Only after one day later since Zhang Yang visited the Land Resources Mansion of Youzhou Province, he had received the notice that the relevant proceedings would be handled in 5 days.

It took Jinwu Business Group more than 440 million gold coins in purchasing over 2,300 square miles' land in Youzhou Province. After linking with the territory of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and Jinwu City, the total land area of Jinwu Palace would cover over 3,000 square miles, which was almost half of the land area of Youzhou Province.

Because Jinwu Business Group was shared by Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang, of course, this land belonged to their common assets.

After reaching agreements on these issues, they would wait for 7 days. After the land purchase proceedings were completed, Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang would officially establish a new clan and a shrine palace and distribute the notice to the other Zhang clans across the country. With the establishment of Zhang's Jinwu Palace, the two brothers welcomed a wholly new, brilliant start.

Since the beginning, Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang had not grown up in Huaiyuan Palace and were always incongruous with Huaiyuan Palace. After denouncing Huaiyuan Palace, the two brothers finally got rid of all the bonds from Huaiyuan Palace and could develop their own clan and undertakings.

Zhang Yang was fully ambitious about the future. Zhang Tie also had a complex feeling. When the two brothers were in Blackhot City, they could never imagine establishing an unrivaled clan and shrine palace in Taixia Country.

"There's one more thing that I'd like to negotiate with you..." Zhang Tie opened his mouth after his elder brother.

"Go ahead."

"I've traveled around Tongzhou Province these days. The bloody figures in the province have basically been pacified; however, the damages and influence caused by bloody figures could barely be eliminated in a short period. Many cities had sparse populations; more people lost their homes and family members in the disaster. Orphans and single parents who had lost their children could be seen everywhere. Although the official mansions across the country have been spearheading their efforts to eliminate the aftermath, due to the large scale of population and area being affected, the rising prices of grains across the country and the fight in the western theater of operations, many disaster-stricken

places couldn't be attended well, many survivors were still struggling for food. I cannot even describe how hard their lives are!"

Zhang Tie said as he threw a glance at the others, who were all listening to him conscientiously.

These days, Zhang Tie had been looking for that child of him and Ma Aiyun in Tongzhou Province. Although he failed to find him, he had deepened in the grassroots and genuinely sensed the severe damages of the bloody figures and the miserable lives of grassroots after the disaster.

Flying Cloud City was fine as it was circled by city walls. By contrast, many places outside the city were severely damaged by rampant bloody figures. Many villages and towns had completely turned into ruins. In many places, no people but herds of stray dogs could be seen within one hundred miles. Skeletons could be seen everywhere across the wilderness, woods, riverside and beaches. Not until now had not the damages been mended and the survivors been attended well.

Those survivors, especially those underprivileged who had lost their family members were most pitiful as none of them had the ability to look for food; instead, they could only rely on relief. It's hard to say that.

"After reviewing those places being afflicted by bloody figures in Tongzhou Province, I'm afraid that the other places across the country are similar to them. Therefore, I've got an idea—I prepare to build Jinwu branches in those places afflicted by bloody figures across the country!"

"Jinwu Branches?"

"Right, I mean Jinwu orphanage which is especially used to raise orphans who lost their family members in the disaster. Meanwhile, it is a college where those orphans could learn various abilities to survive themselves. When they grow up, those who are talented in cultivation could be enrolled by Iron-Dragon Sect. Those with the other talents could enter Jinwu Business Group or the Fiery-Oil Bases across the country. If they wish, they could even become a member of Jinwu Palace and have families, lest they're alone in the world..."

Zhang Tie said as Mountain Lifting Hermit, Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi and Zhang Tie's wives' eyes shone.

Mountain Lifting Hermit nodded, saying, "I agree. It's a benevolence for the future of orphans. In this way, Iron-Dragon Sect's influence would be further expanded. In the future, we might be able to break Northeast Military Region..."

"Jinwu branches could be administered by disciples above LV 9 from Iron-Dragon Sect as coaches and masters. Through imparting knowledge to those orphans, they could also improve their own knowledge and skills. In the future, this task could be taken as a compulsory one in our clan for disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect!" Lu Zhongming said as he nodded...

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Chapter 1514: Zhang Tie's Ambition

No sooner had Mountain Lifting Hermit and Lu Zhongming opened their mouths than the atmosphere in the shrine became active while everybody discovered the benefits of Jinwu Orphanage from various perspectives.

Soon after Lu Zhongming finished his words, Lin Huanxi had opened her mouth, "People are needed to attend those orphans in Jinwu orphanages. I suggest employing some jobless old and weak females to do some simple jobs in Jinwu Orphanage such as cooking food. We could save a lot of people by doing this..."

"Both our clan and sect require the constant provision of people. If Jinwu Orphanages spread over the country, they would provide talented people to Iron-Dragon Sect and Zhang's Jinwu Palace constantly. It's conducive to the development of Iron-Dragon Sect and Zhang's Jinwu Palace. In fact, all the major sects and clans in Taixia Country had agencies similar to orphanages across the country to select talented ones and cultivate dare-to-die fighters. This is an open secret in Taixia Country..."

As Zhang Tie didn't come for her last night, Bai Suxian was a bit jealous all day long; especially when she saw Guo Hongyi's mature hairstyle, which made her eye light more resentful. Not until now, she was still angry with Zhang Tie. However, her interest was aroused by Zhang Tie as she commented too.

"According to my knowledge, the lands among those cities being struck by bloody figures are all very cheap. Besides safety guarantee, Jinwu orphanages in these cities would cost less money. Additionally, we would enjoy many preferential measures. If we built them now, we could reduce the cost to the minimum..." Donder said after consideration.

"As long as Jinwu orphanages across the country start to run, they would output humans resources constantly. In the future, Zhang's Jinwu Palace's expansion would be better accomplished. Many industries would be involved. In addition, Zhang's Jinwu Palace could also play a great role in intelligence collection and merchandise transportation as the juncture of commerce and logistics of Jinwu Business Group..." Olina supported Jinwu orphanage commercially on behalf of the other women of Iron-Heart Palace.

"I also think it's feasible!" Zhang Yang nodded too.

"That's the deal!" Zhang Tie made a decision after looking around as he added slowly, "After we establish Zhang's Jinwu Palace and our shrine palace, we will establish Jinwu orphanages in all the provinces and prefectures which were struck by bloody figures. I'm afraid that the total of Jinwu orphanages would be over 1,000. The detailed number depends on our plan. Jinwu orphanages would be commonly administered by Zhang's Jinwu Palace and Iron-Dragon Sect!"

Everyone at present nodded.

The establishment of Jinwu orphanages was a good deed, but also utilitarian. What was more, Zhang Tie hoped that the kid of him and Ma Aiyun could be found in this pattern. Even if his son couldn't be found, the other orphans could also have a safe and warm place to live which would comfort Zhang Tie and the late Ma Aiyun.

"Elder brother, after Zhang's Jinwu Palace is established, you will be the first clan head. I will be the grand elder!" Zhang Tie said. Before Zhang Yang declined, Zhang Tie had urged, "Elder brother, don't decline it; I could be the clan head too; however, domestic affairs would influence my cultivation. As

we're in troubled times, my largest commitment and obligation to Iron-Dragon Sect and Zhang's Jinwu Palace is to maintain my battle strength and grow more and more powerful. Therefore, anything being irrelevant to my cultivation would be minor to me. I would care less about them!"

Zhang Tie's words were convincing. In this age, high-end battle strength was the core and key stand of a clan and a sect. Without high-end battle strength, a clan and a sect would decline for sure. By contrast, with high-end battle strength, even though a clan and a sect fell one hundred times, they could rise for the 101st time.

Zhang Tie was the core and key stand of Zhang's Jinwu Palace and Iron-Dragon Sect. Zhang Tie's principal task was to grow more and more powerful constantly and keep alive. As long as he could reach the two points, he would be the most qualified clan head and grand elder.

Zhang Tie put straightforward what he was deliberating these days.

"After the establishment of Zhang's Jinwu Palace, the former system adopted by Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory should be abolished. The Fiery-Dragon Corps of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and the Jinwu Guards should be unified. The system and training of the new corps would refer to that of Fiery-Dragon Corps. However, we should change the Fiery-Dragon Corps into Jinwu Corps. In order to adapt to the situation, Jinwu Corps should be expanded in scale by at least 10 times in the following two years after the establishment of Zhang's Jinwu Palace!"

"So would a new clan management system be established to adapt to Zhang's Jinwu Palace. There's already a considerate clan management system in Taixia Country, most of which could be borrowed. The Iron-Heart Palace of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory would be revoked. After that, my wives would join in the new clan management system. Elder brother, later on, you could negotiate with my wives on details of the clan administration!"

"The existing management system in Iron-Dragon Sect would remain unchanged. It would still be determined by the elders. Iron-Dragon Sect is involved with too many aspects like military construction and management and local internal affairs. These aspects should be detached from the scope of the administration of Iron-Dragon Sect. Its military affairs should be transferred to Jinwu Corps while its local administration should be transferred to the clan administration system of Zhang's Jinwu Palace. From now on, Iron-Dragon Sect would shift its focus on the cultivation of high-end fighters and knights and its expansion again. I will mainly concentrate on Iron-Dragon Sect. In the future, Iron-Dragon Sect only has one purpose—from today on, Iron-Dragon Sect would strive to be the most powerful sect in the world under my leadership!"

As Zhang Tie's voice resonated in the shrine palace calmly, everyone in the shrine palace was watching Zhang Tie silently as they were transfixed by his words.

From today on, Iron-Dragon Sect would strive to be the most powerful sect in the world under Zhang Tie's leadership!

What a real, great ambition!

In such suffocating silence, Donder who used to have no dream but indulge in pleasure and boring work abruptly felt his heart getting burned as his blood all over heated up and boiled...

Everybody at present felt Zhang Tie's change when they watched his calm face. Being utterly different than before, Zhang Tie appeared far from being overwhelmingly charming and majestic...

Chapter 1515: An Accidental News

One week later, on July 1, the 906th year of Black Iron Age, Zhang's Jinwu Palace in Youzhou Province distributed the introduction of their clan to all the other Zhang clans across the country and founded their shrine palace.

The ceremony of the establishment of the shrine palace of Zhang's Jinwu Palace was held in Xuantian City, the same place where Zhang Tie held the opening ceremony for Iron-Dragon Sect. As they stuck to be low-key, they didn't invite anyone else except Zhang Tie's family members and the elders of Iron-Dragon Sect.

The ceremony started on the auspicious time and underwent smoothly and routinely. Males were headed by Zhang Ping, followed by Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang, their uncles from the old mansion, their cousins and the third generation of Zhang family; females were headed by Zhang Tie's mother, followed by Yan Feiqing and the other women and female cousins standing on both sides. As witnesses, elders of Iron-Dragon Sect and Donder were watching the ceremony solemnly on one side.

Under Zhang Ping's leadership, Zhang family started to offer sacrifices, and burnt incenses to their forbears. After that, Zhang Tie's dad mounted on a high sacrificial altar. After clearing his throat, he started to deliver an elegiac address.

"With fair administration, the magnificent Taixia Country has existed ever since immemorial and contained numerous population. Today, a Zhang clan with the bloodline of Xuanyuan will establish a new clan and a shrine palace. We set a sacrificial altar to memorize our forefathers. In the secular world, we intend to link with sages morally and expect that God could bless our ceremony. Despite vicissitudes, there're always odes. The sun rises and falls; the moon waxes and wanes. The landscape in the secular world is so fabulous that Youzhou appeared being carved by Jade. When swallows are shocked and fly off, they will traverse across the country by eyes and see Zhang's Jinwu Palace being built. The magnificent scenery contains universal laws. As universal laws are hiding in waters and classics, how could we not bear in mind the developed culture and military expertise in front of the altar? We're not here for drawing dragons or phoenixes, we're building a cauldron to shine people immortally..."

"In the far-ancient times, the Jupiter circled around the globe from north to east, south to west, then to the east and ruled all the deities in the universe. After that, all the forces who built walls and fortresses to expedite invaders and expand their own borders would hold the sacrificial ceremony in the desert and select the auspicious moments to adapt to the universal laws. Today, based on the material manifestation and people's will, we're going to build our great clan and our brilliant undertaking for innovation. All the people in the world would support us like how the bells bang..."

Zhang Tie slightly squinted his eyes under the sacrificial altar as he watched his dad loudly and sentimentally reading the elegiac address in grand dress.

The elegiac address was written by a famous litterateur. Zhang Tie knew that his dad had practiced reading it for over one week at home.

After practicing it time and time again, Zhang Ping performed it exceptionally.

In Zhang Ping's words, it was his consummate moment in his life and he must perform it well.

Watching the righteous and generous look of his father who was always reserved and easygoing, Zhang Tie felt complex inside as he didn't know what to say.

These days, after killing Zhang Taixuan, Zhang Tie only told his parents, "Zhang Taixuan was not righteous and not qualified to be the clan head. Therefore, I've already killed him in the shrine palace in Embracing Tiger Mountain. As this event couldn't be resolved kindly and peacefully, I've already determined to write a letter to Huaiyuan Palace with blood to exit it for the sake of Huaiyuan Palace and Zhang family!"

It was a major event for Zhang Tie to kill the clan head and end up the relation with Huaiyuan Palace; however, despite the shock, Zhang Tie's parents resolutely chose the side of Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang without asking about the reason.

However, at this moment, Zhang Tie's dad was loudly making the elegiac address on the sacrificial altar, chest thrusting forward.

Zhang Tie was a bit moved by his parents' unconditional favor and love. Meanwhile, he was happy for his dad because his dad also witnessed and sensed the glory of the new clan at this moment. Zhang's Jinwu Palace is commonly built by Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang, and the man on the altar. Zhang Ping created this family, including Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang and Zhang's Jinwu Palace as a whole.

At this moment, Zhang Tie felt pretty complex.

Although Zhang Tie didn't turn around, he could still sense the facial expressions of onlookers.

Zhang Ping, Zhang Su and some of Zhang juniors were very exhilarating while others were a bit fluctuated like Zhang Tie's two uncles. The rest were a bit puzzled as they wondered why the Zhang family suddenly reached for this step.

When Zhang Ping read the elegiac address, Zhang Tie sensed Donder's change in his facial expression as the finger with a finger ring was quivering as if he was communicating with someone else. Donder frowned as he threw a glance at Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie was so familiar and tacit with Donder that the moment Donder threw a glance at him, he had known his meaning—he's just received a piece of news.

Zhang Tie wondered what it was.

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After a few minutes, Zhang Ping finally finished the elegiac address while the ceremony came to an end.

"Let's invite Zhang Yang, the first clan head of Jinwu Palace to unveil the broad..."

After hearing Zhang Ping's call, Zhang Yang strutted to the altar as he unveiled the golden broad covered with a piece of red cloth and hung at a high place behind his dad, revealing the shiny characters "Zhang's Jinwu Palace".

As of now, the opening ceremony of Zhang's Jinwu Palace had come to an end!

After being the clan head, Zhang Yang instantly announced Zhang Tie to be the grand elder within the others' expectation. Therefore, the top management of Zhang's Jinwu Palace was fixed.

After the ceremony, Zhang Tie didn't even attend the clan's first conference; instead, he bade farewell to his parents and the others before returning to Iron-Dragon Sect with Mountain Lifting Hermit and Yan Feiqing, Bai Suxian by airboat.

From now on, Zhang Tie would not care about ordinary affairs in Zhang's Jinwu Palace; instead, he handed them all to Zhang Yang and his wives' cabinet. He would only focus on cultivation and the expansion of Iron-Dragon Sect.

"What's happening?" Zhang Tie asked Donder the moment he boarded airboat.

With a strange look, Donder said, "The escaping knights of Huang Clan of Mercury Palace, Qizhou Province and Qitian Sect have been found!"

"They've been caught?"

"No. I've just received the news—they were killed by the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church in Yinzhou City in an open fight..."

"What?" Zhang Tie replied with a deep frown...

Chapter 1516: The Powerful Rival

"What are the details?"

"I've received a message—those escaping knights of Huang Clan of Mercury Palace and Qitian Sect suddenly appeared in Yinzhou City and met people from Heavens Reaching Church a couple of days ago. They said they were secretly developed as church members by Han Zhengfang in Taixia Country, who once promised them that they could learn secret skills of Bloody Soul Sutra if they worked for Heavens Reaching Church. They said that they could only flee to Heavens Reaching Empire after the exposure of secret and the loss of their families. They even requested Heavens Reaching Church to fulfill what Han Zhengfang promised them. However, only after staying in Yinzhou City for one day, they had already failed in the negotiation. Finally, the two parties broke out a fierce open war in Yinzhou City, destroying half of the city. As a result, those escaping knights of Huang Clan of Mercury Palace and Qitian Sect were killed by knights of demons and Heavens Reaching Church..."

"How was this message distributed?"

"As the capital of Heavens Reaching Empire, Yinzhou City is always the focus of all parties. The entire Yinzhou City is like a screener which would leak message at any time. All forces including the Supreme Court of Taixia Country have moles in Yinzhou City, open or in dark. When those escaping knights of Huang Clan of Mercury Palace and Qitian Sect appeared in Yinzhou City, they had aroused great attention, not to mention their battle. After the battle, Heavens Reaching Church delivered the notice to the public; therefore, almost all the church members in Yinzhou City knew that they were in Yinzhou City." Donder said. Watching Zhang Tie's solemn look, Donder muttered, "After receiving the news and

confirming the death of those escaping knights, the Supreme Court of Taixia Country have already prepared to revoke their order for arrest...”

After hearing Donder’s answer, Zhang Tie sighed inside, “Insidious!”

Zhang Tie was clear whether Huang Clan of Mercury and Qitian Sect in Qizhou Province were remnants of Heavens Reaching Church or not. He accused them of the remnants of Heavens Reaching Church because he wanted to scare all the forces that wanted to screw him and Zhang’s Jinwu Palace. In addition, he wanted to take advantage of the official force of Taixia Country to find the culprit, the mysterious “His Majesty” behind Huang Clan of Mercury and Qitian Sect...

Zhang Tie’s plan was feasible; however, he had not imagined that the opponent could present such a show in Yinzhou City by sending those escaping knights of Huang Clan of Mercury Palace and Qitian Sect into Yinzhou City over the past one month.

Beat Zhang Tie at his own game.

‘We were not only members of Heavens Reaching Church, we even fought to death in Yinzhou City. Show me your ability in the investigation.’

Those escaping knights of Huang Clan of Mercury Palace and Qitian Sect in Qizhou Province were thrown out like vanguards crossing the river. After admitting that they were members of Heavens Reaching Church developed by Han Zhengfang, they fought to death, destroying all the evidence, transferring the responsibility to Heavens Reaching Church while remitting their culprit. As a result, the Supreme Court could barely continue their investigation within the territory of Taixia Country.

‘Break his own arm to keep himself alive or abandon soldiers to keep the general alive.’

Even Zhang Tie was shocked by such a ferocious means. When he recalled that “His Majesty” was casting covetous eyes on Huaiyuan Palace and him and could resolve his counter-measure easily, how could Zhang Tie feel good?

Undoubtedly, “His Majesty” was hostile against Zhang Tie and Zhang’s Jinwu Palace. Additionally, *His Majesty*’s prowess was out of Zhang Tie’s imagination, which might be involved with the extermination of the Great Wilderness Sect and Bloody Soul Temple. Of course, Zhang Tie was scared of such a great force.

Being screwed, killing Zhang Taixuan and renouncing Huaiyuan Palace, to a certain extent, owed to “His Majesty”.

Because of the existence of such a hidden, powerful opponent, Zhang Tie should put all of his efforts on Iron-Dragon Sect and the recovery of his battle strength. Without the guarantee of great battle strength, no matter how well Zhang’s Jinwu Palace would develop, it was just a castle on sand, which might perish overnight like the Great Wilderness Sect and Bloody Soul Temple, each of which was much more powerful than Zhang’s Jinwu Palace in the end.

Zhang Tie bore all these in mind.

“His Majesty” probably did not know that Zhang Tie had already known the existence of him, though he could guess that Zhang Tie abhorred Huang Clan of Mercury Palace according to that Zhang Tie accused

them as remnants of Heavens Reaching Church and used the official force of Taixia Country to exterminate those who screwed him.

This was Zhang Tie's vantage point. As long as he pretended not to know the existence of "His Majesty", "His Majesty" would not show up if unnecessary.

Additionally, "His Majesty" was also shocked by the death of those knights in front of Zhang Tie. Even though "His Majesty" knew that Zhang Tie had not fully recovered from his wounds, Zhang Tie would not be scared of anyone under sage-level knight with the ability of divine dominator.

With the combination of the two strengths, Zhang Tie had time to recover his battle strength and find the culprit.

Therefore, what counted most was to recover his battle strength as fast as possible on the premise that he pretended to not know the existence of that "His Majesty".

If that "His Majesty" knew that Zhang Tie had already known his existence and had not recovered his battle strength, he might do everything possible to kill Zhang Tie.

The airboat soon arrived at Iron-Dragon Sect.

Zhang Tie then recovered his composure and told all the elders of Iron-Dragon Sect about the news that he had just received in a cheery tone and facial expression.

After hearing that, Mountain Lifting Hermit, Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi, Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing let out a sigh of relief at a stroke.

"I was worried that these remnants of Heavens Reaching Church might lurk in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory for sabotage. Thankfully, they're dead. Let the dogs bite dogs..." Mountain Lifting Hermit said in a relaxed manner.

Both Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi nodded.

"Now that they have died, this event has come to an end!" Zhang Tie said with a smile as if he had already neglected this event, adding, "From now on, the affairs in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory would be handled by Zhang's Jinwu Palace. I will not interfere with it. Hopefully, you could manage it well. As I've promised Suxian to go back to South Border with her, I plan to set off for there with her tomorrow..."

Chapter 1517: The Reform of Iron-Dragon Sect

Soon after Zhang Tie's words, Bai Suxian had jumped out of the crowd as she hugged Zhang Tie's arm and said in a spoiled way, "Aah, hubby, are you going to the South Border with me? You're so good..."

After saying that, Bai Suxian threw an arrogant glance at Guo Hongyi and Yan Feiqing. Like having not seen her arrogant look, Guo Hongyi moved her eyes away from Bai Suxian while Yan Feiqing remained glassy-eyed as she put her hand on her lower abdomen quietly, which denoted something. At the sight of their response, Bai Suxian's arrogant look instantly faded away greatly. As their relations with Zhang Tie were not a secret to each other, their relations turned a bit subtle in the sect.

Zhang Tie had long told Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi about that. Therefore, the two women didn't comment on it. As Zhang Tie had slept with the princess of Lord Guangnan, of course, he should pay a visit to her family. If Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi had seniors, Zhang Tie should also visit their families.

"Ahem...ahem..." watching the intimate behavior of Bai Suxian, Mountain Lifting Hermit pretended to cough twice as he moved his eyes away from Bai Suxian, saying, "That's good. Head, you've mentioned about adjusting the organizational structure of Iron-Dragon Sect and the levels division system for disciples a few days ago. Have you worked out a solution or not? Or let's negotiate about it when you come back from South Border?"

"Hmm, I've already got an idea. We could discuss it right now!" Zhang Tie said as he patted Bai Suxian to have her return to her seat. After that, he returned to his own throne. After throwing a glance around the others, he said, "These years, Iron-Dragon Sect have already been loose internally. We've got an increasingly greater number of knights and powerhouses. After the founding of Zhang's Jinwu Palace, we should adjust some rules in Iron-Dragon Sect. After a few days, disciples of Fantasy Lady Palace will join Iron-Dragon Sect. By then, we will have more disciples. I prepare to have Feiqing become the deputy head of Iron-Dragon Sect. When I'm absent, Feiqing will be in charge of Iron-Dragon Sect!"

Mountain Lifting Hermit, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi nodded in unison. As a heavenly knight and the former head of Fantasy Lady Palace, she was qualified to be the deputy head of Iron-Dragon Sect. Additionally, with a heavenly knight as the deputy head, the overall pattern of Iron-Dragon Sect would be improved. Across the country, those who could have a heavenly knight as the deputy head would definitely be top sects.

Yan Feiqing didn't oppose it. After knowing that she got pregnant, she had experienced some trivial changes in mind. In the future, Iron-Dragon Sect would probably belong to the kids of her and Zhang Tie. Yan Feiqing was confident that her kids would be brilliant. Therefore, she just followed Zhang Tie's arrangement.

After gaining all-out pros, Zhang Tie continued.

"The levels, rights and commitments of disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect should be further refined. I prepare to divide disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect into three categories: first, registered disciples, whose level ranges from LV 1 to LV 5. They're mainly responsible for odd jobs and simple tasks and their sense of belonging and agreement to Iron-Dragon Sect should be strengthened. Second, outdoor disciples, whose level ranges from LV 6 to LV 9. After promoting to LV 6, registered disciples would become outdoor disciples. As outdoor disciples, they would serve Fire-Dragon Corps outside the mountain gate of Iron-Dragon Sect. After promoting to LV 9, they would become strong fighters when they could become indoor disciples; indoor disciples could become the subordinate disciples of elders, I or Yan Feiqing and accomplish more tasks for the sect!"

Zhang Tie said as all the knights and elders in the shrine palace listened to him conscientiously.

"In addition, the indoor disciples would be further divided into two classes, which included 7 levels according to the number of surging points that they have lit. The first class ranges from LV 10 to LV 15, which is marked with a different number of stars from one to six, attached with different rights and interests; the second class is consistent with 7 stars, who, as battle spirits, might promote to a knight. Disciples in the second class are the core of the sect and should catch special attention!"

“After promoting to knights, disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect would become elders for different peaks. Additionally, elders of Iron-Dragon Sect would be divided into four ranks for the time being; black iron knights are elders; earth knights are big elders; shadow knights are grand elders while heavenly knights are deputy heads. According to this standard, Elder Brother Mountain Lifting Hermit would be a big elder. After promoting to a shadow knight, you would become a grand elder. Similarly, Elder Brother Lu, Sister Huanxi, Suxian and Hongyi are all elders. After promoting to earth knights, you would be big elders...”

Zhang Tie’s new plan contained all the disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect. In addition, he clarified the promotion road for each knight in Iron-Dragon Sect. As long as they could promote to heavenly knights, they would be deputy heads of Iron-Dragon Sect. In this sense, anyone joining Iron-Dragon Sect would see clearly their road ahead in Iron-Dragon Sect, even if they’re a commonly registered disciple for the time being. As long as they make progress step by step, they would have a chance to reach the apex of the sect. What a great incentive for everyone!

Hearing Zhang Tie’s plan, Lu Zhongming exchanged a glance with Lin Huanxi out of spirit. In this sense, the couple would make efforts together as their future was definitely not limited to the position of the heads of a peak. If Iron-Dragon Sect could become as powerful as the major clans in Taixia Country, the deputy heads of Iron-Dragon Sect could even be on the same footing with the top three lords of Taixia Country.

Bai Suxian exchanged a glance with Guo Hongyi occasionally, sparking an invisible flame in the air. As women, besides Zhang Tie’s love for them, their importance for Zhang Tie also determined on their positions in Iron-Dragon Sect.

“As to the rights and obligations of elders, big elders and grand elders, I still have not worked out a way. During the period when I leave for South Border, you could discuss it and work out a solution!” Zhang Tie continued, “The above is just the internal levels and ranks for disciples and elders, as for the organizational operations in details, I prepare to set internal seven palaces and external seven palaces to conclude everything about Iron-Dragon Sect...”

Chapter 1518: Zhang Tie’s Overall Plan

“The first palace of seven internal palaces of Iron-Dragon Sect is Heavens Palace. Being ruled by the deputy head, the “Heavens” Palace was in charge of general affairs across the sect. The second palace of seven internal palaces is Personnel Affairs Palace, which is in charge of the personnel promotion, rewards and punishments of the sect. The third palace of seven internal palaces is Ground Palace, which is responsible for the administrative affairs and construction of the sect. The fourth palace of seven internal palaces is Ritual Palace, which accounts for rites and sacrifices. The fifth palace of seven internal palaces is Criminal Penalty Palace, which, literally, takes in charge of the execution of criminal laws. The sixth palace is Safety Palace, which will guard and patrol the territory of Iron-Dragon Sect and clear out the moles. The seventh palace is Methods Palace which is responsible for managing and imparting secret methods to disciples.”

“The first palace of the seven external palaces is Counseling Palace, which works as the counselors and think tank for Iron-Dragon Sect. The second palace of the seven external palaces is Stockpile Palace,

which, literally, refers to the management of wealth, grains and the undertakings of the second. The third palace is Intelligence Palace, which will collect intelligence for the sect. The fourth palace is Military Palace, which accounts for the expedition, crackdown and assassination and like. The fifth palace is Craftsmanship Palace, which is for studying and producing weapons, pills, rune and alchemist's equipment. The sixth palace is Talents Selecting Palace, which is for recruiting and selecting talented disciples across the country. The seventh palace is Treasures Seeking Palace, which, literally, is looking for pre-historical relics and secret treasures like the tower of time in the underground world..."

"Above seven internal palaces and seven external palaces is Elders Council, which is responsible for negotiating major events in Iron-Dragon Sect!"

After putting out his idea about the reform of Iron-Dragon Sect, Zhang Tie asked, "I wonder whether there's any dissent."

After exchanging a glance with each other, all the elders at present shook their heads which denoted that they fully agreed with Zhang Tie's idea.

"Now that you all root for it, I will nominate some people for ruling seven internal palaces and seven external palaces. Donder..."

"Aah..." Donder responded at a stroke.

"You will be responsible for Stockpile Palace in the seven external palaces!"

"Zhang Su!"

"Here!" Zhang Su hurriedly sprung up.

"You will account for Treasures Seeking Palace for the time being!"

"Yes, sir!" Zhang Su understood that it was just a provisional position. As the Treasures Seeking Palace should comprise of professional underground exploration teams, which didn't need knights for the time being. Therefore, Zhang Su fit this position well!

"Mountain Lifting Hermit, you're in charge of Criminal Penalty Palace as usual!"

Mountain Lifting Hermit nodded.

"Elder Brother Lu and Sister Huanxi will be responsible for Safety Palace. Safety counts most in our sect. It's a bit hard for merely one knight to maintain it in the current stage. I will be reassured if it's jointly managed by a good couple. From then on, the Iron-Dragon Sect should be free from danger at least inside!"

Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi nodded in unison as they thought that Zhang Tie's arrangement was proper.

"As the head of Guo Clan, Hongyi has been ruling Guo Clan for many years. The prosperity of Guo Clan implies your shrewd ability to identify talents. You will be responsible for Personnel Affairs Palace!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's extolment, Guo Hongyi became delighted as she revealed a brilliant smile towards Zhang Tie.

“As Suxian grew up in Lord Guangnan’s Mansion, you must be deeply intoxicated by the atmosphere of the mansion and seen the world. You will account for the Ritual Palace!”

Bai Suxian nodded too.

Ritual Palace was the most relaxed palace in Iron-Dragon Sect. However, it was very important on occasions. Given Bai Suxian’s personality as a princess, she must feel pretty bored managing Ground Palace or Methods Palace. Therefore, she suited the position of the head of the Ritual Palace.

“All the other directors could be in vacancy for the time being. During the period when I leave for South Border, you could negotiate about that. We will list the leaders of all the palaces first and promote some able deputy directors. Take Craftsmanship Palace as an instance, we could promote a couple of deputy directors so as to make it run. A few days ago, I’ve already had Donder search for exceptional talents across the Northeast Military Region. They could run the agency first. As for the other vacancies, we will make further arrangement when more knights join Iron-Dragon Sect. In addition, Mountain Lifting Hermit could absolutely serve as an elder teacher in the Methods Palace provisionally at the same time...”

“Actually, Iron-Dragon Sect wouldn’t lack knights. When the head’s military exploits at the bank of Weishui River spread over, we’ve already received a lot of inquiries. Many knights admire head’s reputation and would like to join Iron-Dragon Sect, many of which come from the Northeast Military Region. Whereas, head, we’ve not formulated a charter for that. Therefore, we turned them down kindly for the time being!” Mountain Lifting Hermit said.

“We will talk about it later. We should take the event in Jinwu City as a mirror. As we’re not clear about the background of new attendants, once someone among them wants to screw us, it would pose a great threat to Iron-Dragon Sect. Therefore, we prefer completely trusted ones!” Zhang Tie said resolutely.

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Zhang Tie’s new regulations spread over Iron-Dragon Sect on the same day and aroused a great shock among those disciples.

According to the new regulations, even though two of his nephews were taught directly by him, they had to follow the standard of outdoor disciples as they were not even qualified to access to the mountain gate of Iron-Dragon Sect. They had to hone themselves in Jinwu Corps. Only after reaching LV 9 could they enter the mountain gate and become indoor disciples, lest disappointing other disciples.

Meanwhile, these new rules showed a golden road to many people. Every disciple of Iron-Dragon Sect would have their heyday as long as they would like to ascend.

Each one’s effort and contribution to the sect would not be a waste.

Although the new regulations had not been delivered yet, the entire sect had become vigorous as it started to display strong cohesiveness.

On the same day, Zhang Tie did three more things.

First, he had Zhang Yang release news to those clans and sects who had deep cooperation with Zhang’s Jinwu Palace that Zhang’s Jinwu Palace would like to enter deep cooperation with clans and sect which

had the tower of time by exchanging the access of tower of time with fiery oil and all-purpose medicament.

Every resource had a price, including the tower of time, not to mention fiery-oil and all-purpose medicament. As long as conditions were met, such resources would be available for exchange. Each took what needed pleasantly. Everybody was happy.

When this news was released on the same day when Zhang's Jinwu Palace was founded, it also aroused a great shock across the country.

On the same day, Zhang Tie left 49 footsteps, each of which was as deep as 6 cm, on a huge rock as large as a house on the verge of the cliff behind Xuantian Peak. Additionally, he recorded the method of "Vigorous Grass Gait" into a piece of crystal and handed it to Mountain Lifting Hermit. From today on, all the disciples could have a chance to sense the "Vigorous Grass Gait" on the verge of the cliff as long as his or her credit points reached 3,000 in the sect.

After knowing that "Vigorous Grass Gait" was comprehended and concluded by Zhang Tie himself and learning it and experiencing its power, Mountain Lifting Hermit admired Zhang Tie so much that he told Zhang Tie such a gait was absolutely on the top of ground ranks and was close to the power of heavenly rank. Very few people across the country could create such a great battle skill.

Zhang Tie didn't tell Mountain Lifting Hermit that the "Vigorous Grass Gait" was just his comprehension of some rules adopted by the grass based on his LV 1 consciousness of universal laws, which was not difficult for him at all.

The third thing was that Zhang Tie entered Castle of Black Iron in the name of secluded cultivation to meet White Bones Immortal again on the same evening.

White Bones Immortal's obstinacy was out of Zhang Tie's imagination. Since he was captured and thrown into Castle of Black Iron, this guy had been in hibernation like an animal. He cut off all the senses of the outside world. In this sense, even if he was chopped, he would not feel any pain or fear; nor would he wake up.

These days, Zhang Tie neglected him. Therefore, he just pretended to die for over one month as he thought that Zhang Tie couldn't get any information from him.

Whereas, before leaving for South Border, Zhang Tie didn't feel like playing hide-and-seek with him any longer...

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In the evening, after entering Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie directly came to the underground cell where White Bones Immortal was locked up without the guidance of Agan and Heller.

Too many knights had been locked here. However, most of them had been sh*t and fertilizers, except the timid demon knight Akino of Augusto Clan who was captured by Zhang Tie from Earth-elements Realm.

Watching Zhang Tie passing by his door, Akino was so scared that he immediately shrunk himself into the shadow at the corner of the cell like seeing a man-eater beast, head down.

Zhang Tie just threw a glance at Akino as he directly came to the front of the cell where White Bones Immortal was locked up.

In the cell, White Bones Immortal was crumbling like a snake while completely hiding his qi and temperature. He was stiff as dead and appeared not waking up no matter how one tortured him.

This guy had already maintained this gesture for over one month. Since he woke up and found that he was locked up here, he had been maintaining this gesture as if he was going to test Zhang Tie's patience...

Chapter 1519: Imperial Alliance

Watching White Bones Immortal with a sneer, Zhang Tie opened the door and entered the cell quietly. After that, he moved his finger and pointed over 10 locations on White Bones Immortal's body before standing aside.

Only after a short while, White Bones Immortal's stiff body had turned red as it started to twist on the ground. Then, he woke up and started to scream loudly as he incessantly tore his clothes, causing many bloody marks on his skin. He appeared as painful as in the purgatory.

"Aah...how do you know the solution of Dragon and Snake's Qi Concealing Method...aah...who the hell are you..."

Dragon and Snake's Qi Concealing Method was a secret skill of the Great Wilderness Sect. Its cultivation method and solution were completely recorded in the Great Wilderness Sutra.

As long as one activated this secret skill, he would appear dead, in which state, the executor couldn't sense anything wrong with his body at all. However, he was still sensitive to the surrounding environment while maintaining extremely low consumption of life energy.

Dragon and Snake's Qi Concealing Method was used by knights in the former Great Wilderness Sect in emergencies. After activating this method, one could maintain such a state for months, even years long until the arrival of the rescue force. In addition, by activating this secret method, knights of the former Great Wilderness Sect could be free from pain and fear when they were caught and interrogated.

That was how White Bones Immortal prepared to do.

Of course, Dragon and Snake's Qi Concealing Method was nothing but a joke in front of Zhang Tie.

Dragon and Snake's Qi Concealing Method could be hardly resolved; however, once being resolved, it would cause an adverse effect—the executor's life energy would burn rapidly and he would feel as itchy as being bitten by tens of thousands of ants or how a boa cast off its skin. He couldn't help but tear open his skin to alleviate the pain and itch. Meanwhile, he would become ten times more sensitive and painful.

To experience ten times greater pain of casting off his skin in terms of burning his life energy, White Bones Immortal was in his purgatory.

The Great Wilderness Sutra had long been missing. The solution of Dragon and Snake's Qi Concealing Method was recorded in the Great Wilderness Sutra, which even White Bones Immortal himself was confused about. Therefore, he was not fearful at all. Nevertheless, White Bones Immortal could never imagine that his Dragon and Snake Qi Concealing Method was preposterous in Zhang Tie's eyes. When he remembered the reputation of Qianji Immortal, it had been too late...

Zhang Tie watched White Bones Immortal rolling like a water snake on a piece of soldering iron. Only after a short while, his clothes had been shabby as he was covered with blood on his chest, back and thighs. Many pieces of his skin had been torn off.

"Aah...help me...help me...stop...stop me...quick..."

After pretending to be a tough man for over one month, White Bones Immortal almost collapsed at this moment as he was rolling, whining and dropping tears on the ground. Due to incontinence, his blood mixed with his urine, covering everywhere on the ground and himself. As a result, he looked like a horrible ghost, who was poor as a beggar. The reversal of Dragon and Snake's Qi Concealing Method brought a sharp pain which was enough to destroy one's will no matter how strong it was.

If Zhang Tie didn't stop, White Bones Immortal would tear off all of his skin, along with his muscles and finally his guts in the most painful manner in the world.

Zhang Tie just watched him whining without any sympathy. After a while, Zhang Tie opened his mouth, "Answer me and I will keep you alive..."

"Aah...go ahead...go ahead...I will tell you everything...everything...quick, stop me..." White Bones Immortal rolled as he tore off a piece of bloody skin on his arm, revealing his muscles and blood vessels beneath his skin...

"Who's His Majesty?"

This question might have brought greater pain to White Bones Immortal as he became a bit hesitant.

Zhang Tie instantly turned around as he intended to leave.

Watching Zhang Tie striding out of the door, White Bones Immortal completely collapsed...

"I will say it...I will say it...I will tell you everything..." White Bones Immortal rolled and whined, "His Majesty is the third royal prince of Emperor Xuanyuan—Xuanyuan Infinity..."

Although Zhang Tie had long predicted that the "His Majesty" probably was one of the royal members, he was still transfixed and felt much colder in the cell all of a sudden when he heard White Bones Immortal's admission.

Previously, Zhang Tie had already heard the third royal prince in Xuanyuan Hill. Among those royal members, only two people were qualified to scramble for the throne from Xuanyuan Changying, namely Xuanyuan Infinity and the ninth royal prince Xuanyuan Lie.

"Who's that shadow knight together with you that day?" Zhang Tie asked another question to test his royalty.

“Aah...he’s Immortal Fiery Huang Botao, the grand elder of Huang clan of Mercury Palace, Qizhou Province...”

Zhang Tie asked another two questions about Huang Clan and Qitian Sect to test him and White Bones Immortal answered him faithfully...

Zhang Tie then touched one location on his head, relieving his sharp pain by almost 10 percent so that he could pant...

“Why do you follow the command of Xuanyuan Infinity?”

“Because Xuanyuan Infinity...is the leader of Imperial Alliance...Huang Botao and I are both members of Imperial Alliance...”

The two words “Imperial Alliance” brought Zhang Tie greater shock than that caused by the exposure of Xuanyuan Infinity.

“What’s the doctrine of Imperial Alliance? Did Imperial Alliance exterminate the Great Wilderness Sect? Is your animal driving skill from the classics of the Great Wilderness Sect? Who else is in the Imperial Alliance besides you?” Zhang Tie asked and fixed his eyes onto White Bones Immortal in a shrewd manner as he appeared catching a great conspiracy. After asking these questions constantly, Zhang Tie pointed his body once again, relieving his pain by 10% more, providing him a driving force to answer...

“The doctrine of Imperial Alliance is helping Xuanyuan Infinity be the celestial emperor of Taixia Country...the Great Wilderness Sect in the South Border and the Bloody Soul Temple...were both exterminated by Imperial Alliance...my animal driving skill also comes from a secret method that Imperial Alliance acquired from the Great Wilderness Sect... Besides us, Imperial Alliance’s influence covers Taixia Country as a whole; among the top six sects, Taiyi...”

Right then, a bizarre blue rune flew out of the forehead of White Bones Immortal who was still rolling on the ground. In a split second, Zhang Tie felt four elements gathering towards that rune from the near elements abyss and filled that blue rune. Closely after that, the rune sank into the forehead of White Bones Immortal, exploding his head right away.

With some blood stains on his face, Zhang Tie became stunned as he didn’t believe that White Bones Immortal had already died.

The process appeared magical.

Heller had already been standing in front of Zhang Tie with a solemn look.

“This is an extremely powerful secret skill like a curse of spiritual constraint. It displays the power of rules. That rune seed was hiding in the depth of his mind sea. Even I couldn’t discover it until it flew out and gathered four elements. However, it was too late. The isolation between the Castle of Black Iron and the principal world was like a time and space barrier which delayed the duration of the curse, causing it two minutes late. If in the outside world, it might have already taken effect the moment he opened his mouth...”

Heller explained calmly.

“You mean I could have barely got any information from him in the outside world?”

“Yes!” Heller nodded as he added, “The constraint of that rune is very powerful which couldn’t be subdued by this person. He couldn’t even realize that a time bomb had been buried in his mind...”

Watching that headless corpse, Zhang Tie let out a sigh suddenly, saying, “I am a bit regretful. I prefer to have not known anything about that. I prefer to have shattered him by a hammer. Sometimes, only idiots are the happiest...”

Although White Bones Immortal didn’t complete his words, Zhang Tie had already known that he wanted to say Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Taiyi Fantasy Sect was a member of Imperial Alliance as it had been involved in the scramble for the throne and rooted for Xuanyuan Infinity to be the celestial emperor of Taixia Country, the highest position of humans. That was amazing! If Xuanyuan Emperor knew that the top six sects had attended the scramble for the throne, the entire world would be in trouble. What was more, it was uncertain whether other sects of the six top sects of Taixia Country had been involved in this scramble; because White Bones Immortal probably say the word “and” after “Taiyi Fantasy Sect” according to his tone...

Besides, how many major clans and other sects were involved in it? How did the Imperial Alliance bought over these people and won their trust?

No wonder the Great Wilderness Sect could be exterminated overnight. The destroyer was too powerful to make Zhang Tie feel no warm.

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In this case, Zhang Tie only murmured inside, “What the f*ck!”

Even Heller sighed, “Castle Lord, you could pretend to have known nothing about that...” “Hmm, we could only pretend to have known nothing about that for the time being!” Zhang Tie said after being silent for a while.

“Castle Lord, you need to recover your battle strength, even promote to a heavenly knight as soon as possible. That’s the safest way by far...”

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On the second day, Zhang Tie exited the backroom as he found Bai Suxian had long dressed well and been waiting for him to return to South Border.

“You don’t look good!” Bai Suxian said after throwing a glance at Zhang Tie.

“It’s fine. I tried too hard last night...” Zhang Tie stroked his face in a casual way.

“Let’s go. I’ve already told Mountain Lifting Hermit and the others not to bid farewell to us...”

Zhang Tie looked around as he truly found nobody. Therefore, he nodded, saying, “Well, let’s go!”

Bai Suxian grinned as she directly pulled Zhang Tie’s hand and flew onto the imperial airboat which was waiting for them in the sky. After that, the airboat flew towards South Border.

“This airboat is too ostentatious. Why not change one?” Zhang Tie asked Bai Suxian.

"That would be better. Which son-in-law doesn't use a good vehicle that he could when he pays the first visit to his wife's home?" Bai Suxian riposted with a charming smile as she pulled Zhang Tie into her room and closed the door.

"Aah, what are you doing?"

"It would take us one week to arrive at South Border. As you're not cultivating now, will you be in a trance during that period?" Bai Suxian said as she made a circle in front of Zhang Tie and made a cute pose by drawing her skirt, "Look, am I beautiful?"

"Could we do that in the evening?"

"No way!" Bai Suxian urged as she approached him and put her arms around Zhang Tie, nibbling Zhang Tie's ear, "Yan Feiqing has been pregnant; I want a baby too..."

Chapter 1520: Arriving at South Border

The airboat penetrated through leisure white clouds and flew over ranges for eight days incessantly before arriving at South Border of Taixia Country, traversing hundreds of thousands of miles.

After arriving at South Border, they spent two more days in arriving at the ruling center of South Border. Zhang Tie finally knew how vast was the territory of the South Border.

South Border was famous for its numerous mountains. Zhang Tie saw long lasting, undulating ranges across the territory of South Border like endless billows in an ocean.

Some of those mountain ranges were magnificent and as high as the clouds. Additionally, these mountains were crisscrossed with rivers, deep valleys, grotesque karst caves and underground spaces. Dense woods could be seen everywhere. Many places were cloaked by rosy clouds and bizarre mists all the year round. Some mists were colorful and brilliant, which were actually poisonous miasma due to various reasons. Across the South Border, there were as many as 17 poisonous miasmas. In addition, there were countless rare beasts and materials among the multitude of mountains. In one word, the entire South Border was the largest, natural treasury.

There were too many big mountains and less flat ground in South Border. All the cities in South Border were built in basins girdled by magnificent mountains. Basins were called Bazi here. There were tens of millions of Bazi in South Border, which ranged from dozens of miles to hundreds of miles in size. The megalopolis of South Border was adorned by many a Bazis, large or small, among the countless mountains.

Some Bazis were close to each other with large populations and fewer obstacles, which could be linked by highway or railway. By contrast, some Bazis were surrounded by lofty mountains, which could only communicate with the outside world by airship.

Most of Hua people lived in those Bazis.

However, the main race living in South Border was not Hua people, but barbarians who lived in the countless mountains generations after generations. Although over 10 billion Hua people were living in South Border, the population of barbarians in South Border multiplied that figure.

Barbarians in South Border were ferocious and valiant, who excelled at using poisons and driving fierce beasts and insects with mantras. Superficially, these barbarians subdue themselves to Taixia Country; in fact, they had their own systems, including totem, culture and cultivation inheritance. There were too many recalcitrant barbarians, most of which were living in the mountains, where Hua people could barely access to. Of course, Hua people couldn't manage and rule them effectively. One principal task for Lord Guangnan was to maintain the stability of the South Border. The conflicts between Lord Guangnan's Mansion and those unruly barbarian tribes had been ongoing since its establishment.

Zhang Tie gained this information of South Border from Bai Suxian during these days on airboat every once in a while; because Zhang Tie was really "busy" these days...

These days, Bai Suxian had turned herself into an enchantress. As a result, Zhang Tie experienced the living style of a fatuous and self-indulgent ruler——spirits and sexy beauties. In fact, Zhang Tie almost had not left that brilliant room since he boarded the airboat. Begin with the second day, Bai Suxian had started to call in her maids one after another. The enthralling scenery was really forbidden for children.

Not until two hours before they arrived at Immortalwood Plains, the ruling center of South Border, Zhang Tie was still lying in a bathtub shrouded with steam vapor. Drinking spirits, he was enjoying the arbitrary service of Bai Suxian and some of her maids.

Not until one hour before they arrived did Zhang Tie end up his dissolute travel. After cleaning up himself, he changed a set of clothes. After that, he prepared to get off the airboat with Bai Suxian who had changed a wholly new set of a ceremonial robe, especially for a princess.

"Lord, which do you think will serve you better, this vassal and my apprentices or Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi?" Bai Suxian turned around as she licked her lip and whispered to Zhang Tie at the front of the hatch door when the airboat was slowly descending.

Of course, Bai Suxian's apprentices referred to those beautiful maids on her side!

Females were really good at contending. Zhang Tie glared at her before patting her plump butt as he muttered inside, 'What an enchantress! Always being unruly when staying with me alone.' "Are you serious?"

Bai Suxian turned around with a big, enchanting smile as she answered, "Of course, when lord goes back home and have Yan Feiqing and Guo Hongyi serve you on bed, don't forget to call this vassal. This vassal will check whether their service could match half of mine..."

After the airboat parked, the hatch door slowly opened. Bai Suxian immediately turned decent as she smoothened her skirt and put her hands in front of her lower abdomen with a smile in a pretty grand manner.

After finding that Bai Suxian changed completely at a stroke, Zhang Tie became speechless.

No sooner had the hatch door been opened than Zhang Tie saw Bai Zhengnan.

Bursting into laughter, Bai Zhengnan extended his arms and walked forward, saying, "Younger brother Mushen, long time no see. When I left Youzhou Province last time, you had just finished your rotating charka ceremony as an earth knight. I've not imagined that Younger Brother Mushen has already promoted to a shadow knight and been well known across the world due to the battle at the bank of

Weishui River. That's really cool! You should have the trump card as a divine dominator. Why not let me know lest my concern..."

"Hahaha, Brother Bai, forgive me. Trump card is to be covered; otherwise, it would not work anymore..." Zhang Tie said and burst into laughter as he got off the airboat and gave a fervent hug to Bai Zhengnan.

At the same time, Zhang Tie looked around as he found the airport outside the city had been surrounded by soldiers of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, 3-5 meters in between.

Some black vehicles parked aside. Additionally, a man who looked similar to Bai Zhengnan in long, blue gown and glasses was standing aside and observing Zhang Tie as if he was a prehistorical animal.

Zhang Tie at his 30s still looked like a 17-18 years old teenager in the neighborhood, which was really unbelievable...