

Black Iron 1571

Chapter 1571: The Spirit for Spirit

Watching Yun Zhongzi's shocked look, Zhang Tie remained calm while he couldn't stand giggling inside.

As the new head of Great Wilderness Sect, if Zhang Tie couldn't frighten Yun Zhongzi, he would feel bored taking the position or might be the puppet of Yun Zhongzi. Although Zhang Tie couldn't have a trial fight with Yun Zhongzi and determined who was greater in battle strength, Zhang Tie's exposure of his ability with lotus-flower eyes could also win Yun Zhongzi's admiration.

Yun Zhongzi threw a shocked glance at Zhang Tie before nodding, saying, "Head really deserves the reputation Immortal Qianji!" Closely after his words, Yun Zhongzi had waved his arm while the periphery within 1500 m was covered with dense fog. Even the mountains under their foot started to undulate like billows in the ocean. With the sudden topographic change, only after a short while, the location where Zhang Tie and Yun Zhongzi were had become a deep well surrounded by over 10,000 high lush mountain peaks. Additionally, Zhang Tie and Yun Zhongzi were standing on a high platform in the deep well while some rocks served as tables and benches where they could sit and have a chat for free.

The sudden change reminded Zhang Tie of the topographic renovation function of Castle of Black Iron. The only difference lay in that the topographic renovation in Castle of Black Iron was realm while everything in front of his eyes was virtual. Even so, Zhang Tie was still stunned by the top ability of sage-level human knight.

Watching this scene, Zhang Tie got a question unknowingly inside—whether some functions in Castle of Black Iron were actually simulations and copy of some great cultivator's abilities? The topographic renovation ability of Castle of Black Iron was very similar to that of how a sage-level knight controlled his own realm. The other abilities such as life renovation and evolution might also be similar to an ability owned by greater cultivators. Nevertheless, the existence who created the Castle of Black Iron must be much advanced than a sage-level knight.

Standing on the high platform, Zhang Tie looked up as he saw rising clouds and gathering sunglow at the exit in the dome. Many odd-looking fierce beasts were flying in the sky. The sudden topographic change made the two people more hidden at a stroke.

When he thought about that question, Zhang Tie was shocked by the new landscape. Not until two minutes later did Zhang Tie recover his composure as he extorted sincerely, "What exceptional sage-level means!"

"Thanks, head. Please take a seat!" Yun Zhongzi said as he pointed at those rocks in front of them.

After taking a seat, Zhang Tie stretched out his hand and started to pat and touch the stone table and benches, which felt real. Zhang Tie forcefully inserted his fingers into a table and dug out a piece of rock. Zhang Tie then rubbed it, which then turned into quiet, disordered four elements dispersing in Zhang Tie's hand instead of turning into powders. All the real objects in front of Zhang Tie comprised of four elements mobilized by the sage-level knight. Although they looked real, they were not real; if you said they were fake, they were actually more vivid.

Yun Zhongzi watched Zhang Tie's movements as he waved his hand in the air, displaying two jade cups and a delicate jar with two snakes circling around it on the table. After patting it to remove its lid, a fresh and enthralling fragrance like that of orchid suffused in the air.

"Oh, what's this?"

"It's a spirit for strengthening your spiritual energy made of 81 natural rare resources among numerous mountains in South Border by Great Wilderness Sect. This spirit is one of the secret spirits in Great Wilderness Sect. It could fix and improve one's essential strength. Head, as you've cultivated Great Wilderness Sutra, you should know that incarnation could consume our essential strength. This spirit could fix the consumption of our spiritual energy..."

As Yun Zhongzi said, he took the jar and made a cup of spirit for Zhang Tie.

At the same time, a rainbow appeared in the jade cup, which constantly changed its color from red to green, from blue to purple. The mysterious liquid in the snow-white jade cup won Zhang Tie's acclamations constantly.

Zhang Tie then took the jade cup and drank it. It tasted like the fruit of source. No sooner had it entered his throat did Zhang Tie's cells as a whole become restless.

When Zhang Tie realized that all the knights outside thought that he was fighting Yun Zhongzi in the latter's sage-level realm at the risk of his life while he was actually tasting Yun Zhongzi's spirit for strengthening his essential strength which was brewed by Great Wilderness Sect inside, Zhang Tie had a bizarre feeling at once. Even though Zhang Tie, who rarely disguised to do anything had to make a performance, Zhang Tie wondered how many things and how many people were performed or performing across the world so as to cheat the others.

"What a pity..." Zhang Tie sighed after taking a cup of spirit.

As this spirit could match the effect of fruit of source, it was definitely invaluable. According to Zhang Tie's knowledge, although Taiyi Fantasy Sect and the other top sects had a myriad of marvelous medical pills, none of them could match this spirit.

"Hmm, Great Wilderness Sect was once unparalleled in South Border. As long as disciples could grasp the skill of incarnation, they could gain rationed spirit monthly. Additionally, disciples were also awarded this spirit. However, now, besides the reminders in the Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect, there's no more such kind of spirit in the world anymore. I wonder when the new spirit for strengthening one's spiritual energy could come out..." Yun Zhongzi sighed with full of emotion.

"You mean as long as disciples of Great Wilderness Sect could grasp the skill of incarnation, they would receive some spirit monthly?" Zhang Tie asked as he blinked his eyes, "What's the volume of spirit could they receive monthly? Wasn't there any other request or limitation such as donations to the sect?"

After a short silence, Yun Zhongzi replied, "As long as disciples who had grasped the skill of incarnation could get half a jar of spirit monthly. If they have better performance, they could have more!"

"What would they do after the disciples and elders of Great Wilderness Sect received such a spirit?"

“Of course, they could use more skill of incarnation to wander across the great wilderness so as to experience the marvels of the mother nature!” Yun Zhongzi said in a narcissistic look.

After hearing Yun Zhongzi’s response, Zhang Tie couldn’t stand rolling his eyes.

Chapter 1572: A Long Talk between Zhang Tie and Yun Zhongzi

“This spirit is greatly beneficial to one’s cultivation. If the essential strength increased by this spirit was used to light one’s surging points, form one’s chakra or polish one’s fighting skills instead of being used for the experience of incarnation, Great Wilderness Sect could definitely cultivate a great number of powerhouses. Didn’t Great Wilderness Sect restrict the use of this spirit or guide those elders and disciples to use it in other places?”

“No, as for Great Wilderness Sect, only Great Wilderness Sutra was the top classic. All the other cultivation methods, if there is, would not be valued by the elders and disciples of Great Wilderness Sect. If the promotion to higher realms and levels couldn’t enable elders and disciples of Great Wilderness Sect to make further progress on the cultivation of Great Wilderness Sutra, and grant them with greater longevity and stronger essential strength, almost no elders or disciples of Great Wilderness Sect would like to improve their fighting skills or cultivate calmly.”

“What if you encounter the incursion of a foreign enemy?”

“Numerous powerful mutated and fierce beasts among so many great mountains in South Border could be my helpers. The skill of incarnation and animal driving skill could both be used to kill the enemy. As for disciples of Great Wilderness Sect, we don’t need cultivation of battle skills; instead, we only needed to find powerful mutated, fierce beasts from the great mountains in South Border and control it!”

“Were the towers of time here always be used by elders and disciples to cultivate the endless true words of Great Wilderness Sect instead of forming chakra?”

After being silent for a short while again, Yun Zhongzi nodded hardly, “Almost like that...”

With the classic Great Wilderness Sutra, this secret spirit, numerous resources among great mountains in South Border and the amazing Dongtian, elders and disciples were always immersed in the realm of incarnation and the experience of the marvels of the mother nature and entrust the safety of the sect and individuals to a myriad of mutated and fierce beasts; instead of thinking about competing with the other top sects of Taixia Country and ruling the rest of the world. Zhang Tie became speechless; neither did he know whether such a deed was out of confidence or too presumptuous. No wonder Imperial Alliance cast a covetous glance at Great Wilderness Sect.

All the elders and disciples of Great Wilderness Sect appeared to be romanticists who pursued the mother nature. The administration of the sect was loose. Besides spoiling the top rare spirit, some cultivation classics of Great Wilderness Sect could even be imparted to barbarians selflessly. Zhang Tie himself couldn’t understand such a mode as he guessed that this mode led to the extermination of this sect overnight to a certain degree.

As one popular line before the Great Catastrophe went, Zhang Tie only wanted to tell the elders and disciples of Great Wilderness Sect that this world was too perilous, you'd better go back to the Mars as fast as possible.

Before the elders and disciples of Great Wilderness Sect returned to the Mars, almost all of them had been killed.

"As the martial force counts the most in this world, knights are definitely the leading force of this world. The so-called animal driving skill or the skill of incarnation could only work as the auxiliary means for elders and disciples to cultivate, which could never be used as the foundation of a sect. Without powerful knights as the base, everything would be empty talk. If you want to rejuvenate Great Wilderness Sect, you should never take the Great Wilderness Sutra as the principal cultivation orientation for your disciples. Disciples below LV 10 couldn't touch the animal driving skill of Great Wilderness Sutra; disciples below knights could cultivate the skill of incarnation. If the battle strength and level of knights couldn't be promoted, never think about touching the senior cultivation skills of Great Wilderness Sutra. Otherwise, even if Great Wilderness Sect could restore again, it would perish sooner or later again..." Zhang Tie told Yun Zhongzi.

"Head, you're right. After the Great Wilderness Sect was exterminated, I've been considering about the reason in the Dongtian over these years. I've also realized a lot of problems facing Great Wilderness Sect. In the future, if Great Wilderness Sect was restored, it would never repeat the previous mode!" Yun Zhongzi said as he nodded too, "Head, could you show me the Great Wilderness Sutra and Cloud Crane's letter?"

Zhang Tie had already put the Great Wilderness Sutra and Cloud Crane's letter in Castle of Black Iron. In this case, now that Yun Zhongzi would like to see them, of course, Zhang Tie had no reason to not show them to him as he knew that Yun Zhongzi just wanted to confirm whether his previous words were real or not.

Yun Zhongzi had hardly finished his words when Zhang Tie waved his arm over the stone table, presenting the Great Wilderness Sutra and Cloud Crane's letter in front of Yun Zhongzi.

At the sight of the two items, Yun Zhongzi took the Great Wilderness Sutra first by quivering hand. Stroking the surface of the Great Wilderness Sutra, Yun Zhongzi read it without opening it. With red eyes, he put it back. Then, he took Cloud Crane's letter, after reading which, he finally dropped off his tears.

Watching Yun Zhongzi's miserable look and his falling tears, Zhang Tie could only let out a sigh inside. Even the so-called sage-level knight had emotions and would feel sad sometimes.

'Oh, as Yun Zhongzi and Cloud Crane (Yun Hezi) are both disciples of Great Wilderness Sect and have similar literary names, they might know each other.' Zhang Tie thought as he asked Yun Zhongzi about that.

"Cloud Crane was my elder brother. He was kind and righteous. We joined the Great Wilderness Sect together!" Yun Zhongzi said as his voice turned hoarse, "This letter, head, could you please give it to me?"

"If you want it, take it as a souvenir!" Zhang Tie showed his sympathy. Meanwhile, he put away the Great Wilderness Sutra again.

"Head, it seems that you're destined to be the new head of Great Wilderness Sect as you encountered the last alive person of Great Wilderness Sect!" Yun Zhongzi said as he put away Yun Zhongzi's letter and hid his mournful look, recovering his composure gradually, "Even though being in the dilemma, my elder brother still didn't think about promoting to a higher level; instead, he wanted to train mutated rats to restore the Great Wilderness Sect. It seems that we truly shouldn't prioritize the Great Wilderness Sutra in the future..."

"When the catastrophe facing Great Wilderness Sect happened, why didn't Cloud Crane seek for protection in the Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect?"

"This Dongtian is the most classified place of Great Wilderness Sect. It has too many secrets. Generally, disciples' six senses should be isolated before they were led into the Dongtian by the guardian elder. Even though many disciples or elders had been here for more than once, they still didn't know about the location of this Dongtian. Although Cloud Crane had been here once, after leaving here, he didn't know its location either..."

Chapter 1573: The Unexpected God's Will

"Through strict selection and test, I was enrolled as the disciple of the guardian elder of the Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect. That's to say, I'm going to be the next guardian elder of this Dongtian and could access to Dongtian for free. When the Great Wilderness Sect suffered the catastrophe, I was cultivating in the Dongtian, leaving merely one incarnation outside. Therefore, I survived that catastrophe!"

"What about the guardian elder of Great Wilderness Sect?"

"The guardian elder was also killed when he joined that party held by Great Wilderness Sect!"

"I was told that someone of Great Wilderness Sect poisoned the drinks in the party so that many people were trapped without any preparation. Is that real?" Zhang Tie asked out of curiosity.

"Yes, those people had long joined Great Wilderness Sect as disciples. The day when the Great Wilderness Sect suffered the catastrophe was the most festive opening day of the exchange meeting of Great Wilderness Sect. Almost all the elders and disciples joined it where they shared their animal controlling skills and their experience of incarnations as well as their discovery of mutated, fierce beasts in South Border. Those people stealthily put a colorless and tasteless rare poison in the food and drinks of elders and disciples of Great Wilderness Sect. Therefore, on the same evening, the poison suddenly broke out. Besides a minority, most of disciples and elders in the sect had lost their battle strength before being swept over!" Yun Zhongzi explained.

Zhang Tie realized that the late Great Wilderness Sect was a real team of romanticists. They even regularly held the meeting to exchange the experience of the cultivation of Great Wilderness Sutra. It was a bit similar to the modern salon or forum. Gathering at one place, elders and disciples forgot about their identities as they exchanged experiences with each other freely. Such a gathering was almost impossible for other sects. However, everyone took it for granted in Great Wilderness Sect. Such a sect might be suitable to live in a prosperous world where humans and demons could completely coexist with each other. However, in this age, humans and demons were fighting each other while the

ambitious men and conspirators surged here and there in Taixia Country. How could such an environment be available to the Shangrila that Great Wilderness Sect opened in South Border?

“Did the former head or other elders of Great Wilderness Sect survive that catastrophe?”

“After finding that they were poisoned and suffering the incursion of foreign enemy, the former head and many elders of Great Wilderness Sect exerted their final efforts to kill some rebels. Some of the elders and disciples were killed while the reminders didn’t succumb to even death as they all detonated the fatal witched insects or All-spirits Towers inside their bodies. The other disciples were killed by the invaders and fought the enemy to death as they swore to exist and perish with their sect...” Yun Zhongzi said in a sad tone, “That day, the Taishi Mountain where the Great Wilderness Sect was located was filled with blood. After sensing their owners’ death, the marvelous beasts that the elders and the disciples of Great Wilderness Sect incarnated incessantly rushed towards Taishi Mountain so as to protect the corpses of our elders and disciples while counterattacking the invaders. Finally, they all perished with the sect as a whole.

At this moment, Yun Zhongzi looked up at the void in a distant look as if many scenes were flashing across his eyes. He then recalled what happened that night in an ethereal tone, “I had incarnated into a bird and was watching the Great Wilderness Sect being exterminated. I still remember that an elder was obsessed with controlling swallows for his whole life as the swallow king and always led the flock of swallows wandering in South Border. He looked for nests for swallows and cured them. That night, the elder exploded himself, causing over 1 million swifts flying out of the mountain caves outside Taishi Mountain and hit onto the Heavens Cliff where that elder committed suicide one after another like a dense cloud. After that, over 1 million dead swifts fell off the Heavens Cliff like rain and paved over the hillside. Previously, the rocks on the Heavens Cliff were grey. After that, the color of the rocks on the Heavenly Cliff turned red due to the blood of swifts.

“There’s another junior fellow disciple who tamed a wolf pack. That night, the junior fellow disciple fought the invaders to death. At that time, the entire wolf pack rushed into Taishi Mountain to avenge. The last alive wolves found the junior fellow disciple’s corpse and carried it before diving into the bottomless abyss from the Cloud Platform on Taishi Mountain in case it was further humiliated...”

As Yun Zhongzi recalled how the Great Wilderness Sect was exterminated, Zhang Tie really sensed the tragical situation facing Great Wilderness Sect that night. The pictures of the common death of humans, beasts and sect made Zhang Tie sigh.

The Great Wilderness Sect might be loose in management and idealized view of reality; undeniably, it enabled the disciples of Great Wilderness Sect to be highly loyal to the sect. At the crucial moment, besides very few moles arranged by foreign forces, almost no disciples would like to betray the sect. As for the disciples who survived the catastrophe, such as Cloud Crane who escaped to Waii Subcontinent and still thought about restoring Great Wilderness Sect and Yun Zhongzi who didn’t know how many years had he stayed in the towers of time of this Dongtian. Not until he promoted to a sage-level knight did he set this trap and allure the enemies for revenge with the Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect...

Watching Yun Zhongzi’s young yet experienced face, Zhang Tie let out a sigh, saying, “According to you, after the catastrophe, you’ve been cultivating in this Dongtian. I wonder how many years have you stayed in the towers of time since you promoted to the sage-level knight?”

"I stayed over 400 years in all the towers of time of this Dongtian before promoting to a sage-level knight. After that, I spent 100 years more on consolidating the cultivation base of the sage-level knight. I feel I'm going to touch the next realm. In addition, I've met a bottleneck in cultivation base and couldn't move further within the towers of time. Therefore, I decided to exit the Dongtian and set this trap for revenge..." Yun Zhongzi said.

Previously, Zhang Tie thought that he had stayed too long in towers of time. However, compared to Yun Zhongzi, he finally understood that someone was always sharper. What relentless spirit and perseverance was needed for one person to constantly sharpen himself in towers of time while bearing the loneliness for a long time!

Watching Yun Zhongzi in front of him, Zhang Tie knew that Great Wilderness Sect might be destined to not exterminate due to its remaining facility. After the catastrophe, the God spared a bit vigor to Great Wilderness Sect. The obscure God's will was really unexpected and formidable.

The realm above sage-level knight mentioned by Yun Zhongzi made Zhang Tie's heart pound once...

Chapter 1574: The Far-ancient Classic

"What's the realm above the sage-level knight?"

Zhang Tie asked Yun Zhongzi seriously as the answer was very important for him. Since he gained the fruit of redemption from saving humans and acquired the Class I universal consciousness, Zhang Tie had been troubled by this question. However, nobody on his side could give him an answer.

Was there a greater realm above the sage-level knight and what on earth was that? Any knight at a high level like Zhang Tie couldn't avoid it. Additionally, it was so attractive that people would also be trapped in this question. However, only very few people across Taixia Country could able to discuss this question.

"I don't know what on earth is the realm above sage-level knight, either!" Yun Zhongzi said as a confused look flashed across his face, adding, "Previously, I thought that the sage-level knight was the culmination of the cultivation of human knights. However, after forming the chakras of earth, water, wind and fire, mastering the strength of realm and consolidating the level of sage, I started to gradually feel that the so-called sage level might only be the ceiling of cultivators' recognition about power system in this age. As most of the knights could hardly touch this ceiling, this ceiling becomes mysterious and high in the eyes of those knights and they call it sage. In fact, this ceiling is not the culmination knights' power system; instead, it might only be a starting line!"

"Similar to that when we completely lit our surging points, we thought we've reached the apex of fighters; however, it was just a beginning for a knight. Similarly, the completion of chakras of four elements might only be a starting point of a higher realm. To form four chakras, we could gain a foundation for ascending to a higher realm. Look at the tower of time, our space-teleportation equipment, those silver secret items that were passed from far-ancient times and those legendary gold secret items that very few people have seen, even immortal items, could all these items be controlled and created by sage-level knights? Of course not! Even the lowest-level baron-level secret knowledge that we cultivate couldn't be created by a sage-level knight. The realm of the sage-level knight is definitely not the peak of power. Actually, there might be strength far greater than a sage-level knight on the side of demons behind the holy war..."

Yun Zhongzi's words aroused Zhang Tie's resonance. Zhang Tie shared the same opinion with Yun Zhongzi in many aspects, "You're right. Previously, I also thought that sage-level knight was the culmination of knight's power; however, after mastering the ability of divine dominator and with the growing abilities, I gradually realized that I'm innocent about power. The real power is never purely destructive; instead, it's one's consciousness about universal rules and the ability to control them. Rules lead to realms while realms contained destruction and creation of power. What doubts me the most is that all the classics that our cultivation based on rarely mention the realm, power and cultivation methods after forming the four chakras. Therefore, it causes an illusion that sage-level knight is the culmination of power..."

"The so-called sage-level knight is special in Black Iron Age. This name was granted by this age. In far-ancient times, this realm might have other names. Even knights that we call as powerful guys in this age had other names at other times. For instance, in the ancient times of Taixia Country, powerful ones were classified into deity, real man, immortal, taoist, sage and wisdom. Knight in modern times might be called wisdom in far-ancient times." Yun Zhongzi said as a bizarre, classic piece of crystal of secret knowledge appeared in his hand, "This piece of crystal is called "Secret Code in Peace Times". It was discovered together with Great Wilderness Sutra in the Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect. It records some far-ancient things and contains the descriptions about deity, real man and immortal. You could take a look at it..."

Zhang Tie then took that piece of crystal. Although he could use less spiritual energy, he would still check the contents of the crystal. After injecting some spiritual energy into it, he started to browse it...

The contents of this book shocked Zhang Tie too much. In this book, the history of Hua people was divided into six historical phases in far-ancient times, namely phases respectively ruled by deities, real men, immortals, taoists, sages and wisdom. Each phase lasted at least tens of thousands of years, even millions of years. It was said that the age ruled by deities was the peak period of Hua people. Deities came from galaxies, who could easily fly across the sea of stars. Only by waving their hands, deities could shatter stars, break the void, shape the world and create living beings. Deities dominated the sky in a supreme position. By contrast, in the period dominated by real men, all the real men had lost the abilities to fly across the sea of stars; they couldn't fully live without earth. They even lost the greatest ability to create living beings. However, real men still had very great abilities as they could also renovate topography and create various magical rarities using bizarre metals and minerals in the earth. However, the rarities that real men created were just used to pursue the ability of deities. Therefore, real men dominated the earth. When it came to the period dominated by immortals, immortals' abilities gradually weakened as they could only manifest their dignity by arousing wind, rain, thunder, bolt, volcanic eruption, earthquake and tsunami. The periods dominated by taoists and sages weakened much more. They even lost the ability to manipulate wind, rain and bolt. The tools and instruments created by taoists and sages were also used for pursuing and imitating predecessor's abilities. When it came to the period of sage, sages could only fight wild beasts with bare hands and foot and manage the people. Many powerful wild beasts in the period of sage were created by deities...

One line in the *Secret Code in Peaceful Times* spirited Zhang Tie. The most powerful sages and wisdoms might sense a bit of the ability of immortals as they could manipulate wind and thunder...

'F*ck, doesn't it mean the realm of interaction between human knights and the universe? It turns out that this state indicates that I only sense a bit of the power of immortal. Attention, it's only "a bit"...'

In the secret book, deities were the most powerful ones. The age of deities were the most powerful periods. The fall of the period of deities was caused by the war between two deities, Gong Gong and Zhu Rong who were both deities...

Instead of being water deity and fire deity as they were usually considered in later myths of Hua people; precisely, the two heads of deities should be contradictory to each other just like water and fire...

The so-called deity, real man, immortal, taoist, sage and wisdom were just names, which could be renamed as bird man, bear man, tiger man, ox man, robot man, auto man or what. Their names didn't count at all and wouldn't influence their existence. Take many names for knights in this age as an instance, knights were actually hatchet men and violent machines. You could name or classify them as you wanted, such as gold-medal hatchet men, silver-medal hatchet men, copper-medal hatchet men or class I violent machine, class II violent machine, whatever it was. What counted most behind these divisions were the realms and abilities that these people with different levels in different historical periods owned...

"Far-ancient times was divided into periods of deities, real men, immortals, taoists, sages and wisdoms in the book *Secret Code in Peaceful Times*, which reminded Zhang Tie of the periods of deities, gold, silver, bronze, heroes and black iron which were divided in western myths and legends that Zhang Tie once read in Waii Subcontinent. The descriptions and memories about powers in far-ancient times were similar in civilizations of different backgrounds. It was never simply a coincidence...

Chapter 1575: It Would be Fine If There's No Greater Realm

The stories in the book *Secret Code in Peaceful Times* were indeed enlightening and made people open-minded. Perhaps people could get much secret knowledge about far-ancient times from this book. However, as for all the people in this age, including those top knights in this age, the most attractive point in the book *Secret Code in Peaceful Times* was merely the next realm after the sage.

As for the legends about deities, real men, immortals, taoists, sages and wisdoms, they were useless and could only be taken as the balderdash of lunatics if they couldn't be used to resolve the puzzle facing all knights, to kill the demons army on the west bank of Weishui River, to make them more powerful, to help them rob money, land and women. Too many similar myths could be found on each continent. In the final analysis, it was knights who ruled this world; instead of those ethereal things in far-ancient times. Established on the societal relations and various superstructures, knights' power system was irresistible even facing the demons army.

Knights were the most realistic, powerful and wisest ones in this age, including Zhang Tie who wouldn't easily get lost in those far-ancient legends.

After browsing the *Secret Code in Peaceful Times*, Zhang Tie withdrew his spiritual energy from the piece of crystal as he gradually recovered his composure, before asking Yun Zhongzi, "As you're already a sage-level knight and are on the highest position among knights, now that you've sensed that bottleneck, do you know how to break it?"

"I don't know. As a sage-level knight, you might be standing at the highest peak..." Yun Zhongzi sighed, "Only when one becomes a sage-level knight could he understand that it's lonely to be in a high

position. After completely consolidating their sage level, each sage-level knight could sense the ceiling above them. Although they could touch that hard ceiling, they could barely break it. It appears to be a new world above it. You just look around the clouds and mountains in confusion; however, you couldn't find any stairs and roads leading to the next level. You might also sense helplessness and frustration in the future..."

"Isn't there really any road above sage-level knight?"

"Yes, after promoting to a sage-level knight, you would find no road ahead in cultivation. You couldn't know the level after a sage-level knight from any classic secret knowledge!"

After being silent for a short while, Zhang Tie suddenly burst into laughter as if he was very happy. Yun Zhongzi watched Zhang Tie with a confounded look as Yun Zhongzi himself was also puzzled when he touched the ceiling.

"Head, why are you so happy?"

"Hahaha, of course, I'm happy. It's good news for me..." Zhang Tie replied as he burst into laughter and almost danced, "It's good if there's no more road after the sage-level knight. It means that these old guys who have promoted to sage-level knights...ahem...ahem...I'm sorry, not including you, would not improve their power any more even after 1,000 years. They are just waiting for me. After I promote to a sage-level knight and consolidate my realm, with the means of the divine dominator, I could beat whoever I want. By then, no old guys would dare neglect or offend me. Of course, I should be happy. Previously, I was worried about old monsters above sage-level knights in the top six sects. Now that there was no higher level, all of them would have to respect me in the future. Why not be happy?"

"Head, aren't you anxious?" Yun Zhongzi goggled at Zhang Tie like watching an alien as he added, "Head, based on your qualifications, power and resources, you could promote to a sage-level knight sooner or later. By then, head, you couldn't improve your battle strength either; nor could you ascend to a higher realm!"

"Do people have to ascend to a higher realm?" Zhang Tie hid his smile as he refuted Yun Zhongzi.

"Yes, for knights and cultivators like us!"

"What do we ascend to a higher realm for?"

"Of course by ascending to a higher realm we could grow more and more powerful and be free from the universal law one day!" Yun Zhongzi replied without demur.

"Be free from the universal laws. Good reason!" Zhang Tie revealed a faint smile at his mouth corners as he continued, "If all the contents of the Secret Code in Peaceful Times are real, as was recorded, deities or those deities in far-ancient times are the highest realms that we could reach through cultivation, do you think whether they have been free from universal laws as they could fly across galaxies, break the void, shape the world and create various living beings?"

"Of course they were!"

"If so, why would wars break out among deities? Why would Gong Gong and Zhu Rong fight each other? Now that there are wars and battles, it indicates that those deities were not all-mighty; nor could they

do whatever they want at any moment. If they really lived in such a self-sufficient state and were really free from the universal laws, there would be no war between them. Nor would enemies exist. If so, they didn't need to feel comfortable or prove something by destroying their opponents. Am I right?"

Yun Zhongzi was stunned as he had not imagined that Zhang Tie could view this question in this manner. However, he couldn't refute Zhang Tie at all. Now that deities should also fight, struggle and kill others, it meant that deities didn't live well either. If so, why did they have to pursue such a supreme realm?

"Therefore, people are not living for ascending to a higher realm as it might be an endless way. If you could reach that level, the others could also reach that level. After that, two of you would dislike each other and fight again. What was the meaning of the fight? Is it the purpose of one's life?"

"If so, head, what do you think people live for?" Yun Zhongzi refuted Zhang Tie.

Spreading his arms, Zhang Tie said, "It's very simple. People are living for a better life. As long as you could help yourself and those on your side to live better, although in many states and levels, at least, you would not be bullied by others; nor would you have to worry about losing your life every once a while; at least you could live with great respect, rich clothes and food. Additionally, you could stay with the ones you like and your family. As for me, the above is the meaning of life. If someone could enable others to live better besides himself, it would be better. Isn't our cultivation and the war between us and demons are for better living rights?"

At least for me, as long as I promote to a sage-level knight, I would be able to make everything above come true and have no rivals anymore. Therefore, as for me, the road of cultivation after sage-level knight doesn't work at all. It would be best without it. I don't care about the periods of deities, real men or immortals. It's not bad for weakening people's abilities from ages to ages. After all, neither demons nor I have them. We're even. Neither do we admire each other. I only expect to promote to a sage level knight when I would be the boss of this age. I don't care about those things in far-ancient times. Besides immortals, Pangu in ancient Hua times was also the creator who was said to split the universe into sky and earth by ax. Do I have to practice ax skills? Even if I practice it for over 1 million years, I wouldn't be as giant as Pangu. When I die, I'm afraid that I would be nothing but ash. There might be some roundworms in my belly, which I don't think could become sun, moons, stars, mountains, rivers and earth as was recorded in legends. Am I right..."

Chapter 1576: Gold Sage and Silver Sage

As for Yun Zhongzi, since the extermination of Great Wilderness Sect, he had been bearing the humiliation and the heavy burden while cultivating in the Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect alone. In order to reinvigorate the sect, the entire meaning of his life was to cultivate and grow stronger.

Undoubtedly, Zhang Tie's words were a great wallop against him.

Before meeting Zhang Tie, Yun Zhongzi couldn't imagine that someone in this world didn't want to make further progress after promoting to a sage-level knight. Zhang Tie was really a freak!

As for Zhang Tie, cultivation was just for a better life; instead of growing stronger. Zhang Tie's opinion completely reversed Yun Zhongzi's life philosophy and world view.

“Head, don’t you want to grow stronger?”

“What do you mean by growing stronger?” Zhang Tie refuted, “In this age, the sage-level knight is the strongest. Therefore, I feel it would be great when I promote to a sage-level knight. I only need to be more powerful than the other sages, humans or demons. I don’t need to care too much about others. Even if there’s much greater power behind demons, so what? Have demons or humans perished after two holy wars? Have we seen any power above sage-level knight on the battlefields? Therefore, even if there’s a power above the sage-level knight behind demons, I guess the use of the special power must be limited to many aspects. Demons couldn’t use it for free. Otherwise, holy wars would not have lasted for so many years. Over these years, even though that power was helping demons, it didn’t enable demons to acquire an overwhelming advantage over humans. That’s the point! Therefore, I could neglect it. As for now, which one do you think is the largest threat facing Taixia Country, the power above sage-level knight or the demon army on the west bank of Weishui River? Undoubtedly, the answer is the second one. As long as the number of human sage-level knights is two times more than that of demon sage-level knights, we would be able to solve the problem. High-level power doesn’t suit all situations...”

When Zhang Tie realized that he couldn’t get any fruit from the small tree by killing demon knights, he had guessed that there might be a greater power behind demons. This guess once made Zhang Tie restless in a period. However, after a few years, Zhang Tie had been gradually used to it. He had understood that he didn’t need to fear about it even if there was a greater power behind demons. The existence of this greater power was utterly different than fully displaying it in front of humans. He only needed to deal with the power displayed by demons.

It was similar to the sun in the sky. Although the sun was very powerful and to a certain degree very perilous as the surface of Sun could even vaporize steel and sage-level knights due to its high temperature. So what? Although sometimes the hot sun could cause drought and high temperature even various abnormal climates, that was all that the sun could present its power to the secular world. It didn’t matter if you couldn’t deal with the powerful sun, and it would be fine if you could deal with the greatest power that the sun presented to you.

Although the sun was powerful, it was also limited to the universal laws as it could only rotate in the fixed orbit. In this world, every power would be restricted. As long as you didn’t lose your mind wanting to fight the sun in its orbit and splitting it into two halves, sometimes, its threat could be resolved only by an umbrella, an ice cake or a bowl of iced sour plum soup. No matter what you did, the sun wouldn’t bite you, right?

This was Zhang Tie’s life philosophy.

Through reading the *Secret Code in Peaceful Times*, Zhang Tie confirmed that there might be some deities, real men and immortals behind demons. However, now that those powerful civilizations could be replaced by modern civilizations, there must be deep reasons. Even though Zhang Tie was weaker than them, it didn’t matter as he only needed to handle the threat facing Taixia Country and humans. Being similar to the sun, the powerful existences would also face the constraint of powerful rules, which was always the universal law.

As long as Zhang Tie recovered his power and promoted to a sage-level knight, all the problems would be resolved.

At least now, Zhang Tie didn't find what he couldn't resolve after promoting to a sage-level knight. If there was, plus his ability as a divine dominator and the power of the small tree.

Even though Yun Zhongzi didn't agree with Zhang Tie, he could also sense his great confidence through Zhang Tie's words.

"However, there are indeed higher realms above sage-level knight. We shouldn't evade it as knights."

"I'm not evading it. I'm just facing reality. We don't have the road leading to that realm, neither do demons have I think. Even there is, it might not be that easy to reach that realm. If the realm couldn't be duplicated, it could only be a legend. When far-ancient civilizations cascade like waterfall one level after another, causing sharp differences between energy levels of civilizations, there must be deep reasons and greater rules on its back. Anyone would be trivial in front of such a power or rule. I don't repel that realm; I also want to reach a higher place. One day, if that road could appear in front of us and enable every sage-level knight to further ascend, of course, I would have a try like what others do. However, it was too unrealistic for me to pursue that realm. It's nothing different than wasting time. It's meaningless to do that. If I'm already a sage-level knight, the most meaningful thing for me is to exit here and tell the others that we're going to reinvigorate Great Wilderness Sect tomorrow!"

"Head, you might be right. However, the meaning of my life is to grow stronger than the sage-level knights of Taiyi Fantasy Sect and Heavens Holding Pavilion. I would not give up..." Yun Zhongzi said decisively as he lowered his head and watched the cup of spirit, "After this thing comes to an end and head takes over the Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect, Taiyi Fantasy Sect and Heavens Holding Pavilion would definitely find me trouble. I would go to the realm of deities where I might get a bit chance to improve my battle strength. If I could break through the sage-level knight before you promote to a sage-level knight, I would come back and reconstruct Great Wilderness Sect aboveboard. By the way, I would sweep over Taiyi Fantasy Sect and Heavens Holding Pavilion and cleaned up all the forces that once joined the action in exterminating Great Wilderness Sect..."

'Realm of Deities?'

It was Zhang Tie's second time to hear it since he heard that his master Alchemist Demon Zhao Yuan was going to the Realm of Deities.

"Realm of Deities, what's that?" Zhang Tie asked Yun Zhongzi out of curiosity.

"Realm of Deities is a mysterious and perilous land in the Earth-element Realm. It's said that it's the ruins and battlefield of far-ancient civilizations. Until today, there're still numerous sites and traces of battles between powers tens of thousands of years ago according to the secret information in the Great Wilderness Sect when it existed. It's said that many things of far-ancient times are left in the realm of deities, which might contain the clues on how to break through sage-level knight. However, that place is too precarious. Those who could enter it are at least heavenly knights!"

"Are there many powerhouses over there?"

“It’s said that the sage-level knights of the top sects of Taixia Country and many heavenly human knights usually enter the Realm of Deities. Besides, even heavenly demon knights and sage-level demon knights could always be seen there!”

“What if you met the sage-level knights of Taiyi Fantasy Sect and Heavens Holding Pavilion over there? Isn’t it dangerous?”

After hearing Zhang Tie’s question, Yun Zhongzi revealed a confident smile, saying, “Head, as long as you promote to a sage-level knight, you would know that it’s very difficult for a sage-level knight to be killed by another sage-level knight. Each sage-level realm is a powerful asylum like what you see now. If I was besieged by three sage-level knights, I might not defeat them; however, I could escape and they could barely stop me!”

“If so, take care of yourself. Oh, if you met Alchemist Devil Zhao Yuan in the Realm of Deities, avoid conflicts with him!”

“Alchemist Devil Zhao Yuan?” Yun Zhongzi frowned as he seemed to know who was Zhao Yuan, “What’s the relation between you and him, head?”

“He’s my master!” Zhang Tie said frankly. It was not a big deal for Zhang Tie to expose this secret to Yun Zhongzi. After all, they were both rivals of Taiyi Fantasy Sect and Heavens Holding Pavilion now. Zhang Tie replied straightforwardly, “When I was in Waii Subcontinent, before promoting to a knight, I had already known him and become his apprentice. You’re the first one who knows the relation between Zhao Yuan and me!”

After knowing Zhang Tie’s “secret”, Yun Zhongzi nodded seriously as he said, “Realm of Deities is very large. It’s almost impossible for two strangers to meet each other there. However, don’t worry, head, if I met him, I would never break out conflict with him!”

“That’s fine!”

Yun Zhongzi then remained silent. After waving his hands towards the sky, the two destructive boas as long as 100 m instantly broke the fog in the sky as they flew towards Yun Zhongzi and Zhang Tie.

“The two boas are sacred items of Great Wilderness Sect. They were found here together with the Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect. They always guarded the Dongtian. Barbarians in South Border who knew a bit of the history of Great Wilderness Sect once called them destructive boas due to fear. Actually, we call them gold sage and silver sage in Great Wilderness Sect. As the Dongtian had been exposed to the public and I’ve already promoted to a sage-level knight, it’s useless for them to continue to stay here with me. From now on, the gold sage and the silver sage would follow head as good helpers...”

Chapter 1577: The Method of Owner Authentication

As Yun Zhongzi introduced it, the two boas gave out brilliant lights in the sky while their bodies constantly shrunk.

Zhang Tie was a bit curious about such a wonderful scene. Although Zhang Tie had seen the world and a myriad of animals on the earth, underground and in water, it was his first time to see two boas changing their sizes casually.

It appeared that the two boas were completely made of metal. Besides their abilities of flight and changing size, Zhang Tie even felt the rocking four elements. When they expanded, the four elements in the void started to gather up like solid silver secret items; when they shrunk, a part of their bodies would disperse in terms of four elements.

That was too marvelous. The secrets of life were really endless.

“Have the two boas been guarding the Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect since the beginning?”

“Yes, they have!”

“If so, before they were discovered in the Dongtian, what did they eat over the past tens of thousands of years? I don’t think any living being could live without supplementing any energy.”

When Zhang Tie said, gold sage and silver sage had already turned as small as ordinary snakes as they were flying around Yun Zhongzi. Zhang Tie just watched them with strong interest without any fear. Even though he knew that the two snakes could kill a heavenly knight in a split second, Zhang Tie still didn’t feel anxious at all when he saw the two snakes moving on his side. Since he started to cultivate King Roc Sutra, Zhang Tie had found that he didn’t fear any snake or insect anymore.

“Head, before you entered this Dongtian, did you notice Centralpillar Mountain which was highly magnetic within 600 miles?”

“Yes, I did. Why?”

“It sounds a bit strange that gold sage and silver sage eat a kind of extremely high magnetic core in the hinterland of Centralpillar Mountain. The entire Centralpillar Mountain is equal to a huge piece of magnet while this kind of magnetic core was a highly magnetic crystal, especially in Centralpillar Mountain. Its magnetic power is over 1,000 times higher than that of an ordinary magnet. Gold sage and silver sage like to eat them. After so many years, they almost eat up the core of the entire Centralpillar Mountain!”

As Yun Zhongzi said, he waved his hand while two black grape-sized crystals appeared in his hand. At the sight of the two pieces of magnetic crystals, the two snakes instantly sped up as they waved their tails in a way as if they were waiting for Yun Zhongzi to feed them.

However, Yun Zhongzi gave the two pieces of magnetic crystals to Zhang Tie so that Zhang Tie could observe it carefully.

They felt as heavy as mithril, even heavier than gold. Being similar to black crystal in appearance, they were slightly transparent. Additionally, there were many beautiful spiral grains inside the magnetic crystals.

“How many magnetic crystals would the two snakes eat per year?” Zhang Tie asked Yun Zhongzi.

“Gold sage and silver sage only need to eat one piece of magnetic crystal per three months respectively. Of course, they would not refuse it if you feed them more; instead, they would be happier about that!”

“How many magnetic crystals are left in the Centralpillar Mountain? Haven’t they eaten up all of them over so many years?”

“It’s hard to describe. The point is that the entire Centralpillar Mountain could produce magnetic crystals each year in the hinterland like how shells could produce pearls in the ocean. It’s enough to feed them. You could try to feed them so that they could be familiar with you!”

“Haha, fine, I will have a try...” Zhang Tie opened his palm with two magnetic cores on it as he prepared to feed them. The two snakes then flew towards Zhang Tie from Yun Zhongzi’s side. Strangely, when they were about 3 cm away from Zhang Tie’s palm, they flew backward abruptly as if they were startled.

Such a situation stunned Zhang Tie slightly. Yun Zhongzi also goggled as he murmured, “Yi, that’s strange. Head, gold sage and silver sage appeared to be a bit afraid of you. Gold sage and silver sage have bizarre and sensitive sensing capability which could even match that of heavenly knights. In some aspects, they’re even greater than heavenly knights. Head, do you carry some rarity with you? I think that thing could scare away snakes or insects. That’s why the two snakes are so afraid of you. Such situation has not happened before!”

As Yun Zhongzi asked, Zhang Tie instantly realized that it was not because of some rarity, but because that the two snakes sensed the qi of *King Roc Sutra*, which could scare off dragons or snakes like how slaves felt in front of their owner. Therefore, the two snakes moved backward.

“All right, you’d better do that on behalf of me!” Zhang Tie said with a smile as he gave the two magnetic cores back to Yun Zhongzi.

“Head, I’m afraid that they have not identified you as their owner. After identifying you as their owner, they would not be scared of you!”

“How do they identify their owner?”

“Head, as long as you release the fundamental seal of your All-spirits Tower in the method of bloody seal and have gold sage and silver sage eat it, they would identify you as their owner. From then on, they would understand you. Head could also control the entire Dongtian through them!”

“They could be used to control the Dongtian?”

“Yes, gold sage and silver sage are closely related to the Dongtian like a unity. They’re the highest control center of Dongtian. Only by controlling them could you really manipulate the entire Dongtian. However, I’m afraid that nobody else could imagine that it’s two mutated snakes who control this Dongtian!” Yun Zhongzi said as he made a hand gesture according to Great Wilderness Sutra, continuing, “Gold sage and silver sage still carry my fundamental bloody seal. After a while, I will withdraw my fundamental bloody seal from them. By then, head, you could plant your fundamental bloody seal in...”

“Good!” Zhang Tie nodded as he let out a sigh inside. ‘Thankfully, the execution of fundamental bloody seal wouldn’t cost him too much spiritual energy. Actually, the fundamental bloody seal has already existed when he formed his All-spirits Tower in mind sea. As for those who cultivate Great Wilderness Sect, each person has different fundamental bloody seal in their All-spirits Tower, just like individual fingerprints and DNA. Although the method of bloody seal transfer would consume a bit of his fresh blood, it’s not a big deal compared to the benefits it would bring to me...’

Chapter 1578: Mutation of Gold Sage and Silver Sage

“Come out...” Yun Zhongzi uttered as he pinched his fingers while a shrewd light flashed across his eyes. At the same time, light and shadow of All-spirits Tower loomed on his forehead. He then pointed at the two snakes, which then instantly became still in the air. After that, a pentagon loomed on the two snakes’ skin.

There were sophisticated and mysterious geometric grains in the pentagons, including fish scale, claw, feather and horn. Being integrated with the pentagons, these mysterious grains formed the fundamental bloody seal of each one’s All-spirits Tower. In Great Wilderness Sect, the fundamental bloody seal was like a unique symbol of each disciple, which would be used when executing many secret methods of Great Wilderness Sect.

While giving out scarlet light, the fundamental bloody seal in the All-spirits Tower slowly came out of the two snakes’ bodies and showed its completeness.

“Disperse!” As Yun Zhongzi uttered, the fundamental bloody seal disappeared from the two snakes at a stroke.

At the same time, Zhang Tie on Yun Zhongzi’s side also revealed light and shadow of All-spirits Tower on his forehead. After pinching his fingers like Yun Zhongzi, Zhang Tie also uttered “Come out” as a fundamental bloody seal giving out white light appeared in the void in front of Zhang Tie.

The fundamental bloody seal of Zhang Tie was also a pentagon in shape like that of Yun Zhongzi. However, Yun Zhongzi’s pentagon was much larger than that of Zhang Tie’s. The mysterious grains in their fundamental bloody seals were also utterly different.

When the light and shadow of his fundamental bloody seal appeared, Zhang Tie broke the tip of his tongue as he sprayed some blood onto his fundamental bloody seal, causing it to give out brilliant red light at once.

“Go...” Zhang Tie uttered as he pointed at the two snakes while his fundamental bloody seal divided into two and flew towards the two snakes at once.

Right then, something unexpected happened.

Normally, after Zhang Tie executed his fundamental bloody seal, the fundamental bloody seal would lurk into the two snakes which symbolized the completion of this rite. However, when Zhang Tie’s fundamental bloody seal arrived at the front of the two snakes, the two snakes instantly gave out brilliant gold light and silver light as they fixed their eyes onto the fundamental bloody seal as if they were very thrilled; actually, they were almost driven mad. Finally, before the fundamental bloody seal lurked into their bodies, they had widely opened their mouths and engulfed it.

Zhang Tie was shocked by such a scene as he thought that something was wrong with his secret method. After all, it was his first time to execute this secret method. He was not sure whether there was something wrong with his manipulation. Scratching his head, he looked at Yun Zhongzi, saying, “Erm, is there anything wrong with my method? It appears to be a bit different than the implementation of the rite recorded in *Great Wilderness Sutra* .” According to the *Great Wilderness Sutra*, the fundamental

bloody seal would lurk in the body of the animal that it is going to control. I don't remember that there's such description that fundamental bloody seal would be engulfed by the animal..."

Heavily frowning, Yun Zhongzi stroked his beard as he watched the two snakes giving out brilliant light, saying, "That's indeed weird...I've not heard that gold sage and silver sage could engulf fundamental bloody seal. There's nothing wrong with your execution of fundamental bloody seal, but what's the reason..."

Soon after Yun Zhongzi's words, he widely opened his eyes as he watched gold sage and silver sage.

No sooner had they engulfed Zhang Tie's fundamental bloody seal, the two snakes had given out brighter light while twisting with each other like mating. At the same time, they grew increasingly larger and became longer than 100 m like before. In addition, their scales started to bulge with cracking sounds like numerous gongs were rubbing with each other.

With a sound of "Gua..." The two snakes tweeted in unison as they grew increasingly larger. As a result, the deep-well like valley where Zhang Tie and Yun Zhongzi were in couldn't hold them. Closely after that, they skyrocketed and flew out of the valley like rockets before entering the sky. Only after a short while, they had become longer than 200 m. Meanwhile, their golden light and silver light turned brighter like sun and moons were breaking out of their bodies. The brilliant light caused Zhang Tie and Yun Zhongzi to close their eyes.

Right in the brilliant light, the two snakes twisted their bodies in the sky, casting off their scales like snowflakes.

The two snakes were molting.

The falling golden scales and silver scales were like numerous golden and silver meteors. Giving out brilliant light, they all flew away from the two snakes, burning and converting into fiery rain full of four elements in the sky before dispersing in the realm of Yun Zhongzi.

The change shocked Yun Zhongzi's realm as a whole while the green light in his realm was dwarfed by golden light and silver light and the meteor-like fiery rain over the sky...

After exchanging a glance with each other, Zhang Tie and Yun Zhongzi both saw surprises and puzzles from the opponent.

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At the same time, over 10,000 knights outside Yun Zhongzi's realm were also goggling at the change in the realm with awe and surprise.

As for those knights outside the realm, they shouldn't see the change inside the sage's realm; however, unknowingly, they could see the change in color in that realm at this moment as the brilliant golden and silver light tinted the entire realm with changing glaze.

In the changing golden light and silver light, the knights outside the realm could faintly see two terrifying huge boas tumbling and struggling in the realm. Meanwhile, they saw flames and meteors over the sky in the realm...

All the knights outside the realm interpreted it as that Immortal Qianji was carrying out a heavy battle with the two boas and that old douchebag.

“Look at the marvelous kill of the divine dominator. Immortal Qianji has already executed his skill as a divine dominator...”

“Aah, that’s great...”

“Immortal Qianji is really the number one knight in Taixia Country...”

Some knights exclaimed which instantly won the support of the surroundings.

However, such an effect was out of Zhang Tie’s imagination, either...

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Chapter 1579: The Return of Zhang Tie’s Power

Under the gaze of Zhang Tie and Yun Zhongzi, the two boas constantly cast off their scales. As a result, the entire sage’s realm became a huge colorful egg reflected by various colorful lights. When the two snakes completely cast off their skins, the hundreds of meters long skins burned up in the sky, turning into colorful four elements before dispersing in the sky. Such a scene was really like a doomsday.

Besides having new skins and scales, the two snakes had two evidently bulged horns on their heads. In addition, Zhang Tie noticed that the two snakes changed their way of movement. Previously, the two snakes moved forward by twisting their bodies left and right; now, they started to twist up and down.

Unless being blind, everyone knew that they were evolving.

“Aah, that’s unbelievable...” Yun Zhongzi was stunned as he murmured facing the flying fiery rain of four elements and the extremely brilliant golden and silver lights.

“Didn’t Great Wilderness know that the two snakes...erm, gold sage and silver sage could evolve themselves...”

“I have no idea. Gold sage and silver sage might have already lived tens of thousands of years; by contrast, Great Wilderness Sect’s life is too short. Therefore, Great Wilderness Sect couldn’t fully understand them. Gold sage and silver sage are the sacred items of Great Wilderness Sect. We’ve never imagined that gold sage and silver sage could evolve one day...” Yun Zhongzi said as he suddenly recalled something, turned around and looked straight into Zhang Tie’s eyes, “It’s your blood, something is wrong with your blood. There’s nothing wrong with the process of the execution of your fundamental bloody seal. Many people in Great Wilderness Sect have executed the same secret method; however, none of them could cause such a great change in gold sage and silver sage. The only difference between you and the former elders of Great Wilderness Sect lies in your blood when you executed your fundamental bloody seal. Due to the specialty of your bloody, gold sage and silver sage would like to engulf your blood and, as a result, evolve themselves...”

“My blood?” Zhang Tie became slightly shocked as he asked by pointing at his own nose.

“Yes, it’s your blood. Your blood must contain some vital energy for gold sage and silver sage. Only with this reason could we interpret everything in front of us...” Yun Zhongzi confirmed.

“But I didn’t find anything wrong with my blood since I was born...” Zhang Tie scratched his head helplessly while the current situation puzzled him too much. He had not imagined that his blood could be a great tunic for gold sage and silver sage. ‘Motherf*cking, that’s too far-stretched. Why have I not discovered it over so many years?’

“That’s weird. Is there any mysterious energy and gene of your ancestral bloodline in your blood...”

After hearing Yun Zhongzi’s words, Zhang Tie’s heart raced as he thought about a possibility.

‘Is...is that because of *King Roc Sutra* ...’

‘Since I started cultivating *King Roc Sutra*, my body has become the incarnation of king roc to a certain degree and is nothing different than that of king roc. It’s *King Roc Sutra* which grants my blood with such bizarre energy. It’s said that king roc eats dragons like how chicks peak rice. What if the process becomes converse? What if fierce beasts such as dragons or snakes eat king roc or drink the blood of king roc? Would it be an amazing effect?’

As Zhang Tie thought, the fiery rain of four elements disappeared while the gold sage and silver sage who had completed their evolution flew downwards. At the same time, they instantly shrunk and became dozens of meters in length and flew towards Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie’s consciousness was also connected with that of the two snakes at a stroke. All the information in the Dongtian poured into Zhang Tie’s mind sea at the same time.

There was too much information pouring into Zhang Tie’s mind sea, which contained everything about this Dongtian, including the number of floors, the quantity of towers of time, the amount of puppets in each floor, the number of portals and how to control the hub of the entire Dongtian through consciousness so as to manipulate each portal and puppet in it for free...

What shocked Zhang Tie most was the entrance above the Dongtian which was called Mire of Thunder Fire. The entire Mire of Thunder Fire was not dead; instead, it was almost like a living being. According to Zhang Tie’s demand, Mire of Thunder Fire could change the location of the entrance or completely close the tunnel leading to Dongtian...

When the two snakes approached Zhang Tie, they had been only as long as two chopsticks. Flying around Zhang Tie, they didn’t forget to rub Zhang Tie every once a while as if they were spoiled. They had completely neglected Yun Zhongzi as if the latter was just an onlooker.

Yun Zhongzi watched all this with an amazed look. As a sage who had already reached a high realm of Great Wilderness Sutra, Yun Zhongzi instantly sensed the relation between gold sage and silver sage and Zhang Tie. It was definitely not the effect of the fundamental bloody seal which had actually already lost its effect in gold sage and silver sage. Additionally, from today on, nobody’s fundamental bloody seal would take effect on them, because gold sage and silver sage had already identified Zhang Tie as their owner. It was a senior connection between souls like that between the parent bewitched insects and their owner. This effect was even deeper than that of the fundamental bloody seal. Gold sage and silver sage had already connected their fate with Zhang Tie. From now on, they would follow Zhang Tie’s order. If Zhang Tie perished, they would perish too.

“Erm...I don’t know either...” Zhang Tie looked at Yun Zhongzi who was suddenly forgotten by the two snakes as he said bashfully.

“It seems that head is destined to rule Great Wilderness Sect...” Yun Zhongzi sighed as he nodded, saying, “In the future, I believe that Great Wilderness Sect would definitely reinvigorate under your rule, head...”

“Hmm, erm, I will try my best...” Zhang Tie said as he stretched out two palms so that gold sage and silver sage could land on his palms. To be honest, Zhang Tie was not a bit afraid of the two snakes at all. Neither did he feel disgusted about them; instead, Zhang Tie felt their bodies were full of beautiful metallic texture as they felt like movable sculptures. What was more, after completing their evolution, the two snakes had already grown out two small horns on their heads while their tails became a bit flat. They looked pretty adorable.

At this moment, the two snakes appeared being a bit afraid of Zhang Tie. Watching Zhang Tie stretching out his palms, they flew around Zhang Tie for a few more circles before meticulously landing on his palms.

After that, the two snakes started to climb upwards towards Zhang Tie’s shoulder along his arms. Meanwhile, their bodies gradually turned virtual like the original body of silver secret items. Actually, they turned into two illuminous objects as they further shrunk. Like two earthworms, they instantly lurked into Zhang Tie’s body despite Zhang Tie’s surprise.

‘What does that mean?’

Zhang Tie didn’t feel that they would hurt him; instead, he felt their excitement. When they lurked into Zhang Tie’s body, it felt like how Zhang Tie put away two original objects of silver secret items.

‘Do the two snakes plan to settle down in my body like those silver secret items being absorbed by knights? Wouldn’t they become my roundworms by then?’

When Zhang Tie was thinking about it, he found that the two illuminous objects of the two snakes were swimming towards his mind sea and qi sea. The golden snake was targeting at his mind sea while the silver one was targeting at his qi sea.

‘Wait, won’t they be absorbed or hurt by the black hole in my mind sea and qi sea?’

Before Zhang Tie ordered them to stop, the two snakes had already reached his mind sea and qi sea. After circling around the two black holes which were constantly engulfing Zhang Tie’s energy for a short while, the gold snake twisted its body around the black hole in Zhang Tie’s mind sea like catching prey while the silver one twisted its body around the black hole in Zhang Tie’s qi sea. Closely after that, the two snakes widely opened their mouths as they started to gnaw the two black holes bit by bit...

This scene shocked Zhang Tie so much as he watched the two snakes gnawing the two black holes in his body.

The two black holes were engulfing Zhang Tie’s spiritual energy and his battle qi while the two snakes were engulfing the two black holes.

As the two black holes were gradually engulfed by the two snakes, Zhang Tie's spiritual energy and battle qi started to gurgle out of his mind sea and qi sea bit by bit like an underground fountain, lubricating the mind sea and qi sea which had been dry for so long. As a result, his mind sea and qi sea gradually became energetic.

It felt like a walker having a cold, sweet drink in the desert. It was so yummy and unforgettable...

The long-awaited power, the great battle qi of a shadow knight and the terrifying spiritual energy of a divine dominator were gradually coming back to Zhang Tie bit by bit.

Zhang Tie didn't know how long had he been immersed in such a pleasure. Not until the two snakes completely engulfed the two black holes his mind sea and qi sea and left there did Zhang Tie recover his composure.

At that time, one-third of Zhang Tie's qi sea had already been filled with battle qi. Not knowing whether it was because that his mind sea and qi sea had been thirsty for so long, at this moment, Zhang Tie felt his spiritual energy and battle qi was returning five times faster than that before. They were blowing out constantly as if he had taken some senior medicament.

After leaving Zhang Tie's qi sea and mind sea, the two snakes swam out of Zhang Tie's nostrils at the same time. After coming out, their light gradually faded away as they both turned solid. With a satisfied look, the two snakes swam towards Zhang Tie's left wrist in an adorable way. After that, the golden snake bit the silver one's tail while the latter bit the golden one's tail. Circling Zhang Tie's left wrist, they recovered the original look of the totem of Great Wilderness Sect and became still.

Raising his left hand, Zhang Tie watched the two snakes as he felt like wearing a delicate snake-shaped bracelet made of gold and silver. If not know the identities of the two snakes, everyone would treat it as a bizarre metal bracelet.

The final message that the two snakes passed to Zhang Tie was that they were very full and needed a nap...

Ignoring Yun Zhongzi's amazed look, Zhang Tie suddenly pinched his punch, causing an explosion in the air.

After that, Zhang Tie punched out, shooting out his surging battle qi like a shell, striking against a mountain wall over 10,000 m away, causing a huge hole as wide as several meters. Zhang Tie then pointed at a peak in the distance as a silver secret long sword suddenly appeared on his side. Closely after that, the long sword flashed towards the peak as fast as a lightning bolt.

With loud thunders and collapsing rocks, in a split second, the peak was removed by the long sword, turning into four elements before dispersing in the sage realm.

As the lightning bolt flashed by, the long sword reappeared on Zhang Tie's side while breaking through the void. Floating in the air quietly, it was waiting for Zhang Tie's order...

Putting his two palms in front of him, Zhang Tie couldn't stand guffawing, "I'm back; I'm back again, hahahaha..."

What an unexpected achievement! How could Zhang Tie imagine that the two snakes would restore his battle qi and spiritual energy when he was looking for the methods to recover his power everywhere!

‘No, actually, the two black holes caused by the thunder of nirvana might bring me a surprise...’

Chapter 1580: The Perfect Result

Within the Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect, all the other knights were waiting anxiously as they were gazing at the sage realm...

The sage realm isolated all the eye light from outside. In this process, even though the onlookers couldn't see anything, they still gazed at the green light curtain as they expected to see something like how they saw the light and shadow of the two terrifying boas in the realm a few hours ago.

They just waited there with anxiety, restlessness and a bit indescribable expectation.

This was how all the onlooking knights were thinking about at this moment.

No matter what, this battle determined the fate of all the onlookers at present. It was no exaggeration to say that many knights had not experienced such a thrilling and intense scene since they were born.

In this state, those onlookers even forgot about the elapse of time.

Not knowing how long had passed, all of a sudden, the green light curtain appeared rocking while a bit of golden light in the light curtain started to grow brilliant from a sparkle. When all the onlooking knights felt spirited and widely opened their eyes again, with a loud sound “boom...” the light curtain of the sage realm broke into green light rain with an extremely strong light like that of a sun while the powerful battle qi swept over the entire Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect with a bit power and sharpness of a sage-level knight. Besides a sonic boom, all the knights within tens of thousands of meters had to close up their eyes or turn around or cover their face by arm in the split second.

When the dazzling light and the impact wave of the battle qi completely disappeared, all the knights turned around as they saw Zhang Tie holding a long sword half a mile away from the sage-level knight in the sky while the two terrifying boas were flying around the two people.

‘What’s the result? Is Immortal Qianji the winner or not?’

At this moment, all the onlookers’ hearts were pounding heavily.

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In the void, Zhang Tie threw a glance at Yun Zhongzi as he acclaimed inside, ‘The sage realm really has a myriad of functions. It could produce some sound and light effect.’

Everything here was fine; however, gold sage and silver sage who had just woken up and expanded flew around Zhang Tie with confused looks. They threw a glance at those onlookers with a strong killing intent every once a while as they thought that Zhang Tie was going to have them kill all of them.

As Zhang Tie had already recovered his battle strength, Zhang Tie felt more relaxed; therefore, he could perform better at this moment.

With a 'solemn' look, Zhang Tie issued an order to gold sage and silver sage with consciousness to calm them down; then, he opened his mouth as he cupped his hands towards Yun Zhongzi.

"Sage realm is really great. Zhang Tie won by a narrow margin. Thanks for your concession, forebear..."

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, over 10,000 knights instantly burst out into hubbub; many of them started to drop tears due to extreme excitement.

"Immortal Qianji is the winner!"

"Immortal Qianji wins this bet. We could leave here alive..."

"What righteous and merciful Immortal Qianji..."

"Long live Immortal Qianji..."

All the knights exclaimed due to extreme excitement.

At this moment, Yun Zhongzi looked glassy-eyed like an iron sheet. However, the more he behaved like this, the more the onlookers felt that this sage-level knight had a sophisticated mood. Of course, Yun Zhongzi's performance at this moment had already been negotiated between Zhang Tie and him. As Zhang Tie had already awakened his disguising talent, Zhang Tie told Yun Zhongzi to maintain expressionless which would be the best performance. Yun Zhongzi just followed Zhang Tie's suggestion.

As Yun Zhongzi waved his hand, all the puppets that surrounded the onlookers had dispersed and returned to the surrounding walls before becoming solid sculptures again.

"You win..." Yun Zhongzi's mechanical sound reverberated around the entire space. The cheers of knights then submerged Yun Zhongzi's words at a stroke. "This top rarity is used to control the entire Dongtian. I've already cleaned my trace and spiritual brand from it. As long as you drop a bit blood on it, this Dongtian of Great Wilderness Sect as a whole would be under your control; the two snakes would identify you as their owner too!"

As they talked, Yun Zhongzi had already taken out a bizarre copper rune instrument which was giving out faint, luxurious light, before throwing it at Zhang Tie.

Over 10,000 knights widely opened their eyes as they heavily swallowed their saliva and watched that copper rune instrument flying towards Zhang Tie.

It was the top rarity that controlled the entire Dongtian. After controlling it, Zhang Tie would own the entire Dongtian. Therefore, this item was priceless.

Of course, if those knights knew that the so-called copper rune instrument was just a useless thing that Zhang Tie casually found from a pile of disordered items in his portable teleportation equipment and was just a prop in this scene, they might spray blood at once.

A copper rune instrument was actually a tiny item that Zhang Tie collected from a clan of Three-eyed Association when he swept over Waii Subcontinent. It was useless. Besides being made of special material and giving out light and changing its light color after being injected with battle qi, it seemed just to be a bit bizarre item from far-ancient times. That also explained why a clan of the Three-eyed Association in Waii Subcontinent collected it. Finally, Zhang Tie got it and used it in this scene.

Besides Zhang Tie and Yun Zhongzi, nobody else would know that so-called top rarity controlling the entire Dongtian was just a fake item. However, in this critical moment, nobody doubted it at all.

After taking the copper rune instrument, Zhang Tie broke his finger by teeth and dropped a drop of blood onto it. Then, he stealthily injected a battle qi into it, causing it to turn its white light into brilliant red under the gaze of all the others. From then on, this copper rune instrument's identity was confirmed by the others.

In the red light given out by the copper rune instrument, Zhang Tie closed his eyes as his eyelids slightly quivered as if he was receiving a message from the copper rune instrument. After half a minute, Zhang Tie opened his eyes again as he let out a deep sigh. Meanwhile, he looked up at the entrance on the top of the Dongtian and issued an order to the two snakes to open it. As was imagined, the upside-down lotus-flower shaped entrance opened.

Under the gaze of all the other knights, Zhang Tie opened that entrance after controlling that copper rune instrument.

Watching the escaping access being opened, all the knights became thrilled again.

"Aah, it's open; it's open..."

Holding the copper rune instrument which was giving out red light, Zhang Tie looked pretty magnificent as he shouted at the two boas, "Get back, solid..." The two terrifying boas then rapidly shrunk their bodies under the gaze of all the others as they flew towards Zhang Tie. Closely after that, they twisted around Zhang Tie's wrist, head to tail, in the shape of a metal bracelet, ending up their temporary performance.

After doing all this, Zhang Tie took out a mithril necklace in front of all the others and put the copper rune instrument on the mithril necklace. After that, he put it on his neck and had the copper rune instrument close to his chest. Closely after that, he cupped his hands towards Yun Zhongzi again, saying, "This time, it's not Zhang Tie who wants to offend you. I really don't want to see a massacre here which would destroy the foundation of Taixia Country as a while. Sorry to offend you, forebear!"

"It's fine!" Yun Zhongzi let out a long sigh as he threw a glance at those knights, saying coldly, "Now that you want to save them, it seems that they're not destined to survive this catastrophe. Even though Great Wilderness Sect doesn't restore today, it would restore one day. From then on, you would be the owner of this place. If there's a chance in the future, I would like to have another cool fight with you. I'd like to see which is greater, a divine dominator's ability, or my sage realm!"

After leaving these words, Yun Zhongzi had arrived at the entrance on the dome with a flash. With another flash, he disappeared as he had left there...

"In case of trouble, we'd better leave this perilous place as soon as possible..." Zhang Tie told all the others as he flew towards the entrance on the dome.

Watching Yun Zhongzi and Zhang Tie leaving, over 10,000 knights hurriedly flew out of the entrance one after another like how they desired to enter it just now. Nobody dared stay here anymore...

Zhang Tie flew as fast as that when he triggered his Liezi bloodline.

In this case, Zhang Tie was not anxious telling all the others that he had fully recovered; perhaps, it would be better if someone chose to attack him at this moment as they didn't think that he had recovered. He should live up to the line that Celestial Swords shouted in front of so many people here when the latter was alive.

After feeling that someone was watching him from behind, Zhang Tie looked back as he found some knights of Qionglou Pavilion were stealthily observing him among those knights who were scrambling out of there.

As Celestial Reflectingmoons died earlier, many knights of Qionglong Pavilion survived in the chaos.

Those knights of Qionglou Pavilion threw a glance at that snake-shaped bracelet on Zhang Tie's wrist and that item on his chest. After noticing that Zhang Tie was looking back, they hurriedly moved their eye light away while hiding themselves in an array of knights.

Zhang Tie sneered inside...