

Black Iron 1691

Chapter 1691: The Five Change Realm of Shadow Knight

When the last geometric patterns of the 189th scale of Zhang Tie's wind chakra were lit, the long-awaited familiar feeling came to Zhang Tie again.

A wholly new green feather-shaped seed rune of King Roc Sutra flew out of Zhang Tie's chest, namely the core region of his chakras. After breaking Zhang Tie's scalp, it suspended above Zhang Tie's head while giving out brilliant light, covering Zhang Tie as a whole.

Under the brilliance of this marvelous rune, all the surging points over Zhang Tie resonated again while each surging point gave out strong light. At the same time, bizarre runes flew out of Zhang Tie's surging points one after another. Zhang Tie then felt being surrounded by stars.

Zhang Tie had experienced the following scene for many times—the battle qi in his qi sea started to surge like a tide. At the same time, battle qi started to pour out of his surging points as a whole, which looked like wells at the seaside. After that, the spiritual energy in his mind sea flew off his central forehead like a waterfall and poured into his surging points as a whole in a split second. They combined with his battle qi and turned into bizarre energy, which lubricated his surging points a whole and brought new changes to his surging points all over.

The changes facing his surging points appeared to be opening a marvelous door for him as four elements in the elements realm started to appear out of void beside Zhang Tie before pouring into the star-studded runes, making them more brilliant. Each rune was corresponding to a surging point. Only after a short while, battle qi, spiritual energy, four elements and those runes flying out of surging points had wrapped Zhang Tie like a huge egg.

In the huge egg, all the cells, organs and the 987 surging points, the void above his mind sea and qi sea were growing “modestly”.

This was the amazing feather of an emperor-level secret method.

The “modest” state was named by Zhang Tie himself. To be honest, he didn't know how to describe that state. He just felt his body was wholly new in that state. Everything was a new start but not like that. When he recalled the old Hua saying—being proud we would suffer a loss; being modest we would benefit ourselves. Zhang Tie named this state as “modest” as modesty helped people to make progress and pride made people lag behind. Undoubtedly, Zhang Tie would make great progress in each “modest” state.

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After almost 10 hours, Zhang Tie finished “hatching” himself as the huge egg shattered and disappeared in the form of light rain. Zhang Tie didn't open his eyes at once; instead, he slowly sensed the endless wholly new strength and the wind chakra in his body. After realizing that he could light about 7 scales after assimilating all the wind elements of red and blue devils, Zhang Tie felt pretty satisfied as he opened his eyes with a smile.

Zhang Tie was now in his room Apricot Blossom Courtyard that he bought on the riverside of Flowingblossom River in Apricot Blossom Village.

Compared to that of Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin, Zhang Tie's room was evidently cruder. In his room, there was no decoration of flowers and grasses; instead, there was a huge pyramid-shaped metal frame between the floor and the beams in his room. The huge metal frame just covered the room like a huge pot cover, being connected with many odd-looking rune metal plates and grids over the floor and walls, making it a post-modern cage full of masculinity. It was far from being aesthetic. However, its sound-isolation effect was much greater than that of Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin.

After settling in this courtyard for six days, Zhang Tie finally silently promoted to the five change realm of shadow knight today.

In the stage of shadow knight, he reached two changes higher within one month, which accounted for 1/5 of the total process of this stage. Such a speed would startle a lot of people if it was exposed to the public.

After cleansing himself in his room and dressing himself up, Zhang Tie came to the front of the door and opened it. He was then shocked by the beautiful scene again...

It was still dark outside; except for a faint orange color in the eastern skyline. The fields surrounding the courtyard was full of croaking frogs and twitters of insects. Besides, he heard a gurgling stream of the Flowingblossom River. Meanwhile, he heavily inhaled the fresh and spiritual aura in the air.

These days, although there was no battle in the city, Zhang Tie had heard a lot of hidden contests as he became clearer about the things in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.

Zhang Tie would know some things even if he didn't want to know at all. The contradictions between the five elders and the two grand justices had been exposed to the public in the city. Zhang Tie could easily learn it only by traveling across Flyingdragon Village spiritually every day whenever he was free like an onlooker in a teahouse listened to others's private chats in their private rooms; even something that he shouldn't know.

More batches of immortal generals settled in Flyingdragon Village these days. With their arrival, lobbyists came to Flyingdragon Village one after another. Three batches of lobbyists had already paid a visit to Huang Baimei. Without exception, all of them were refused.

There were totally 11 villages like Flyingdragon Village, all of which were crowded with new immortal generals who had just joined Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and evacuated from Nine Heavens Big Domain and the others domains. Most of these immortal generals were like new members of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. The total population of new immortal generals who joined Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was 1247, including 1047 fierce immortal generals, 187 earth immortal generals and 13 water immortal generals. Zhang Tie was one of the 13 water immortal generals.

The 1247 new immortal generals had become the fat that all the five elders and two grand justices would like to take.

However, because of the special administrative system of the immortal palace, all the new immortal generals would be affiliated to their own branch head. Namely, branch heads influenced their subordinates pretty much. As a result, the seven powers focused on drawing in those branch heads...

When the hidden forces in the city were surging fiercely these days, Zhang Tie leisurely promoted to five change realm of shadow knight in the courtyard beside farmland in Apricot Blossom Village...

Chapter 1692: Watching Sunrise

“Morning...”

After taking a deep breath of the fresh air for a few times, Zhang Tie met Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin who were already well dressed in his courtyard. He greeted them.

“Don’t you remember what you’re going to do today?” Ji Yuelan asked him while blinking her eyes as Jiang Ruoxin gazed at Zhang Tie with her beautiful eyes too.

The longer they stayed with Zhang Tie, the more they felt confused about Zhang Tie. They couldn’t see through him at all. In Heavenly Square City, he drew out his sword and killed so many immortal generals of Star Emperor Immortal Palace out of fury and exterminated Zi Clan in Heavenly Square City. Outside Dragon Emperor City, he renovated a courtyard in Apricot Blossom Village as a rune instrument master, being free from the contradictions between immortal palaces. A few days ago, he flirted with Ji Yuelan like a veteran, being pretty romantic and Bohemian. Lately, although he lived in the same courtyard with them, he became a gentleman and treated the two girls politely; instead of harassing them. He could really understand the demands of women and take care of them well. As a result, Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin appreciated him pretty much; despite they didn’t say it.

Such a man was like a fog, fire and ice. He was full of irresistible attraction to women. During the short period of time, Ji Yuelan had been fully fascinated by him. Even if Jiang Ruoxin who intended to keep a distance with Zhang Tie gradually became open-minded and treated Zhang Tie as her reliable friend, revealing another side.

“Haha, of course not. Ladies, haven’t you agreed to climb the mountain together with me and experience the marvels in my daily life?” Zhang Tie said with a smile like a waiter in a hotel, adding, “If ladies like it, I could show the way to you. This way please, ladies...”

“Show us the way then. If you’re diligent and take care of us well, I will let this girl on my side give you a big award!” Jiang Ruoxin joked as she took a look at Ji Yuelan.

“That’s great. I’m sure two ladies will enjoy it!” Zhang Tie promised as he hurriedly paced up to open the gate of the courtyard.

The two girls smiled at each other before leaving the courtyard after Zhang Tie.

“As we’re out together, why don’t you give him an award instead?” Ji Yuelan couldn’t stand complaining to Jiang Ruoxin using battle qi behind Zhang Tie.

“Isn’t it what you dream for? You can directly express your love to him. Let’s see whether he would marry you or not.” Jiang Ruoxin answered.

“Humph, if I marry him, buy-one-get-one-free, you’re a gift!”

“Dare you!”

“Humph, let’s see it! Don’t you always dream about having a larger breast? How about letting him knead it for you. Besides being an award, it could also make your breast larger!”

“Nonsense!” Jiang Ruoxin flushed at once as she stealthily pinched Ji Yuelan.

“Ahem ahem...ladies, how do you feel about the scenery outside the courtyard?” Zhang Tie finally couldn’t stand interrupting their “private” talk. If not, he would feel like making a crime.

“Hmm, not bad...” Ji Yuelan said perfunctorily.

“Along this trail, we could go straight into the mountain on the riverside...”

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The courtyard was located on the riverside. A ridge unsurfaced road along the river could lead straight to the depth of the mountain. The road was not broad; however, it was pretty firm. Although the day had not broken, it was fine for immortal generals to walk on it.

These days, Zhang Tie got up early every day to climb the mountain so as to watch the sunrise on the top of it. After that, he would return to the courtyard. Lying on the sling chair beside the pond, he would leisurely read books for 4-5 hours; meanwhile, he practiced the two bizarre energies in the void using his spiritual energy. Not until the others went to bed in the evening did he sit on the bed for cultivation and forming chakra. He was not anxious at all.

If not being leisure and comfortable, one would not sense the pleasure of mountain climbing. As for Zhang Tie, mountain climbing was not for strengthening his body; precisely, it was for improving his state of mind. After coming to Motian Realm for over one month, Zhang Tie had improved his overall strength greatly constantly. Lately, he even promoted to two changes realm higher and lit half of his wind chakra. With five changes realm higher, he would promote to a heavenly knight. This might be ecstatic for others; however, Zhang Tie could always stay calm on this occasion so that he could look everything around and his own cultivation process in a common state of mind.

To improve one’s state of mind was supplementary to the progress of one’s overall strength. Without a strong state of mind, one could barely master a powerful overall strength. Zhang Tie had long realized it before.

The tender grasses on the riverside were exuberant with some dew on them. After a short while, their garment corners and hemlines had been wet partly. Listening to frog croaks among grasses and water flows and sensing the great vigor of everything in the early morning, they gained a special taste like commoners, step and step forward.

As for Zhang Tie, he was not lonely on the way, not to mention that two beauties kept him company.

The mountain beside Apricot Blossom Village was called Flyingdragon Mountain. Being not dangerously steep, Flyingdragon Mountain had gorgeous scenery. With dense woods, it was pretty tranquil. Besides farming work, villagers at the bottom of the mountain always herded sheep, collected traditional Chinese herbal medicines or hunt on the mountain. For many years, many trails had been created that

led straight to the depth of the mountain from the foot of the mountain. After coming here for a few times, Zhang Tie had been familiar with this terrain. Therefore, it took them less than one hour to arrive at the location where Zhang Tie usually watched the sunrise while talking and laughing with each other.

When they arrived at the top of the mountain, the gloomy skyline had been broken while the sun was going to come out.

It was on the top of a peak behind the peak where Flyingdragon Manor leaned against. It was higher than 1,000 m, from where people could get a bird's-eye view of Flyingdragon Manor and Apricot Blossom Village. In the distance, it was Dragon Emperor City. This place rightly faced the east while undulating hills could be seen. A pile of boulders formed a disorderly and open platform here, which was surrounded by natural pits, holes and cracks between boulders. It was a nice place to watch the sunrise here. Zhang Tie took the two girls to a small platform connecting two boulders.

"Ah, do you always come here to watch the sunrise?" Ji Yuelan asked as she looked around and nodded, "You're really smart. It seems that very few people come here!"

"Hahaha, few villagers at the foot of the mountain feel like watching the sunrise every day. As for the immortal generals in Flyingdragon Manor, all of them think they're something. They are only interested in element crystals, cultivation methods and greater overall strength or being outstanding in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Very few of them would like to waste time watching the scenery which they could actually see every day." Zhang Tie explained with a smile.

"Why are you here then?" Jiang Ruoxin fixated onto Zhang Tie from afar as she asked sharply, "Don't you like element crystals, cultivation methods and greater overall strength? Don't you want to be the most popular and the most powerful one in the immortal palace?"

"Yup, don't you want them?" Ji Yuelan asked too.

"You bet!" Zhang Tie nodded without demur.

"If so, why do you feel free traveling mountains and rivers and watching the sunrise here every day? Don't you know that many immortal generals in Flyingdragon Manor are finding reliance in Dragon Emperor City these days for their future? Even immortal generals couldn't be otherworldly in some aspects!" Jiang Ruoxin continued.

Although it sounded like a question, Jiang Ruoxin was actually "warning" Zhang Tie euphemistically. There was one immortal general that met Jiang Ruoxin's description beside them—Zhou Baifei. Zhou Baifei was pretty active these days. He didn't stay in Flyingdragon Manor all day long; instead, he roped in people and found his reliance in Dragon Emperor City every day. Nobody knew what he was busy doing. According to Zhou Baifei, he knew someone in the city.

"Because I'm not like them."

"Why?"

Zhang Tie made a face at once, saying, "Because, even if I don't find those things, they would come for me. I could choose them. I don't need to worry about that!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, the two girls became slightly stunned. Watching Zhang Tie smiling at them, they thought Zhang Tie was joking about his future; for a time, they felt like beating him fiercely.

Ji Yuelan finally couldn't stand it as she said, "Don't you know that over 10 water immortal generals join Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace this time. Additionally, the elder and grand justices of the immortal palace are not harmonious with each other. Even though being a water immortal general, you might not get any benefit in the end..."

"It's fine. I feel good now..." Zhang Tie shrugged.

"You..."

Zhang Tie suddenly made a "hush" gesture. Closely after that, he pointed at east. The two girls turned around as they saw a fiery arch in the eastern skyline while the morning glow tinted the entire sky as if it caught fire.

For a time, the wind blew by; the three people became quiet as they were immersed in such fabulous scenery...

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When the sun fully rose, the three people were all bathing the first wisp of sunlight. At that time, even though they wanted to continue the former topic, they had lost the atmosphere. When Zhang Tie wanted to say something, he suddenly felt a vibration on his crystal plate. It was Huang Baimei who was calling for them. Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin received the notice at the same time...

Chapter 1693: Whose Bait

Within a few minutes, all the immortal generals of the branch of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in Heavenly Square City had arrived in the parlor of the courtyard where they lived in Flyingdragon Manor, including Leng Manxue who had disappeared for a few days.

Since the room was renovated by Zhang Tie, Leng Manxue had not moved in. Zhang Tie didn't even talk to her about that.

After coming to Dragon Emperor City for one week, Zhou Baimei was called to report his work to the elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in Dragon Emperor City yesterday. However, today, Zhang Tie couldn't see anything abnormal on Huang Baimei's face.

By contrast, Zhou Baifei couldn't hide his satisfaction even if he wanted to stay calm.

"You're all here. Take a seat!" Huang Baimei was much more easy-going than before. "I reported my work to the five elders in Dragon Emperor City yesterday. They have already agreed to my resignation!"

Huang Baimei's message made everyone at present transfixed.

Zhang Tie took a look at Leng Manxue who was glassy-eyed. Zhang Tie couldn't see any happiness on her face. It might predict something.

"Ah? Head Huang, why do you resign?" Liu Meng asked straightforwardly.

“As the branch of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in Heavenly Square City has disappeared and there’re not enough vacancies for branch heads in Dragon Emperor Big Domain, my title of branch head is meaningless. Therefore, I prefer to resign!”

“How do the five elders arrange you, head?” Zhang Tie as the deputy branch head asked Huang Baimei.

Even the branch head had proposed to resign, Zhang Tie felt more tasteless being the deputy branch head, despite he didn’t care too much about this identity.

“I’ve requested a new title from them. I will go to the Blacksilver Snow Mountain in the northernmost part of Dragon Emperor Big Domain as an ascetic cultivator so as to prevent demons. The Church has already agreed!”

As Huang Baimei replied, Zhang Tie had already visualized the map of Dragon Emperor Big Domain in mind. It was a sparsely populated barren land in the northernmost of Dragon Emperor Big Domain. Being an ascetic cultivator over there was equal to staying far away from the pivot of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. It was like being banished. Was there any demon? Of course not. Because the army of demons would prefer the south or the west of Dragon Emperor Big Domain rather than going to the wild north after taking a very roundabout way where even a bird would grudge taking a sh*t in. There was no major target for demons over there at all.

The others preferred to avoid from such a wild place; however, Huang Baimei requested to go there voluntarily. Amazingly, those elders agreed with him. Watching Huang Baimei’s calm look, Zhang Tie became complex inside as he didn’t know whether he should be happy or sad about him.

“After I resign it, you’re not my subordinates anymore. From now on, if the immortal palace wants to dispatch you to do something, they don’t have to ask me. You could choose your own way freely. Of course, as new immortal generals, your basic compensation that has been promised by the immortal palace would remain unchanged!”

After hearing Huang Baimei’s words, people at present looked different. A complex light flashed by Leng Manxue’s eyes. By contrast, an ecstatic look flashed by Zhou Baifei’s face.

The title of branch head was absolutely a key title in the entire administrative system of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. It connected the high-end immortal generals with the low-end immortal generals. Branch heads could make arbitrary decisions. Without the consent of branch heads, even though the Church couldn’t deliver orders to subordinate immortal generals directly. In other words, branch heads were like overbearing lords who could rule one region.

As for those lobbyists who came to Flyingdragon Manor lately, as long as they could move Huang Baimei, they could move his subordinates like Zhang Tie, Ji Yuelan, Jiang Ruoxin, etc.. As long as Huang Baimei agreed at the risk of his life, his subordinates had to follow him wherever he was. It was the authority of a branch head, which represented the interests of the class of branch heads and the tradition for the succession of all the immortal palaces in Motian Realm. Even the Dragon Emperor would not easily break this rule and tradition by challenging the class of branch heads, not to mention the Church.

Huang Baimei’s resignation meant the disappearance of the constraint of his subordinates. Therefore, those lobbyists who once wanted to rope in Huang Baimei might come for his subordinates. As his fresh

subordinates had no reliance in the immortal palace, it was the right moment for those elders and grand justices to cozy up to them at the minimal cost.

If elders and grand justices were on the same page, it was meaningless for them to rope in branch heads' subordinates; instead, they only needed to deliver the transfer orders. The branch heads' subordinates could only take it. However, as elders and grand justices had their own considerations for the sake of profit, competitions were inevitable. As a result, they started such a ridiculous thing.

"Before the resignation, I met Elder Shi the head of Immortal Generals Department yesterday. He talked about you to me. He said you might get acquainted with his disciple. Therefore, Elder Shi wanted to transfer you to the Immortal Generals Department. He even asked me whether I agreed with him or not. I agreed. Therefore, you might receive your transfer order in a couple of days..." Huang Baimei said as he watched Zhou Baifei.

The others at present immediately fixated onto Zhou Baifei. Liu brothers even despised him. After hearing Huang Baimei's words, the others finally knew what Zhou Baifei was doing these days. Before Huang Baimei's resignation, Zhou Baifei had started to find his reliance so as to leave Huang Baimei's camp. That was really a mean behavior!

Zhou Baifei's pleasant look stagnated as it recovered soon, "Head Huang, please forgive me. As Brother Shaopeng is my bosom friend, after knowing that I've joined Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and come to Dragon Emperor City, he talked to his master about me. Elder Shi is kind-hearted!"

"Of course, Elder Shi is kind-hearted!" Huang Baimei replied with a smile as he stayed calm, adding, "Immortal Generals Department is one of the five major departments of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Of course, it's good for you to go to the Immortal Generals Department. Although you're not my subordinate anymore, I still hope each of you could have a bright future!"

"Thanks, Head Huang!" Zhou Baifei cupped his hands before being silent.

"I've already recommended you to Elder Xia the head of the Supervision Department!" Huang Baimei said as he watched Zhang Tie seriously.

Zhang Tie revealed a bitter smile as he shook his head, at a loss of what to say.

"Well, given your future, I have to tell you about that. There were recruitment announcements for immortal generals outside each of the five major departments of Dragon Emperor City, if you have any intention, you could go have a try. As for the future, it depends on you..." Huang Baimei said as he waved his hand towards them. All the others left after exchanging a glance with each other, except for Zhang Tie.

When everyone else left, Zhang Tie smiled as he started the talk with Huang Baimei using his battle qi, "I've not imagined that Head Huang could be so decisive. I really admire you!"

"What you said that day really moved me a lot. Previously, I didn't belong to any party of the five elders and the two grand justices. It would be shameless if I went for one of them at this moment. Additionally, I didn't want to do that at all. As an immortal general, I always put cultivation first. It might be a good thing for me to leave this dangerous place!" Huang Baimei smiled as his words sounded a bit desolate.

Among those immortal generals in the Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, besides Leng Manxue, only Zhang Tie could talk with him about that.

“Head Huang, have you heard about the fable *The Old Frontiersman Losing His Horse* ?”

“No!”

Zhang Tie then told the story to Hung Baimei vividly. As this story didn’t happen in Motian Realm but in Taixia Country, Huang Baimei was instantly fascinated by this story.

“Thank you so much. After hearing your story, I feel much better. This time, I might be the frontiersman, hahaha...” Huang Baimei burst into laughter.

“Perhaps Head Huang would realize soon how correct your decision is!” Zhang Tie said with a smile.

“What do you mean?”

“Nothing. As I was traveling outside these days, I couldn’t help thinking about what I would do if I were the demon emperor and knew the internal situation facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, doing nothing or doing something?”

Huang Baimei deeply frowned at a stroke as he asked, “What do you mean?”

“It’s a method to let Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace solve its internal contradictions itself; but the result of this method might be that one of the five elders and two grand justices of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace might promote to an immortal king within 100 years and lead Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace to its heyday once again. Then, that person would promote to an immortal emperor faster with the resources of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. It’s the risk of facing demons. If demons take action at this moment, they could at least split up Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and destroy one opponent in advance with the contradictions between human immortal palaces!” Zhang Tie said as his eyes sparkled, being far away from being casual.

“Impossible!” Huang Baimei exclaimed.

“Of course it’s possible!” Zhang Tie smiled, revealing his white teeth, which Huang Baimei felt gloomy, saying, “If I were the demon emperor, I only need to dispatch some powerhouses to kill the five elders and two grand justices of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, even by myself. As long as the five elders and the two grand justices were killed, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace would perish itself. As a result, the other human immortal palaces might fight each other for sharing Dragon Emperor Big Domain. Demons could make us chaotic internally. Why not? Therefore, it might be wise for you to leave Dragon Emperor City on this occasion...”

Huang Baimei was transfixed completely. Being limited to his position and insight, he had almost not thought about that...

In many cases, one’s overall strength and position determined how far he could see.

Huang Baimei felt muddle-headed as he sprung up and intended to leave.

“Elder Huang, you’ve just resigned yesterday and determined to be an ascetic cultivator. If you go to tell those elders and grand justices that they might become the targets of demons and would face dangers,

do you think they would believe you? What would they think of you?” Zhang Tie sighed as he continued, “They would never appreciate you; instead, they would only feel that you’re insulting them and mocking at their short-sightedness and greed and threatening them for your maximal profit. As long as they’re alive, they would hate you and mock you and treat you as the sore in their eyes. If it happens and it proves that you’re right, they would first kill you; instead of fighting demons as long as they survive it. As for the reason, Head Huang, what if they frame you for colluding with demons? If not, how did you know demons’ plan?”

After hearing Zhang Tie’s warning, Huang Baimei instantly became froze as his foot had already stridden out of the threshold.

After half a minute, Huang Baimei hardly turned around as he returned to his seat, throwing himself onto his seat with a bitter look. He then watched Zhang Tie as if it was his first time to see him, saying, “Wh...why did you tell me this?”

“Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace is a human force. As a human, I don’t want to see my friend die for idiots. Is it enough?” Zhang Tie explained as he shrugged.

“Erm, what about you? What’s your choice?”

“Me? Of course, I’ll stay in Dragon Emperor City!” Zhang Tie replied with a smile.

“Why? Why don’t you leave?”

Zhang Tie then watched Huang Baimei with a solemn and righteous look, saying, “As a human, of course, I should do something for humans. If there’s really such a day, I’d like to avenge for the elders and grand justices!”

If Zhang Tie said it previously, Huang Baimei might have believed him; however, Huang Baimei didn’t believe in him at this moment because Huang Baimei faintly felt that Zhang Tie was waiting for demon powerhouses in Dragon Emperor City... In Zhang Tie’s eyes, the elders and grand justices in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace might be his bait for demon powerhouses...

It was such a weird and shocking feeling that Huang Baimei even doubted that there was something wrong with his brains.

“D...did you really lose your memory?” Huang Baimei asked him.

“Ah, Head Huang, that reminds me. I have a headache again. What did I say just now? Ah, ayaya, why I couldn’t remember it. Head, do you remember it...” Zhang Tie suddenly watched Huang Baimei with an innocent look as he stroked his head.

Huang Baimei became speechless...

Chapter 1694: Personal Decisions

As Huang Baimei resigned from the position of branch head of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and went to Blacksilver Snow Mountain in the northernmost part of Dragon Emperor Big Domain for ascetic

cultivation, new immortal generals of the branch of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in Heavenly Square City made their own decisions.

The banquets came to an end.

Leng Manxue followed Huang Baimei away.

Zhang Tie was not shocked by Leng Manxue's decision. After joining Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace for so many days, Zhang Tie had gradually known that the relationship between Leng Manxue and Huang Baimei was like that between master and disciple, between superior and subordinate and between foster father and adopted daughter. Therefore, it was nothing strange for Leng Manxue to follow Huang Baimei away.

Huang Baimei was actually bidding farewell to them in Flyingdragon Manor. After that noon, Huang Baimei and Leng Manxue had already left Dragon Emperor City. Zhang Tie, Jiang Ruoxin, Ji Yuelan, Liu brothers and all the other immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in Flyingdragon Manor went to the airport of Dragon Emperor City to see them off; even Zhou Baifei hurriedly came there from Dragon Emperor City out of courtesy.

"Head Huang has already told me what you told him..." Leng Manxue took a complex look at Zhang Tie as she told him using his battle qi when the others were bidding farewell to Huang Baimei on one side before boarding the airboat.

Zhang Tie just replied with a smile.

"Is that true?"

"It's just a guess. The reality might not be like that!"

"What if it's true?"

"I'm just a sha...water immortal general!" Zhang Tie hid his smile as he watched Leng Manxue seriously, "General Deacon Leng, do you feel a freshman of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace like me could change anything or win the trust of the public? Nobody is almighty. Each of us is just doing our own job well for our personal objective and dream. However, our dream might be trivial in this world, Head Huang, you and me, even the elders and grand justices of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Now that they're in those positions, they're not idiots. They should have already considered what they might face. Do you believe that some of them might have already realized what I've told Head Huang?"

"Ah? But why..."

"People could always tackle problems as long as they made necessary preparations for it. If someone was killed by demons coincidentally, doesn't it mean that others would lack competitors? People of the other immortal palaces might have already realized it. However, as for the other immortal palaces, if Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace perishes, the entire Dragon Emperor Big Domain would be a big piece of fat, which is many times larger than that deserted by Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. On this occasion, the largest crisis facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace would be neglected by people on purpose..." Zhang Tie's reply was like an icy bloody saber which could even freeze the bright sunshine at noon.

Leng Manxue suddenly heaved a sigh, saying, “Do you always doubt people in this way? After hearing your words, it’s already meaningless for Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace to exist.”

“Forgive me, I always carry the greatest hope for the bright side of humanity; however, I always stay alert about the dark side of humanity. As for those whom I’m not familiar with, I don’t regard them as benign and uncontentious persons who would like to sacrifice themselves for others’ sake!”

“The brain disease and loss of memory thing is just a lie, right?”

“Everyone has his own secret, Isn’t it?” Zhang Tie refuted Leng Manxue as he blinked his eyes.

“Alas, I really wonder how did you hide your information in Motian Realm before. If not have checked your bloodline myself, I would even start to doubt that you’re a disguised demon!”

“I’m not a benign and uncontentious person either; however, at least I’m not a bad guy. I’ve killed a lot of people and demons. However, I have never betrayed humans. Neither did I betray my friends and relatives. One should not impose on others what he himself does not desire. It’s what my parents taught me since I was young. I always bear it in mind...”

‘One should not impose on others what he himself does not desire’, this classic proverb made Leng Manxue tremble slightly as she couldn’t help repeating it.

“My dream is to avenge my parents one day. What about your dream? Don’t tell me that you want to be an immortal emperor. Each immortal general would like to be an immortal emperor. I’m asking what do you want to do after being an immortal emperor. Is it your secret?”

“My dream is to...go back home!” Zhang Tie put it straight tenderly and emotionally, causing Leng Manxue dumbfounded at a stroke. However, given Zhang Tie’s voice, Leng Manxue could sense that Zhang Tie was not telling a lie.

“Let’s go...” Huang Baimei came over here as he took a complex look at Zhang Tie and wanted to say something; however, he slightly shook his head and didn’t say it.

After staying with Zhang Tie for so many days, Huang Baimei gradually felt that he couldn’t see through this person. As a result, he didn’t even know what to say to him before leaving.

“Take care of yourselves...” Zhang Tie smiled as he waved his hand toward them.

“Take care!”

“Wish you could go back home earlier!” Leng Manxue finally told Zhang Tie using her battle qi.

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After a few minutes, watching the airboat flying off towards afar, Zhang Tie knew that this was the last union of all the immortal generals of the branch of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in Heavenly Square City. After today, the branch of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in Heavenly Square City would disband completely. People here might not have the second chance to reunite with each other. They finally came to the crossroads.

“Ahem ahem...” Zhou Baifei pretended to cough twice so as to attract the others’ attention after Huang Baimei’s leave. Watching them turning around at him, Zhou Baifei revealed a confident, reserved smile, saying, “I would have a drink with Brother Shaopeng, a disciple of Elder Shi of Immortal Generals Department today. Do you want to come with me? You could make new friends there. Immortal Generals Department is seeking for talents and recruiting new immortal generals. I’m sure Brother Shaopeng would be glad to see you all...”

Zhou Baifei was roping in them directly. Being recommended by a disciple of an elder of Immortal Generals Department, an important agency of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, Lu Tianqiang and Xun Zizhou were both moved to a certain degree.

“Haha, thank you so much, Brother Zhou, I’m worried about that...” Lu Taiqiang said generously.

“Hmm...this...this is great, great, thanks, thank you so much...” Xun Zizhou flattered Zhou Baifei as he peeped at Zhang Tie aside bashfully.

“Wish you good luck, we will reunite when there’s a chance...” Zhang Tie told Lu Tianqiang and Xun Zizhou kindly. Ignoring Zhou Baifei, he directly walked towards the gate of the airport.

Liu brothers threw a glance at Zhang Tie as they hurriedly caught up with Zhang Tie, ignoring Zhou Baifei.

“What about you two...” Zhou Baifei smiled at Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan cordially.

“Elder Luo who’s in charge of Earth Treasures Department is the only female among the five elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace; additionally, the titles in Earth Treasures Department suit females better. We two have long dreamed about joining the Earth Treasures Department. As we’re going to take a look there today, we will not bother you!” Jiang Ruoxin explained to Zhou Baifei with a smile before leaving with Ji Yuelan.

Jiang Ruoxin’s words fully considered Zhou Baifei’s feeling.

The Church of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was composed of five major agencies, namely Immortal Generals Department, Supervision Department, Earth Treasures Department, Heavenly Craftsmen Department and Force Department. Earth Treasures Department was in charge of wealth and grains of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Elder Luo, the head of Earth Treasures Department was a female. Perhaps because of the same gender, Earth Treasures Department always treated female immortal generals well. As a result, Earth Treasures Department was full of beauties. It was the first choice of all the new female immortal generals. Therefore, Jiang Ruoxin’s words were not perfunctory.

“Haha, if so, wish you good luck and hope you become the able subordinates of Elder Luo!” With a sudden stagnation, Zhou Baifei hurriedly smiled. Not until the two women left far away did Zhou Baifei throw a sharp glance at Zhang Tie.

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“You two want to join Earth Treasures Department?” Zhang Tie slowed down and asked them when Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan caught up with him from behind.

“Sharp auditory sense...” Ji Yuelan peeped at Zhang Tie amorously as she let out a sigh gloomily, “Even if we want to join the Supervision Department together with you, nobody would recommend us!”

“Nonsense!” Jiang Ruoxin became more sincere and easy-going in front of Zhang Tie. By contrast, she treated Zhou Baifei politely because she didn’t want to offend him. “Supervision doesn’t suit us. Earth Treasures Department is better. Besides nice compensation, we could have more chances to get extra element crystals over there. That’s why all female immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace like Earth Treasures Department!”

“Extra element crystals? Is this the only reason?” Zhang Tie became stunned.

“Of course, with more element crystals, we would make progress in cultivation faster. As immortal generals, element crystals are of great significance to us. If not for element crystals, who would like to work for others?” Ji Yuelan took it for granted, “Additionally, immortal generals in Earth Treasures Department barely fight demons. We’re relatively safer there. Earth Treasures Department has been our target since we joined Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. A couple of days ago, as Head Huang was with us, our future was bound to him. After Head Huang resigned, of course, we would make a choice. Do you think we’re snobbish?”

“No, never!” Zhang Tie shook his head firmly.

Since he mastered Purgatory Samsara Method, Zhang Tie’s cultivation base had improved fast. He didn’t worry about lacking element crystals anymore. Actually, he didn’t even need element crystals anymore. Not until he heard the two girls’ words did Zhang Tie realize that all the other immortal generals still took element crystals as the only source for them to make progress in cultivation. They could only gain element crystals from immortal palaces. Therefore, element crystals were more important for immortal generals. What he didn’t care about might be dreamed of by the others. Even Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan joined Earth Treasures Department for extra element crystals.

“Are the element crystals that I gave you in Heavenly Square City enough?”

“Although being a lot, they’re still far away from forming our chakras. Additionally, we have...” Ji Yuelan was instantly stopped by Jiang Ruoxin’s stern look.

“Have what?” Zhang Tie asked out of curiosity.

“It’s women’s stuff. You don’t need to understand it! I won’t say it!” Ji Yuelan smiled.

“Well, I will not ask about it!” Zhang Tie smiled too. Like what he told Leng Manxue just now, each one had secrets, including Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan.

“What about you? Where are you heading for?” Zhang Tie took a look at the Liu brothers.

Liu brothers then became a bit bashful as if they felt sorry for Zhang Tie. After a few seconds’ silence, Liu Meng said, “Erm..previously, we two planned to follow you...”

“Hahaha, well, I know you. I’m not presiding over the immortal palace. Otherwise, if I have chances, I would definitely have you follow me. The problem is that I’ve not found my own reliance yet. Even if you want to follow me, it’s not allowed in the immortal palace. What’s your plan...” after taking a look at them, Zhang Tie continued, “Tell me the truth!”

“Erm...erm...we planned to...to join Military Department!” Liu Meng said as he scratched his head.

“Military Department is in charge of military affairs in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. We learned that as long as we could make render meritorious service in this department, we would acquire a lot of powerful secret methods and battle skills...” Liu Yong added.

Watching the two brothers, Zhang Tie heaved a sigh helplessly, saying, “Dragon Emperor has already disappeared for hundreds of years; Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace is contracting its force; however, you think about joining Military Department at this moment?”

“Erm...is there any problem?” Liu brothers asked out of curiosity after exchanging a glance with each other.

The most powerful one in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had already disappeared. The entire Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had already shrunk to Dragon Emperor Big Domain. Therefore, the Military Department of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace which was in charge of expeditions was at an embarrassing point of time. Liu brothers’ stupid decision made Zhang Tie speechless. However, fortune favored fools. The Military Department of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace might least need to go on a punitive expedition since ever. Although it appeared dangerous joining the Military Department at this moment, it was not Liu brothers’ turn to be the scapegoats.

After thinking about it for a few seconds, Zhang Tie told the two brothers, “Just take a try. But you’d better bear one thing in mind. Even if you’re enrolled in the Military Department, try your best to work outside the city!” After taking a look at Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan, he warned, “you too, you’d better not stay in Dragon Emperor City, either!”

“Ahh? Why?” Ji Yuelan asked Zhang Tie out of curiosity.

Zhang Tie directly repeated what he had told Huang Baimei and Leng Manxue, causing the four people to change their faces, “It’s just my personal judgment. Perhaps it won’t happen; however, once it happens, Dragon Emperor City where those elders stay in would be the most dangerous place. If something happens here, you two and Liu brothers might be involved. Therefore, you’d better leave Dragon Emperor City. The battle between high-end immortal generals is out of your imagination...”

“What about you? Where are you heading for?” Liu brothers asked Zhang Tie out of concern.

“Don’t care about me. If something really happens, I could protect myself. If possible, I want to stay in Dragon Emperor City...”

“Ah? You want to stay?”

“Haha, I want to see whether I could find a chance to get some benefits!” Zhang Tie shrugged.

Liu brothers and the two women didn’t doubt Zhang Tie’s words as they knew that Zhang Tie was qualified to get some benefits when something really happened as was mentioned by Zhang Tie.

They soon came out of the airport. In case of embarrassment, Zhou Baifei’s group left on the other side.

There was a cross outside the airport. It was full of vehicles and passers-by while several sounds could be heard everywhere on the roadside, making it pretty boisterous.

"Alright, you'd better go. It's nice for you to ask around. It looks more sincere if you could be more active. It's better than just waiting in Flyingdragon Manor..." Zhang Tie told the four people.

"Aren't you going there?" Liu Meng asked.

"Before leaving, Head Huang recommended me to the Supervision Department. I've not received the news yet. I will wait for a while. No matter what, I'm free. If they forget about me for real, I will just settle in Apricot Blossom Village..." Zhang Tie said generously.

As they were all straightforward, after hearing Zhang Tie's words, they didn't say anything anymore. Right outside the airport, they bade farewell to Zhang Tie.

Watching the four heading for two different directions, Zhang Tie smiled as he walked towards another direction.

"Uncle, do you want honey fruits? It's made by my grandma. We plant the fruits. My grandpa raised the bees. It's yummy. I enjoy eating it. Really..." Zhang Tie was stopped by a little girl with two black braids after walking a few meters forward. Watching Zhang Tie with her big and black eyes, the little girl was introducing honey fruits to Zhang Tie. On one side, there was a booth where a woman was selling various dried honey fruits in different colors such as red, yellow and white. Being packed in paper bags under silk cages, they were pretty attractive, giving out a sweet fragrance.

At the sight of the woman, Zhang Tie had known that she was the little girl's mother.

The woman watched Zhang Tie with a smile, feeling sorry, saying, "Xiaoyun, come here, just stand on the roadside, don't get in the way of this uncle..."

"It's fine; it's fine. Coincidentally, I'm hungry. I'm looking for food!" Zhang Tie replied as he picked two bags of honey fruits, asking, "How much?"

"Oh, one white crystal per bag!" the little girl replied immediately before her mother.

Zhang Tie then took out two white crystals. Touching the little girl's head, he gave two white crystals to the woman. After that, he kept one bag and gave the other to the little girl, saying, "Take it, you're my guest!"

"Ah, you don't have to do it, sir; you don't have to do it..." the woman urged as she hurriedly returned one white crystal to Zhang Tie.

"It's fine. Your daughter is cute. I just want to invite her for a bag of honey fruits. Your daughter reminds me of my childhood. When I was young, my mother sold rice brew when she enjoyed eating it too..." Zhang Tie explained as he shook his head. Without taking the money, he walked away hurriedly. As a result, the woman couldn't even catch up with him.

"Ah, Xiaoyun, quick, say thanks to your uncle..."

"Thanks, uncle!"

After walking far away, Zhang Tie turned around as he put one honey fruit into his mouth; then, he thumbed up towards the little girl and gave a sweet smile to her. The little girl smiled at a stroke, squinting her eyes into crescent moons.

“Mom, could I eat it?” the little girl turned around as she asked her mother.

“Yes...” the woman said as she found Zhang Tie had already disappeared among the people.

After opening the paper bag, the little girl immediately picked a honey fruit and put it into her mouth. The sour and sweet taste made her drool at a stroke. She then took a stool and sat beside her mother, starting to enjoy that bag of honey fruits...

After a few minutes, when the little girl put her hand into the paper bag, she suddenly revealed a strange look, saying, “Ahh, what’s that?”

As the little girl took her hand out of the paper bag, she was holding a blue crystal coin; instead of a honey fruit. Blinking her eyes, she gave the blue crystal coin to her mother who had just sold one more bag of honey fruits.

Her mother was startled by the blue crystal coin at a stroke as she hurriedly pulled the little girl into her arms, saying, “Ah, Xiaoyun, where did you get it? Did you pick it on the road? Have you seen who dropped it? Quick, tell me, we have to give it back to him...”

“I didn’t pick it up; I took it out of the paper bag. Why this crystal coin is blue. I’ve never seen it before...” the little girl said as she gave her paper bag to her mother.

The woman looked into the paper bag as she saw 7-8 more blue crystal coins among the rest honey fruits. As a result, she held her breath unconsciously.

As for her family, these blue crystal coins were astronomical wealth. One blue crystal coin was equal to 100 purple crystal coins. Their family could at most make 20-30 purple crystal coins a year by selling honey fruits in Dragon Emperor City for one year.

The woman immediately recalled Zhang Tie who bought their honey fruits just now. Nobody else touched this bag of honey fruits besides Zhang Tie.

After looking left and right, the woman whispered to her daughter as she hurriedly put away the paper bag and the blue crystal coin.

She had not imagined that their family could meet such a good person in Dragon Emperor City today...

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Eating honey fruits, Zhang Tie wandered in the bustling streets. The little girl indeed reminded him of his childhood. Therefore, he couldn’t help adding some blue crystal coins in the little girl’s paper bag.

The honey fruits tasted pretty good. However, a whim suddenly occurred to him when Zhang Tie watched the crowd in the street.

——F*ck, if Dragon Emperor City really becomes the battlefield between sage-level knights and semi-sage knights; if demon powerhouses really choose to start the war inside Dragon Emperor City, how many commoners here would be killed or wounded?

Zhang Tie was transfixed at a stroke.

“Brother Ying, long time no see. I’ve not imagined that we two could encounter once again...”

“Yup, it’s been more than 80 years since we departed from each other in Mountain Ruins!”

“Brother Ying, I wonder what are you here for...”

“Young brother, you know that. Of course, I came here for the same purpose as you. It’s not clarified on the reward list of the Emperor NvWa Palace that we have to decapitate fire demon immortal generals in Mountain Ruins or demon realm...”

“Hahaha, I see. Brother Ying, you’re really well-informed...”

“Hehheh, I’m lucky. If we ambush here, it’s always much safer than fighting demons in Mountain Ruins. Even if we got nothing in the end, we won’t lose anything. Right?”

Zhang Tie didn’t want to eavesdrop it; however, when he was in a daze in the street, he “coincidentally” heard the secret talk between two people in a boite in a lane 100 m ahead...

Chapter 1695: A Big Bet

Zhang Tie didn’t mean to eavesdrop it; nor did he extend his spiritual energy towards that place on purpose. However, with the “overflow” effect of his strong spiritual energy, he could easily sense any sound or wave in the air within hundreds of meters.

On this occasion, Zhang Tie could receive enormous information. To put it simply, the total amount of information that poured into his ears per second could make commoners feel dizzy and crazy.

Imagine how you would feel if you could hear the talks of hundreds of people, twitters of hundreds of insects, birds, cockroaches, rats and fleas, intestines wriggling, blood running in blood vessels, hearts beating, earthworm creeping in earth, worms chewing the fibers of twigs and sucking juice of leaves, rats mating, birds’ feathers plucking in the air, fleas moving in animals’ furs, fish bubbling at the bottom of river per second incessantly. That was how Zhang Tie felt spiritually on that occasion.

Zhang Tie was also fed up with that ability before; however, he soon found the solution——filtration. It was humans’ instinct. Even though it was full of people, as long as he focused on one person, all the surrounding sounds would be ignored and filtered out. As a result, Zhang Tie could keep the most important information. After a new round of evolution of his spiritual energy, Zhang Tie could use his spiritual energy to do many things with a greater filtering capability.

After filtering all the information in his surroundings spiritually, Zhang Tie could frankly face this colorful world.

After that, Zhang Tie only paid attention to some special sounds while all the others sounded nothing different than that in the ears of commoners.

Additionally, Zhang Tie could hear the secret talks between knights.

After hearing that voice, Zhang Tie’s heart raced. He then continued to walk forward and came to a teahouse on the roadside over 100 m away from the lane where the voice originated from. He entered a private room. While taking tea and honey fruits leisurely, he paid attention to the two mysterious “guests” in that boite.

With the effect of his strong spiritual energy and lotus-flower eyes, the 100 m longer distance and the thick walls were as transparent as a piece of glass.

The lane was called octagonal lane. It was only a bit wider than 2 m. There were so many small stores on both sides of the lane, selling fruits, tea, pastries, daily needs, shoes, hats and clothes, scissors, chopping blocks, wood tools and furniture. They were all commoners, who sold things and lived there. They chatted with neighbors while doing their jobs leisurely.

At the end of the octagonal lane, there was a small boite called Yuean Boite. As lunchtime had passed, it was pretty empty inside it. A waiter and a cook were sitting outside the gate, bathing the sunlight while the boss was going through the account books behind the counter. Some tables on the first floor were empty. Only two guests were drinking in a private table isolated by screens on the second floor.

“Xiao Gao, go ask guests what else do they need...”

The boss called, as the waiter who was peeping at the plump widow Zhao in the tailor shop in the opposite hurriedly ran upstairs. After a short while, he came downstairs and served one flagon of liquor upstairs. Then, he ran downstairs again, saying, “Boss, they said it’s enough. They don’t want me to disturb them anymore. They want to have a private talk...”

The boss waved his hand as the waiter hurriedly ran to the doorway and continued to peep at widow Zhao.

On the 2nd floor, two commoners were sitting at a small table and proposing toasts to each other, one in green, the other in black as if they were old friends. There was not exotic food on the table, but some common dishes and two flagons of liquor.

“Come on, Brother Zhao, finish it up...”

“Brother Li, one more!”

“Hahaha, I’ve not imagined that we could meet each other in Dragon Emperor City. It’s God’s will...”

“Yeah...”

“Brother Li, how do you do lately?”

“It’s hard to say, I feel sweet and bitter...”

Their talk faintly went downstairs, which sounded normal. Dragon Emperor City was the most prosperous city in Dragon Emperor Big Domain. These days, at least 300,000 to 500,000 people were seeking for opportunities in Dragon Emperor City.

However, Zhang Tie was watching and hearing an utterly different talk in his eyes and ears.

“Brother Ying, I’ve not heard about you for long. How long have you stayed in Dragon Emperor City...”

“Only four years!”

“Brother Ying, do you really prepare to stay here for long?”

“Why not? I rented a house in Dragon Emperor City where I could cultivate. By contrast, wandering across the world is no better than waiting here for opportunities. I could even wait for four decades here, not to mention four years...”

The one being called Brother Ying was the guy in green. With a big belly, he had whiskers. Although being a bit dark-faced, he looked sagacious as if he was an overambitious businessman. However, in Zhang Tie’s lotus-flower eyes, Zhang Tie saw a dreamlike fog under his face, where an utterly different face was looming. He was not wearing an ordinary disguising mask; neither was it a body-changing immortal bloodline; instead, it was an unknown marvelous disguising method.

The other in black was in grey hair and wrinkles who looked humble with a meticulous smile just like a rural teacher. Also, there was a fantastic fog under his face, where lay another utterly different face.

Given their superficial looks, they were both below LV 13. That one in green was a bit more powerful.

In fact, the two people purposefully hid their true levels. Even Zhang Tie could see through their real levels. Whereas, given their talk, Zhang Tie realized that they were at least heavenly knights because those who could enter Mountain Ruins were at least heavenly knights. As they had met each other in Mountain Ruins 80 years ago, they might be higher than heavenly knights. Given the fact that they dared to seek for opportunities in Dragon Emperor City, they must be higher than semi-sage level knights or sage-level knights.

One part of their talk was especially for people downstairs which sounded trivial while the other part was for themselves, which sounded a bit terrifying.

The two people could never imagine that there was an abnormal person like Zhang Tie in this world. Even though they were chatting using battle qi in such a secret place, their “talk” was still discovered by Zhang Tie when he passed by in the distance. He could even eavesdrop their secret talk. That was really abnormal!

Zhang Tie soon verified that the two people were all sage-level knights through their talk.

“Brother Ying, when I saw you in Mountain Ruins last time, you were already a supreme immortal general. I thought you might have long found your own immortal palace. Why didn’t you...”

“If not taste the Nine Heavens Immortal Spring in the core of Mountain Ruins, it’s meaningless for me to found an immortal palace. Even so, I still couldn’t find the way to promote to an immortal emperor...” the one being called Brother Ying said as he bottomed up with emotions.

“Even though you didn’t drink Nine Heavens Immortal Spring, you could also found an immortal palace so as to prepare for the next plan. It’s only a few years left since the Mountain Ruins opens next time...”

“Hahaha, young brother, you know, I couldn’t find a place to found an immortal palace among the big domains and middle domains occupied by humans in Motian Realm at all!” His voice was full of frustrations; additionally, it sounded a bit unsatisfied. “Over these years, the 3 emperor-level immortal palaces and 14 supreme immortal generals’ immortal palaces have already shared all the possible regions. On this occasion, it’s meaningless for me to persuade some small clans and occupy 3-5 cities. Even if I could drink Nine Heavens Immortal Spring, it’s still far away from promoting to an immortal emperor!”

"I see. It turns out that Brother Ying has more than one purpose in Dragon Emperor City. If Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace collapses, Brother Ying, you could raise your arms and gather an army immediately. By then, you could found your immortal palace in Dragon Emperor Big Domain. That's a good plan! That's a good plan..."

"More than one person has the same plan. The five elders and the two grand justices of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace are all average ones. Many powerhouses who couldn't establish their immortal palaces after promoting to supreme immortal generals like me are also gazing at the situation facing Dragon Emperor Big Domain. Perhaps I'm not the only supreme immortal general in Dragon Emperor City. Look, even young brother, a powerhouse who has long joined Force Emperor Immortal Palace as a grand justice is here too. Young brother, I wonder whether Emperor Force is here?" the one being called Brother Ying asked tentatively.

"If His Majesty does everything himself, what would we do?" the one in black sighed with moods as he said ambiguously, "Additionally, Brother Ying, I really couldn't answer you. His Majesty always takes action secretly. Perhaps His Majesty is not here today, but His Majesty might come tomorrow. Conversely, perhaps His Majesty is here today; but His Majesty might leave here tomorrow. The targets of His Majesty are some demon emperors. If demon emperors don't show up, how could His Majesty show up? Although Dragon Emperor Big Domain is important, it's not our foundation..."

"I see, hopefully young brother and I don't meet each other on the battlefield. Come on, cheers..."

The two people then cheered as they bottomed up the glass of wine again.

"Brother Ying, you must be kidding. More powerhouses are casting covetous eyes on Dragon Emperor Big Domain and Dragon Emperor City, not only the two of us. The powerhouses of the other immortal palaces might have long lurked in Dragon Emperor City. If we two fight each other, neither of us could gain any benefit. Emperor Force is ambitious, wise and generous, who usually appreciates you. If Brother Ying would like to join Force Emperor Immortal Palace one day, I guarantee Brother Ying's title would not be lower than mine. If Brother Ying could make meritorious deeds for Force Emperor Immortal Palace and gain popularity among people in Force Emperor Immortal Palace, you might have a chance to promote to an immortal emperor. This way might be easier than you founding an immortal palace yourself..."

"Ohh? Would Emperor Force like to share the brilliance of his immortal palace with his subordinates?"

"If not, why am I still in Force Emperor Immortal Palace? After Mountain Ruins opens, if I could drink immortal spring, His Majesty promises to allocate 20 cities and 30 million population to me as the assets for me to promote to an immortal emperor. If I could make greater meritorious deeds, I could share more profits. Brother Ying, think about it..."

The one in green became silent at a stroke. Zhang Tie sensed that person became a bit moved, who replied, "Well, let me think about it..."

"Brother Ying, as I could fight shoulder to shoulder with you in Mountain Ruins and meet you here again, I feel complex. I have one tip for you!"

"Go ahead!"

"In the final analysis, Dragon Emperor City is just a bet about the rise or fall of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, one of the three emperor-level immortal palaces. Demons might not know that we're preventing demons from destroying Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Even the elders and grand justices of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace don't know that they're trapped in it. We're just betting with different purposes. Although Force Emperor Immortal Palace won't do it; it doesn't mean that other immortal palaces would not do it. In someone's eyes, Dragon Emperor Big Domain is a piece of fat. Now that Brother Ying wants to join it, you're regarded as grabbing food from tigers' mouths or taking chestnuts from fire by others. Brother Ying, bear it in mind, there's still a long way to go. Never lose your life in Dragon Emperor Big Domain..." the one in black said with moods.

"Thank you so much..."

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A few minutes later, the two sage-level knights finished their talk as they went downstairs while drunk. They then separated from each other at the entrance of the lane.

However, the two people didn't know that a tracing feather had been attached to their soles respectively when they left the boite.

Zhang Tie was still drinking in the teahouse. Not until then did he realize that Dragon Emperor City was a dangerous swirl full of baits, which attracted many unexpected figures...

A sage-level knight should have waited in Dragon Emperor City for a few years.

Real knights were all something. What Zhang Tie had thought about might have been hit by someone else, who had long been preparing for that.

After sitting there for a few more minutes, when the two sage-level knights had left far away, Zhang Tie checked out and went downstairs. From a few streets away, he slowly followed that one in green as he wanted to know where he lived...

Only after a short while, Zhang Tie had "seen" the one in green buy a small pack of cheap sugar. After that, he continued to move forward. Over 20 minutes later, that one in green negotiated into another lane.

"Uncle Zhao, you're back; Uncle Zhao is back..." A lot of kids swarmed up to take sugar when they saw the pack of sugar in the hand of the one in green.

"Easy, easy, everyone has a share; everyone has a share, hahaha..." The one in green burst into laughter as he distributed the pack of sugar to those kids.

"Ah, Uncle Zhao, I smell alcohol from you; you must have been drinking..." a kid sniffed the one in green as he said.

"You're a kid, you'd better not care about adults' affairs. I met an old friend and had some drinks with him. Did anyone enter my room and make it messy when I was absent?"

"Nobody. We watched it for you, uncle..." those kids answered in unison.

"That's great; that's great..." the one in green said as he took out a key and unlocked a small house.

After knowing where the one in green lived, Zhang Tie immediately turned around from a few blocks away as he walked towards the one in black.

Two hours later, Zhang Tie strode to the avenue where a rich family lived in the east of Dragon Emperor City. After watching the location of Zhu Mansion two blocks away, Zhang Tie left. Within Zhu Mansion, the one in black was listening to the butler in the accountant's office.

Who could imagine that two sage-level knights were lurking in Dragon Emperor City in this way? There were definitely more powerhouses lurking in Dragon Emperor City. It was a coincidence for Zhang Tie to discover the two of them today. It was not that easy for him to find other disguising powerhouses in Dragon Emperor City. After all, Zhang Tie's spiritual energy was not almighty. If he didn't have specific targets or directions, he could barely find more powerhouses in Dragon Emperor City and in the surroundings only by his spiritual energy.

'It's becoming more and more interesting in Dragon Emperor City.' Zhang Tie thought as he stroked his jaw.

Zhang Tie wandered in Dragon Emperor City until the night had fallen. He then prepared to return to Flyingdragon Manor.

After making a turn on the avenue and walking forward for a few minutes, Zhang Tie negotiated it where he crashed a group of people at the entrance of a top-level boite.

When he saw Zhou Baifei, Lu Tianqiang and Xun Zizhou, Zhang Tie became slightly stunned; so did Zhou Baifei and the others.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could meet them here after following up that man in black to the east of Dragon Emperor City. What a coincidence! However, as the east of Dragon Emperor City always gathered dignitaries, of course, the boite was top level in Dragon Emperor City. Therefore, It was normal to see Zhou Baifei's group here.

"What a coincidence..." Zhang Tie greeted them with a smile and pretended to pass by. He didn't want to say too much in case of trouble.

However, when Zhang Tie passed by, a shrewd light suddenly flashed across Zhou Baifei's eyes as he suddenly opened his mouth, "Zhang Tie, you don't need to do that. Just now, I invited you to come with us for a drink; you declined it. But why did you follow us three here? Do you want to know whom we're drinking with? I want to know why do you behave so stealthily..."

Zhang Tie had already passed by them; however, Zhou Baifei's words stopped him at once as he slowly turned around...

"What did you say?"

Chapter 1696: As Fast As a Fierce Tiger

"Isn't it? Don't disguise anymore. If you're not following us, how could we encounter here since we separated from the airport in the afternoon." Zhou Baifei watched Zhang Tie as he said without any fear,

“When I invited you this afternoon, you refused it disdainfully. However, you’re pretending to encounter us here coincidentally now. Why’d you do that? Your strategy is really strange!”

Zhou Baifei criticized Zhang Tie straightforwardly by adding the trimmings when Lu Tianqiang and Xun Zizhou felt he was a bit...a bit radical. However, after hearing Zhou Baifei’s words, all the others who saw Zhang Tie first instantly fixated onto Zhang Tie with inspective eyes.

Those with Zhou Baifei were all immortal generals. Besides Zhou Baifei, Lu Tianqiang and Xun Zizhou, there were 7 more. 2 of the 7 people had the greatest qi fields. One of them was as old as Zhou Baifei. In a blue garment, there were dragon patterns of six silver threads on this earth immortal general’s wristbands. Being similar to Zhou Baifei, this one was also like a playboy. However, his eyes were slimmer which seemed that he was tricky. This young man revealed a sense of superiority all over. Although pretending to be reserved superficially, he was full of aggressive arrogance deep inside.

The other one was a bit elder. Being short, fat and sturdy, this one looked stable and experienced, a water immortal general. He was the most powerful one among the 10 people.

Besides, all the other 5 were fierce immortal generals, two males and three females.

Zhang Tie finally understood that Zhou Baifei was seizing the opportunity to make him embarrassed today. ‘It’s not a misunderstanding; instead, he’s absolutely finding me trouble. He wants to ruin my reputation in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace today. What a vicious man!’

‘If what happens today is spread to the public by these people at present, I would become a vicious two-sided man among people in Dragon Emperor City. My future would be ruined in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.’

‘He’s killing me invisibly.’

‘Perhaps Zhou Baifei has long thought about many means to avenge and strike me for many times these days. Otherwise, he couldn’t make such a decision in such a short period of time.’

After hearing Zhou Baifei’s words, Zhang Tie noticed that he threw a quick glimpse at the most powerful one on his side with a vicious look.

‘I’ve not met such a vicious person for long. However, Zhou Baifei made a big mistake if he thought that I could only argue with him here instead of beating him.’

‘An ant always knows what an elephant is thinking about in front of a pit. Isn’t it ridiculous?’

In front of absolute power, the so-called trick was just sh*t.

Zhang Tie suddenly revealed a smile; then, he burst out laughing wildly which was ear-deafening as he watched the 10 people looking at each other in a daze. As a result, more passers-by in the street were attracted by them.

“What are you laughing at? Young brother Baifei’s words are reasonable!” the one in blue garment asked Zhang Tie in a commanding manner all of a sudden as he watched Zhang Tie distantly.

Even though Zhou Baifei didn’t introduce him to Zhang Tie, given his qi field among the group of 10 and Zhou Baifei’s stealthy glimpse, Zhang Tie had known that he might be the disciple of Elder Shi of

Immortal Generals Department of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, Brother “Shaopeng” whom Zhou Baifei had talked about for more than once.

The lowest rank in front of the gate of prime minister was Class VII. As the disciple of an elder of Immortal Generals Department who had a great say in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and an earth knight, he had an infinitely bright future. Of course, his identity couldn’t be matched by the common immortal generals.

However, how could he frighten Zhang Tie at this moment? Zhang Tie didn’t even fear Elder Shi, not to mention his disciple.

Zhang Tie didn’t even take a look at the overbearing Brother “Shaopeng” as if he didn’t exist; instead, he just watched Zhou Baifei quietly, causing goosebumps all over him. Suddenly, Zhang Tie spat towards the ground. After that, he pointed at his saliva and said something that made everyone at present change their faces and dumbfounded.

“Here’s my saliva. Take it for what you said just now. If you climb over here and clean it using your mouth and kowtow in front of me for 10 times loudly, I will apologize to you...”

“What?” “Brother Shaopeng” instantly changed his face as he replied, “Audacious, how could you be so rude...”

“Shut up!” Zhang Tie pointed at that disciple of Elder Shi as he roared which could be heard from 6 miles away, “Who the hell are you? How dare you interrupt me? Didn’t your master tell you that an inferior immortal general couldn’t interrupt a superior immortal general? I’m an immortal general with dragon pattern of seven silver threads, how dare you shout at me? Audacious! Who taught you? Piss off! If you dare utter a single word, I will slap you...”

Everyone at present was transfixed. Nobody could imagine that this innocent young man at his 17’s could lose his temper in such an overwhelming way, the 9 immortal generals with Zhou Baifei or those onlookers.

Zhang Tie’s words were overbearing as he directly flushed off Zhou Baifei’s frame. How could a person who wasn’t even scared of Elder Shi follow Zhou Baifei and play tricks in order to get acquainted with the disciple of Elder Shi for a higher level? Wasn’t he insane?

“You...”

The face of that disciple of Elder Shi had turned purple. He had not met a person like Zhang Tie. Even though immortal generals should not be irritated easily, Zhang Tie’s words instantly drove him mad as he forgot about his master’s warning in a split second...

Soon after the word “You”, Zhang Tie had disappeared from his original place as a stern light flashed across his eyes.

“Watch out...” the stable and experienced water immortal palace instantly changed his face as he broke out of the crowd.

With a loud sound “boom...”, a strong qi broke out in the street. Before the others saw it clearly, the short, fat and sturdy man had been sent flying backward like a leather ball being hit by a stick. Before

that disciple of Elder Shi realized what happened, he had been forcefully slapped by Zhang Tie in an overwhelming manner.

Under the gaze of everyone else, the disciple of Elder Shi spurted out blood and many teeth as he rolled dozens of circles in the air like a kite with a broken line. After making a series of difficult movements, he fell on the ground over 30 m away.

At the same time, Zhou Baifei's neck was grabbed by Zhang Tie. Closely after that, Zhang Tie pressed his neck and pounded him onto the ground brutally, causing many greenstones broken, a pit on the ground and the sounds of broken bones at once.

Zhang Tie was as ferocious and brutal as a tiger.

Everyone at present was shocked by Zhang Tie's lightning movements, including Zhou Baifei. He didn't even spare half a second to them. He even dared slap the disciple of Elder Shi.

Zhang Tie was so fast that he didn't even spare a chance for them to release their battle qis. In the blink of an eye, Zhang Tie had sent flying a water immortal general away, slapped talkative earth immortal general and forcefully pounded Zhou Baifei onto the ground.

"Ah, what are you doing..."

All the other immortal generals with Zhou Baifei finally realized what was happening as they hurriedly slipped away. At the same time, some of them released their battle qi smokes without demur. In a split second, the entire Dragon Emperor City was shocked.

At this moment, Lu Tianqiang and Xun Zizhou were transfixed. They finally knew that Zhang Tie was not kind to any one.

Only after throwing a glance at those immortal generals who released their battle qis cursorily, Zhang Tie had stretched out a hand as he drew one foot of Zhou Baifei towards where he stood just now like dragging a dead dog.

Zhou Baifei screamed miserably as his face was full of blood. Given Zhang Tie's distant look, he was like a demon butcher. However, Zhou Baifei became an animal being dragged into the slaughterhouse as he struggled in vain, shouting, "Ah, what are you doing? Let me go...let me go..."

Zhang Tie turned around as he stomped onto his belly. As a result, Zhou Baifei's eyes almost popped out of his eye sockets. While struggling, he kept pouring out yellowish green bitter liquid.

After that, Zhang Tie drew Zhou Baifei to the place where he spat his saliva, saying emotionlessly, "Clean it with your mouth..."

"No way..."

With a sound of broken bones, Zhou Baifei's one foot was broken.

"Ahh..." Zhou Baifei shrieked miserably again.

"Clean it..."

"You..."

Before he finished his words, Zhang Tie had stomped onto his face, pressing his nose and mouth onto the saliva where he had spat.

Watching such a distant and overbearing person, all the others quivered...

In two minutes, the immortal generals of Supervision Department had arrived here when they saw a disciple of Elder Shi in a coma, a water immortal general who protected him and some other immortal generals who dared not move forward. Everyone was looking at an innocent young man at his 17's who was still stomping onto one person's face, causing him froth at the mouth, despite his face had become deformed.

"Stop, what's happening..." One immortal general of Supervision Department roared as he drew a sword out of his sheath...

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In less than half an hour, the news that Ruan Shaopeng the disciple of Elder Shi was slapped on the street by a new immortal general of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had spread across the city, shocking everyone in Dragon Emperor City...

Chapter 1697: Detention

At night, Supervision Department, Dragon Emperor City.

Elder Xiang who was in charge of Supervision Department of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was listening to the report of a trusted subordinate in an attic.

"You mean...those battle qi smokes didn't arouse any trouble?"

As one of the five elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, Elder Xia Yangming had grey hair and black eyebrows, who didn't look old. At this moment, he was sipping a simple green porridge as supper when he asked what happened just now calmly.

"Those immortal generals who released battle qi smokes were all fresh. They were all shocked by Zhang Tie at that moment. Although they had released their battle qi smokes, they dared not approach Zhang Tie at all; neither did Zhang Tie continue to find them trouble. When our men arrived there, they were fine..." a person replied. As the trusted subordinate of Elder Xia, he was in a black robe with a golden dragon pattern of two threads at his wristbands. Given his costume, he could almost be unrivaled in Dragon Emperor Big Domain.

"It's Dragon Emperor City, how dare they release battle qi smokes here?" Xia Yangming said as he sipped his porridge without even looking up, "Fresh immortal generals are too silly and reckless. They need practice. How do you plan to deal with them..."

"As those immortal generals have just joined Immortal Generals Department and were with the disciples of Elder Shi at that moment, this humble man especially came here for your order."

"Hmm, given Immortal Generals Department and Elder Shi, don't make those immortal generals who released battle qi smokes embarrassed. Just put them in jail for a week and set them free..."

"Yes, sir!"

"Oh, and you said that man called...Zhang Tie...it sounds familiar..."

"Elder, as you hear a lot of new immortal generals a day, you might not remember it. Zhang Tie is the same person that Huang Baimei recommended to you before he left..."

"The same person?" Xia Yangming slowed down his movement as he looked up, asking out of amazement.

"Yes, the same person. He's just joined the branch of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in Heavenly Square City for a short period of time. Previously, elder arranged me to meet him in Flyingdragon Manor tomorrow; it seems that I don't need to go there now..." the subordinate immortal general said with a smile.

"Hoho, this man is funny. He's bold and has great battle strength. He even sent a water immortal general flying away and defeated two earth immortal generals in the blink of an eye! Not bad!"

"Mainly because those people didn't imagine that Zhang Tie could attack them. Therefore, it was not difficult for him to defeat one water immortal general and two earth immortal generals. The water immortal general who was sent flying away had just been roped in by Elder Shi. That person is fine. He was just sent flying away by Zhang Tie's great physical strength..." the reporter said as he asked in a low voice after a short silence, "I wonder how will you deal with Zhang Tie?"

"Deal with? Why?" Elder Xia who was in charge of Supervision Department of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace put down his green porridge as he asked meaningfully.

"But Elder Shi..."

"No matter how Elder Shi thinks about it, he could not make Zhang Tie embarrassed in the public. By contrast, his disciple would be condemned for real..."

The reporter became stunned for a second as he replied, "Ahh? But why..."

"In Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, earth immortal general who's not in charge of supervision is never allowed to offend a water immortal general. Zhang Tie's slap is not bad. If Elder Shi is not silly enough, he would not speak for his disciple on this issue. No matter what, he has to bear it!"

"I see, so we set Zhang free then..."

"How do we punish immortal generals when they start a brawl in Dragon Emperor City?"

"It depends. Put him in jail for 3 days at least or punish him to death in the worst scenario!"

"Put him in jail for 3 days then!" Elder Xia said calmly as he added, "Three days later, go meet him and ask whether does he want to join Supervision Department or not!"

"Ahh, patrolling inspector?"

"No, the supervisor of Dragon Emperor Pavilion!" Elder Xia replied as he took a look at the subordinate, repeating, "Supervisor of Dragon Emperor Pavilion!"

“Supervisor of Dragon Emperor Pavilion?” The reporter confirmed it with a dumbfounded look as this title was too humble instead of being too senior and profitable. He had not imagined that Elder Xia could arrange some a humble title to Zhang Tie as he appreciated Zhang Tie so much just now.

“We should consider the feeling of Elder Shi. Don’t pour oil on the fire. Zhang Tie is a bit wild. He doesn’t even care about the disciples of Elder Shi. After being honed, he would become useful for us in the future!”

“I see. But what if Zhang Tie doesn’t agree...”

“He doesn’t have a say in it. If he dislikes, I will send a transfer order to him. Now, who else would like to offend Immortal Generals Department for him except us?”

“There’s one more thing...”

“Please go ahead, elder...”

As a shrewd light flashed across Elder Xia’s eyes, he said, “Go through Zhou Baifei’s background...”

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The prison of Supervision Department was not as wet and dark as Zhang Tie could imagine; instead, it was pretty clean.

When he was brought here by some immortal generals of the Supervision Department, Zhang Tie didn’t oppose them; instead, he coordinated with them pretty well. Five fierce immortal generals were also put in the same jail right beside Zhang Tie’s cell.

When those immortal generals left, Zhang Tie immediately sat on the bed with crossed feet as he started to extend his spiritual energy into the sky limitlessly, trying to gather the two bizarre energies in the void as fast as possible.

Starting from Heavenly Square City, Zhang Tie had made great progress with constant efforts and found the secret to improve this ability. As a result, he could gather the two energies in the void at an increasingly higher speed.

In the beginning, it would take Zhang Tie 10 minutes to gather the two bizarre energies and made them as powerful as the most powerful kinetic strike that he could launch; now, he only needed five minutes. However, it was not Zhang Tie’s ultimate target. Zhang Tie intended to accomplish this process in a few seconds. He’d better complete it in a split second. Given the equivalent power, if it would take him a long time to gather the two energies in the void than to release his kinetic strike, it would be meaningless for him.

As long as he could realize it, he would study how to use it in real combat. Zhang Tie had already got some preliminary plans about applying it in real combats. However, he still needed to further explore it...

Three days passed while Zhang Tie was in silent cultivation...

Chapter 1698: Director Zhang

The unlocking sound of the door aroused Zhang Tie's attention as he instantly let go of the two bizarre energies that he had tried to gather for many times.

After that, Zhang Tie opened his eyes as he saw the two immortal generals of the Supervision Department who brought him here three days ago.

"Zhang Tie, you could leave now!" one of the two immortal generals said politely with a smile. Both of them looked peaceful.

During the past three days, although Zhang Tie was in the cell, he was crystal clear about what had happened in Dragon Emperor City. During this short period of time, Zhang Tie would travel across those top boites in Dragon Emperor City at supper time spiritually and listen to what immortal generals were talking about at the table.

Zhang Tie used "spiritual travel" to describe his special ability——travel across the neighborhood using his spiritual energy and observe everything silently. Being very vivid, this name became a new trump card of Zhang Tie.

Ruan Shaopeng the disciple of Elder Shi was denounced by Elder Shi in front of the others in Immortal Generals Department and was forced to enter secluded cultivation for reflection for one year.

As the culprit of this event, before fully recovering his wounds, Zhou Baifei had been allocated to a humble job outside Dragon Emperor City, staff in a small place called Baian City in the west of Dragon Emperor Big Domain. Therefore, Zhou Baifei's future in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was almost ruined.

In this event, the greatest beneficiary became Zhang Tie. Zhou Baifei might never imagine about this result.

These days, Zhang Tie's name had been spread across Dragon Emperor City along with the news that a new immortal general of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace slapped a disciple of one of the five elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and made him pass out in the street. Even commoners in Dragon Emperor City knew that. Therefore, Zhang Tie had become the most famous one among the new immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.

In this event, Zhang Tie's image in the eyes of the public was not bad. He was domineering and flamboyant with integrity. Many immortal generals were speaking highly of him in boites.

The others were not influenced too much in this event.

Zhang Tie knew that Lu Tianqiang and Xun Zizhou were received by Elder Shi in the Immortal Generals Department. Elder Shi asked them some questions about Zhang Tie and they replied honestly. After they left, the Immortal Generals Department adopted them by delivering transfer orders to them. Lu Tianqiang and Xun Zizhou were neither put in important positions nor neglected. Actually, their jobs were better than Zhou Baifei. After being trained in Dragon Emperor City for a period of time, they would be dispatched to their positions outside the city.

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After being told that he could leave here now, Zhang Tie got off the bed calmly. After flicking his clothes, he nodded at the two immortal generals of the Supervision Department, saying, "Thank you..." After that, Zhang Tie walked out of the cell calmly.

The other 5 immortal generals who were "invited" in together with Zhang Tie on his sides were goggling at Zhang Tie as they had not imagined that Zhang Tie could leave here earlier than them.

"Ah, why did he leave here? It was he who started the brawl that day..." an immortal general in the cell complained loudly.

"Shut up. You are really shameless! Don't you know how big trouble has been made because of your battle qi smokes? If not out of the respect of Elder Shi, you should have been fiercely beaten..." The immortal general who smiled at Zhang Tie just now instantly turned solemn as he started to denounce them. As a result, all the 5 immortal generals became silent.

"See you..." Zhang Tie smiled at the 5 immortal generals as he walked out of the prison under their gaze.

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The immortal generals led Zhang Tie to a parlor above ground, Zhang Tie met Guo Zhengxian the president of the Supervision Department of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.

"President Guo..." Zhang Tie immediately greeted him after taking a look at the dragons in two golden threads on his sleeves as the two immortal generals of the Supervision Department had long told him about this person's identity.

He was slightly fat at his 50's and looked kind. Given his look, perhaps very few people could imagine that he was an influential figure in the Supervision Department, a wind immortal general who was pretty favored by Elder Xia.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, Guo Zhengxian was also startled by him. Of course, he didn't know this immortal general was only at his 17's. Perhaps Zhang Tie had practiced some secret methods or taken some rare tonics. However, the young vigor in Zhang Tie's eyes meant that Zhang Tie was absolutely not old.

"Not bad, not bad, Elder Xia is really right about you!" President Guo praised as he nodded. Closely after that, he invited Zhang Tie to take a seat as he put it straightforwardly, "Although you started the brawl, it's the opponents who offended you verbally first. Therefore, we only put you in prison for three days in the crime of street brawl. It's over now..."

"Thanks!"

"Before resigning, Huang Baimei had already recommended you to Elder Xia. Your deed was righteous and resolute. You don't fear powers. Elder Xia admires you very much. I'm here to ask you on behalf of Elder Xia whether you would like to join the Supervision Department?"

Everything was within Zhang Tie's anticipation. Therefore Zhang Tie nodded, saying, "Thanks for the recommendation of Head Huang and the favor of Elder Xia, I'd like to join the Supervision Department and work for Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace!"

“Good!” President Guo revealed a faint smile, adding, “If you join the Supervision Department now, your level and monthly compensation would remain unchanged. How about you’re appointed as the director of Dragon Emperor Pavilion?”

“I wonder about the responsibility of this position?” Zhang Tie asked. To be honest, he really didn’t know what was this title; but it sounded something.

With a pretty solemn look, Guo Zhengxian said, “Dragon Emperor Pavilion was the residence of His Majesty in Dragon Emperor City. As His Majesty has disappeared for so many years, many items that His Majesty had used should be guarded. It’s the responsibility of the Supervision Department. The position of director of Dragon Emperor Pavilion is of great significance. It attracts the attention of everyone across Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. The director couldn’t make a single mistake. Therefore, Elder Xia selects you to do it!”

‘F*ck, isn’t it just a concierge? Additionally, it might be a relics center, f*ck...’

Zhang Tie swore inside. If he was a common immortal general, he might have long changed his face and turned on his heel. Whereas, Zhang Tie didn’t care about it at all. No matter what, he didn’t join Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace for wealth or higher ranks; instead, he had greater pursuit. After figuring out the opposite’s meaning, Zhang Tie became composed at a stroke.

However, he should at least “think” about for a short while; otherwise, why would an immortal general who didn’t pose any requirement on official ranks and compensation join Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace? It would be too suspicious. As the old saying went, if it was abnormal, something must be “weird”.

Zhang Tie didn’t want to be “weird” in the eyes of the elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.

It was time to test Zhang Tie’s “disguising” talent again.

Although being composed inside, Zhang Tie changed his face all of a sudden as if he wanted to spring up and turn on his heel. Although he didn’t leave the room, he looked to be struggling and contradicting. After being silent for a few seconds, Zhang Tie nodded, “Well, please tell Elder Xia that I would like to be the director of Dragon Emperor Pavilion!”

When Guo Zhengxian saw Zhang Tie nod, he finally revealed a faint smile, saying, “Spare the rod and spoil the child. This position is not for a lifetime. You would know it later on. Elder Xia is testing you...”

Zhang Tie finally “relieved” his look as he nodded firmly, saying, “I see!”

“Here’s the transfer order and letter of appointment from the Supervision Department!” Guo Zhengxian said as he took out a 30-cm long scroll and a jade plate. He directly handed them to Zhang Tie, saying, “You could prepare to take the office in Dragon Emperor Pavilion the day after tomorrow!”

“Fine!” Zhang Tie replied as he received the scroll and the jade plate.

The jade plate of deputy branch head had been taken away since Zhang Tie came to Dragon Emperor City. Now, this jade plate became his new identity, through which people could contact him.

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After a few minutes, Zhang Tie calmly walked out of the prison of the Supervision Department in the eastern district of Dragon Emperor City.

It was already dark outside just as same as when he was taken in three days ago. It was really a 3-day custody.

“Ah, he’s out...”

The moment Zhang Tie was set free, he had heard an exclamation as Liu brothers, Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan appeared in front of him at once.

“What did I say? A boss is a boss! Soon after we left you that day, boss, your fame had been spread across Dragon Emperor City. You’ve become the No. 1 person among new immortal generals in Dragon Emperor City. We’ve heard about what you did that day. That’s really cool! Much cooler than me...” Liu Meng thumbed up as he watched Zhang Tie with admiration.

To tell the truth, Zhang Tie’s battle strength was absolutely among the best ones in Motian Realm. It was too normal for him to be outstanding. Zhang Tie did the same in both Heavenly Square City and Dragon Emperor City. No matter how low-key he tried to be, as long as he encountered something that he disliked, Zhang Tie would immediately become the most eye-catching one.

“I thought you would be severely punished inside. But you look nice!” Ji Yuelan looked at Zhang Tie from his head to his toe with her beautiful eyes as she said, pouting her mouth.

Zhang Tie didn’t say anything. He just displayed the new jade plate in front of the four. The two words Supervision Department made all the others widely open their eyes.

“F*ck, boss, you’ve already joined the Supervision Department? That’s too fast...”

“Alright. I’m wondering why you’re set free so fast. It turns out you’ve already become a member of them...”

“I’ve just joined it!” Zhang Tie said as he looked at the sky. After putting away his jade plate, he touched his belly, saying, “I’ve not eaten any food for three days. Come on, you choose a place and be my guests...”

“Oh, what’s your position in the Supervision Department?” Jiang Ruoxin asked out of curiosity.

“Director of Dragon Emperor Pavilion...”

Soon after they heard his words, Liu brothers, Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan had changed their faces. Liu brothers were apparently amazed while Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan became a bit stagnated before being surprised...

If not the exceptional discernment of Zhang Tie’s disguising talent, he would not have discovered the trivial changes on the faces of Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan.

‘The term Dragon Emperor Pavilion might be special for Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan; otherwise, the two people would not look so strange.’ Zhang Tie thought as he became curious about the purpose of Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan for joining Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace for the first time...

Chapter 1699: Secrets

"I've not imagined that Zhang Tie could become the director of Dragon Emperor Pavilion..."

"Neither have I..."

"On this occasion, we could implement our plan easily. I think he likes you. You must gain his trust..."

"Didn't you want me to not develop the relationship between him and I? Why did you change your decision now?"

"It's different. I think even our masters would agree with that if they were here!"

"But I don't want to cheat him; nor do I want to rope him in, it's harmful to him..."

"Did you really fall in love with him? Don't forget about our purpose here!"

"Of course, I've not forgotten about it. However, it depends whether the item of our masters is in Dragon Emperor Pavilion or not. After our grand master was defeated by Dragon Emperor, that item had been taken away by Dragon Emperor. Dragon Emperor said he would return it in a few years. However, he directly disappeared. That item might have disappeared together with Dragon Emperor..."

"As this plan is dominated by me. You have to follow my order. You're not allowed to do it at the risk of our entire sect. You know, Force Emperor Immortal Palace has not revoked the wanted circular for our sect. As long as Zhang Tie knows our identities, he might betray us facing the great reward of Force Emperor Pavilion. Do you think that you're really important in his heart? By then, we might die. How about our masters and sisters then? Do you feel like framing them? We have to keep close contact with Zhang Tie and stay in Dragon Emperor City. Only in this way could we continue to ask around and look for that item..."

"But he persuades us to leave here!"

"He's indeed sincere to us. But we'd better not forget about our purpose here. If Dragon Emperor City is really as chaotic as what he has described, we might get that item through this chance. Therefore, we have to stay. Don't worry about that. I will work out a solution..."

"Alas..."

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In his room of the Apricot Blossom Courtyard, Zhang Tie became awake at once after hearing the "secret talk" between Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan. After that, he revealed a bitter smile.

Heavenly Square Department was a relatively remote location in Dragon Emperor City of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Any immortal general who was clear about the situation facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace would refuse to join Military Department, despite this agency was still recruiting new immortal generals.

Liu brothers' silly choice satisfied Military Department pretty much. During the three days when Zhang Tie was put into prison, Liu brothers had already received the transfer orders and jobs from the Military

Department and joined this agency officially. They had joined the Dragon Emperor Army and would leave Dragon Emperor City for a big city in Dragon Emperor Big Domain in the next early morning.

Despite being stupid, Liu brothers were lucky. That elder of Military Department might have already roped in some branch heads of Dragon Emperor Big Domain. They were appointed as commander and vice commander of a branch of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace respectively as the immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Army. The two positions were pretty profitable, which were much better than that of Lu Tianqi and Xun Zizhou.

On this occasion, they drank a lot tonight. Besides congratulating for Zhang Tie's "freedom", they also bade farewell to the Liu brothers.

They all returned to the courtyard, being a bit drunk. Liu brothers who drank most directly threw themselves onto their beds and fell asleep. Previously Zhang Tie wanted to go to bed too; however, at that moment, Ji Yuelan who had been a bit drunk urged to sleep together with Jiang Ruoxin, take a bath together with her and see whose figure was better.

This triggered Zhang Tie's "erotic" awareness as he wanted to "see" how they took a bath together.

The result was that Zhang Tie indeed enjoyed how they took a bath together in the bathtub; however, he also listened clearly their "secret" talk. As a result, Zhang Tie became clear-minded at once.

Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin really had other identities. They joined Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace not only for element crystals but for a more important task.

They looked like bosom friends; however, they were actually fellow sister apprentices. Additionally, their sect was very confidential in Motian Realm and had a deep vendetta with Force Emperor Immortal Palace. They were still being hunted by Force Emperor Immortal Palace.

On this occasion, Zhang Tie couldn't do anything but reveal a bitter smile. He could only pretend to not have heard it. Zhang Tie really didn't want to be involved in the many years' vendetta between the two girls' sect, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and Force Emperor Immortal Palace. Therefore, he just pretended to know nothing about that.

However, after considering it for a short while, Zhang Tie was shocked by Huang Baimei's "luck". 4 of the 8 new immortal generals that Huang Baimei recruited in Heavenly Square City had problems in identities. Similarly, Zhang Tie guessed that many new immortal generals recruited by other branches of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace might have problems too with their identities. Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was already a dying camel, which everyone else would like to give a bite.

'Whatever...'

Zhang Tie dropped these thoughts as he instantly fell asleep...

Everyone got up early the next morning. Zhang Tie didn't climb mountain anymore; instead, he walked Liu brothers all the way to the airport in Dragon Emperor City. Liu brothers grugged separating with him; however, they must go.

After seeing off Liu brothers, Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin would register in Earth Treasures Department today. Therefore, they bade farewell to Zhang Tie at the airport too.

“Would you make another big trouble in Dragon Emperor City after we separate from each other today...” Ji Yuelan joked.

“You could keep me company today...” Zhang Tie joked shamelessly as he pulled Ji Yuelan’s hand.

After hearing Zhang Tie’s words, Jiang Ruoxin took a look at Ji Yuelan which even Zhang Tie understood. Ji Yuelan then immediately drew her hand out of Zhang Tie’s hand as she patted Zhang Tie’s hand, saying, “You wanna take advantage of this sister. No way! I’ve got something important to do today. No matter what big trouble you make, I don’t think you would suffer any loss...”

After saying this, Ji Yuelan drew Jiang Ruoxin’s hand away.

“Why not agree with him...” Jiang Ruoxin’s secret words entered Zhang Tie’s ears, “It’s a chance. Don’t you like to be with him...”

“This miss doesn’t like him anymore!”

“You don’t want to involve him in!”

“Humph...”

Watching them leave and listening to their talk, Zhang Tie felt a bit complex. In many cases, people could barely identify whether it was true love or not.

Zhang Tie didn’t loiter in Dragon Emperor City; instead, he found an agency and employed a loyal and benevolent old couple who had no children there. After that, he bought a superb flying lizard and a carriage. He let the old male servant drive the lizard vehicle back to his Apricot Blossom Courtyard leisurely, carrying him and some luggage of the couple.

“Uncle Qu, you and aunt Qu live in this room. When I’m absent, you’re responsible for taking care of this Apricot Blossom Courtyard. I will pay you 15 more purple crystal coins per month for daily expenditures besides your months’ compensation...”

“Thanks, childe. Thanks, childe, I will definitely work hard. However, 15 purple crystal coins are too much. I’m afraid that we couldn’t use all of them...”

“As long as you work hard, you could keep the rest as your change!”

After hearing Zhang Tie’s generous reply, Uncle Qu and his wife revealed an appreciative smile on their wrinkled face as they realized that they had met a good employer this time.

Zhang Tie gave them high monthly compensation. Additionally, 15 purple crystal coins were enough for a big household of over 10 people per month. On the way here, the couple had known that Zhang Tie was an immortal general of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Three people were living here. Additionally, they rarely ate food at home. Therefore, they could never spend all of the 15 purple crystal coins a month even if they procure good food ingredients. Additionally, food in the suburb of Dragon Emperor City was cheaper than that in the downtown.

“Childe, have you had lunch? Do you need me to cook lunch for you?” Uncle Qu became active too.

“No need. Just prepare supper for me. You could check the kitchen and the courtyard and decide to buy something yourselves...” Zhang Tie replied as he took out 15 purple crystal coins and gave them to the couple, adding, “Here’s this month’s expenditure. It depends on you. I like it to be tranquil...”

“I see; I see. Childe, don’t worry about that!” Uncle Qu hurriedly took those purple crystal coins as his hands quivered a bit.

“Well, do your work then!”

After hearing Zhang Tie’s order, Uncle Qu hurriedly went to take care of the flying lizard while Uncle Qu started an inspection into the kitchen...

Zhang Tie smiled as he returned to his courtyard...

After employing two people to take care of the Apricot Blossom Courtyard, Zhang Tie didn’t need to worry about the odd jobs in the courtyard anymore.

In the evening, when Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan came back, they found some new changes in Apricot Blossom Courtyard as Zhang Tie had employed two servants.

Uncle Qu was really good at cooking...

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On the second day, Zhang Tie should register in Dragon Emperor Pavilion...

Chapter 1700: Dragon Emperor Pavilion

Dragon Emperor Pavilion was close to the center of Dragon Emperor City in the north. All the four avenues Blue Dragon, White Tiger, Red Sparrow and Immortal Tortoise led to Dragon Emperor Pavilion. Therefore, Zhang Tie could arrive at Dragon Emperor Pavilion at just 8 am by a flying lizard. On the way here from Apricot Blossom Village, he almost didn’t ask anyone about the location of Dragon Emperor Pavilion.

The entire Dragon Emperor Pavilion occupied over 180,000 square meters. Although it was called pavilion, it was actually a mini palace. Dragon Emperor Pavilion was surrounded by a moat, which was planted with willows on both banks. Its river was a crystal with ripples while waterweeds swayed in the river. Fish jumped out of the river every time and then. It was nice scenery. From this bank, Zhang Tie could see the golden glazed tiles on those buildings and high trees in Dragon Emperor Pavilion on the other bank of the moat.

“Stop, who’s that?”

Zhang Tie was stopped by a team of guards at one end of the stone bridge over moat the moment he wanted his flying lizard to step on the moat.

Saying nothing, Zhang Tie just presented his jade plate to them. Before the team of guards spoke, an armored old man with only a dragon pattern of two silver threads at his wristbands who looked like a general hurriedly came to Zhang Tie.

When Zhang Tie came to the bride, the two people had already gazed at him. After seeing Zhang Tie's jade plate and confirming his identity, the two people dared not stay afar anymore; instead, they hurriedly came over here to greet Zhang Tie.

"Welcome, head...I'm Huang Yukun, the internal guards head of Dragon Emperor Pavilion..."

"I'm Xu Gang, the general of Dragon Emperor Pavilion..."

Sitting on the flying lizard, only after taking a look at them, Zhang Tie had already known their battle strength. Being even elder than Xun Zizhou, Hong Yukun was just a fierce immortal general; however, he still looked good and humble as if he was arranged to live the rest of his life here. Xu Gang was just a LV 14 battle demon who looked valiant. He could scare commoners; however, he couldn't withstand a single blow from an immortal knight. At least this general was smiling like a manager of a hotel when he saw Zhang Tie as his eyes were squinting into a crack.

The two people were both Zhang Tie's subordinates in Dragon Emperor Pavilion. As the head of Dragon Emperor Pavilion, although Zhang Tie was just a watchdog, he was not a single commander; instead, he had some subordinates for real. That was to say, it was enough for Zhang Tie to put on airs at least in Dragon Emperor Pavilion.

"Hmm!" Zhang Tie answered as he jumped off the back of the flying lizard by raising his legs. Closely after that, he patted his flying lizard. Before those guards made a response, his flying lizard had already walked towards the stable especially for lizards in the distance while shaking its head. Some guards hurriedly caught up with it and caught its rein.

"Do you want to check my transfer order?" Zhang Tie asked politely.

"No need, no need..." The internal guards head and the general changed their faces out of fear as they hurriedly waved their hands.

Zhang Tie didn't present his transfer order to them as he understood that his reputation in the city had already worked. It was estimated that the two people had already heard what Zhang Tie did in Dragon Emperor City. Zhang Tie didn't even fear disciples of an elder and beat those who offended him fiercely, how would the two people dare find Zhang Tie trouble? Of course, they behaved as good as possible.

This was the benefit of vice. Before you wanted others to show their tribute to you, you should have them fear about you. Sometimes, this method worked a lot.

"Alright, you two keep me company in the Dragon Emperor Pavilion. As it's my first time to be here, I don't know anything about this place. Therefore, I have to depend on you from today on!" Zhang Tie said as he walked straight towards the gate of the Dragon Emperor Pavilion. After exchanging a glance with each other, Hong Yukun and Xugang hurriedly caught up with Zhang Tie, closely after him.

"Head..." Watching Hong Yukun and Xugang keep Zhang Tie company towards them, the two teams of guards outside the gate of Dragon Emperor Pavilion roared at once as they chested out, giving a salute to Zhang Tie. It seemed that these guards had already known that they were going to have a new head today.

"Hmm, not bad, these guards are spirited!" Zhang Tie nodded as he praised, asking Xu Gang, "How many guards are there in Dragon Emperor Pavilion in total?"

Xu Gang immediately smiled as he approached Zhang Tie, replying, "Head, there's a camp in Dragon Emperor Pavilion, 120 people in total. If head wants to deliver a speech to them, this humble man would gather them up..."

"No need. Let them do their own jobs!" Zhang Tie said as he waved his hand, asking, "What about the shifts?"

"Three shifts a day, 40 people per time!"

"Hmm, keep it!" Zhang Tie said as he had already passed the gate of Dragon Emperor Pavilion and entered the pavilion.

Compared to the outside world, the Dragon Emperor Pavilion was special.

As the place where Dragon Emperor once lived in, Dragon Emperor Pavilion was full of terraces and pavilions, odd flowers and grasses. Each brick or wood here had its background. It was hard to find a place more luxurious than this place inside the city.

"Head!"

The moment Zhang Tie entered it, two more lines of people greeted him, half male and half female, 60 people in total. These people wore costumes of low-level disciples in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace with smaller dragon patterns of a different number of copper threads on their wristbands, varying from one to six. All the male disciples were common-looking; however, all the female disciples here were good-looking with elegant figures. At the sight of Zhang Tie, many female disciples' eyes became bright at a stroke.

Zhang Tie fixated onto Hong Yukun unconsciously.

"These are all workers inside the Dragon Emperor Pavilion. They're responsible for the repairs, renovation and cleaning of the garden. 60 people in total. They're subordinate to this humble man. They're all here for your order, head!" Hong Yukun said with a smile.

"It's fine, I have no order, go back to your positions as usual!" Zhang Tie threw a glance at them before continuing to walk inside. Hong Yukong then waved his hand towards them behind Zhang Tie, letting them leave there.

After taking a cursory look at Dragon Emperor Pavilion, Zhang Tie found some attics were locked. He was then told that the Dragon Emperor usually stayed in those attics, which stored many items that the Dragon Emperor once used. Additionally, all the items had been registered. To put simply, Zhang Tie's job was to protect the Dragon Emperor Pavilion and these items inside it...

As the director of Dragon Emperor Pavilion, Zhang Tie had a private building where he could work or rest inside Dragon Emperor Pavilion.

After hearing that there were many items that the Dragon Emperor had used in Dragon Emperor Pavilion, Zhang Tie's heart raced. After taking a cursory look at the pavilion, he let Xu Gang leave there and had Hong Yukun bring him the register book and count all the items on the book in front of him.

After counting all of them, Zhang Tie had an amazing discovery in the study room of the Dragon Emperor.

It was a gold coin, a gold coin from Taixia Country...