

Black Iron 1721

Chapter 1721: The Most Important Thing

“In the past months, since its founding, Dragon’s Teeth Army would consume over 30,000 element crystals a month. According to Commander-in-Chief Huang, the Dragon’s Teeth Army would hold over 2,000 people. It means that the entire Dragon’s Teeth Army would consume over 50,000 earth crystals a month, about 600,000 element crystals a year!”

“Previously, Earth-Treasures Department kept over 300 element crystals warehouses. In the heyday of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, each warehouse contained 1 million element crystals, which meant hundreds of millions of element crystals in total. However, the number of element crystals in the warehouses of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had not replenished during the past years. Actually, most of the element crystals in the warehouses of Earth-Treasures Department had been consumed. By the end of last month, there were only 28 element crystals warehouses available across Earth-Treasures Department while the total amount of element crystals was 28 million, the lowest level in the history!”

“However, there’re totally 7885 immortal generals in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, which means almost 100,000 element crystals per month. As Your Majesty wants to expand the scale of Dragon’s Teeth Army, the monthly payment of element crystals from Earth-Treasures Department would increase by 20%, reaching over 120,000 element crystals per month. Aggravating the problem facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace...”

“If we couldn’t replenish element crystals, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace would run out of element crystals in 3 decades. As a result, we would not be able to attract immortal generals anymore!”

“Time flies. As the incumbent president of Earth-Treasures Department, I have the responsibility to warn you, Your Majesty...”

In the assembly hall of Heavenly Safe Building, Zhang Tie was sitting on the throne, head slightly tilted and listening to the words of the president of Earth-Treasures Department while stroking his face by hand. Meanwhile, he threw a casual glimpse at Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin every once a while.

Opposite to Zhang Tie, Guan Minjun, as the president of Earth-Treasures Department, was talking about the “severe situation” facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace to Zhang Tie loudly and clearly. In conclusion, her words contained three meanings: First, Zhang Tie was too extravagant; second, the current situation facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was severe; third, warning Zhang Tie that Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace would soon “go bankrupt” if Zhang Tie couldn’t work out any solution...

Dozens of years was not a long period of time for an immortal palace in Motian Realm.

As new powers being promoted by Zhang Tie, Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin were requested to “prove” the worse situation facing Earth-Treasures Department at present by Guan Minjun.

When Guan Minjun talked about it, Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin remained silent. When some data were mentioned, they looked at her and nodded seriously which proved that the incumbent president of Earth-Treasures Department was telling the truth.

To be honest, none of the females in Motian Realm was ugly; especially female immortal generals, whose looks were all above average. As a water immortal general, although Zhang Tie didn't know how old was Guan Minjun, given her look, she was just at her 40's. With a good figure and tight skin, she was charming. With a classical slightly oval face, willow-shaped eyebrows, delicate five sense organs and a shrewd look, she was delightful. Except for the colors of her hair and skin, her look and temperament especially her shrewd qi of an able woman was pretty similar to that of Olina...

Therefore, when Guan Minjun talked, even Zhang Tie couldn't help glancing at her stealthily every once a while.

Guan Minjun's words were indeed out of Zhang Tie's imagination. Previously, Zhang Tie thought that the stockpile of element crystals in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace could at least sustain 100 years for the entire immortal palace. Actually, the stockpile could not even sustain for 30 years. Zhang Tie really wondered what those elders being in secluded cultivation were thinking about at that time. How dared they sign a century-long contract with the new immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace?

'Perhaps they have other arrangements, such as continuing to sell cities or population within Dragon Emperor Big Domain. At that time, they only considered stabilizing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace for the time being. However, they all left the awful mess to me now. What old d**chebags!'

'If I've not made countermeasures timely or thought about staying long in Motian Realm, anyone else who takes my position would be in trouble. If an immortal palace lacks element crystals, it would lose the support from immortal generals. By then, it would not work even if I'm the master of the former Dragon Emperor, not to mention that I'm the disciple of the former Dragon Emperor.'

Watching Guan Minjun, Zhang Tie suddenly felt like looking at Olina as endless nostalgia occurred to his mind, moving him in a daze...

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"Your Majesty, are you listening to me?"

Guan Minjun abruptly raised her voice, waking Zhang Tie up at a stroke. Zhang Tie found she was looking at him with a bit fury, face slightly flushed. At the same time, Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin were watching him with interest.

"Ahem...ahem...of course I'm listening to you; of course..." Zhang Tie pretended to cough twice as he hurriedly replied.

"Your Majesty, what's your solution then?"

"Won't the element crystals in Earth-Treasures Department sustain for 30 years? No matter what, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace is not short of element crystals now. Don't worry!" Zhang Tie said perfunctorily with a casual look.

"Your Majesty..." Guan Minjun suddenly raised her eyebrows as she raised her voice greatly again, "Three decades would pass fast. If the other immortal generals in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace know that our immortal palace is running out of element crystals, I'm afraid that the immortal palace would be in big trouble before we completely run out of element crystals. Your Majesty, you should be serious about that..."

“Haha, what’s your solution then, President Guan?” Zhang Tie asked casually.

“To gain more element crystals or to conserve the use. As for conservation, Your Majesty, you’d better control the population and scale of Dragon’s Teeth Army first. As for the gaining more element crystals, as the Mountain Ruins is going to open, more and more humans and demons are heading there this year. Your Majesty, it depends on you how to carry out the details!”

“Everything about Dragon’s Teeth Army is still dominated by Commander-in-Chief Huang, I don’t plan to curtail the population and scale of Dragon’s Teeth Army. As for the daily expenditure of Dragon’s Teeth Army, Earth-Treasures Department should prop up it at your full efforts. You should timely distribute military supplies in case of influencing military plans.” Zhang Tie replied with a smile as he vetoed Guan Minjun’s suggestion about conservation at once, “As for gaining more element crystals, Mountain Ruins is indeed a means; however, as the old man doesn’t care about Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace anymore, I shouldn’t disturb him with such a trivial affair. We should solve it depending on the current overall strength and capability of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. However, as Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace doesn’t have a supreme immortal general, we could barely defeat demons and the other immortal palaces in Mountain Ruins...”

Guan Minjun let out a sigh as she continued, “It was just my suggestion. Hopefully, Your Majesty could work out the solution!”

“Hahaha, don’t worry, President Guan. Perhaps, this problem would be easily solved within a couple of years...” Zhang Tie said casually.

After taking a deep look at Zhang Tie, Guan Minjun felt profound about Zhang Tie given his casual deed. She wondered why Zhang Tie was so confident.

Given the atmosphere, this meeting should come to an end.

“Now that Your Majesty has known the recent situation facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, this humble subordinate would leave then!” Guan Minjun stood up as she said. After exchanging a look with each other, Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin also stood up.

Zhang Tie raised his hand while Hong Yukun came out of the back of Zhang Tie who then walked the three females out of Heavenly Safe Building. When she almost left there, Jiang Ruoxin suddenly turned around and took a look at Zhang Tie. She wanted to say something; however, Zhang Tie didn’t say anything even let Ji Yuelan and her stay, Jiang Ruoxin finally didn’t say it. With a bit of disappointment, she left the Dragon Emperor Pavilion.

Lowering his head, Zhang Tie was kneading his temples as if he was thinking about something.

Zhang Tie didn’t see how Jiang Ruoxin looked back at him; however, he felt it. Zhang Tie knew what Jiang Ruoxin was longing for. However, Zhang Tie didn’t have time to play any love game with females for the time being.

Over the past half a year, Zhang Tie only thought about stabilizing his throne as the new Dragon Emperor.

As for Zhang Tie, the position of Dragon Emperor definitely meant more.

As one of the top three emperor-level immortal palaces, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had a great influence across Motian Realm. It was a heaven-sent opportunity for Zhang Tie to persuade everyone else to believe in the return of the former Dragon Emperor and make himself the successor of the former Dragon Emperor. In Motian Realm, Zhang Tie could definitely smoothly promote to a heavenly knight and semi-sage level knight and realize another essential progress in the easiest way in the shortest period of time.

‘As long as I could stabilize the throne of Dragon Emperor and control the entire Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace firmly, my success is just a matter of time.’

‘In order to fulfill this objective, it’s worthwhile even if I’m as tired as a dog, being obsessed with a lot of otherworldly affairs all day long and couldn’t even spare a few hours for cultivation a day.’

Grinding a chopper will not hold up the work of cutting firewood.

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“Your Majesty, the three people have already left Dragon Emperor Pavilion...” Hong Yukun had already returned to Heavenly Safe Building as he reported to Zhang Tie in a low voice.

“Hmm, I know...” Zhang Tie put down his hands as he looked up, saying, “Is there any more immortal generals waiting outside? Let them in...”

“No more for the time being!”

“Ah? No more?” Zhang Tie was shocked.

“Your Majesty, don’t you remember that? The two branch heads and immortal generals in Silvermaple City and Strongwind City had been received this morning. They were the last branch heads and immortal generals being received by Your Majesty. Over the past half a year, Your Majesty has already received all the branch heads and immortal generals in almost 1,000 branches of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace across Dragon Emperor Big Domain. Your Majesty’s diligence and fame have already spread across Dragon Emperor Big Domain...”

After thinking about it for a second, Zhang Tie suddenly burst into laughter. “Hahaha, I’ve received all of them. I’ve finally ended up a big deal. That’s great! That’s great! From today on, I could be a bit relaxed...”

“Your Majesty, as you’ve been busy for many hours, do you want to take a short rest or appreciate some dance and music...”

“No need. I will take a walk outside and check the Forbidden City. By the way, I need some fresh air...”

“I will make an arrangement right away...”

“No need. I only need some bodyguards to go with me in metal wings. We will set off by air...” Zhang Tie said as he stood up and walked out of Heavenly Safe Building.

After a short while, five people had left Dragon Emperor Pavilion for the north of Dragon Emperor City. In more than 10 minutes, Zhang Tie and four immortal generals had already arrived above the Forbidden City.

No airboats that transported building materials and goods could be seen above Forbidden City anymore. With the common efforts of tens of thousands of able craftsmen, it only took them less than half a year to basically complete the construction of a complex of palaces which was bigger than Dragon Emperor Pavilion, except for some final procedures.

This Forbidden City was a Hua complex from the world where Zhang Tie came from according to his memory.

“Your Majesty...” Soon after Zhang Tie’s group arrived above the Forbidden City and hovered there for a short while, Leng Manxue in metal wings had already arrived at his side.

“How’s everything going? How long until Forbidden City is completed?” Zhang Tie asked.

“Some palaces in Forbidden City are already available now. Some palaces and houses have not been completed yet. Forbidden City would be fully available in half a month!” Leng Manxue answered.

“Good, I appreciate you for your hard work!”

“It’s my pleasure!”

Zhang Tie wanted to say something else. However, he suddenly stopped as he received a message from Dragon Emperor Pavilion through his portable jade plate—a special envoy of Star Emperor Immortal Palace suddenly paid a visit to Dragon Emperor Pavilion and wanted to meet Zhang Tie accompanied by the general manager of Emperor NvWa’s Palace in Dragon Emperor City.

Although Zhang Tie had been waiting for it for half a year, the arrival of the representative of Star Emperor Immortal Palace was still a bit earlier than that was predicted by Zhang Tie...

Previously, Zhang Tie thought that the representative of Star Emperor Immortal Palace would contact him after the Forbidden City was completely put in use. Given the current situation, the powers in Star Emperor Immortal Palace couldn’t wait anymore.

After receiving the message, Zhang Tie remained unchanged superficially; however, he couldn’t stand bursting into laughter inside.

After being busy for half a year, he would finally make an achievement...

Chapter 1722: An Invisible Wrestle

Although Zhang Tie knew that Star Emperor Pavilion had dispatched its representatives here and felt thrilled, he didn’t return to Dragon Emperor Pavilion at once; instead, he loitered outside leisurely for quite a while. Accompanied by Leng Manxue, Zhang Tie traveled across the Forbidden City and posed some genuine suggestions before returning to Dragon Emperor Pavilion slowly.

When he came back, it was already dusk.

The moment Zhang Tie and his bodyguards arrived there, Hong Yukun had come to his side.

“Where are they?” Zhang Tie asked straightforwardly.

Of course, Hong Yukun knew whom Zhang Tie was referring to as he answered, “I’ve already arranged them to wait for Your Majesty in Yunshui Palace. Your Majesty, do you want to see them now?”

“Hmm, I will meet them now!” Zhang Tie replied. At the sight of Zhang Tie’s gesture, some bodyguards immediately moved forward and helped him take off the metal wings. After that, Zhang Tie headed for Yunshui Palace.

“That envoy from Star Emperor Immortal Palace is a wind immortal general. Do we need...” Hong Hukun hurriedly caught up with Zhang Tie as he asked.

“Never mind. It’s just a wind immortal general...” Zhang Tie replied with a casual smile...

Of course, a heavenly knight was not a big deal for Zhang Tie; not to mention that he was accompanied by a general manager of Emperor NvWa Palace, which was the best guarantee for safety.

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In Dragon Emperor Pavilion, Heavenly Safe Building provided the assembly hall for Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Those who accessed to Heavenly Safe Building were all immortal generals in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Additionally, if the foreign guests were important, they would be arranged in Yunshui Palace which meant a very solemn and official meeting.

Being in the west of Dragon Emperor Pavilion, Yunshui Palace was a small artificial lake nearby Dragon Emperor Pavilion. Being girdled by a verdant purple bamboo wood, it was a tranquil place. Because of the arrival of important foreign guests, some immortal generals were guarding outside Yunshui Palace. At the sight of Zhang Tie, they hurriedly gave a salute to Zhang Tie.

“Your Majesty!”

Zhang Tie nodded as he strode into the gate of Yunshui Palace.

After hearing the footsteps and the greetings of the bodyguards outside the gate, the two people inside Yunshui Palace had long stood up. When Zhang Tie walked in, he started to observe them.

Given their costumes, Zhang Tie could easily identify them.

The general manager of Emperor NvWa Palace in Dragon Emperor City was in the uniform of immortal generals of Emperor NvWa Palace, which was featured by yellow in the upper half and green in the lower half. The colors of the uniform were separated by the waistband. Additionally, there were many purple auspicious clouds in the shape of scales on it, which was said to be used to commemorate Emperor NvWa.

In Motian Realm, Emperor NvWa Palace didn’t occupy a large area. Actually, it only had one city; however, Emperor NvWa Palace’s power was unpredictable, which was thought to be greater than all the other immortal human palaces. The other immortal palaces might perish or become prosperous; however, Emperor NvWa Palace remained unchanged since its founding. Given the beginning years of Motian Realm, people would know the profound background and history of Emperor NvWa Palace. Because of the magnificence and greatness of Emperor NvWa Palace’s position, people in the uniform of immortal general of Emperor NvWa Palace were all something. They would win respect from any force and anybody as long as they’re in the territory of humans.

The general manager of Emperor NvWa Palace in Dragon Emperor City was fatty with three beautiful strokes of beard. Although he looked kind, his eye light was shrewd. Like Zhang Tie, he was also a water

immortal general. In the past half a year, although this fatty was in Dragon Emperor City, he didn't pay a visit to Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie had long heard about him and it was also his first time to meet this guy today.

The envoy from Star Emperor Immortal Palace was more easily identified. Zhang Tie had seen many uniforms like that of his in Heavenly Square City. The difference between this guy and those in Heavenly Square City lay in his higher rank. Given his look, this envoy was genial and elegant, which felt like bathing the spring wind.

Only after taking a look at this envoy from Star Emperor Immortal Palace, Zhang Tie had known that Star Emperor Immortal Palace was here for a cease-fire.

Zhang Tie and the two guests looked at each other at the same time.

To be honest, although the two guests were told that the new Dragon Emperor was young, they were still shocked by Zhang Tie's look as it was as young as that of a 17 years old boy.

Before Zhang Tie took the throne of Dragon Emperor, Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin always thought that Zhang Tie had a formula or secret method for skin care. After Zhang Tie became the Dragon Emperor, his young look appeared being the best explanation for him to be the disciple of the former Dragon Emperor. As Zhang Tie couldn't always show off his trump cards such as Dragon Emperor's Immortal Fist Skill, commoners would regard his young look as the first standard for being the disciple of the former Dragon Emperor, an unrivaled person in Motian Realm.

Gradually, Zhang Tie's young look became an ID card of him as the new Dragon Emperor. Zhang Tie had not imagined about that; however, it was not bad for him.

"Wu Qiankun from Emperor NvWa Palace..."

"Yuan Lang from Star Emperor Immortal Palace..."

"It's our great honor to meet Your Majesty!"

Despite their high social positions, the two people still dared not offend Zhang Tie when they saw Zhang Tie coming in.

Zhang Tie went all the way to the main seat and sat down there. After that, he took a look at the two people and raised his arm, saying, "Please take a seat!"

"Thank you, Your Majesty!"

"May I know your purpose here?" Zhang Tie asked straightforwardly like how an emperor always did.

Yuan Lang threw a glance at Wu Qiankun.

"We've got two things!" Wu Qiankun said with a smile, "First, Emperor NvWa Palace determines to return the Immortal Wind Palaces to Dragon Emperor City as our gift for the return of Grand Dragon Emperor and the ascension to the throne of Your Majesty..."

Previously, there were two immortal wind palaces in Dragon Emperor City, which were used to receive the immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. In the heyday of Dragon Emperor Immortal

Palace, immortal generals and their guards would make reports or pay visits to Dragon Emperor City from all the other cities due to different reasons constantly every day. These people lived in immortal wind palaces at that time.

Immortal wind palace was like internal hostels of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. However, immortal wind palaces were not only used for reception. What was more important was that there were two sets of heavenly balls inside the two immortal wind palaces which the former Dragon Emperor gained from Mountain Ruins. Those immortal generals who came to Dragon Emperor City could not only live in immortal wind palaces but also improve their battle skills in the heavenly balls.

Pitifully, before Huang Baimei's group moved to Dragon Emperor City, the two immortal wind palaces together with the two sets of heavenly balls had been sold to Emperor NvWa Palace by the five elders. From then on, if immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace wanted to continue to use heavenly balls in immortal wind palaces, they had to pay money or element crystals.

Later on, Zhang Tie was told that the two immortal wind palaces were sold at the price of 2 million earth element crystals.

In order to sustain the awful mess facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, the five elders had tried every means they could. However, no matter what, Zhang Tie felt it was stupid to sell the two immortal wind palaces to Emperor NvWa Palace. Given Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace's situation at that time, even if they had 2 million more earth element crystals, it didn't work at all. Conversely, after selling immortal wind palace, they would demoralize the people of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace badly. The loss weighed out the gain.

This might be a dilemma caused by the disappearance of the former Dragon Emperor. All the decisions across Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace were made through negotiation, which were usually over conservative. Sometimes, the decisions would be inappropriate. As the old saying went, *one monk will shoulder two buckets of water, two monks will share the load, but add a third and no one will want to fetch water* due to considerations and mutual suspicions.

It was definitely a bounty for Emperor NvWa Palace to return the two immortal wind palaces back to Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Perhaps Emperor NvWa Palace was afraid of being avenged by "Dragon Emperor". However, Zhang Tie had to accept it.

After hearing the words of the general manager of Emperor NvWa Palace, Zhang Tie became much more relaxed at a stroke. He even replied with a smile, "I appreciate Emperor NvWa Palace and General Manager Wu. I was thinking about negotiating with Emperor NvWa Palace about buying the two immortal wind palaces back in a few days. Now that General Manager Wu has mentioned it, I will accept your bounty. By the way, I will return the same 2 million element crystals to Emperor NvWa Palace!"

"You're too polite, Your Majesty. It's just a gift that Emperor NvWa Palace presents to Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. We don't mean to take the 2 million element crystals back!" Wu Qiankun hurriedly explained.

"Hahaha, I appreciate Emperor NvWa Palace's sincerity. However, I have to return the 2 million element crystals back!" Zhang Tie urged generously as he continued in a firm and joking tone, "Otherwise if the old man knew about it, he would think that I made him embarrassed by taking advantage of Emperor

NvWa Palace. By then, I would have big trouble. That's a deal. The old man cares most about his dignity and reputation even today...!"

If Zhang Tie wanted to cheat others, he had to make himself believe in that. Since Zhang Tie entered Yunshui Palace, the invisible wrestle between Zhang Tie and Star Emperor Immortal Palace had started. The 2 million element crystals were the first strike that Zhang Tie launched towards Star Emperor Immortal Palace.

As was imagined, watching Zhang Tie presenting 2 million element crystals in such an overbearing and casual way, Wu Qiangkun and Yuan Lang were both shocked too much.

Neither was it 2,000 nor 20,000 element crystals; it was 2 million element crystals. Fewer than 5 of the 3 emperor-level immortal generals and 14 throne-level immortal generals in Motian Realm could consume over 1 million element crystals annually. As for an emperor-level immortal general, 2 million element crystals was not a small figure. Actually, 2 million element crystals could meet the demand of a supreme immortal palace for 3-5 years.

However, Zhang Tie casually presented 2 million element crystals to Emperor NvWa Palace. Few people across Motian Realm could be as generous as him...

The astonishment of Wu Qiankun and Yuan Lang could be imagined.

The key was that Emperor NvWa Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace were both crystal clear about the current situation facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. If Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace lived well, the five elders would not have exchanged two immortal wind palaces for 2 million element crystals. If Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was still as powerful as before, Star Emperor Immortal Palace would not have dared to plunder its cities blatantly.

Because the two people were both clear about the current situation facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, they were shocked by Zhang Tie's decision.

Chapter 1723: Zhang Tie's Bait

After Zhang Tie's words, Yunshui Palace was in a short silence.

Watching the dumbfounded look of Wu Qiankun and Yuan Lang, Zhang Tie smiled inside.

By spending 2 million element crystals, Zhang Tie instantly had the initiative as he indirectly prevented Star Emperor Immortal Palace from solving the problem using element crystals.

Zhang Tie's generosity implied that Zhang Tie didn't care about losing such an amount of element crystals at all despite the fact that Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was facing difficulties for the time being. As for the reason why Zhang Tie ignored the 2 million element crystals, just let Wu Qiankun and Yuan Lang think about it themselves. No matter what, Zhang Tie knew that they must think that the reason was related to "his master". In this way, Zhang Tie could intensify the image of the former Dragon Emperor who had long passed away and told everyone else that the unrivaled Dragon Emperor was still alive.

This was the result that Zhang Tie wanted.

Average people could never know Zhang Tie's considerations.

"We've solved the first thing. I wonder about your second thing, General Manager Wu?" Zhang Tie took his teacup and slightly slid his teacup cover over the surface of the tea water. Closely after that, he slowly had a sip, not mentioning about the 2 million element crystals anymore.

Wu Qiankun took a look at Yuan Lang as he let out a sigh, "As for the second thing, given your intelligence, Your Majesty must have already hit it. I'm not here for private affairs; instead, I've received the decree from Emperor NvWa's Palace. Emperor NvWa's Palace want to fix the conflicts between Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace over the past years as a middleman!"

"Conflicts?" Zhang Tie smiled as he put down the teacup, adding, "Given your words, it seems that Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace plundered the cities and killed the immortal generals of Star Emperor Immortal Palaces over the past years. If you mean that, we don't need to talk about it anymore!"

"Of course, Emperor NvWa's Palace doesn't mean that!" Wu Qiankun hurriedly replied with a solemn look, "Over the past tens of thousands of years, Emperor NvWa's Palace always kept neutral among the immortal palaces in Motian Realm. Even if Emperor NvWa's Palace has its stance, it must be considering the benefits of all humans. Over the past tens of thousands of years, some immortal palaces survived; some perished. If humans want to strive for surviving space with demons, we couldn't avoid metabolisms and the survival of law among immortal palaces. The population and land resources of humans have to flow towards the more powerful ones. Commoners might not understand it; however, Your Majesty must know that I'm not telling a lie!"

Although Wu Qiankun's words sounded comfortable, undeniably, his words were true in Motian Realm. Therefore, Zhang Tie nodded.

Watching Zhang Tie's positive response, Wu Qiankun let out a sigh inside as he hurriedly added, "The Grand Dragon Emperor has already disappeared for over 900 years, during which period, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace didn't make any big triumph towards demons. The number of immortal demon generals that were killed by immortal generals in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was also decreasing. Now, on the Rank of Contribution in the immortal palace of Emperor NvWa's Palace, although being an emperor-level immortal palace, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace has been hitting the last five ranks steadily. It could be said without a bias that Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was declining step by step over the past 900-odd years. Additionally, everyone else thought that the Grand Dragon Emperor might have encountered misfortunes. In this occasion, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had long become the target of many immortal palaces in Motian Realm. Although what Star Emperor Immortal Palaces did was not right, it didn't mean to offend Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace; nor did it have any conflict with Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace!"

"I understand. From different perspectives, there're reasons for what Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had encountered. However, although I understand it, it doesn't mean that I have to accept it. No matter what, something wrong has happened. Now that Star Emperor Immortal Palace has done harm to Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, of course, they need to assume responsibilities for it. Star Emperor Immortal Palace had not imagined that the old man is still alive and has made great progress. After losing your chips on the gaming table, you can not regret!" Zhang Tie said calmly and decisively.

"I'm here to fix the relationship between Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace being entrusted by Star Emperor. I believe that everything could be fixed with sincerity in terms of cities or immortal generals. Everything has a price. No matter what, it's better than having a fierce battle between two immortal palaces..." Yuan Lang finally opened his mouth sincerely which sounded kind and aggressive.

Zhang Tie just watched Yuan Lang without losing his temper; instead, he said calmly, "You're right. Everything has a price. However, I'm afraid that I couldn't determine this thing myself!"

"Why?" Wu Qiankun asked Zhang Tie out of curiosity.

"When I departed from the old man. The old man said he would deal with Star Emperor about this thing himself by force..." After hearing the former Dragon Emperor's opinion, Wu Qiankun and Yuan Lang changed their faces in a split second. However, Zhang Tie continued as if he had not noticed their looks, "The old man is straightforward and cares about his fame. When he encounters powers, he would be more powerful than his opponents. As Star Emperor Immortal Palace hurt Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, the old man could never bear it. Therefore, it's useless for you to talk about it with me. I admit that Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace couldn't match Star Emperor Immortal Palace in power. But listen, if Star Emperor Immortal Palace wants to start a war with Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace now, the 8,000 immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palaces would wait for you in Dragon Emperor Big Domain. If you have nothing else to talk with me, please go back..."

Zhang Tie pretended to not talk with them any longer.

"No!" The general manager of Emperor NvWa's Palace had completely lost his calmness as he became extremely solemn and even a bit intense, saying, "As the Mountain Ruins is going to open soon, demons have been active and arousing battle flames in Nine Heavens Big Domain again, if immortal human emperors fought with each other at this moment, as long as one party was hurt, we might spare a chance for demons and demon emperors. By then, the foundation of humans in Motian Realm would be shaken. Your Majesty, could you contact Grand Dragon Emperor?"

"Yes, I could; but..."

"Your Majesty, given the lives of hundreds of millions of people in Motian Realm, you have to persuade Grand Dragon Emperor to stay calm for the time being. Don't create the biggest regrets which would make friends and relatives hurt and enemies thrilled..." Wu Qiankun said as he stood up and bowed deeply towards Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie deeply frowned his forehead as he looked a bit contradictory and embarrassed.

"I wonder whether the conflict between two emperor-level immortal palaces could be resolved if Star Emperor Immortal Palace would like to pay 6 million element crystals to Dragon Emperor Immortal Place..." Yuan Lang asked as he mentioned the "mental damage compensation"...

Chapter 1724: I've Got Many Small Secrets

“6 million element crystals?” Zhang Tie shook his head as he watched Yuan Lang, asking, “Do you think my master would make a concession only for a few element crystals? Star Emperor Immortal Palace is sincere; however, I’m afraid that the old man couldn’t be moved by such a poor sincerity.

“Besides element crystals, we could make further negotiation if Your Majesty has other requirements!” Yuan Lang said after taking in a deep breath, “If this event went worse, it would not be good for both immortal palaces. Actually, Star Emperor Immortal Palace lost a lot of immortal generals too. I guess that Your Majesty must be in Heavenly Square City at that time. Your Majesty must be the one who attacked them. Why not stop avenging each other, Your Majesty...”

Wu Qiankun took a look at Yuan Lang out of slight shock as if he had not imagined that Star Emperor Immortal Palace had known it.

“Right, it was me who killed those immortal generals of Star Emperor Immortal Palace in Heavenly Square City!” Zhang Tie confessed frankly as he didn’t mean to deny it at all; instead, he answered grimly, “That day, I didn’t know that Star Emperor Immortal Palace had dispatched its immortal generals to Heavenly Square City. I encountered them in a boite of Heavenly Square City. I’ve not imagined that the immortal generals of Star Emperor Immortal Palace had already colluded with Zi Clan and were scheming to occupy Heavenly Square City. How dared they ignore the existence of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace? What was more, they dared flirt with the female immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. If I kept them alive, it would not be helpful to my ruling. Of course, I killed them all. Not to mention that the old man was also nearby Heavenly Square City during that period. Even if I didn’t launch a strike, those people couldn’t survive either...”

Zhang Tie’s last words fixed the problem of the huge pit outside Heavenly Square City and the chaos that he aroused in Heavenly Square City. He attributed everything to the late Dragon Emperor, by which, he could exert greater stress to the opponents and have everyone feel that the Dragon Emperor who had returned after over 900 years’ disappearance became more powerful and terrifying. Additionally, they believed that the Grand Dragon Emperor must have mastered a horrible, powerful secret method which contained amazing battle skills.

If they fought such great power, they could barely win the battle.

Before Star Emperor Immortal Palace dispatched people here for negotiation, they must have already had people investigate the collapsed mountain peak outside Dragon Emperor City so as to speculate the current battle strength of the Grand Dragon Emperor. Additionally, as long as the representatives of Star Emperor Immortal Palace arrived here, they could easily connect the collapsed mountain peak outside Dragon Emperor City with the catastrophe facing Zi Clan and the huge pit outside Heavenly Square City. Because there were so many similarities between the results of the two strikes, which could never be covered.

Zhang Tie’s casual strike outside Heavenly Square City that day was attributed to the Grand Dragon Emperor which was a pretty delicate solution.

Given Yuan Lang’s eyes, Zhang Tie had known that his scheme had worked. After hearing that the Grand Emperor was also nearby Heavenly Square City in those days, this ambassador of Star Emperor Immortal Palace turned solemn at a stroke as a shrewd light flashed across his eyes.

“Additionally, didn’t Star Emperor Immortal Palace have countermeasures? How could Dragon Emperor Immortal match Star Emperor Immortal Palace in avenging the opponent?” Zhang Tie refuted with a smile, “I wonder whether His Majesty has known that you bribed red and blue devils to have them kill all the people of Dragon Emperor Immortal’s branch in Heavenly Square City in Brokenstars Ocean? But the old man has known it. He was driven mad. Therefore, Star Emperor Immortal Palace owed us two times...”

“Erm...erm...neither Emperor NvWa Palace nor I know that...” Wu Qiankun became embarrassed at once as he threw a glance at Yuan Lang unpleasantly. Star Emperor Immortal Palace didn’t tell him about that at all. Now, this event made this peacemaker very passive in front of Zhang Tie. He knew that Zhang Tie had got a piece of evidence for that. Wu Qiankun answered, “Where are the red and blue devils!”

“Of course, I’ve killed them. If I were not with the airboats that day, I’m afraid that all the tens of thousands of common followers and those immortals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in the branch of Heavenly Square City had already been killed...”

“The two human scumbags should have long been killed...” Wu Qiankun said out of fury.

Zhang Tie let out a sigh, saying, “Star Emperor Immortal Palace has gone too far in some aspects. Although Dragon Emperor Immortal has declined, it’s not the others’ turn to bully us by occupying our cities, killing our immortal generals through colluding with human scumbags. Star Emperor Immortal Palace even wants to kill all the followers of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in the branch of Heavenly Square City. How could we stand that? It could never be dealt verbally or through paying off some element crystals. If the old man avenges Star Emperor, he’s never seized with a sudden impulse...”

The red and blue devils were notorious in Motian Realm. If this event was unveiled to the public, it would definitely inflict a great loss to Star Emperor Immortal Palace.

“Ahem...ahem... His Majesty doesn’t know that; neither do I. I think it should be arranged by the subordinates. After going back, I would definitely report it to Star Emperor and make a strict investigation into it so as to satisfy Dragon Emperor...” Yuan Lang couldn’t disavow it at this moment; instead, he could only reply in a perfunctory way; meanwhile, he threw a glance at Wu Qiankun for help.

“Your Majesty, you have to persuade the Grand Dragon Emperor to not declare war towards Star Emperor Immortal Palace for the sake of the billions of people in Motian Realm. Otherwise, as long as war broke out between Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace, it would be a great misfortune for all the living beings in the world as people’s blood would enable weapons to float...” Wu Qiankun told Zhang Tie sincerely.

After hearing Wu Qiankun’s words, Zhang Tie stood up, hands on his back. He then started to walk slowly in the room with a solemn look. Sometimes, his face looked gloomy; sometimes, it turned sunny as he took a look at the two people as if he was thinking about something or making a difficult decision.

Wu Qiankun and Yuan Lang remained silent as they fixated onto Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie walked slowly for 3 minutes in front of them as he stopped with a resolute expression. Closely after that, he turned around and watched the two people, saying, “General Manager Wu is right. If a war breaks out between Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and Force Emperor Immortal Palace, a lot of

immortal generals on both parties would lose their lives, not to mention the result of the combat between two emperor-level powers. Additionally, this might provide a chance for demons to raid us. If you want to resolve the conflict between two immortal palaces or persuade the old man to not avenge Star Emperor Immortal Palace, you have to meet a condition...”

Wu Qiankun and Yuan Lang let out a sigh at the same time. After exchanging a glance with each other, Yuan Lang said, “Go ahead, Your Majesty!”

Zhang Tie then took out an element crystal and put it on the teapoy in front of them, saying “I want to buy something from Star Emperor Immortal Palace using this element crystal. If Star Emperor Immortal Palace agrees with me, all the conflicts between us will be canceled off. I believe I could persuade the old man to not find Star Emperor Immortal Palace’s trouble. If Star Emperor Immortal Palace doesn’t agree, you two could go back. As for what happens in the future, it depends on God’s will!”

“Your Majesty, what do you want to buy from Star Emperor Immortal Palace using this element crystal?” Yuan Lang asked as he turned extremely solemn.

At the same time, Yuan Lang had got some different answers——to buy all the cities of Star Emperor Immortal Palace in Nine Heavens Big Domain, to buy the heads of some immortal generals of Star Emperor Immortal Palace or to buy a public apology from Star Emperor...

It was negotiable for the first answer. However, Yuan Lang would never agree with the rest two answers. If Star Emperor Immortal Palace gifted the heads of its own immortal generals to Dragon Emperor, how would Star Emperor Immortal Palace keep its fame in the world? It was also not acceptable for Star Emperor to apologize to Dragon Emperor in the public, no matter what powerful cultivation method has Dragon Emperor mastered over the past 900-odd years. As the latter two choices would ruin the fame of Star Emperor Immortal Palace, they had been denied by Yuan Lang inside in advance.

However, Zhang Tie’s answer was completely out of the expectation of Wu Qiankun and Yuan Lang.

“It’s very simple. I want to buy 10 living demon water generals and 5 living demon wind generals...” Zhang Tie said calmly.

“What? Your Majesty wants Star Emperor Immortal Palace to exchange demon generals with...” Yuan Lang thought he misheard it. Did Zhang Tie want to buy a pile of demon generals? It’s more like having Star Emperor Immortal Palace catch living demon generals for him for free. What a weird and unimaginable condition!

“Right, I want demon generals. 10 living demon water generals and 5 living demon wind generals, each of which should be above 5 change realm...”

“You only want demon general?” Wu Qiankun asked out of curiosity.

“Yeah, only demons. As long as they’re alive, I don’t care whether they’re disabled or idiots...”

“Your Majesty...what do you want these demon generals for?” Yuan Lang asked with a frown.

“It’s none of your business. Just answer me whether you will agree with me or not...”

“Erm...erm, please wait for a second, I need to consider it for a short while, Your Majesty...”

“Help yourself!”

Zhang Tie then sat on his chair as he took his teacup and had a sip leisurely.

Actually, Yuan Lang was going to negotiate about it with the top powers of Star Emperor Immortal Palace. Yuan Lang must carry a jade plate which he could use to contact the powers in Star Emperor Immortal Palace.

Zhang Tie knew that his condition was completely out of the expectation of Star Emperor Immortal Palace, which couldn't be made easily.

However, it was easier than facing the revenge from the late Dragon Emperor that Zhang Tie had shaped successfully.

To fight an immortal emperor or to catch some demon water generals and wind generals alive? The two choices were absolutely not on the same level in difficulty.

Additionally, although Zhang Tie required 10 demon generals, only 5 of them were heavenly knights. It should be accepted by Star Emperor Immortal Palace. If Zhang Tie wanted 10 or 20 demon heavenly knights, it would be much more difficult for Star Emperor Immortal Palace to do that. After all, even though Star Emperor Immortal Palace had more than one power above heavenly knight, it was not that easy for them to catch some demon heavenly knights alive.

The key was that this trade term or solution could keep the fame of Star Emperor and its powers.

Additionally, as human immortal palaces were opposite to demon palaces, it was not sharply distinctive for them to kill demon generals or catch demon generals alive, despite being different in difficulty.

As was predicted by Zhang Tie, in less than half a minute, Yuan Lang had taken a look at him before taking the element crystal in front of them and telling Zhang Tie in a muffled voice, “Star Emperor Immortal Palace agrees with this trade. Hopefully, Your Majesty could keep your promise...”

“From now on, as long as Star Emperor Immortal Palace doesn't find us trouble, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace would not find Star Emperor Immortal Palace any trouble. Tit for tat is fair play...” Zhang Tie said solemnly.

“That's great. That's great...” Wu Qianku let out a sigh as his round face revealed a smile.

“Hopefully, Star Emperor Immortal Palace could complete its trade within 2 years. If it is overdue, this trade would be invalid...” Zhang Tie added.

“2 years, no problem!” Yuan Lang took a look at Zhang Tie as he asked, “Your Majesty, do you want us to send these demon generals at once or in batches...”

“In batches is acceptable!”

“Well, Emperor NvWa Palace will be responsible for sending these demon generals to Your Majesty!”

“Hmm, okay!”

“We got to go then...” The envoy of Star Emperor Immortal stood up, followed by Wu Qiankun...

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As there was no Purgatory Samsara Method in Motian Realm, how could Emperor NvWa Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace know what those demon generals mean for Zhang Tie?

Sometimes, many things that looked hard or impossible to gain could be gained pretty easily.

After the representatives of Emperor NvWa Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace left, Zhang Tie sat in Yunshui Palace alone calmly as he started to drink his tea leisurely. Not until 10 minutes later when the tea water in his cup was finished did Zhang Tie reveal a smile. Finally, his smile turned into laughter and guffaw...

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"I've got a horn on my head.

I've got a tail on my back.

Nobody knows

how many small secrets do I have?

I'm a small cyan dragon.

I've got many small secrets.

I'm a small cyan dragon, a small cyan dragon, a small cyan dragon...

However many small secrets, small secrets, small secrets do I have?

I've got many secrets.

I won't tell you.

I won't tell you.

I won't tell you..."

Hearing the strange song faintly, those guards outside Yunshui Palace exchanged a glance with each other as their faces turned weird.

'Is Dragon Emperor...okay?'

Chapter 1725: Zhang Tie's Business

Zhang Tie had been busy for half a year. The arrival of Wu Qiankun and Yuan Lang finally foreboded the auspicious day of Zhang Tie.

10 shadow demon knights in five change realms or higher were enough to help Zhang Tie promote to a heavenly knight. By then, he would make wholly new progress in all aspects again.

After promoting to a heavenly knight, Zhang Tie would be able to enter Mountain Ruins. He would have more freedom in moving forward or retreating. Additionally, Zhang Tie would be able to manipulate

wind and air as a divine dominator. Zhang Tie didn't know what he could do in details; however, he was sure that he would be more confident to face a sage-level knight after promoting to a heavenly knight.

In Taixia Country, heavenly knight was the beginning of becoming a real powerhouse. In Motian Realm, wind immortal generals were also the pillar of immortal generals.

This promotion would be the most important and easiest for Zhang Tie.

When in Taixia Country, Zhang Tie could never imagine that someone would present demon powerhouses to him one day for refinement. However, in Motian Realm, it was real.

After promoting to a heavenly knight, the 5 heavenly demon knights with over 5 change realm would help him promote to 2 change realm of the heavenly knight.

However, it was just a start. After that, he could make the same trade with Emperor NvWa Palace, other immortal palaces, independent supreme immortal generals or fire immortal generals. He would have them provide wind demon immortal generals to him constantly. In this way, Zhang Tie could easily light his wind chakra and fire chakra and promote to a semi-sage knight within a couple of years.

As long as Zhang Tie thought about it, he would be thrilled.

Therefore, since Wu Qiankun and Yuan Lang left there, Zhang Tie had been in a good mood.

Auspicious things arrived one after another.

After Wu Qiankun left Dragon Emperor Pavilion for three days, Emperor NvWa Palace returned the two immortal wind palaces to Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.

The event raised the morale of immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace pretty much. From then on, the immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in Dragon Emperor City would be able to improve their battle skills in heavenly balls again. By the way, Zhang Tie, the new Dragon Emperor, won much greater popularity among the people.

No matter what, the two immortal wind palaces came back after Zhang Tie took the throne of Dragon Emperor. Therefore, everyone across Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace attributed it to Zhang Tie, including the commoners in Dragon Emperor City.

As for returning 2 million earth element crystals to Emperor NvWa Palace, Zhang Tie did it too. He directly sent an order to Earth-Treasures Department and made them transfer 2 million earth element crystals to Emperor NvWa Palace. As a result, Guan Minjun, the new president of Earth-Treasures Department looked worse when she met Zhang Tie.

On the day when the two immortal wind palaces returned to Dragon Emperor City, Zhang Tie even had people hold a takeover ceremony in the two immortal wind palaces. Zhang Tie attended this ceremony together with tens of thousands of people including the branch heads of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, the presidents of the 5 departments, the immortal generals of Dragon's Teeth Army, some people from Emperor NvWa Palace, the immortal soldiers of the camps in Dragon Emperor City and some representatives of followers.

At the ceremony, Zhang Tie told some succinct yet meaningful words to everyone at present.

“From today on, we will get back everything that Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace once lost!”

After a short silence, ear-splitting cheers sounded among the people.

“Long Live Dragon Emperor!”

“Long Live Dragon Emperor!”

“Long Live Dragon Emperor!”

Influenced by Liu brothers, more and more people started to cheer up starting from those common soldiers at present.

Hearing their cheers and watching their jubilant faces and their hopeful eyes, Zhang Tie asked Guan Minjun on his side secretly, “President Guan, which one is more important, the 2 million earth element crystals or the hope and happiness in their eyes?”

Watching the scene, Guan Minjun was silent. However, Zhang Tie replied it for Guan Minjun, “As for me, the latter one counts the most. If one day, these people’s eyes lose brilliance, it means that Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace would perish for real no matter how many element crystals we have. By then, even if we have 2 million earth element crystals more, we could only struggle a couple of more years before being ruined. It would be meaningless...”

“Your Majesty, you could say whatever you want at this moment. It’s indeed a happy thing for us to get back immortal wind palaces. However, Your Majesty, you have to know that Earth-Treasures Department only has 25.23 million element crystals in stockpile after we presented Emperor NuWa Palace 2 million earth element crystals...” Guan Minjun said calmly after taking a look at Zhang Tie.

“Don’t worry, President Guan. I will start a business in 2 years. Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace will have element crystals constantly. At least, I could keep its balance...” Zhang Tie revealed a secret to Guan Minjun as he felt good.

Guan Minjun was shocked by Zhang Tie’s words. If Zhang Tie could really make it, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had to gain at least 1.2 million element crystals annually. Attention! The business that Zhang Tie referred to was not about exploitation in Mountain Ruins.

“Ah, it’s impossible! Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace doesn’t have specialties compared to other immortal palaces. Even if we have specialties, it’s hard to keep the balance of element crystals by trading them with other immortal palaces.” Guan Minjun said with a slight frown as she didn’t believe in Zhang Tie’s promise at all.

“How about having a bet with me, President Guan!”

“Bet what?”

“If I could make it, President Guan, please don’t always frown in front of me. You should show me more smiles. If a beauty always frowns, she would easily become old!”

Guan Minjun threw a bashful glare at Zhang Tie as she took in a deep breath, saying, “What if you couldn’t make it, Your Majesty?”

"If I couldn't make it, I will not force Earth-Treasures Department to make extra payment out of the budget. Additionally, I will reduce the population of Dragon's Teeth Army to 1,500 people."

"Well, that's a deal!"

In the uproar, Zhang Tie and Guan Minjun had made a bet secretly.

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The heavenly balls in the two immortal wind palaces were as same as the heavenly ball that Zhang Tie saw in Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Being set in a hall of each immortal wind palace, the heavenly balls could imitate the images of supreme immortal generals and earth immortal generals for the other immortal generals or directly allow immortal generals to fight each other inside. Its only regret was that these heavenly balls could only be accessible to supreme immortal generals and earth immortal generals just like that in Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Water immortal generals like Zhang Tie could not enter them to improve his battle skills.

"There's a more advanced heavenly ball in Emperor NvWa Palace, which could allow water immortal generals and wind immortal generals to fight and improve their battle skills inside. Your Majesty, you could have a try in Emperor NvWa Palace when you're free..." Wu Qiankun found an opportunity to sneak to Zhang Tie's side and talked to him with a smile when Zhang Tie felt a bit regretful.

As the peacemaker, Wu Qiankun resolved the conflict between Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace without weakening each party's power. Zhang Tie's request even weakened demons' power, which was more pleasant to Emperor NvWa Palace. However, given Wu Qiankun's look, Zhang Tie estimated that he might have been praised or rewarded by Emperor NvWa.

"Aw, really? I wonder where did Emperor NvWa's heavenly ball come from?" Zhang Tie asked.

"It also comes from Mountain Ruins!" Wu Qiankun said with a smile, "It's said that the most advanced heavenly ball is in the hand of demons, which could be available to supreme immortal generals. They also gained it from Mountain Ruins. As for humans, the most advanced heavenly ball is in Emperor NvWa Palace..."

"How do Star Emperor Immortal Palace prepare for the trade?" Zhang Tie asked Wu Qiankun secretly.

"Yuan Lang has already passed the message to Star Emperor Immortal Palace three days ago. Star Emperor Immortal Palace has already delivered the order to wind immortal generals within the immortal palace. It's said that a powerhouse of Star Emperor Immortal Palace had already caught a water demon immortal general alive after being severely hurt. After a few days, the first batch of goods would arrive..." Wu Qiankun replied secretly.

'So fast!'

Zhang Tie felt calm at once as he slightly threw a glance at the general manager of Emperor NvWa Palace, saying, "It's said that Emperor NvWa Palace has businesses and cooperations with all the human immortal palaces. I've got one more business to cooperate with Emperor NvWa Palace!"

"Oh, go ahead please, Your Majesty!" Wu Qiankun became interested in it at a stroke.

“When Emperor NvWa Palace sends the first batch of goods to me, I will show you something. I’m sure General Manager Wu would be interested in it...” Zhang Tie tantalized him...

Chapter 1726: Zhang Tie’s Gift

After the two immortal wind palaces returned to Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace for two weeks, the Forbidden City, after over half a year’s construction, was finally completed in July, the 3585th year of Emperor NvWa Calendar. Zhang Tie also moved to Forbidden City the moment it was completed.

As for Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, the construction of Forbidden City was as simple as a billionaire buying a set of furniture.

Although Earth-Treasures Department lacked element crystals, it had enough crystal coins which were usually used by commoners. The entire Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace across Dragon Emperor Big Domain would levy tens of billions of crystal coins’ tax annually. On this occasion, Zhang Tie could easily have people build Forbidden City. In the beginning, Earth-Treasures Department even thought that Forbidden City was not large enough as it wanted to expand it. However, Zhang Tie vetoed it; because it would be meaningless for Zhang Tie to expand Forbidden City. He only wanted it to be built according to his memory.

The new Forbidden City covered less than 1 square miles. Being similar to a rectangle in shape, it faced south. It was longer than 980 m from south to north and wider than 750 m from east to west. The entire city was circled by a 10 m high wall. Additionally, there was a moat outside the city which was wider than 50 m. The entire city was divided into an external and internal courtyard. The external courtyard was centered on Dragon Emperor Palace, Qianji Palace and the Palace of Preserving Harmony while the internal courtyard was centered on Palace of Heavenly Purity, Jiaotai Palace and Palace of Earthly Tranquility.

The entire Forbidden City was pretty beautiful. After its completion, many details were out of Zhang Tie’s imagination.

After Zhang Tie moved to Forbidden City, the external courtyard of Forbidden City became the power center of the entire Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.

Dragon Emperor Palace replaced the role of Heavenly Safe Building in Dragon Emperor Pavilion as it became the place where Zhang Tie handled public affairs and the supreme assembly hall in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Qianji Agency being chaired by seven elders was located in Qianji Palace. The Palace of Preserving Harmony became the ceremonial site in Forbidden City.

Besides the three palaces in the external courtyard, there were more than 30 yards and buildings and over 400 imperial rooms. The five major departments of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace also moved in the external courtyard of Forbidden City, each one for one yard. They all circled around Qianji Palace and Dragon Emperor Palace.

Zhang Tie lived in the Palace of Heavenly Purity and entered secluded cultivation in Jiaotai Palace. As for the Palace of Earthly Tranquility, Zhang Tie had not decided how to use it. The original internal courtyard of Forbidden City was the imperial harem of the emperor while the original Palace of Earthly Tranquility

belonged to the empress. However, Zhang Tie didn't have any wife or concubine in Motian Realm; therefore, the Palace of Earthly Tranquility was vacant for the time being. Zhang Tie asked General Manager Leng to take care of it.

On two sides of Forbidden City, there were two military camps of Dragon's Teeth Army. Like two wings, Zhang Tie's Dragon's Teeth Army extended to the east and the west of Forbidden City, protecting the entire city.

After Zhang Tie moved to Forbidden City, Qianji Agency had started to run officially.

According to the requirements that Zhang Tie formulated for Qianji Agency, only 3 of the 7 elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace were handling public affairs in Qianji Palace while the other 4 were in cultivation or handling their private affairs every day.

Generally speaking, elders on duty would tackle daily problems facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace through negotiation. When they had a divergence of views, they could only accept the principle "the minority is subordinate to the majority". When they couldn't make a decision on major events, they would notice the other 4 elders to negotiate about it together. Only when all the 7 elders couldn't deal with the events or had a major divergence of views would they report it to Zhang Tie. Otherwise, Qianji Agency was able to deal with all the daily affairs facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.

Previously, when there was no Qianji Agency, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had already run for over 900 years. Although the road was rugged, there weren't any big loopholes that couldn't be fixed. After Zhang Tie became the new Dragon Emperor, he set Qianji Agency which was above the five major departments. As a result, the elders could only give up their plans and work together in Qianji Agency. Elders were mutually restricted. The five major departments and Qianji Agency were mutually restricted. Forbidden City, Dragon's Teeth Army and the other authorities were mutually restricted. Additionally, Zhang Tie was above all of them. On this occasion, it was almost impossible for Qianji Agency and the five major departments to conceal anything from Zhang Tie.

In ancient times, some emperors usually broke the former power and personnel framework by moving capitals. By founding the new power and personnel framework, they could consolidate their dominant positions. Zhang Tie's move to Forbidden City was similar to that.

It was a wholly new situation for the new Dragon Emperor to move to Forbidden City. However, as for Zhang Tie, his move to Forbidden City meant that he had almost adjusted the authorities and personnel within Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in an all-round manner and stabilized his position as the new Dragon Emperor. From then on, Zhang Tie didn't need to worry about the internal affairs facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace anymore. From now on, Zhang Tie could spend most of his time in cultivation.

On the evening of July 14, Zhang Tie became free completely as he invited Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin to the Palace of Heavenly Purity in Forbidden City for a drink and enjoyed the moonscape.

Now, almost everyone in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace knew that Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin were Zhang Tie's soul mates and trusted subordinates. Although the two women didn't have great battle strength, as they were familiar with Dragon Emperor, they had pretty high positions in Earth-Treasures Department. Together with Leng Manxue, the three females were in their heyday in Dragon Emperor

City. Some gossipers were guessing which of the 3 females could rule the Palace of Heavenly Tranquility in the future.

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It was a pretty good day. In the evening, the moon was as bright and round as a wheel while the moonlight covered the sky. Within a garden of the Palace of Heavenly Purity, there were verdant trees. Golden fish were playing with water. Some crickets were rubbing their feet among the grasses. The garden was full of open peony blossoms, which smelt pretty fragrant. In a parterre, some red lanterns were hung over there where Zhang Tie was raising his cup together with the two girls.

"I appreciate your hard work..." Zhang Tie sighed as he raised his cup towards the moon, saying, "It's been more than half a year. Last time, we drank in the Apricot Blossom Courtyard. I've not imagined that we could have a drink in Forbidden City. I propose a toast to you for your hard work!"

After clinking their cups, the three people bottomed up at the same time...

"Your Majesty, glad you know that we worked hard..." Ji Yuelan threw a gloomy glance at Zhang Tie after putting down her cup as she said, "Over the past half a year, Your Majesty, you just dispatched a job to us and left us alone as if we're your tools. We even thought that you've forgotten about us!"

"Your Majesty, you are unrivaled now. We're just your trivial subordinates. If Your Majesty let us keep an eye on Earth-Treasures Department, we will keep an eye on it. How dare we complain about our hard work!" Jiang Ruoxin let out a sigh too as if she was full of remorse. Since she had an unforgettable kiss with Zhang Tie in Apricot Blossom Courtyard, Jiang Ruoxin had felt special about Zhang Tie as her mentality started to change slightly. Especially after Zhang Tie became Dragon Emperor, perhaps Jiang Ruoxin had not realized that she had been more and more like a woman given her look, movements and tone in front of Zhang Tie.

Although the two girls were complaining to him, Zhang Tie knew that they were happy inside given their grand costumes which were like open peonies and their delicate make-up. On many occasions, women's mood could be reflected in their costumes and make-up.

"When you're with me, don't call me Your Majesty. Just call me as same as before. In order to stabilize the position of Dragon Emperor, I've been too tired over the past half a year. How could I have time to have a drink or chat with you? Look, as long as I'm free, I think about you. You're always in my heart!" Zhang Tie said with a smile. After that, he took out a palm-sized delicate box and pushed it to the front of Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin. "Look, I've even prepared a delicate gift for you. I'm sure you like it..."

As was imagined by Zhang Tie, the moment the two girls heard that Zhang Tie had prepared a gift for them, their eyes instantly shone as they gazed at that box at the same time.

"You only prepare one gift for two of us? Do you have any sincerity?" Ji Yuelan asked like a spoiled girl, "How do we share it..."

"You will know that after opening it." Zhang Tie said with a smile.

After exchanging a glance with Ji Yuelan, Jiang Ruoxin stretched out her hand and opened the box.

It was a vivid cute jade tortoise stretching out its head inside the box. On its shell, there were natural mysterious grains which faintly formed a seal character “Yang”.

At the sight of the object in the box, Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan became intense all over in a split second as their smiles disappeared...

Chapter 1727: A Heroic Person

The jade tortoise that Zhang Tie gifted them was the very target of the two girls since they attended Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. It was an important item in Yin-Yang Sect.

Although it looked like a jade tortoise, actually, it contained the original version of a secret method which was of great significance to Yin-Yang Sect.

Was it a coincidence that Zhang Tie gifted it to them? Of course not. It could never be so accidental in this world. Now that it was not a coincidence, it could only be interpreted that Zhang Tie had already known that they were from Yin-Yang Sect.

The sudden pleasure and fear brought by the jade tortoise made Jiang Ruoxin and Ji Yuelan change their faces in a split second.

“Alas!” Ji Yuelan let out a long sigh as she moved her eyes onto Zhang Tie from the jade tortoise. In a complex mood, Ji Yuelan couldn’t stand dropping off tears. She then revealed a bleak yet beautiful smile towards Zhang Tie, saying, “Ruoxin and I both come from Yin-Yang Sect. Given the fact that our sect was abhorred by the rest of the world, we could only hide our identities. We didn’t mean to cheat you. Unexpectedly, you’ve known that. It seems that this is a farewell drink. After a while, this elder sister prefers to die in your hand. Given that we are bosom friends, please don’t let others spoil our corpses. If Your Majesty still treasures the friendship between us, please burn us up. After that, throw our ashes into the river outside the Apricot Blossom Courtyard. The river is crystal with apricot blossoms on its banks all the year round. It’s a good destination...”

Just now, Jiang Ruoxin was intense all over. After hearing Ji Yuelan’s words, she became relaxed at a stroke. She had seen Zhang Tie’s great battle force. It was pretty easy for Zhang Tie to kill them. Not to mention that there were so many powerhouses in the Forbidden City. She preferred to accept her fate frankly than die in an embarrassed manner.

Suddenly, Jiang Ruoxin felt more complex as if she felt that the faint hope and aspiration were completely shattered by Zhang Tie at this moment.

After hearing Ji Yuelan’s words, Jiang Ruoxin also dropped off tears as she said, “I agree with Yuelan. If Your Majesty buries us together, we could be partners in the afterlife.”

“Have you really determined to go there?” Zhang Tie asked as he looked up at the sky, letting out a deep sigh, “It’s said that there’re always monsters and goblins in rivers. Besides being ugly, they’re all strong and like beauties. If the natives don’t offer sacrifice to them by throwing beauties into the rivers, they would arouse heavy wind and billows to hurt the local people. If you want to settle in the river, it’s nothing different than presenting yourselves to them.”

Hearing Zhang Tie's words, Ji Yuelan's and Jiang Ruoxin's face turned pale. The two people both felt scared out of their wits. Though they didn't find that Zhang Tie's tone was weird, it sounded like a ghost story. Additionally, Zhang Tie revealed a faint smile.

"Just...just bury us in the mountain in the opposite of the Apricot Blossom Village then..." Ji Yuelan said slowly and gloomily.

"I can't. There're more spirits, goblins and ghosts in the mountain. If you settle down there, it's nothing different than sending sheep to tigers' den. Many spirits, goblins and ghosts would drool and smirk obscenely at you. If you're buried in the mountain, you might be rat spirits' wives today and wolf spirits' wives tomorrow. Even brown bears would think about robbing you away all day long..."

"If so...if so, we two couldn't even be buried anywhere while being scolded by everyone when we're alive?" Jiang Ruoxin asked while sobbing...

After heaving a sigh, Zhang Tie said, "You two whiny beauties do not need to think about death. It would be pitiful if you die. Additionally, some ghosts, spirits or goblins would take advantage of you after your death. You'd better think about living well. Just be my female immortal generals. In the daytime, you could help me deal with public affairs. In the evening, you could dress up and have a drink with me while appreciating the moonscape. I prefer you over others to take care of me. At least I'm not that terrifying. Am I right?" Zhang Tie said as he wiped off tears for the two girls. After that, he draped around their waists together and kissed their cheeks.

When Zhang Tie kissed them, Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin finally realized that Zhang Tie was only having fun with them just now. He didn't even mean to hurt them at all.

With great pleasure and grief, the two women suddenly broke into laughter. Watching Zhang Tie with complex mood, they didn't know what to say.

"This item belongs to Yin-Yang Sect. After the old man took it away from Yin-Yang Sect, he didn't return it to you. But I'm returning it to you today. If you want to report on your mission with it, I allow you several months' leave. You could make an arrangement for free!" Zhang Tie let out a deep sigh as he added, "If you don't want to go back; nor return to Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace anymore. I don't blame you. Nor would the immortal palace hunt you. I will just remove your names from the rolls of the immortal palace..." Zhang Tie couldn't stand lightly pinching their cheeks as he complained, "We've known each other for so long, how could you not trust me at all? At the sight of the item, you've thought that I wanted to kill you. Am I that terrifying and vicious in your eyes? I gifted you something so that you could complete your mission easily. How could you think that I wanted to kill you? I just invited you for a drink on such a beautiful night, but you think I'm bidding farewell to you. That really makes me sad..."

Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin felt bashful at once.

"Don...don't you mind our real identities?" Ji Yuelan asked him as she leaned against Zhang Tie's shoulder.

"I've already seen the secret cultivation method of Yin-Yang Sect. Although the male-female cultivation skill was weird, it originates from the universal law of coexistence of yin and yang. If there's no yang, yin would not take shape; if there's no yin, yang would not take shape. Additionally, don't you advocate

that only couples or a male and a female who loves each other could cultivate it together. It's fine. You could cultivate in any form that you want. It has nothing to do with others. The bad reputation of Yin-Yang Sect was caused by some bad guys in your sect. The others of Yin-Yang Sect shouldn't be involved. It's normal for a big sect to have some assholes! Compared to the dirty things that some righteous sects could do, this is not worth mentioning."

"Do you really think so?" Jiang Ruoxin asked as her eyes glittered.

"You bet. After sending it back to your sect, you could tell the elders and directors of your sect that if they could barely find a place to stay outside, all of them could go to Dragon Emperor Big Domain. As long as you comply with the disciplines in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, I promise they will be safe here!"

Ji Yuelan exchanged a glance with Jiang Ruoxin.

"We cannot make a decision about it. We could only tell our masters what you said. As for the details, it depends on them. Over these years, as Yin-Yang Sect is hunted everywhere, our masters are very skeptical. Even if I tell them about that, I'm afraid that they would not make any response right away..." Jiang Ruoxin replied as she had gradually become composed.

"It's fine! It's just my suggestion. Just take it as a choice. It depends on them. Additionally, even if they really come here, they don't need to notice me at all. They're free in Dragon Emperor Big Domain. As long as they don't do anything in a big way which would arouse the attention of Force Emperor Immortal Palace, they could do whatever they like!" Zhang Tie said as he covered the lid and foisted it into Jiang Ruoxin's hand as if nothing had happened before. "Come, have a drink!"

After getting the No. 1 treasure of their sect, the two girls were so thrilled that they both thought about staying with Zhang Tie tonight. However, Zhang Tie didn't make them drunk; instead, when they were tipsy, Zhang Tie had already persuaded them to leave.

"Do you really want us to leave?" Jiang Ruoxin asked Zhang Tie audaciously while being tipsy.

"If you stay in the Palace of Heavenly Purity tonight, many people would keep an eye on you if any one of you left Dragon Emperor City in a few days. Do you still want to stay here?" Zhang Tie asked with a smile. The two girls then became silent; because they knew that it was not good for them if they caught the attention of the public given their identities; especially when they wanted to find an opportunity to send the item back.

When they left the Palace of Heavenly Purity, the two women revealed an extremely gloomy look at Zhang Tie as if they were going to melt Zhang Tie.

After the two girls left, Zhang Tie continued to drink in his garden until midnight.

Watching the bright moon rising to the highest point in the dome, Zhang Tie suddenly had a complex mood as he missed his family members pretty much.

"After putting a flagon of liquor on the table in the flowers, I start a drink myself with no friend on my side. Raising my cup towards the sky, I invite the bright moon to join me and my shadow. Pitifully, the bright moon couldn't understand the pleasure of a drink; and the shadow could only keep me company silently. I could only enjoy the beautiful nightscape together with the bright moon and the lonely

shadow. When I make poems, the moon lingers about. When I dance, the shadow moves elegantly with me..." Zhang Tie drank, sang and laughed alone while his song reverberated across the Forbidden City. With his song, Zhang Tie trembled all the way to Jiaotai Palace. He then closed the gate and entered secluded cultivation...

Chapter 1728: The Arrival of the First Batch of Goods

Zhang Tie was repeating the extremely boring process of cultivation using his

spiritual energy in the void... This process was so monotonous that it almost drove Zhang Tie mad. After gathering the two energies in the void, Zhang Tie would let them dissipate

themselves. Zhang Tie repeated this process tens of thousands of times. He still continued it even when he became completely numb spiritually and turned the whole process into an instinctive and mechanical response. Zhang Tie hoped that he could mobilize the two energies as freely as taking a breath one day. In order to reach this goal, Zhang Tie had to complete this process as easily as

taking a breath. He had to repeat the hard process of cultivation for numerous times to make a bit of progress. In the process of cultivation, he was accompanied by

loneliness. Very few things were fair in the world. Perhaps, the only fair thing was time. Everyone had 24 hours a day. The only difference between people lay in which

had you spent time in? As time passed by, the seeds that you watered would

strike roots and sprout. One day, they would grow up with luxuriant foliage, blossoms and fruits. Some fruits were kind; some were evil; some were beautiful; some were ugly; some tasted sweet; some tasted sour... There were powerhouses in each industry. The so-called powerhouses must have spent the most time in that industry. It was the first social secluded cultivation that Zhang Tie entered since he

came to Motian Realm. In secluded cultivation, Zhang Tie forgot about time and the disturbance from the secular world. He was fully immersed in cultivation. Not until his portable

jade plate started to wobble continuously did he exit the realm and open his eyes. It was a message from Leng Manxue—"Your Majesty, Wu Qiankun of Emperor NvWa Palace is waiting for you. —Take him to Yangxin Palace. I will be there soon. —Yes, sir! After replying to the message, Zhang Tie stood up and did some warm-ups. He made some difficult movements that the others could never imagine, causing his muscles and bones to crack like re crackers. After doing that, Zhang Tie felt that his mindset, spirit and body became active again. Zhang Tie took a look at the loop of special candles on the candlestick at one

corner of the back room as he found one of them had already died out, leaving one foundation. The other 33 cm high candle which was divided into 30 scales had lost 12 scales. The rest 12 scales had not been lit yet, which meant that Zhang Tie had already stayed in the back room for 42 days. As there was no table clock in Motian Realm, they used candles to mark time. The candle was a specialty in Motian Realm which was called Jade Candle. There were several kinds of jade candles. The most common one was 33 cm in

length, which could be divided into 30 scales, each scale for one day. Given the consumption of the jade candle, people would know the time. It was pretty convenient. Some jade candle could be burned for one year. The most durable jade candle could last 60 years. Besides marking time, jade candles would produce a faint bizarre fragrance after being burned, which could drive away insects and beasts and could prevent people from being possessed with devils in cultivation. Therefore, jade candles became a daily product even a necessary item for cultivators and immortal generals in Motian Realm during cultivation. Jade candles gave out warm yellow light, making the corner of the back room a bit warmer while the greater part of the back room was in the dark. Zhang Tie came to the front of the candlesticks and blew them out. After that, he opened the cover of the luminous pearl, making the backroom bright at once. Zhang Tie then pushed open the gate of the backroom and entered a secret tunnel. Next to the secret tunnel was a light of staircase leading upwards. The staircases were made of white marble stones. On both sides of the staircases, there were luminous pearls in each a few meters. Zhang Tie then went upstairs along the winding white steps. After walking about 200 m upstairs and passing by some special preventive facilities, he entered Jiaotai Palace. Of course, the others were forbidden in the place which Dragon Emperor used for secluded cultivation. Nor could it be easily destroyed. Of course, Zhang Tie could also cultivate in Jiaotai Palace for a short period of time; however, he preferred to enter the underground backroom of Jiaotai Palace for a long period of time for the sake of safety. Some secret tunnels connecting the underground backroom with the other places around Dragon Emperor City. The longest tunnel led to a mountain outside Dragon Emperor City. After building those secret tunnels, all the relevant workers' memories were wiped out by medicine. Therefore, only Zhang Tie and Leng Manxue knew those secret tunnels across Dragon Emperor City. When Zhang Tie walked out of the gate of Jiaotai Palace, he felt coming back to the crowd as he felt the dazzling sunlight and the jubilant twitters. "Your Majesty..." Some immortal generals gave a salute to Zhang Tie together with Leng Manxue. During the period when Zhang Tie was in secluded cultivation downside there, the immortal generals in Forbidden City were on alert outside Jiaotai Palace by shifts ceaselessly. Leng Manxue especially came here to wait for Zhang Tie. "I appreciate your hard work!" Zhang Tie told those immortal generals with a smile. "It's our responsibility!" those immortal generals felt being overwhelmed by

an unexpected favor as they hurriedly replied in unison by bowing their bodies. "If everyone could fulfill their responsibilities, our Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace would reinvigorate one day!" Zhang Tie encouraged them as he nodded. After that, he went to the Yangxin Palace with Leng Manxue. On the way, Leng Manxue stealthily glanced at Zhang Tie for a few times as she kept one step behind him. "What? Are there owers on my face?" Zhang Tie asked. "Your Majesty, you might...might be much more relaxed after secluded

cultivation!" Leng Manxue replied. Sometimes, women's instinct was even

greater than the knight's consciousness of sage-level knights. Leng Manxue

could easily catch something different just from Zhang Tie's look. "Really? I also think so!" Zhang Tie replied as he nodded. As for Zhang Tie, he

jettisoned sex, food, fame and sleep for dozens of days during the ascetic

cultivation. As a result, he became relaxed spiritually. Additionally, he felt being completely free from the trivial affairs in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace just like struggling out of the mire and winning freedom once again. However, in many cases, people's daily life was paradoxical. Zhang Tie didn't mean to become Dragon Emperor; however, as he had paid a lot in this position, Zhang Tie could also enjoy many privileges and enormous resources

that he could never enjoy before. "What does Wu Qiankun bring here?" Zhang Tie asked Leng Manxue. "He's followed by some immortal generals of Emperor NvWa Palace. Those

immortal generals bring here 5 huge iron boxes. According to Wu Qiankun, they're demanded by Your Majesty. They don't want me to check it. Therefore, I had them wait outside Yangxin Palace with the huge iron boxes..."

Chapter 1729: A Piece of News

Yangxin Palace was on the west of the Palace of Heavenly Purity in the internal court of Forbidden City. It was just a few minutes of walk from Jiaotai Palace to Yangxin Palace.

When Zhang Tie arrived at Yangxin Palace, he saw five immortal generals of Emperor NvWa Palace waiting for him outside Yangxin Palace. Beside the five immortal generals, there were five 1 m high metal safes. There was a special rune on each safe which could isolate from spiritual inspection. They could not be opened without special keys. Watching the five eye-catching metal cabinets, most of the people were curious about the treasures inside. None of them could imagine that each container had a live demon knight.

With lotus-flower eyes, Zhang Tie could penetrate through the shells of the metal safes spiritually and see the five demon knights inside immediately.

Two of the five demon knights were shadow wing demon knights, two were iron-armored shadow knights and one spider demon shadow knight which was the most miserable one among the five demon knights. Because of too many legs and its large body, all the limbs of that spider demon knight had been chopped off. It was caged in the metal cabinet in the form of a meatball.

All the five demon knights were restrained and couldn't move. Despite being completely subdued, they were still alive.

Watching the five gifts, Zhang Tie felt like promoting to 8 change realm of shadow knight right away as he felt pretty happy.

"Let these people carry the 5 iron cabinets to the entrance of my underground back room in Jiaotai Palace. I will deal with it myself..."

After receiving Zhang Tie's order, Leng Manxue nodded. Without asking Zhang Tie what were inside, Leng Manxue directly had some immortal generals, which were guarding Yangxin Palace outside the gate move away the 5 cabinets.

Each cabinet weighed 700-800 kg, which was not a heavy weight for immortal generals. Each of the five immortal generals then carried one cabinet away.

Zhang Tie then entered the main hall of Yangxin Palace alone.

Yangxin Palace was not the leading palace in the internal court because it was too small. Its main hall was only 36 m in width and 12 m in depth. The richly ornamented structure across Yangxin Palace was also gorgeous. If not deal with important affairs in Dragon Emperor Palace, Zhang Tie would receive foreign guests here.

"Your Majesty..." Wu Qiankun remained as same as that a few months ago. When Zhang Tie entered the main hall, he found Wu Qiankun was already bowing towards him with reverence inside there.

"Take a seat. Don't be so polite. I was in secluded cultivation in Jiaotai Palace these days. When I was told that you're here, I just came out of there..." Zhang Tie said with a smile as he walked towards the main seat and sat down.

"Your Majesty, your diligence is really admirable!" Wu Qiankun flattered Zhang Tie as he sat down on his own seat.

Since Zhang Tie ascended to the throne of Dragon Emperor, he had been diligent in both Dragon Emperor Pavilion and the Forbidden City. He barely entertained himself. Although he had some trusted female immortal generals, everyone across Dragon Emperor City knew that His Majesty always remained restrained and didn't have any love affairs with those female immortal generals; especially in Forbidden City. Wu Qiankun was not lying.

"In Motian Realm, there're too many powerhouses. As the Mountain Ruins is going to open soon, the large-scale war between humans and demons will break out. It's pretty chaotic in Motian Realm now. If I don't spend more time in cultivation, the old man would be made at me..." Zhang Tie joked.

"Yup, Motian Realm is not peaceful now. It's full of restless hidden forces. The scale of the war between humans and demons is expanding while more and more immortal human palaces and demon palaces are involved in. Besides Nine Heavens Big Domain, there're also some abnormal responses over Dark Valley. Recently, more and more human and demon powerhouses head for Dark Valley. Otherwise, Star Emperor Immortal Palace would not have such a good opportunity to complete this trade smoothly!" Wu Qiankun talked with Zhang Tie secretly using his battle qi.

Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, Star Emperor Immortal Palace and Emperor NvWa Palace as the middleman were all very meticulous about this trade. They all kept it as a top secret.

Of course, Zhang Tie didn't hope that the fact that he needed alive demon knights was exposed to the public. Even though the Purgatory Samsara Method had not ever been discovered in Motian Realm, if more and more people knew about this trade, unavoidably, someone would guess something. It was better to keep secret than to expose his trump card.

Of course, Star Emperor Immortal Palace didn't want anyone else to know that it had sought for a peaceful settlement with Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace; otherwise, Star Emperor Immortal Palace's reputation would be destroyed. Additionally, if the "dirty job" made by Star Emperor Immortal Palace was known by demons, unavoidably, demons would avenge Star Emperor Immortal Palace.

Therefore, this trade was carried out pretty confidentially. Within Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, nobody else knew about this trade except for Zhang Tie. On the side of Star Emperor Immortal Palace, only very few high-level immortal generals knew about it. Emperor NvWa Palace dispatched Wu Qiankun to mediate the event in the whole process. No matter what, given Emperor NvWa Palace's neutral stance, it would not arouse any suspicion for Emperor NvWa's Palace to contact each party.

After hearing Wu Qiankun's words, Zhang Tie raised his eyebrows as he asked straightforwardly, "Oh, I remember that Nine Heavens Big Domain was indeed not peaceful when Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace left there. As the entire Nine Heavens Big Domain was mixed with humans and demons, it's not strange for it to be unpeaceful over there. But what's the matter with Dark Valley?"

"Your Majesty, do you know that there were four emperor-level immortal palaces among humans 300 years ago. At that time, besides Star Emperor Immortal Palace, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, Force Emperor Immortal Palace, there was a Rune Emperor Immortal Palace whose secret skill of runes ranked first in Motian Realm..."

"I know. Rune Emperor might have lost his life in Dark Valley!" Zhang Tie replied after thinking for a second. He remembered that Ji Yuelan once told him that Rune Emperor might be killed by the big battle formation of demons over there. Whereas, as it happened hundreds of years ago, Zhang Tie was not interested in it too much.

"Yes. Although Rune Emperor has died; it's said that Rune Emperor's portable *Tadpole Runes Sutra* and a set of emperor-level immortal outfit didn't fall in the hand of demons; instead, they disappeared in Dark Valley before his death. A few days ago, it's said that someone saw the trace of the virtual object of his immortal outfit in Dark Valley. Therefore, a lot of human and demon powerhouses are pouring into Dark Valley these days..."

' *Tadpole Runes Sutra* ? Emperor-level immortal outfit?' Although Zhang Tie had not seen them, he knew they were something great given their names...

Chapter 1730: Mutation of Reiki Yeast

To be honest, if Zhang Tie heard about rarities like Tadpole Runes Sutra and emperor-level immortal outfit in Taixia Country, he would go there right away. However, after hearing the news in the Forbidden

City of Dragon Emperor City in Motian Realm, Zhang Tie just replied with a faint smile as he transferred the topic despite some whims occurred to him.

Although Tadpole Runes Sutra and the emperor-level immortal outfit were eye-catching, Zhang Tie knew what counted most for him was to advance to a higher realm. The rarities would never disappear no matter who got it. However, he would not have another chance to receive living demon knights for refinement freely by staying somewhere in tens of thousands of years.

Of course, Zhang Tie knew which was more important.

Even if he was attracted by the Tadpole Runes Sutra and the emperor-level immortal outfit, he couldn't occupy everything alone. Everyone should learn to give up something; not to mention that it was just a piece of news from Dark Valley. Even if it was true, now that people had not discovered them for over 300 years, it was normal for them to look for them for another 3-5 years. By then, Zhang Tie would have promoted to a heavenly knight or semi-sage level knight and would be more confident about his battle strength.

"I wonder whether Star Emperor Immortal Palace has caught living demons hea...ahem...ahem...wind immortal generals or not this time?"

"This time, Star Emperor Immortal Palace sent five water immortal generals here. Wind immortal generals are trickier than water immortal generals. It's said that Star Emperor Immortal Palace has already dispatched some fire immortal generals and supreme immortal generals. Some have found their targets. I think they would send wind immortal generals here soon!"

Wu Qiankun was very meticulous even now. Even if he got a lot of questions in mind, he dared not ask what Zhang Tie used these demon generals for. Perhaps he had already guessed that this might be related to some secret method that Zhang Tie cultivated; however, he could never imagine that Zhang Tie was using these demon generals to light his chakra. In Zhang Tie's eyes, these demon generals were much more precious than element crystals.

"Hmm, I really appreciate General Manager Wu for that!"

"My pleasure, Your Majesty..."

"Hahaha, I really appreciate you. Without the help of Emperor NvWa Palace and General Manager Wu, nobody could imagine how worse the relationship between Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal would be in the end!" Zhang Tie burst into laughter as he added, "Since General Manager Wu left here last time, I've been thinking about extending my thanks to you. Therefore, I especially prepared a small gift for you. Hope you like it!"

Soon after Zhang Tie finished his words, Leng Manxue had already entered Yangxin Palace with a 70 cm long wooden box. After putting the wooden box in front of Wu Qiankun solemnly, she left there.

Zhang Tie had long prepared this wooden box and the items inside it. He just waited for an opportunity to give it to Wu Qiankun.

The wooden box caught Wu Qiankun's attention as was imagined. Emperor NvWa Palace ranked first in wealth in Motian Realm, as the general manager of Emperor NvWa Palace, Wu Qiankun had almost seen everything.

Wu Qiankun then fixated onto Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie raised his hand, saying, "General Manager Wu, you could open it..."

After opening its cover, Wu Qiankun's eyes turned wide at once.

There were 10 rows of grooves in the wooden box, each row contained 10 special vials, 100 vials in total. They...appeared...appeared...to be a medicament...

Wu Qiankun took out one vial and observed it carefully. He then confirmed it was indeed a medicament.

The vials looked very delicate; additionally, its slim design was rarely seen in Motian Realm. The pale blue purified glazed vials contained golden red liquid. The surface of those vials was marked with the patterns of coiling dragons, which was rightly the symbol of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. The vials looked pretty delicate and grand. Curiously, there was no word on the surface of the vials.

"Are they medicaments?"

"Hmm, they are!" Zhang Tie nodded.

"What's their medical use?"

"Hmm, you could use them to fix any improper symptoms!" Zhang Tie answered casually.

"Haha, thanks, Your Majesty!" Wu Qiankun smiled as he covered its lid. As Zhang Tie just put it simply, Wu Qiankun didn't feel it was special at all.

In Motian Realm, everyone knew that the best means of recovery was to enter a pool of recovery if there was any health problem. In the pool of recovery, many health problems could be resolved. By contrast, medicinal pills and medicament were much worse than the pool of recovery in effect while the former were always ignored by people. Therefore, Wu Qiankun just took those vials of medicament as Zhang Tie's sincere thanks.

No matter what, Dragon Emperor's gift carried a special meaning even if it was not practical. Therefore, Wu Qiankun still felt happy about that.

After completing his mission and having a short chat with Zhang Tie, Wu Qiankun left a string of keys for the five metal cabinets. After that, he took away that box of medicament.

Zhang Tie just watched Wu Qiankun leaving Yangxin Palace as he didn't explain anything else about the 100 vials of medicament.

Wu Qiankun left with all-purpose medicament, the wholly new all-purpose medicament.

Coincidentally, Zhang Tie had not imagined that soon after he came to Motian Realm, precisely when he was in Heavenly Square City, the reiki yeasts in Castle of Black Iron had completed their secondary mutation after consuming numerous merit values, aura values and basic storage energy through Heller's conscientious development.

If not being reminded by Heller, Zhang Tie almost forgot that his reiki yeast could further mutate.

After completing their secondary mutation, the reiki yeasts improved their basic abilities greatly in an all-round manner.

—The second generation of reiki yeasts' viability in hypoxia enhanced by 36% compared to that of the first generation of reiki yeasts. In the common environment, the second generation of reiki yeasts was fermented 5% faster than that of the first generation of reiki yeasts. The new reiki yeasts could produce 21% more kinds of enzymes than that of the first generation of reiki yeasts, 31% more enzymes than that of the first generation in quantity. Additionally, the enzymes produced by the second generation of reiki yeasts were 46% more active than that of the first generation. The greatest improvement was that the second generation of reiki yeasts could produce 53.4 energy and reiki affine values during the process of decomposing fermentations. The energy and reiki value that the things being fermented by the second generation of reiki yeasts contained were four times higher than that being fermented by the first generation of reiki yeasts.

As was told by Heller, the reason that the second generation of reiki yeasts couldn't fully play their role in the world where Zhang Tie came from was that all the things being fermented and the air there contained less reiki.

By contrast, the sufficient reiki in Motian Realm provided a good environment for the second generation of reiki yeasts in fermentation.

Therefore, Zhang Tie's all-purpose medicament upgraded with the help of the second generation of reiki yeasts in Motian Realm.

In the beginning, although Zhang Tie was happy, he didn't pay too much attention to the second generation of reiki yeasts. Previously, he thought that medium-level medicament didn't have its market in Motian Realm where people were born to be LV 9 fighters. Additionally, as he had long become a knight, Zhang Tie had already been used to the high-end medicament. On this occasion, even though he could gain advanced all-purpose medicament, he would not be thrilled either. As the upgraded all-purpose medicament could at most match medium-level medicament comprehensively, even though it combined with the sufficient reiki in Motian Realm, it was only a bit more effective than medium-level medicament. It was still far away from advanced medicament.

However, as Zhang Tie gradually learned about Motian Realm, he found that it was not like how he imagined.

In Motian Realm, the most often used treatment and recovery method was not medicinal pills or medicament; instead, it's a pool of recovery, which was a special treatment and recovery method combining runes and the strength of herbal medicine. When Zhang Tie came to Motian Realm, he had already experienced it on the airboat. The effect of a pool of recovery was indeed exceptional, which shocked him too much at that time.

In Motian Realm, pools of recovery were divided into preliminary, medium and advanced. The more advanced the pools of recovery were, the greater their effect would be.

However, pools of recovery also had their shortcomings. First, it had a large size. The more advanced the pool of recovery was, the bigger it would be. Even the preliminary pool of recovery was like a huge bathtub. By contrast, an advanced pool of recovery was like a swimming pool which could be seen in

Dragon Emperor Pavilion and Forbidden City. Of course, such an advanced pool of recovery was not portable. Even if someone could put a pool of recovery into his portable space-teleportation item, the frequency of the use of the pool of recovery would be greatly limited——at most twice a month.

The second shortcoming of the pool of recovery was that it couldn't detoxicate effectively even if it could cure one's traumas. Many toxins in Motian Realm couldn't be eliminated in the pool of recovery or even had an antidote.

Then why did the pool of recovery become so popular in Motian Realm and emerge as the dominant treatment in Motian Realm?

In the beginning, Zhang Tie thought it was because Motian Realm had a special inheritance of runes secret method. Later on, Zhang Tie found that the main reason behind the popularity of pools of recovery in Motian Realm was that there were very very few varieties and quantities of medicinal pills and medicament in Motian Realm which was mainly because that there were very few major plants in Motian Realm.

Of course, there were some bizarre fauna and flora in Motian Realm. However, generally, the plants that could be used for making medicines in Motian Realm were 75% fewer than that in the world where Zhang Tie came from. People in this world had not even heard about some rare plants that existed in the world where he came from such as fiery lotus flowers and cross-realm flowers.

Zhang Tie estimated that the only reason might be that Motian Realm was not a complete world. If Motian Realm was taken as Castle of Black Iron, the connection between this world and the world where the creator was in might have already cut off before the creator transferred all the plant seeds from the world where he was to Motian Realm.

Therefore, although the world where he came from owned a lot of living beings and plants, Zhang Tie couldn't see them in Motian Realm at all.

Whereas, the foundation of the development of medicinal pills and medicament was the fundamental herbal medicines. Without those precious medicinal ingredients, nobody could make medicinal pills and medicament. An immortal emperor could barely make a stalk of grass or a glossy ganoderma even if he owned a destructive power.

Therefore, pharmacists didn't have a bright future in Motian Realm. In order to make up the shortage of medicinal pills and medicament, people in Motian Realm invented pools of recovery in the long river course of time which combined with runes secret methods and the effect of only a few herbal medicines.

On this occasion, the wholly new all-purpose medicament benefited from the second generation of reiki yeasts was not useless in Motian Realm; instead, it was an epoch-making thing.

When they severely lacked medicinal resources and even high-level knights who had portable space-teleportation equipment could not use pools of recovery for free, the value of a vial of all-purpose medicament was evident to all the knights.

What was more, after making a batch of wholly new all-purpose medicament using the second generation of reiki yeasts, Heller once told Zhang Tie that the wholly new all-purpose medicament might

solve the fertility problem of women in Motian Realm. Women would consume a lot of their reiki and energy through delivery, which was only related to some natural life instincts of women; instead of their battle strength. If a woman couldn't stand such high consumption physically and spiritually, she would not get pregnant. When a bean was put in dry sands, of course, it would not grow. However, after taking the wholly new all-purpose medicament for long, women's reiki and energy would improve effectively. As a result, one woman could definitely give birth to 4-5 babies after taking them...

Zhang Tie had long been crystal clear about the value of the wholly new all-purpose medicament. However, when he gifted the 100 vials of wholly new all-purpose medicament to Wu Qiankun, Zhang Tie didn't make it clear.

Why did he gift Wu Qiankun 100 vials of wholly new all-purpose medicament? If he wanted Emperor NvWa Palace to be fully aware of the value of the wholly new all-purpose medicament, he had to give them enough samples for the experiment. If the number of samples was low, they might not know how effective was his medicament.

When Zhang Tie worked in the grocery shop in Blackhot City, Donder had already taught Zhang Tie——when you wanted to sell a good item, you'd better hide them than peddle them. When the others realized its value, they would come here to beg you for that. If you could take the initiative and adopted different sales and package strategies, you could sell it at a price several times higher even over 100 times higher.

Zhang Tie believed in that Emperor NvWa Palace would dispatch people to Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace for the trade of all-purpose medicament soon.