

Black Iron 1781

Chapter 1781: The Possible Crisis

The heavily burning Si Clan's castle in Cyan Lotus City had been lagged far behind by Zhang Tie. Being invisible, Zhang Tie was flying towards Nine Heavens Big Domain as fast as a lightning bolt at hundreds of thousands of meters high in the air.

No airboat and very few immortal generals could be seen at such a high altitude. Additionally, Zhang Tie didn't need to race against time anymore. Even though he met a couple of immortal generals on the way accidentally, due to the large distance, those immortal generals couldn't find Zhang Tie at all. Therefore, Zhang Tie just flew rapidly and leisurely.

Although Zhang Tie didn't reach his highest speed, his speed was absolutely shocking enough.

After saving the immortal generals of Yin-Yang Sect and unveiling the conspiracy of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, Zhang Tie finally became reassured. As for the future of Yin-Yang Sect and how would human immortal palaces deal with Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, it was none of Zhang Tie's concern for the time being. It was not his turn to care about that at all. Zhang Tie only did what he could do so that he would not feel regretful. As for the success of this action, besides his great power, Zhang Tie also felt a bit lucky. If His Honor Cyan Dragon and Grand Justice You were in Cyan Dragon Palace, he would never complete this action so smoothly.

Not knowing why, since he left Cyan Lotus City, Xue Yuxiu's face had been looming in Zhang Tie's mind. Therefore, Zhang Tie directly flew towards Sunnyprospect River in Nine Heavens Big Domain; instead of returning to Dragon Emperor Big Domain. He would like to meet the will of the woman.

Sunnyprospect River was a big river in the north of Nine Heavens Big Domain which lasted thousands of miles. At such a speed, it only took Zhang Tie less than half an hour to arrive at the mountain ranges in the north of Nine Heavens Big Domain after leaving Cyan Lotus City. Sunnyprospect River was wriggling through those mountain ranges.

With a flash, Zhang Tie came to a boulder on the riverside of Sunnyprospect River from the sky.

Being on the sand beach, the boulder was surrounded by woods. There were purple wildflowers all over the sand beach. The crystal and tranquil river flew by the boulder. There wasn't anybody within dozens of miles. Taking a broad view, Zhang Tie saw undulating green mountains and woods which were secluded and magnificent.

Zhang Tie then took out those icy beads from his portable luggage. Closely after that, those icy beads flew off his palm and came to the center of the river the moment he ran his spiritual energy. Closely after that, the icy beads vaporized. As the breeze blew by, all the ashes of Xue Yuxiu sprayed over the river and became an integral part of the river.

"Wish you stay with your Brother Luo happily and peacefully in the next life and never separate from each other..."

Zhang Tie murmured. This was the last thing that he could do for Xue Yuxiu as he had promised her.

Watching the flowing river silently, Zhang Tie suddenly felt a bit sad. He stayed silent for quite a while. Since her Brother Luo left this world, that woman had been living in hatred and grievance. She had tasted all the three bitterness in one's life, namely failing to get what she wanted, separation from her beloved one and grievance. In order to avenge her beloved one, Xue Yuxiu had tried every means she could. Perhaps, she finally got rid of bitterness now.

Xue Yuxiu's death impressed Zhang Tie a lot. Meanwhile, Zhang Tie understood one thing—Golden-Soul Rune Virus couldn't control immortal generals completely. As "His Majesty" wanted to control immortal generals with Golden-Soul Runed Virus while keeping their consciousness, he had to sustain the risk of the resistance of the ego of those immortal generals that he controlled. Of course, the result of such a resistance would lead to the death of the immortal generals themselves as their guts would be heavily destroyed by Golden-Soul Rune Virus.

Xue Yuxiu was not killed by Qian Changqing directly; instead, she was killed by Golden-Soul Rune Virus. Although Qian Changqing's strike heavily hurt her, it was not fatal. By contrast, the response of Golden-Soul Rune Virus killed her in a short period of time.

It was a loophole of Golden-Soul Rune Virus. However, less than 1 of 10,000 immortal knights might be brave enough to challenge that; because it meant that they were killing themselves by doing that. Even though immortal general were not brave enough to end their own lives.

"His Majesty" was definitely familiar with people's nature. That got to be humans. A person who used to live bitter lives or couldn't see a bright future due to oppression probably committed suicide as they didn't treasure their lives too much. However, almost no immortal generals or knights would commit suicide. Even in Taixia Country, Zhang Tie had not seen or heard that knights committed suicide. Because knights had high social positions and favorable living environment. They even had a bright future and greater life expectancy. Therefore, these people always treasured their lives very much. Unless they had to do that or on the battlefield, no knight would like to end their own lives.

From this perspective, even though there was such a loophole, it would not influence Golden-Soul Rune Virus' control over immortal generals.

Standing on the bank of Sunnyprospect River, Zhang Tie thought for quite a while. After that, Zhang Tie rushed into the sky and flew towards Dragon Emperor Big Domain.

The discovery of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace was an alert for Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie realized that there might be more dangerous people or roles hiding on his side. To respond to these challenges and dangers, he had no other means but to improve his battle strength.

After solving the problem facing Yin-Yang Sect, Zhang Tie would use all the favorable conditions to promote to a semi-sage level knight as soon as possible.

On the way towards Dragon Emperor City, a question occurred to him—I've exposed Dark Emperor Immortal Palace to the public. Although Dark Emperor Immortal Palace doesn't know who is Donder; nor would I have Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace involved in this event, would Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace really make no response to this event?

'Dark Emperor Immortal Palace is composed of four palaces. Besides Cyan Dragon Palace, I know nothing about the other three palaces. Over the years when Dragon Emperor disappeared, Dragon

Emperor Immortal Palace was like a piece of fat which many human forces and demon forces in Motian Realm were casting covetous eyes on. Given “His Majesty”’s shrewdness and the style of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, hasn’t “His Majesty” noticed that it was a great opportunity for him to subdue Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace? Even sage-level knights could be bought over by him, not to mention those elders and grand justices of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace who were semi-sage level knights.’

‘Suppose the fake Dragon Emperor and I didn’t appear, over the hundreds of years, if “His Majesty” could really control those elders or grand justices of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and help an elder or grand justice of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace promote to a sage-level knight, that sage-level knight would be able to take over the entire Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace aboveboard. By then, wouldn’t Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and Dragon Emperor Big Domain fall in the hand of “His Majesty”?’

It was a profitable trade; additionally, it was the most important means for Dark Emperor Immortal Palace to expand its influence—to control a clan or a force by controlling its head or some influential figures of the clan.

Zhang Tie’s heart raced the moment he thought about that.

Chapter 1782: Stay Calm

It took Zhang Tie only a bit more than 6 hours from Sunshineprospect River to Dragon Emperor City.

Zhang Tie returned to Dragon Emperor City at around 4 pm. It was still sunny in Dragon Emperor City just like usually. During the past 4 days, nobody across Dragon Emperor City had discovered that Dragon Emperor was not in the Forbidden City; instead, he had left Dragon Emperor City and ‘made a big harvest’...

Just like he left there, Zhang Tie returned to Forbidden City secretly through the secret tunnel outside Dragon Emperor City before entering his own backroom for cultivation beneath Jiaotai Palace.

As immortal generals always entered secluded cultivation for a long time, the short period of 4 days was not a big deal for immortal generals. The backroom was as same as before. Leng Manxue had not contacted Zhang Tie; perhaps she thought that Zhang Tie was still inside there.

After coming back to his backroom, Zhang Tie triggered his body-changing immortal bloodline and recovered his original look. Closely after that, he put on that set of clothes that he got from Si Clan’s castle before burning it into ashes by true dragon flame. By then, he had destroyed all the pieces of evidence of his absence during this period.

Of course, besides this set of clothes, Zhang Tie also achieved a lot from Cyan Lotus City.

Qian Changqing’s space-teleportation finger ring, the space-teleportation finger ring that Xue Yuxiu had gifted him and the space-teleportation finger ring of general butler of Si Clan’s castle from General Manager Si were all in Zhang Tie’s hand. In a moment, Zhang Tie had got three more space-teleportation finger rings. Zhang Tie had been accustomed to this; because Zhang Tie found that he could easily get space-teleportation equipment since he acquired Castle of Black Iron. It might be very difficult for others

to acquire a space-teleportation finger ring; however, Zhang Tie could always get them easily. Therefore, Zhang Tie almost lost his interest in space-teleportation equipment.

Besides the three space-teleportation equipment, of course, Zhang Tie's largest achievement was that he had almost completely refined and absorbed Grand Justice Qian's fire chakra. Plus this nearly complete one, Zhang Tie had almost absorbed the chakras of 5 demon heavenly knights and 1 semi-sage level demon knight, which could enable him to promote to three change realm of heavenly knight steadily. Benefiting from this, Zhang Tie would soon complete one-third of the road towards the semi-sage level knight. What a terrifying cultivation speed!

The space-teleportation finger ring of General Manager Si contained a lot of items that Si Clan's castle had collected, mainly great piles of crystal coins, element crystals, some rarities such as Heavenly-Soul incense, some living necessities and some accounting books. Zhang Tie had seen them a few days ago; additionally, Zhang Tie treasured them too much.

Zhang Tie had not checked the space-teleportation finger rings of Qian Changqing and Xue Yuxiu. After returning to the cultivation backroom of Forbidden City, Zhang Tie started to check them carefully.

Xue Yuxiu's space-teleportation finger ring had a volume of over 200 cubic meters. The finger ring contained a lot of water and wind element crystals, some medicinal powders, wealth, some living necessities and two silver secret items. It was a good treatment for the grand elder of Yin-Yang Sect. In the space-teleportation finger ring, the most eye-catching things were some items in a box. Zhang Tie penetrated his spiritual energy into it as he saw some letters, a piece of music score and some well-preserved maple leaves. Those letters were written by Brother Luo for her. The piece of music score was also gifted by Brother Luo. Although there was no signature on the maple leaves, Zhang Tie estimated that those maple leaves were also gifted by Brother Luo. Xue Yuxiu preserved these items well.

Watching these items, Zhang Tie could let out a deep sigh. Pitifully, he couldn't take all of them out of the space-teleportation equipment. Otherwise, Zhang Tie would have long burned them for Xue Yuxiu on the riverside of Sunshineprospect River a few hours ago.

After checking Xue Yuxiu's space-teleportation finger ring, Zhang Tie started to check Qian Changqing's space-teleportation finger ring.

Qian Changqing's space-teleportation equipment was more senior than that of Xue Yuxiu's. It contained greater space. By contrast, the space-teleportation equipment didn't contain too many fashionable things. They were medicinal powders, crystal coins, element crystals, some living necessities which were available in emergencies and two secret books just like what the other immortal generals of his level would put in their space-teleportation equipment.

If there weren't anything special in Qian Changqing's space-teleportation finger ring, Zhang Tie might be disappointed. Thankfully, Qian Changqing didn't let Zhang Tie down. Right in his space-teleportation finger ring, Zhang Tie saw one item that he longed for the most—a 65 cm high black gourd which was covered with flowing bizarre runes.

Zhang Tie was ecstatic in a split second. This gourd was used for storing and releasing Golden-Soul Rune Virus.

Zhang Tie had seen the same kind of gourd in Qian Changqing's residence in Si Clan's castle. However, that gourd was already empty as all the Golden-Soul Rune Virus had been released by Qian Changqing when he raided Yin-Yang Sect. That gourd was meaningless for Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie was afraid that it might incur troubles for him and easily expose his real identity if he carried it with him, he didn't touch it, although the runes on the gourd had some research value.

However, Zhang Tie found the same kind of gourd in the space-teleportation finger ring of Qian Changqing. Additionally, the mouth of this gourd was sealed. Given the information that Zhang Tie got from General Manager Si, the Golden-Soul Rune Virus inside this gourd probably had not been used. They might be kept for handing the next batch of targets by Qian Changqing after Yin-Yang Sect.

If he could get the original Golden-Soul Rune Virus, Zhang Tie, as an immortal craftsman in runes, might be able to discover its secret through study step by step.

Pitifully, he couldn't take the gourd out of the space-teleportation finger ring to study it carefully. Even though Zhang Tie had lotus-flower eyes, he could still not see through the gourd. Even his spiritual energy could only tell him what was inside the gourd.

However, he would be able to take this gourd out of the space-teleportation equipment in a few days.

After putting away the two space-teleportation finger rings, Zhang Tie entered cultivation in this backroom.

As Zhang Tie had already absorbed a lot of fire elements in Purgatory Samsara Method, it was the right moment for him to turn these fire elements into his own strength.

As for Cyan Lotus City and Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, Zhang Tie didn't worry about them for the time being. According to the saying before the Catastrophe in Taixia Country, let the bullet fly.

If he wanted to figure out the threats facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace internally, he had to wait until the event in Cyan Lotus City and Dark Emperor Immortal Palace spread across Motian Realm. Otherwise, if Zhang Tie suddenly wanted to investigate those elders, it was equal to telling them that he had long known the existence of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and Golden-Soul Rune Virus that they used to control human immortal generals.

Thankfully, as Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had tided over the difficulties for so many years, they could still wait for a few days.

Zhang Tie then continued to light his fire chakra in the backroom rapidly as if nothing had happened.

3 days later, on March 26th, the 3586th year of Emperor NvWa's Calendar, Zhang Tie promoted to one change realm of the heavenly knight. On the second day after that, Zhang Tie was finally "awakened" by Leng Manxue. He had to exit the backroom...

Chapter 1783: Men Should Have More Than One Side

"Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, why didn't I hear about it?"

Sitting on the main chair in Yangxin Palace, Zhang Tie watched the 7 elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace with a faint frown.

At this moment, Luo Yunshang, Xia Yanming, Shi Zhongyu, Hou Moyuan, Wang Laisheng, Long Jiutian and Ying Gucheng were all watching Zhang Tie. From Zhang Tie's look, none of them could discover any loophole. Zhang Tie's performance was absolutely like as if he had heard this news for the first time.

"When I was on duty with Elder Wang and Elder Ying in Qinji Agency, we received the emergency message from the Military Department. As we felt it was of great significance, we report it to His Majesty and called all the other elders here to discuss the countermeasures!" Luo Yunshang who looked dignified with a round face, beautiful eyes and a tall bun said as all the other elders nodded solemnly.

"Dark Emperor Immortal Palace is related to demons and demon emperor. They have great ambitions. Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace must pay attention to it!" Ying Gucheng opened his mouth.

"How's the Si Clan in Woods Medium-sized Domain?" Zhang Tie asked solemnly. none.)In

"Since the event in Cyan Lotus City broke out a few days ago, all the backbones of Si Clan have either disappeared or escaped. Force Emperor Immortal Palace, Star Emperor Immortal Palace and Emperor NvWa's Palace have already dispatched large batches of powers to Woods Medium-sized Domain to investigate and confiscate the properties of Si Clan and chase the immortal generals and backbones of Si Clan. Besides, the other clans and Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace in Woods Medium-sized Domain are involved in. The entire Woods Medium-sized Domain is in chaos..." Wang Laisheng said in a muffled voice.

"Why did Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace respond so fast?"

"It's said that some disciples of Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace were caught by Si Clan and imprisoned in the dungeon under Si Clan's castle. They suffered all kinds of tortures. On the same day when Si Clan broke out the event, these people were saved by a secret power who unveiled the background of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and Si Clan. After escaping away, the disciples of Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace contacted their bases at once. After hearing that, Force Emperor and Star Emperor were both furious and shocked. Force Emperor immediately assigned a deputy head and a lot of immortal generals to Woods Medium-sized Domain, closely followed by the powers of Star Emperor Immortal Palace. Si Clan has great undertakings and deep foundation in Woods Medium-sized Domain. Even though some backbones of Si Clan could escape away in a short period, many members of Si Clan couldn't. Therefore, after catching some members of Si Clan, Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace discovered more and more dirty deeds of Si Clan in Woods Medium-sized Domain. It was said that they found some quirky places like sacrificial altar under Si Clan's castle. Therefore, the existence of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace was proved. Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace have already sent wanted circulars to the backbones and immortal generals of Si Clan..."

'Is there any follower of His Majesty among the 7 elders? If there is, who on earth is he?'

Hearing their words, Zhang Tie glanced over the solemn looks of the 7 elders calmly.

According to Qian Changqing, Zhang Tie knew that His Majesty might have already made Golden-Soul Rune Virus many years ago. The earliest Golden-Soul Rune Virus was applied to some senior figures of

Dark Emperor Immortal Palace by that His Majesty. However, it might have some defects. The latest Golden-Soul Rune Virus, also the perfect kind of Golden-Soul Rune Virus was made 7 months ago. If anyone among the 7 elders at present were subordinate to that His Majesty, his mind sea must contain Golden-Soul Rune Virus, whether it was new or old. However, Zhang Tie couldn't see it by eyes; instead, he had to penetrate through his mind sea by his spiritual energy to check it. Whereas, this behavior was nothing different than asking these elders to give up resistance and take off their clothes for investigation. It was not an easy job as they would be averse to it instinctively. In the worst-case scenario, it would cause Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace to split. As for the details, Zhang Tie had to make a considerate plan.

As Zhang Tie thought about that, he asked another question.

"Why did Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace receive this major news 4 days later?" Zhang Tie glanced over the 7 elders with a dissatisfied look.

"Your Majesty, you're crystal clear about the current situation facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. In recent years, especially after Dragon Emperor Immortal shrunk its power to Dragon Emperor Big Domain, our external forces and channels of information have been much worse than before. Those intelligence agents always respond a bit slower than branches..." Wang Laisheng coughed twice as he explained in a bit embarrassed way, "The Military Department didn't know the event about Dark Emperor Immortal Palace in Cyan Lotus City until one day later. Additionally, we didn't know the details. Your Majesty, because this news was too shocking and was of great importance, before proving it, we dared not report it to you recklessly. Not until Force Emperor Immortal Palace assigned large batches of powers to Woods Medium-sized Domain and we proved the event from all aspects did the Military Department report the complete news to you..."

After hearing Wang Laisheng's explanation, Zhang Tie looked a bit better as he said, "According to your explanation, it's not your fault. But this intelligence is of great significance, we have to pay special attention to it. Despite Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace couldn't endure any more tortures, we should spend more efforts on intelligence collection. We couldn't save money on this aspect. On the aspect of intelligence collection, Military Department, Immortal General Department and Supervision Department have their own systems. I suggest organizing a new agency being subordinate to Qianji Agency. The new agency will be mainly responsible for collecting intelligence. After a short while, elders, please work out a plan to fix this shortcoming. Although Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace doesn't have other branches outside, we could be flexible in solving this problem..."

All the 7 elders nodded.

As a person from the other world, nobody was clearer about the significance of intelligence than Zhang Tie. Sometimes, the weaker the party was, the more it should pay attention to intelligence. Because this was a natural law——fiercer and powerful beasts could live on their sharp fangs and teeth without any concern; the weaker ones have to be sensitive about intelligence.

Previously, Zhang Tie might think that Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace's slow response indicated the poor abilities of the elders or poor internal coordination. Now, he got another possibility——someone just wanted it. Because a weak, overstaffed and disunited Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace was a piece of fat for someone which could be easily gulped down.

Watching these elders, Zhang Tie's eyes gradually turned profound. "Have you proved the existence of Demon Emperor on the back of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace?"

"We've not proved it yet. However, according to intelligence, there probably is a top power behind Dark Emperor Immortal Palace!"

"What about Golden-Soul Rune Virus? Could it really control human immortal generals?"

"We don't know that for the time being. The intelligence was unveiled by the secret power who knew the details of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace have not caught the major figures of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and Si Clan yet. Therefore, we still don't know whether it's true or not..."

Closely after Luo Yunshang, Shi Zhongyu said, "I think there's no Golden-Soul Rune Virus in Motian Realm at all. If human immortal generals could be controlled like puppets, they could be easily identified by others. I suggest to not fully believe in the words of the secret power who unveiled the background of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. That person is unknown in Motian Realm. Nobody knows him at all. He might just want to create chaos across the Motian Realm for other purposes. In that case, everyone might be in danger..."

The other elders looked serious too as they took a deep look at Elder Shi and nodded, saying, "Elder Shi sounds reasonable. However, as Woods Medium-sized Domain is in chaos, we can't just wait here. I think we should assign powers to learn about the latest situation facing Woods Medium-sized Domain. On the other hand, we need to contact Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace and ask them about other relevant intelligence. If Dark Emperor Immortal Palace is really related to demons, it would be a common problem facing all humans. The two immortal palaces would never hide such an important intelligence..."

After discussing about it for 1 hour in Yangxin Palace, the elders finally left there.

Through discussion, they summarized their attitude on the existence of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and what had happened in Woods Medium-sized Domain——keep out of the affair; keep a close eye on it; adjust to the changing atmosphere...

What was happening in Woods Medium-sized Domain was completely within Zhang Tie's prediction. Therefore, Zhang Tie was not curious about that at all. As for the development of this event, he insisted on observing it slowly and adjusting to the changing atmosphere. The preoccupation was to ensure the safety of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace internally. He had to pull the venomous spines out of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace at the least cost.

Sitting on the main chair, Zhang Tie stroked a space-teleportation finger ring as whims occurred to him. Not until Leng Manxue entered Yangxin Palace again did Zhang Tie raise his head.

"Call in Commander-in-Chief Huang here tonight. I will invite him for a drink!"

"Yes, sir!"

"Oh, help me check whether there's a place called Redmountain City in Motian Realm. I wonder whether something unusual happened there recently!"

Zhang Tie had to do that in order to explain to Ji Yuelan. Zhang Tie had even prepared well an excuse for avoiding from being embarrassed when he met Ji Yuelan again—I was in secluded cultivation these days. Therefore, I didn't notice her message until today. Therefore, I asked my subordinate to investigate it...

On the premise that Zhang Tie couldn't tell Ji Yuelan that he was Donder and couldn't let Ji Yuelan feel that he didn't care about her, this was the best lie that Zhang Tie could think about.

After doing such a good deed, he couldn't tell her; instead, he had to lie to her. Zhang Tie didn't know what it was called. He could only reveal a bitter smile out of self-mockery.

All of a sudden, a popular advertising slogan before the Catastrophe occurred to Zhang Tie...

Chapter 1784: The Disclosure of Dragon Emperor Medicament

It soon came to April 1st, the 3586th year of Emperor NvWa's Calendar.

On that day, due to the equilibrium of the quirky space strength in Motian Realm, space-teleportation equipment could be available again. Therefore, this day became the trading date in Motian Realm.

It had been a few more days since the 7 elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace held a meeting together. Today, Zhang Tie had already steadily reached two change realm of the heavenly knight. Such fast improvement in cultivation was impressive.

In the same period of time, the news of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace had already spread across the Motian Realm. Even commoners knew what had happened in Woods Medium-sized Domain.

The situation facing Woods Medium-sized Domain was startling. According to Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace, the entire Woods Medium-sized Domain had almost been occupied by Si Clan, a fundamental force of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. In the past few days, the immortals of Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace swept across the entire Woods Medium-sized Domain. As a result, the greater part of Woods Medium-sized Domain fell in the hands of Force Emperor Immortal Palace which was closest to it. Star Emperor Immortal Palace also occupied some cities of Si Clan. Seizing the opportunity, the two major immortal palaces started to expand their territory in Woods Medium-sized Domain crazily by annexing the cities, land, population and the other resources of Si Clan.

Previously, emperor-level immortal palaces were the most powerful and tyrannical powers in Motian Realm. After Dark Emperor Immortal Palace was exposed to the public, Star Emperor Immortal Palace and Force Emperor Immortal Palace were infuriated as Si Clan dared prison their disciples and intended to violate the two immortal palaces. Therefore, it only took the two immortal palaces a few days to change the overall situation facing the entire Woods Medium-sized Domain.

When Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace were annexing the land of Woods Medium-sized Domain, the relationship between them and Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace which occupied a region escalated.

As a supreme immortal palace in Motian Realm, Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace had a great force too. Its base was in Heavenly Sunshine Medium-sized Domain. Besides, Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace was also a big force in Woods Medium-sized Domain as it almost occupied one-third of the land of the entire Woods Medium-sized Domain. Unavoidably, the crazy annexation of the two major immortal palaces in Woods Medium-sized Domain aroused the dissatisfaction of Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace.

However, facing the tyrannical expansion of Star Emperor Immortal Palace and Force Emperor Immortal Palace, apparently, Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace was not confident enough to fight them. Besides the great powers of the two major immortal palaces, the fact that some branch heads and deputy heads of Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace escaped away and disappeared after the background of Si Clan was disclosed caused Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace which was already been infiltrated by Dark Emperor Immortal Palace more unjustifiable.

However, Bu Qianchou the Heavenly Sunshine King also the boss of Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace was very aggressive. Even though Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace had some relationship with Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, facing the wanton expansion of Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace in Woods Medium-sized Domain, Bu Qianchou directly led the rest powers of Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace to confront with the deputy heads of the two major immortal palaces in Woods Medium-sized Domain which were at daggers drawn.

As Woods Medium-sized Domain had completely become the fat that Force Emperor Immortal Palace, Star Emperor Immortal Palace and Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace scrambled for, it attracted the attention of all the forces across Motian Realm.

However, Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace didn't fight Star Emperor Immortal Palace and Force Emperor Immortal Palace alone. When Heavenly Sunshine Immortal confronted with them, many supreme-level immortal palaces in Motian Realm propped for Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace. Some supreme-level immortal palaces directly assigned some immortal generals to Woods Medium-sized Domain so as to root for Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace. It seemed that those supreme-level immortal palaces were joining hands with each other to fight Force Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace.

There were three emperor-level immortal palaces in Motian Realm; however, there were 14 supreme-level immortal palaces, the bosses of which were all supreme immortal generals who probably promoted to immortal emperors. In the history of tens of thousands of years of Motian Realm, there were too many cases that emperor-level immortal palaces chose to suppress supreme-level immortal palaces for the sake of their own profits and immortal emperors chose to inhibit supreme-level immortal generals from advancing to immortal emperors in order to maintain their point. As a result, many supreme-level immortal palaces joined hands with each other to confront with emperor-level immortal palaces and immortal emperors.

What happened in Woods Medium-sized Domain was out of Zhang Tie's imagination; however, it was reasonable. Zhang Tie had not imagined that the contradictions between human immortal palaces had already been escalated before Si Dan the boss of Si Clan and the immortal generals of Si Clan were caught and the threat from Dark Emperor Immortal Palace was resolved.

Human nature was indeed the most complex in the world.

As of now, Zhang Tie and Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace could only adopt a “wait-and-see” attitude. All in all, only by stabilizing the internal situation of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace could he resist foreign aggression. As the problems facing the interior of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had not been solved, Zhang Tie really didn’t feel like caring about the affairs between other immortal palaces.

On April 1st, when many outsiders were paying attention to the situation facing Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and Woods Medium-sized Domain, the entire Dragon Emperor City was shocked by another news.

That day, an airboat of Emperor NvWa’s Palace landed in Dragon Emperor City. A special envoy of Emperor NvWa’s Palace exchanged 100,000 quality element crystals for 100,000 vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament produced in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.

This news was supposed to be confidential. Before today, only some trusted subordinates and powers of Emperor NvWa’s Palace knew the details about this trade. Because Dragon Emperor Medicament belonged to Zhang Tie himself, this trade was the private trade between Zhang Tie and Emperor NvWa’s Palace. From a certain degree, this trade had nothing to do with Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. All the element crystals should belong to Zhang Tie himself. Therefore, even the presidents of the four major departments and the 7 elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace didn’t know that.

However, on April 1st, they all had found out.

Being purposely publicized by Zhang Tie, this news soon spread over Dragon Emperor City, causing the presidents of the four major departments and those immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace dumbfounded.

“Dragon Emperor Medicament? When did Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace start to produce it? I’ve not heard about it. This name sounds too overbearing and noble. Even Emperor NvWa’s Palace would like to purchase it after traveling a long way here. It’s Emperor NvWa’s Palace. It has everything. Even Emperor NvWa’s Palace whose wealth ranks first in Motian Realm would purchase things from Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. That’s too unimaginable. What’s more, it’s 100,000 vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament! Which immortal palace in Motian Realm could sell 100,000 vials of medicament of the same kind in Motian Realm for one time?”

This news quickly spread across Dragon Emperor Big Domain. Of course, all the immortal palaces and clans in Motian Realm found it out on the same day...

Zhang Tie’s Dragon Emperor Medicament had shocked the Motian Realm the moment it was disclosed to the public. That day, Dragon Emperor Medicament and Dark Emperor Immortal Palace became the hotspots of the public...

Chapter 1785: Zhang Tie’s Achievement Through Blackmail

On April 1st, Zhang Tie spent the whole day in his backroom for cultivation.

As it was the first day of April, the businessmen in Motian Realm liked it pretty much; so did Zhang Tie. On the first day of each month, Zhang Tie would always be thrilled just like going to the fair. This day, Zhang Tie could enter Castle of Black Iron and use all of his space-teleportation equipment. He could eat fruits that grew on the small tree too.

There were still fruits of redemption from the gratitude of gulf shrimps, hairy shells and earthworms as usual. Each time Zhang Tie ate these fruits, his overall strength would enhance accordingly. Although it might be not too evident per time, the quantitative change led to qualitative change. Zhang Tie had known this fact since young. Therefore, he didn't ignore these fruits; nor would he waste them. As long as there were fruits on the small tree, he would definitely take them all.

When Zhang Tie achieved a 1/2 immortal strength body, he ran out of the fruits of redemption from golden uangs. Since then, he could only get merit value by having people release golden uangs in Taixia Country.

If he were in Taixia Country or in peaceful times, Zhang Tie might travel across the world to look for the other living beings which could help him acquire complete immortal strength body. However, in Motian Realm, time became a luxury for Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie could only spend all the available time in cultivation which could bring him predictable achievements or cope with emergencies.

Eating fruits could bring Zhang Tie predictable achievements. Additionally, the preoccupation was to study Golden-Soul Rune Virus. Therefore, Zhang Tie took the metal gourd out of Grand Justice Qian's space-teleportation equipment after eating all the fruits on the small tree and started to study the Golden-Soul Rune Virus inside the gourd.

There were 17 Golden-Soul Rune Virus inside the metal gourd in the shape of ball.

Like 17 fireflies in the dark, the 17 Golden-Soul Rune Virus were floating inside the gourd quietly. 13 of them could control fierce immortal generals, 3 of them could control earth immortal generals while the rest one was used for controlling water immortal general. The quantities and proportion were similar to the number of immortal generals on different levels of some small sects or clans. This also proved Zhang Tie's judgment, namely these Golden-Soul Rune Virus were indeed used for the next target of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace.

After killing Grand Justice Qian and getting the Golden-Soul Rune Virus, it was equal to saving some immortal generals indirectly.

After consuming a ball of Golden-Soul Rune Virus, with his water-like spiritual energy, Zhang Tie soon mastered the function and usage of that black gourd which contained Golden-Soul Rune Virus and some features of Golden-Soul Rune Virus based on his expertise on runes.

Undoubtedly, that black gourd was used to store and release Golden-Soul Rune Virus. Its function was similar to the fresh-keeping box of Golden-Soul Rune Virus and the "crossbow" which could fire Golden-Soul Rune Virus.

Soon after being produced, Golden-Soul Rune Virus had to be put in this black gourd. Otherwise, if they were exposed in the air for half an hour, they would dissipate themselves.

It was very simple to release Golden-Soul Rune Virus. As long as he took off its lid, penetrated through this gourd using his spiritual energy and positioned his target, he would be able to fire the Golden-Soul Rune Virus.

The Golden-Soul Rune Virus could be fired at over 2,000 m per second. Additionally, Golden-Soul Rune Virus on different levels could respond to different chakras. Within 1,000 m, common immortal generals could barely escape from Golden-Soul Rune Virus.

The runes on the surface of the black gourd were similar to those runes of Golden-Soul Rune Virus. After studying it for a day, Zhang Tie only learned the general principles and secrets of some simple runes on the surface of the black gourd. As for the constitution and manufacturing of Golden-Soul Rune Virus, it was out of Zhang Tie's ability and cognitive level. Zhang Tie confirmed that it was a rune system that he had never seen before. The one who could produce Golden-Soul Rune Virus was definitely a top expert of runes across Motian Realm.

Additionally, Zhang Tie discovered that one of the materials of the black gourd was Tiger marrow metal, a rare metal in Motian Realm. According to Zhang Tie, this metal was exclusive to Whitetiger Region, which belonged to Immortalsword Mountain Villa. All the Tiger marrow metal that was produced in Immortalsword Mountain Villa were sold at auction in public. All the trades were recorded in Immortalsword Mountain Villa.

Perhaps Zhang Tie could discover a bit of background of that "His Majesty" or Dark Emperor Immortal Palace through Tiger marrow metal and the top expertise in runes...

However, Zhang Tie couldn't expose this intelligence to the public. He only expected Force Emperor Immortal Palace or Star Emperor Immortal Palace to get the same black gourd in Si Clan's castle and those items in the sacrificial altar so that the two immortal palaces could investigate it through these clues. 'I alone could really not endure any hardships in Motian Realm. It would be great as long as I know it. I prefer to not rush to the frontline.'

Zhang Tie spent the whole day in eating fruits and studying the black gourd and Golden-Soul Rune Virus...

Although Zhang Tie stayed in his backroom, he was crystal clear about what would happen and what great shock would be aroused outside. Because, on the same day, according to his arrangement, a grand ceremony was held in an Immortal Wind Palace of Dragon Emperor City for the first trade between Emperor NvWa's Palace and Zhang Tie himself. On-site, Zhang Tie especially told Hong Yukun to display all the element crystals and Dragon Emperor Medicament to the public. The piles of 100,000 shiny element crystals and 100,000 brilliant vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament were absolutely shocking.

Everyone across Dragon Emperor City had known the name of Dragon Emperor Medicament on that day.

As for Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace which was urgently demanding element crystals, the shock caused by Dragon Emperor Medicament became especially great.

This was what Zhang Tie wanted...

At noon of April 2nd, Zhang Tie left his backroom. As was predicted by him, as long as Dragon Emperor Medicament was exposed to the public, all the 7 elders and 4 presidents of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had been thrilled as they all urged to see Zhang Tie tomorrow. After receiving Zhang Tie's order, Leng Manxue just noticed Zhang Tie by crystal plate; instead of calling him out of there by an emergency means. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't come out until one day later.

Zhang Tie instantly caught sight of Leng Manxue who was waiting for him outside Jiaotai Palace the moment he exited there.

"The envoy from Star Emperor Immortal Palace has already arrived at Dragon Emperor City this morning. He wanted to see Your Majesty!"

Leng Manxue's news shocked Zhang Tie slightly as he had not imagined that the envoy of Star Emperor Immortal Palace could arrive here when he was ready to solve the internal problem facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace by finding those elders who were moles of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace.

As he walked towards Yangxin Palace, Zhang Tie asked Leng Manxue, "Who's that envoy?"

"Yuan Lang!"

"Where's he?"

"He's still waiting for Your Majesty outside the Forbidden City!"

"Did he come here alone?"

"He came here with some subordinates who carried a huge iron safe!"

"Only one?" Zhang Tie slightly frowned. 'Star Emperor Immortal Palace really made a fast response. But what do they mean by only one huge iron safe?' Zhang Tie then told Leng Manxue, "Bring him in Yangxin Palace..."

"What about the elders and presidents..."

"Haha, our internal affair is not that urgent. Inform them to wait until the envoy of Star Emperor Immortal Palace leaves here!"

"Yes, sir!"

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After a few minutes, Zhang Tie saw Yuan Lang in Yangxin Palace again.

This envoy was still kind and elegant. At the sight of Yuan Lang, Zhang Tie had to admit that this immortal general of Star Emperor Immortal palace carried the halos of affinity. After getting acquainted with him, Zhang Tie could barely lose his temper to him.

Yuan Lang entered Yangxin Palace himself as his subordinates were waiting outside the palace.

Yuan Lang smiled brilliantly the moment he entered Yangxin Palace. He then bowed towards Zhang Tie with full respect, saying, "My regards to you, Your Majesty!"

"It's fine, take a seat!" Zhang Tie replied as he waved his hand. Yuan Lang then took a seat elegantly and calmly.

"Your Majesty, you look brilliant. You must have made a great improvement in cultivation base. I feel so happy for you. I admire you so much!"

"Let's come straight to the point. How does His Majesty Star Emperor plan to explain it to me, to go against Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace or to compensate me for that?" Zhang Tie asked calmly.

"Ahem... ahem... it should be a misunderstanding. As the last batch of goods was exceptional, His Majesty Star Emperor just wanted to ensure the quality. Unexpectedly, it aroused such a misunderstanding. His Majesty Star Emperor especially told me to apologize to Your Majesty on behalf of him..." Yuan Lang said as he stood up and bowed towards Zhang Tie again.

"Apologize?" Zhang Tie slightly turned cold as he continued, "Do you think that His Majesty Star Emperor could fob off such a word on me?"

"Of course not. His Majesty Star Emperor especially sent me to give such compensation to you, a demon fire immortal general. I think it could represent the sincerity of Star Emperor Immortal Palace to Your Majesty!"

Despite a fire immortal general, also a semi-sage level knight didn't meet Zhang Tie's requirement, with its complete fire chakra, Zhang Tie felt that he could promote to four change realm of heavenly knight steadily.

—This was indeed a precious gift. If Zhang Tie was asking for an exorbitant price, Star Emperor Immortal Palace was providing a reasonable counter-offer.

The immortal emperor was indeed not easily frightened, even though Zhang Tie used Grand Dragon Emperor as his shield.

However, as Zhang Tie was just blackmailing Star Emperor with the power of the Dragon Emperor, he didn't lose his outlay no matter what. If Star Emperor Immortal Palace went against Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, Zhang Tie would worry about that. Actually, Zhang Tie had been so thrilled about this demon fire immortal general that he almost whistled.

With the platform of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and the identity of Dragon Emperor, Zhang Tie could indeed rapidly improve his battle force. If it were in Taixia Country, he could never enjoy such a great treatment—get demon immortal generals for free from an immortal emperor the moment he opened his mouth. In Taixia Country, even the people of the three top sects could not dream about that. If it were in Taixia Country, he could never ask Meng Shidao, a semi-sage level knight to wait for his refinement.

'My decision is indeed correct.'

Feeling happy, of course, Zhang Tie wouldn't look bad...

Chapter 1786: Profit and Reputation

In many cases, profit and reputation were integrated. If one had profit, he would have a reputation. If one had a reputation, he would have profit. It was similar to how people enriched their family and how people passed the imperial examination.

Sometimes, profit and reputation were contradictory which couldn't be gained at the same time. If one wanted a reputation, he had to lose some interest; if one wanted profit, he had to be shameless. It was similar to how one borrowed money from his relatives and friends and how fair ladies were forced to earn a living by prostitution or singing.

Everyone wanted profit and reputation at the same time. However, in many cases, people would get into trouble through clever means. In the eyes of the others, they were their undeserved gain for granted; especially when a donkey blackmailed people in a lion's hide, it's not easy for it to gain some profit, not to mention save its reputation.

If that fire immortal general gifted by Star Emperor Immortal Palace was taken as profit, the means that Zhang Tie adopted to save his reputation could match that of a master-level powerhouse. He only said one sentence which won Yuan Lang's admiration at a stroke—"I wonder whether Star Emperor Immortal Palace has discovered something in investigating Dark Emperor Immortal Palace in Woods Medium-sized Domain or now?"

Yuan Lan realized that His Majesty Dragon Emperor was pretty generous and deeply conscious of the righteousness of a cause.

Zhang Tie didn't mention compensation anymore; nor did he care about the sharp difference between the Star Emperor Immortal Palace's compensation and his demand. He directly ignored that demon fire immortal general and the mistake of Star Emperor; instead, he asked the intelligence about Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and Demon Emperor.

This sentence sounded pretty proficient. Yuan Lang realized that Zhang Tie was talking about it as a human leader. The meaning between lines was that let the bygones be bygones given the crisis from Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and the chaotic situation facing Motian Realm.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Yuan Lang admired him pretty much; because this was what Yuan Lang had planned to say when Zhang Tie was not satisfied with the compensation of Star Emperor Immortal Palace—"Your Majesty, as Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and demons are casting covetous eyes on us, we should not allow two major human immortal palaces to go against each other because of such a minor misunderstanding at this critical moment.

Unimaginably, Zhang Tie spoke it earlier than Yuan Lang. This meant an utterly different result. Yuan Lang immediately understood the meaning between lines.

After hearing Zhang Tie's question, the envoy of Star Emperor Immortal Palace chested out and straightened up his upper body at once as his eyes carried more respect. "Woods Medium-sized Domain is already rotten to the core. The power of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace has already penetrated through Woods Medium-sized Domain, including so many clans and immortal palaces such as Si Clan and Heavenly Sunshine Immortal Palace. Superficially, Woods Medium-sized Domain was shared by many forces; actually, it has long been controlled by Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. What Dark Emperor Immortal Palace did in Woods Medium-sized Domain covered up their sinister motives. They were

brutal and bloody. In order to control those human clans and immortal palaces, they could choose every means just like how demons do!”

“Do you know which demon emperor is on the back of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace?”

“This point is still uncertain. However, some items that Star Emperor Immortal Palace and Force Emperor Immortal Palace discovered in Woods Medium-sized Domain brought people great shock and fear. Combining with the intelligence from all parties, Dark Emperor Immortal Palace might have already mastered a secret method to turn immortal generals into puppets. It should be a very occult rune skill!”

“Golden-Soul Rune Virus?”

“Yes, that secret method is Golden-Soul Rune Virus. Two disciples of Star Emperor Immortal Palace being imprisoned by Dark Emperor Immortal Palace heard those officers in the dungeon say that they would execute sacred sacrifice for a batch of immortal generals whom a grand justice and an elder have just caught using Golden-Soul Rune Virus. After the sacred sacrifice, those immortal generals might become the puppets of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. According to the disciples of Star Emperor Immortal Palace, that batch of immortal generals contained more than 20 people. All of them were caught from Nine Heavenly Big Domain.”

“Ah? They were caught from Nine Heavens Big Domain by Dark Emperor Immortal Palace?” Zhang Tie asked out of curiosity, “If any clan or immortal palace in Nine Heavenly Big Domain suddenly lost so many immortal generals, they would have long been in chaos. Why didn’t I hear that any clan or immortal palace in Nine Heavenly Big Domain lost so many immortal generals recently?”

“Your Majesty, you could never imagine that. Those immortal generals being caught by Dark Emperor Immortal Palace were superficially subordinate to Force Emperor Immortal Palace; however, they were actually the remains of Yin-Yang Sect being wanted by Force Emperor Immortal Palace. I’ve not imagined that the remains of Yin-Yang Sect have already joined Force Emperor Immortal Palace in Redmountain City, Nine Heavens Big Domain over these years. Besides, the head of Yin-Yang Sect even became the head of the branch of Force Emperor Immortal Palace in Redmountain City. Yin-Yang Sect turned the most dangerous place into the safest place. Such a trick was really admirable...”

“No way, how could the remains of Yin-Yang Sect join Force Emperor Immortal Palace?”

“This intelligence is definitely true. Force Emperor Immortal Palace really lost their face greatly this time. Although the remains of Yin-Yang Sect are hiding in Force Emperor Immortal Palace, Dark Emperor Immortal Palace completely ruined the branch of Force Emperor Immortal Palace in Redmountain City. Additionally, they even took away some disciples of Force Emperor Immortal Palace over there. As a result, Force Emperor Immortal Palace was infuriated as they assigned a large batch of powers to Woods Medium-sized Domain and intended to turn Woods Medium-sized Domain upside down. Furthermore, they even used 1 million element crystals as a reward for catching the immortal generals of Si Clan and Si Dan the forbear of Si Clan.”

After hearing Yuan Lang’s words, Zhang Tie looked solemn. After a short silence, he opened his mouth in a dignified way, “Now that Dark Emperor Immortal Palace could use Golden-Soul Rune Virus to control immortal generals, I wonder whether Star Emperor Immortal Palace has discovered immortal generals being controlled by Golden-Soul Rune Virus?”

Yuan Lang said with a bitter smile as he shook his head, “As of now, I only know the existence of Golden-Soul Rune Virus. As for the look of Golden-Soul Rune Virus, nobody has seen it. Nor do we know the features of immortal generals being controlled by Golden-Soul Rune Virus and the testing method. His Majesty Star Emperor thought that Golden-Soul Rune Virus should be living in one’s mind sea and brain. The people being affected by this virus didn’t look abnormal; however, when you immerse in their mind sea using your spiritual energy, you might be able to sense the existence of the Golden-Soul Rune Virus. Although we’ve not caught the immortal generals of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, His Majesty Star Emperor has already called many rune experts to study the principle of Golden-Soul Rune Virus and work out a solution to detoxify it. Force Emperor Immortal Palace should be doing the same thing!”

“The rune skill of Golden-Soul Rune Virus might be the key clue for discovering the culprit on the back of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. There should be only a few ones in Motian Realm who could reach such a high level in rune expertise, humans or demons...”

“Yes, His Majesty Star Emperor has the same opinion as Your Majesty. Additionally, His Majesty Star Emperor said that if Rune Emperor was still alive, he would probably be the one who could produce Golden-Soul Rune Virus. However, Rune Emperor has already died. Therefore, the one who has gained the *Tadpole Rune Sutra* of Rune Emperor probably produced Golden-Soul Rune Virus. His Majesty Star Emperor doubted that the one on the back of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace might be Versatile Demon Emperor, the quirkiest and trickiest one among demons. Versatile Demon Emperor excelled at assassinating influential humans and overthrowing human immortal palaces. We’ve not seen Versatile Demon Emperor for so many years. Therefore, Versatile Demon Emperor might be the culprit on the back of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. If it’s true, the news of the discovery of *Tadpole Rune Sutra* and immortal outfits in Dark Valley might be a trap...”

Yuan Lang watched Zhang Tie seriously as he continued, “His Majesty Star Emperor asked me to warn Your Majesty that there might be moles of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Although it’s boisterous in Dark Valley, it’s not suitable for us to spend too many efforts in searching *Tadpole Rune Sutra* and the immortal outfits left by Rune Emperor.

Zhang Tie agreed with Star Emperor’s judgment at least no matter whether Star Emperor was sincere or not. As Zhang Tie thought the same, he released the news that Demon Emperor controlled Dark Emperor Immortal Palace loudly disguised as Donder the handsome man in Si Clan’s castle.

“I appreciate Star Emperor’s good-intentioned warning. I will pay attention to it. We three major human immortal palaces should join hands with each other and communicate with each other timely so as to eliminate evil forces and maintain the stable situation of humans in Motian Realm facing the threat from Dark Emperor Immortal Palace no matter whether demons are on the back of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace or not.

After hearing Zhang Tie’s words, Yuan Lang revealed a smile at once as he asked tentatively, “Speaking of communicating with each other timely, I was told that Your Majesty sold 100,000 vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament to Emperor NvWa’s Palace yesterday. It’s said that the Dragon Emperor Medicament has marvelous effects. I wonder...”

“If you want to know the effects of Dragon Emperor Medicament, the best way is to try it yourself. I will gift Star Emperor Immortal Palace 2,000 vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament. You could take back and try it...”

Yuan Lang became thrilled at once as he replied, “Thank you so much, Your Majesty!”

“Pleasure. Courtesy demands reciprocity. Hopefully, from now on, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and Star Emperor Immortal Palace could entirely forget old grudges and join hands with each other for a bright future!”

“That’s what I wanted to say!” Yuan Lang nodded as he added, “I wonder whether Star Emperor Immortal Palace could purchase Dragon Emperor Medicament from Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace or not in the future!”

“Emperor NvWa’s position is special in Motian Realm. We only sell Dragon Emperor Medicament to Emperor NvWa’s Palace!” Zhang Tie said as he found that Yuan Lang had slightly changed his face, “But if Star Emperor Immortal Palace wants more Dragon Emperor Medicament in the future, you could attend the auction. Except for those vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament that we sold to Emperor NvWa’s Palace, I will sell the other Dragon Emperor Medicament in terms of the auction!”

“Could you please specify the procedure of auction, Your Majesty?”

Zhang Tie then explained the auction rules that he had designed to Yuan Lang.

After hearing Zhang Tie’s explanation, Yuan Lang heaved a deep sigh at once. If the effects of Dragon Emperor Medicament were really that marvelous, Star Emperor Immortal Palace would not worry about buying Dragon Emperor Medicament in terms of the auction. If Star Emperor Immortal Palace couldn’t get them through auction, the other immortal palaces wouldn’t get them either. However, what shocked Yuan Lang and made him confused was how Zhang Tie produced 1 million vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament? Generally speaking, the more precious the items were, the fewer they would be. How did Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace realize such a mass production?

Whereas, it should be the top-secret of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Additionally, given its name, Yuan Lang realized that this medicament might be related to Grand Dragon Emperor.

Therefore, Yuan Lang didn’t ask about the details of Dragon Emperor Medicament anymore.

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After chatting with Zhang Tie in Yangxin Palace for a short while and completed his mission successfully, Yuan Lang bade farewell to Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie asked Leng Manxue to have people carry the huge iron safe to his cultivation backroom the moment Yuan Lang left there.

Because the huge iron safe contained spiritual strength, it would definitely take Zhang Tie more than one day to fully absorb it. Yesterday, after killing Grand Justice Qian and the other lackeys of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, Zhang Tie gained a fruit of brilliance which he had not eaten yet. Additionally, he had not fully refined the fire chakras that he absorbed using Purgatory Samsara Method a few days ago. Now, he got one more demon fire immortal general. Such a high rhythm made Zhang Tie feel pretty

happy. If he could enjoy such a special treatment every day, Zhang Tie was confident to promote to a semi-sage level knight by the end of this year. What a rocketing speed!

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After Yuan Lang left there for less than 2 minutes, a group of people had poured into Yangxin Palace.

Watching the solemn and shiny eyes of those elders and presidents, Zhang Tie said before Guan Minjun opened his mouth, "I will allocate the 100,000 element crystals to Earth-Treasures Department. Today, each of you could take back 100 vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament and try their effects. Tomorrow, I will show you around the production base of Dragon Emperor Medicament. After knowing these, you will not be worried about the supply of element crystals in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace anymore. From now on, Dragon Emperor Medicament will bring steady income to Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace..."

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, those people entering Yangxin Palace exchanged a glance with each other as they became silent at once...

Right then, Leng Manxue had some people carry boxes of Dragon Emperor Medicament into Yangxin Palace.

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Seeing them off, sitting on the major chair of Yangxin Palace, Zhang Tie's eyes shone icily and solemnly—we will know the moles of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace tomorrow.

Chapter 1787: Cloudriver Valley

On the early afternoon of April 3rd, it was sunny. Zhang Tie and the elders and presidents of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace arrived at Cloudriver Valley outside Dragon Emperor City from Forbidden City by airboat.

7 elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace came to Cloudriver Valley with Zhang Tie, namely Luo Yunshang, Xia Yangming, Shi Zhongyu, Hou Moyuan, Wang Laisheng, Long Jiutian and Ying Gucheng together with the presidents of the five major departments of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, namely Guan Minjun the president of Earth Treasures Department, Tang Shenghou the president of Personnel affairs Department also known as Immortal Generals Department, Xue Zhongkai the president of Heavenly Craftsmanship Department, Ji Hontao the president of Military Department and Huo Xianlai the president of Supervision Department.

After the 4 elders resigned as the presidents of the four major departments of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, they nominated all the new presidents of the four major departments. Zhang Tie appointed these people as the new presidents of the four major departments. Among the four incumbent presidents of the four major departments, Zhang Tie was only a bit familiar with Guan Minjun as he had communicated with her for a few times. As for the others, he just met them for a few times and had some short chats with them. Therefore, he was not familiar with them. As for Zhang Tie, after becoming the new Dragon Emperor, the preoccupation was to enhance his battle strength. As long as he became a real powerhouse, he would be able to solve all the problems. Therefore, he didn't feel

like caring about the affairs of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace at all, not to mention showing carrots to those presidents of the four major departments.

The semi-seclusion of the elders and grand justices and the successful hand-over of the powers of the four presidents ensured the stability of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace after Zhang Tie took the throne. Previously, Zhang Tie thought that he could realize a peaceful transition of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in this means by helping Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace tide over the toughest period. However, after discovering the existence and purpose of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, Zhang Tie found that he was too naive.

Superficially, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace didn't face any crisis. However, it was actually facing crises from Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. If there was some problem with the loyalty of the elders, there would be a problem with the people that they had recommended for sure. If it was true, it would not be solved by tactics.

Now that he couldn't solve the problem by tactics, he could only solve it by force. But it required some technology for him to use force on them...

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The airboat landed on a vast patch of grassland outside Clouddriver Valley. Hong Yukun, some officers and the immortal generals of Dragon Teeth Army were already waiting for them on the lawn.

Zhang Tie got off the airboat first, followed by the 7 elders and the 4 presidents of the major departments.

"Our respects to you, Your Majesty..."

"Get up!" Zhang Tie took a look at Hong Yukun as he found that Hong Yukun was glowing with health, being utterly different than that distressed state a few days ago. Pointing at Hong Yukun, Zhang Tie started to introduce him to the influential figures behind him, "This is Hong Yukun the former head of internal guards of Dragon Emperor Pavilion and the incumbent head of Clouddriver Valley. He's in charge of the entire Clouddriver Valley and the production of Dragon Emperor Medicament..."

This was the most brilliant moment that Hong Yukun had ever experienced. In Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, immortal generals like him could be seen everywhere. As elders and presidents in the highest positions of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, they might have not even heard about him before. Even if they had heard of him, they could barely remember his name. Even though they could remember his name or were a bit impressed by him, they would never mind it. However, today, so many influential figures came to his territory to see his achievements and the production of Dragon Emperor Medicament. Therefore, he felt a great honor.

At this moment, Hong Yukun appreciated and admired Zhang Tie pretty much from his heart. He really had an impulse of sacrificing himself for Zhang Tie. Without Zhang Tie's promotion, he might still be living a poor and boring life in Dragon Emperor Pavilion. 2 days ago, Hong Yukun had felt his whole life trajectory was changing. Previously, Hong Yukun thought he liked that tranquil lifestyle; however, now, he found that it was also nice for him to enjoy the feeling of being flattered and valued by people in such an idyllic life; especially those who valued and flattered him were all immortal generals like him.

After hearing Zhang Tie's introduction, Hong Yukun took in a deep breath as he bowed towards the elders and presidents, saying, "My respects to you, elders and presidents!"

All the elders and presidents nodded towards Hong Yukun.

"Thanks for your hard work..." Luo Yunshang said politely.

"It's my pleasure. It's my pleasure. I'm just doing my job..."

"Well, we're especially here to visit the whole production process of Dragon Emperor Medicament. Yukun, as the landlord here, just show us around!" Zhang Tie opened his mouth.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Hong Yukun glanced at Zhang Tie as he made a hand gesture to invite them, "Please come with me, let me show you the fruits that are planted here!"

"It's unnecessary for us to see the orchards which have nothing to do with Dragon Emperor Medicament!" Elder Shi Zhongyu slightly frowned as he added, "We've already seen the orchards in Cloudriver Valley. Lord Hong, please show us around the herbal medicine park. The other elders and I are very curious about the herbal medicines which grant Dragon Emperor Medicament with such marvelous effects!"

After replying with a modest and calm smile, Hong Yukun took a look at Zhang Tie. After Zhang Tie slightly nodded, Hong Yukun opened his mouth, "Elder Shi, you don't know that the fruits that are planted in Cloudriver Valley are the important ingredients of Dragon Emperor Medicament. As for some herbal medicines that are planted in Cloudriver Valley, although they're also useful, they're not main the ingredients!"

After hearing Hong Yukun's explanation, all the elders and presidents exchanged a stupefying glance with each other. They had already tried the marvels of Dragon Emperor Medicament as Zhang Tie had gifted 100 vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament to each of them yesterday. Even though they were healthy, they still felt something exceptional after taking it. Additionally, they had long known why Emperor NvWa's Palace purchased Dragon Emperor Medicament from Dragon Emperor. They believed that such a powerful Dragon Emperor Medicament must be made of many rare herbal medicines or rarities. Unimaginably, according to Hong Yukun, its main ingredients were only fruits. This completely subverted their knowledge.

Being driven by curiosity, even Elder Shi Zhongyu didn't insist on his opinion anymore; instead, they were all interested in the characteristics of the fruits in Cloudriver Valley.

With the guidance of Hong Yukun, they started to look around the orchards in the valley.

Hong Yukun kept introducing them about the situations facing each orchard adroitly.

The closet orchard was less than 100 m away from the airport of Cloudriver Valley. In no time had they arrived at that orchard.

It was a cherry orchard.

In April, cherries were getting ripe. When they entered the orchard, they saw some virgins picking cherries and putting them into bamboo baskets. This orchard was suffused with the alluring fragrance of cherries...

Chapter 1788: Zhang Tie's Trick

"These golden cherries are exclusive to Dragon Emperor Big Domain. They are ripe in each April. The cherry orchard occupies 33,350 square meters in total. Every 1,000 square meters of orchard could produce 1130 kg cherries. This orchard could produce over 35,000 kg of cherries in total annually..."

As they wandered in the cherry orchard, Hong Yukun asked those virgins who were picking cherries in the orchard to bow towards these visitors as he explained them the situation facing this region, "Besides cherry orchard, there're also orchards of loquats, red bananas, mulberries, limes and bird wood fruits. The area of the orchards ranges from 33,350 square meters to over 133,400 square meters. Previously, these fruits were supplied for Dragon Emperor Pavilion, the four major departments and Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in Dragon Emperor City. Few of them were gifted to the guardians and farmers in Cloudriver Valley. They were allowed to see them for profits. But now, most of the fresh fruits will be stored in Cloudriver Castle and become ingredients of Dragon Emperor Medicament through the process..."

After hearing Hong Yukun's words, more than one of the elders and presidents reached out their hands as they picked a golden cherry and tasted it.

'The golden cherry tastes as same as before. But how could it become the ingredient of Dragon Emperor Medicament? Has some conjuration been applied to these fruits? That's marvelous!'

Watching the surprised looks of those elders and presidents, Zhang Tie smiled inside because this was what Zhang Tie wanted. To be honest, this a subtle mind control just like how a magician conjured a rabbit out of his hat. After visiting Cloudriver Valley and finding that these fruits were nothing special, they would be more curious about the item that could make these fruits marvelous and would be more convinced by the effects of those ingredients. As a result, they would be less alert about Zhang Tie.

The current step was like showing the empty hat to the audience before conjuring a rabbit out of the magician's hat. The real splendid part had not come yet. That was why Zhang Tie publicized the trade between Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and Emperor NvWa's Palace. That day Zhang Tie was just beating gongs and drums to attract the attention of the public; today, he was going to perform it.

"Is Dragon Emperor Medicament only made of this golden cherry?" Guan Minjun who was observing these cherries suddenly asked Zhang Tie.

"Of course not, this cherry is just one of the ingredients of Dragon Emperor Medicament!"

After hearing Zhang Tie, those elders and presidents exchanged a glance with each other as a whim occurred to them. 'Perhaps the other ingredients are special.'

Therefore, they didn't ask Zhang Tie anymore; instead, they just wandered across Cloudriver Valley with the guidance of Hong Yukun.

Cloudriver Valley was indeed a good place with fresh air, crystal water and fertile land. When Grand Dragon Emperor was here, in order to manage the vegetable garden of Grand Dragon Emperor, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace spent a lot of efforts to improve it. Even now, they could still see a large-scale reiki-gathering rune array on a 1,000-m high cliff which had been flattened. This rune array was not the

only one in the valley. Many rune arrays were buried under the earth of Cloudriver Valley; some were at the bottom of the river. Some rune arrays could adjust temperature; some could adjust moisture; some could drive away pests. What a luxurious arrangement!

With such an arrangement, Cloudriver Valley became advantaged as the fruits and vegetables here were growing much better than that in other places.

Plum orchard, watermelon orchard, nectarine orchard, casaba orchard, lemon orchard, wax apple orchard, nightshade orchard, peach orchard, snow pear orchard, longan orchard, passion fruit, grape orchard, strawberry orchard, pomegranate orchard and orange orchard...

Cloudriver Valley was not large. Covering dozens of square miles, it was less than 7 miles in length. After deducting the areas of natural woods and sloping fields and benchlands being covered with natural woods and plants, there were not too many orchards here. Additionally, there were not too many kinds of fruits in Motian Realm. Therefore, it only took the immortal generals less than half an hour to visit everywhere possible in Cloudriver Valley.

Many orchards didn't bear fruits in this season. Farmers were taking care of them. In each of the orchards with fruits, all the elders and presidents would pick a couple of fruits to taste them. They would like to see whether there was something special with those fruits.

After seeing and tasting all the fruits, they were more shocked as they became curious about the production of Dragon Emperor Medicament to the extreme.

Therefore, Hong Yukun took them back to Cloudriver Castle where Dragon Emperor Medicament was produced. They couldn't wait to see the production process of Dragon Emperor Medicament.

After entering Cloudriver Castle, they found that all the virgins of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had become female workers. With a tall bun, they were all in eccentric pure white uniform.

"Lord Hong... why do they look like putting on mourning apparels?" Elder Xia Yangming asked Hong Yukun as he goggled at the female workers who were sorting out fruits.

"Ahem...ahem...Elder Xia, they are not putting on mourning apparels. They dress like that at the order of His Majesty. According to His Majesty, the production process of Dragon Emperor Medicament could remain clean in this way. All the female workers should dress like that. Any dirty things could be easily discovered..."

"Oh, I see. Your Majesty's arrangement is really considerate!" All the elders and presidents nodded as they acclaimed it in unison.

Actually, the production process of Dragon Emperor Medicament was not complex; especially that each procedure was carried out in an independent workshop.

After being picked in Cloudriver Valley, the ripe fruits were transported into Cloudriver Castle, where they would be sorted out and cleaned. After that, they would be mixed with each other and sealed in terrines. Then, they were moved to the warehouses for fomentation. After being well fermented, Dragon Emperor Medicament would be filled into vials by batches.

Almost no man was needed in the whole production process. Those female workers could easily deal with everything with the help of simple tools and instruments.

In the beginning, the elders and presidents thought that this production process was very mysterious. After watching it, they were all stunned. They could see clearly each procedure of the production of Dragon Emperor Medicament; however, according to their knowledge, such a process could only lead to pickled fruits. They could never imagine that it could lead to Dragon Emperor Medicament.

‘No, there must be something that I’ve ignored, which is the key of Dragon Emperor Medicament! If Dragon Emperor Medicament could be produced in this way, it should have long been put into market millions of years ago. ‘

As all the elders and presidents were full of doubts, Hong Yukun took them to an underground room which was strictly guarded.

They needed to pass three batches of guards, all of whom were immortal generals of Dragon Teeth Army. Therefore, this room felt like a treasure house being strictly guarded.

After coming to the room, they instantly smelt a special fragrance which made them spirited. Closely after that, they fixated onto the only item in the room.

It was a huge basin made of air-floating metal in the shape of lotus flower hovering 1 m higher in the air. A bead being covered with mysterious runes was rotating in the huge basin while a mysterious liquid was rolling and gurgling out, which gave out the special fragrance.

Besides, a legendary luminous pearl was embedded in the huge basin. The light of the legendary luminous pearl covered the extremely delicate huge basin in terms of a beam of light through a red crystal plate of a bizarre optical block. The light and shade effect was evident, making the liquid in the basin as brilliant and eye-catching as a superstar. At the sight of it, people would know that the liquid in the basin was a rarity.

After coming to this room, Hong Yukun became silent as he fixated onto Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie revealed a casual smile as he walked to the front of the huge basin. After taking a soulful look at the liquid inside the huge basin, Zhang Tie turned around and said, “You must be curious why those ordinary fruits would become Dragon Emperor Medicament after being well fermented. All the secrets lie in here. Before those pieces of fruits were sealed in terrines, this mysterious liquid has already been put in each terrine. Because of the effect of this liquid, those fruits finally become Dragon Emperor Medicament...”

“Your Majesty, may I know what’s that liquid?” Long Jiutian asked as he kept a close eye on the liquid.

Almost all the others had the same question at this moment.

“It’s Dragon Emperor Liquid!” Zhang Tie said solemnly.

“Dragon Emperor Liquid?”

“Right, it’s Dragon Emperor Liquid. It’s developed by the old man. As for the details, I don’t know either. Whereas, it’s the key of Dragon Emperor Medicament...”

Zhang Tie continued to bamboozle casually; however, none of the visitors doubted Zhang Tie at all——If not Dragon Emperor Liquid, how could those fruits be made into Dragon Emperor Medicament through fermentation?

The so-called Dragon Emperor Liquid was made by Zhang Tie in Castle of Black Iron——Zhang Tie let Heller fill a large amount of reiki value and merit value into senior spiritual spring; after that, he added some original liquid of yeast which had been mutated for the second time, 2 vials of senior recovery medicament, a vial of immortal strength medicament and a vial of secret medicament. Actually, the so-called shiny Dragon Emperor Liquid which appeared having endless magic was such a mixture.

Of course, in order to make Dragon Emperor Liquid more eye-catching, Zhang Tie especially had Edward build such a delicate container using air-floating metal which carried a nice light and shade effect. Through such a delicate package, Zhang Tie finally displayed Dragon Emperor Liquid to them.

All the elders and presidents of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace were goggling at Dragon Emperor Liquid with complex expressions.

The fragrance of those senior medicaments made everyone's throat dry as they couldn't stand to swallow their saliva.

Hong Yukun had already prepared some glasses.

"Dragon Emperor Liquid is the key of Dragon Emperor Medicament. It's very beneficial to immortal generals. Its effect is even greater than that of Dragon Emperor Medicament. Now that we're here, let's try Dragon Emperor Liquid. It would not be easy for you to drink it in the future..."

Closely after Zhang Tie's words, Hong Yukun had placed well some empty glasses. Zhang Tie reached out his hand as he released a wisp of battle qi into the huge basin, causing the liquid in the huge basin to surge heavily. In a split second, 13 water flows filled those glasses.

Zhang Tie picked one glass as he implied the others to take one too. All the others moved forward and took one. Closely after that, they sniffed the special fragrance forcefully.

As Dragon Emperor Liquid was very precious, Zhang Tie didn't drink it instantly, not to mention the others.

"Oh, the old man said Dragon Emperor Liquid goes against Heavenly Soul Incense despite having a lot of benefits. If some of you touched Heavenly Soul Incense in recent years, you'd better not drink it in case of trouble..." Zhang Tie warned them casually. Closely after that, he raised his head and drank it up.

"Hahaha, Heavenly Soul Incense is rare and very expensive; additionally, it could cause hallucination. It's said that only some lecherous thieves treasure Heavenly Soul Incense. How could we use that..." Ying Gucheng said as he burst into laughter. After watching Zhang Tie drink it up, he drank it too. Smacking his lips, he sighed with feeling, "It tastes special and carries a mysterious strength. Not bad! It's indeed a rarity..."

All the other elders and presidents drank up their own liquid...

Chapter 1789: The Mind Test

Thieves always had a guilty conscience. It was a truth that lasted for an eternity.

Before Zhang Tie became a knight, even before he became a real fighter, he had heard a story from his mother which was popular among Hua people for long. It was about how an ancient Hua official painted ink on the deity's image so as to catch a thief. Despite being simple, that story had been widely spread among Hua people.

In a dark room, an official painted the deity's image with ink. After that, he told a lot of suspects that the deity image was pretty effective. As long as the suspects entered the room one after another and put their hands on the deity's image, that deity's image would tell him which one was the real thief.

Those innocent ones would put their hands on the deity's image without any concern. By contrast, the one who was guilty dared not put his hand on the deity's image in fear that the deity's image knew his secret. Finally, the official called everyone out and let them open their hands in front of him. The one whose hands had no ink was the thief for sure.

Of course, the so-called Dragon Emperor Liquid didn't go against Heavenly Soul Incense. Zhang Tie was telling a lie. However, the others didn't know about that. Nor did they know that Zhang Tie had been considering long for this arrangement.

Zhang Tie had already had people produce Dragon Emperor Medicament before Dark Emperor Immortal Palace was exposed to the public. After paying a visit to the whole production process of Dragon Emperor Medicament, all the elders and presidents of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had already deeply believed in the effect of Dragon Emperor Liquid. The moles of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace would never imagine that Zhang Tie especially fabricated "Dragon Emperor Liquid" for unveiling them. Due to the large span of the logical relationship between time, place, figures and events, very few people could associate with these factors.

Those under the control of Golden-Soul Rune Virus must have smelt Heavenly Soul Incense, which was the necessity for Golden-Soul Rune Virus to recognize their owners.

Common lackeys and average immortal generals of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace might not know the relationship between Heavenly Soul Incense and Golden-Soul Rune Virus. However, all the 7 elders of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace were semi-sage level knights. If some of them were really lackeys of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, they must serve as the same position as Qian Changqing in Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. If His Majesty wanted to control Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace through some of them, the moles must have used Golden-Soul Rune Virus to control his subordinates and expand his influence in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.

As for Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace must be more important than Yin-Yang Sect. Now that Qian Changqing the grand justice of Cyan Dragon Palace could acquire Golden-Soul Rune Virus to control the members of Yin-Yang Sect, undoubtedly, the moles of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace could also acquire more Golden-Soul Rune Virus.

Therefore, the moles must know what was Heavenly Soul Incense and that they had smelt Heavenly Soul Incense.

On this occasion, the moles didn't have enough time to consider Zhang Tie's intention watching the others drinking "Dragon Emperor Liquid". What would you do if you were the mole of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace?

The answer was——pretend to drink it!

When "Dragon Emperor Liquid" entered his mouth, he wrapped it using his battle qi and sent it into his intestines and stomach as if he had already drunk it. However, he didn't absorb even a drop of it in case of leaking the fact that he had touched Heavenly Soul Incense. As long as he could leave here, he would spit it out, take a pee or whatever else.

As for an immortal general, it was not difficult to make it at all.

However, those people didn't know that Zhang Tie could clearly see the entire process by his lotus flower eyes. Additionally, Zhang Tie could even absolutely sense the situation of Dragon Emperor Liquid in their bodies as it contained the yeast liquid that had mutated for the second time.

Zhang Tie had planned the details of each step. Zhang Tie intended to discover the moles of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace by this trap. It was a mental test on humanity. Nobody else could escape.

In the room, after drinking up one glass of Dragon Emperor Liquid, Zhang Tie watched the rest of the people with a smile.

Their responses were within Zhang Tie's expectation in a split second. Soon after they drank up a glass of Dragon Emperor Liquid, their real identities had been exposed to Zhang Tie.

Luo Yunshang, Hou Moyuan, Wang Laisheng, Long Jiutian and Ying Gucheng frankly drank up their glass of Dragon Emperor Liquid. The other two instantly wrapped Dragon Emperor Liquid with battle qi the moment it entered their mouth. Closely after that, they let Dragon Emperor Liquid slide into their stomach. They were Xia Yangming and Shi Zhongyu.

After finding the moles, Zhang Tie immediately understood the layout of that "His Majesty". 'Xia Yangming ruled Supervision Department of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace; Shi Zhongyu ruled Immortal Generals Department. After subduing the two key figures, it was equal to getting the two major departments of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace indirectly. Given the rights of Supervision Department and Immortal Generals Department, the greater part of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace would be under control of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. By contrast, Earth-Treasures Department, Heavenly Craftsmanship Department and Military Department were not as important as the two major departments.'

'Additionally, Xia Yangming and Shi Zhongyu are the most powerful ones among the 7 elders, who might promote to sage-level knights earlier than the others. Only Long Jiutian and Ying Gucheng could reluctantly fight them. If I didn't come here, according to the appointment among the 7 elders that the one who could promote to a sage-level knight first would rule Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, the two people would probably control Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. If that His Majesty gave them a bit favor, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace would become the host of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace unconsciously. '

What a good plan! What a good plan!

Accordingly, Tang Shenghou the one who was recommended to be the new president of Immortal Generals Department by Shi Zhongyu and Huo Xianlai the one who was recommended to be the new president of Supervision Department by Xia Yangming also used the same means—they just pretended to drink up Dragon Emperor Liquid. This proved Zhang Tie's judgment.

As Zhang Tie paid special attention to the actions of the elders, Zhang Tie even found that Xia Yangming and Shi Zhongyu exchanged a glance with each other secretly before drinking up Dragon Emperor Liquid. Additionally, Xia Yangming even warned Huo Xianlai secretly—“Don't drink it!”

Such a secret voice-transmission skill was nothing different than shouting loudly in front of Zhang Tie. ‘F*ck, he's too blatant!’

In a split second, Zhang Tie had identified the enemies.

Therefore, Zhang Tie revealed a bigger smile.

After drinking up Dragon Emperor Liquid, the elders had different thoughts and looks.

“Your Majesty, it's not proper for us to produce Dragon Emperor Medicament only in Clouddriver Valley. As long as something happens here, we have to stop production. It's too dangerous for us to put all the eggs in one basket!” Luo Yunshang said as she watched Zhang Tie with a serious look, “Many places within 60 miles around Dragon Emperor City are similar to Clouddriver Valley in environment and topography. As long as we renovate those places slightly, we would make them alternative production bases of Dragon Emperor Medicament. Even if something happens here, we won't become flurried!”

“Good idea. Elder Luo is right!” Wang Laisheng, Long Jiutian and Ying Gucheng nodded as they replied in unison.

“I also think so!” Zhang Tie nodded. Closely after that, he looked at Guan Mingjun and the president of Heavenly Craftsmanship, saying, “You two and Yukun will be responsible for this. Will Earth-Treasures Department complain of being hard up this time?”

“If you need money or element crystals for producing Dragon Emperor Medicament, you could get as much as possible!” President Guan who usually complained of being hard up in front of Zhang Tie finally became generous this time.

Zhang Tie burst into laughter...

“Now that Dragon Emperor Liquid is the key of Dragon Emperor Medicament, we have to keep a close eye on it. But I'm afraid that we will run out of Dragon Emperor Liquid soon. What will we do then?” Xia Yangming said seriously too.

“Hmm, Elder Xia's concern is plausible...” Shi Zhongyu nodded on one side.

Zhang Tie might think that the two elders were concerned about Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace if it were before. However, after identifying their real identities, Zhang Tie realized that they were just checking out the origin of Dragon Emperor Liquid. As long as they knew the origin of Dragon Emperor Liquid, of course, they could get Dragon Emperor Medicament as much as possible.

“Hmm, as the old man gave Dragon Emperor Liquid to me, I'm afraid that only the old man knows the details of Dragon Emperor Liquid. I've got some inventory, but not too much. After using it up, I will

contact the old man and ask for some more Dragon Emperor Liquid from him!” Zhang Tie fabricated as he attributed Dragon Emperor Liquid to the old man. He didn’t want to be the target for all in Motian Realm.

After hearing Zhang Tie’s words, Xia Yangming and Shi Zhongyu exchanged a glance with each other as they remained silent.

“Have you prepared the 50,000 vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament?” Zhang Tie asked Hong Yukun.

“Yes, I have!”

“Elders and presidents, please come with me to enjoy the drill of Dragon Teeth Army. By the way, we will gift some Dragon Emperor Medicament to them. I’ve not watched the drill of Dragon Teeth Army since it was founded, choosing a day is not as good as hitting a day. Let’s do it today...” Zhang Tie waved his hand as he confirmed the next itinerary.

As Dragon Teeth Army’s camp was in Dragon Emperor City not far away from here and it was reasonable for them to follow Zhang Tie’s arrangement, none of the elders and presidents had any objection...

Chapter 1790: Zhang Tie’s Intention

The Dragon Teeth Army was composed of over 1,500 immortal generals. As the most powerful force of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, Dragon Teeth Army was responsible for the safety of Forbidden City, Dragon Emperor City and Clouddriver Valley.

All the immortal generals of Dragon Teeth Army had already heard about Dragon Emperor Medicament which had shocked the entire Dragon Emperor City these days. After knowing that Zhang Tie took 50,000 vials of Dragon Emperor Medicament to cheer up the troops, the morale of Dragon Teeth Army rose at a stroke as they all performed the large battle formation at their full efforts.

With the hot sun above their heads, Zhang Tie, elders and presidents of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace were watching the drill of the large battle formation of Dragon Teeth Army on a viewing platform at the hillside near the camp of Dragon Teeth Army keenly.

Zhang Tie had seen large battle formations of knights for many times in Taixia Country. However, the large battle formations of knights in Motian Realm were utterly different than that in Taixia Country. The big battle formation of over 1,000 immortal generals was really earth-shaking. The moment the large battle formation was triggered, it became dark within dozens of miles at once. The power of the entire large battle formation could match the large battle formation of 10,000 knights in Taixia Country. Additionally, this battle formation of over 1,000 immortal generals was more variable and unified.

In Taixia Country, there weren’t any sage-level knights in the large battle formation, over 1,000 average knights could never defeat a sage-level knight. However, in Motian Realm, according to Zhang Tie’s judgment, if a sage-level knight really fell in this large battle formation, he might be killed.

Of course, the premise was that the sage-level knight really entered the big battle formation. Otherwise, given the speed and battle strength of sage-level knight, unless he fell into a trap, he could barely encounter such a dilemma.

The real functions of the big battle formation of over 1,000 immortal generals were as follows: defense, deterrence, two armies pitting against each other and ambush. All in all, rare sage-level knights could be ambushed and killed by a big battle formation of over 1,000 immortal generals; especially after Rune Emperor's death, no more supreme-level immortal general was killed by a big battle formation in Motian Realm anymore.

Of course, it was formation beads being exclusive to Motian Realm which could enable a big battle formation of over 1,000 immortal generals to release 10 more times power.

Formation bead was a kind of immortal outfit in Motian Realm, also a secret item in Taixia Country. In Motian Realm, immortal outfits were divided into heavenly-level immortal outfits, earth-level immortal outfits and human-level immortal outfits. Each level was further divided into preliminary, medium, advanced and perfect. Such a division was much more detailed than that in Taixia Country.

At this moment, the Dragon Teeth Army was performing Four-Image Heavenly Battle Formation. This battle formation required 1,200 formation beads, each formation bead for an immortal general. This set of formation beads of Four-Image Heavenly Battle Formation was the set of the most advanced immortal outfit that was collected in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. It was of preliminary rank on a heavenly level. Over the past hundreds of years when the Dragon Emperor disappeared, this set of formation beads became one of the most precious rarities in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace.

When they performed the Four-Image Heavenly Battle Formation, 1,200 immortal generals integrated with their battle qi and spiritual energy. With the effect of formation beads, the entire battle formation formed a bizarre space which was similar to the virtual image of a knight. The so-called four images became constellations in east, south, west and north respectively. Immortal generals couldn't be seen in the large battle formation anymore; instead, people could only see the virtual images of the large battle formation.

As four constellations sparkled, various attacks launched out of the four constellations which rocked heaven and earth within that territory.

After drilling for half an hour, the large battle formation gradually surrounded the viewing platform where Zhang Tie, the elders and presidents of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace were. However, nobody found anything wrong except for Zhang Tie. They were all enjoying it pretty much.

At this moment, there were totally 13 people on the viewing platform, including Zhang Tie. Hong Yukun was not qualified to be here. Huang Baimei became the center of the large battle formation as he was commanding the large battle formation, being invisible.

Just now, when they were watching the drill, Zhang Tie kept silence. After finding that all the others were trapped, Zhang Tie finally revealed his intention.

"How do you feel about Four-Image Heavenly Large Battle Formation?" Zhang Tie turned around as he watched the others with a smile.

"With the protection of this large battle formation, Dragon Emperor City will have no worries!"

"It's indeed powerful!"

"I'm afraid that this large battle formation could defeat any power below the immortal emperor!"

Elders started to acclaim it in unison as they were all very satisfied with the drill of Four-Image Heavenly Large Battle Formation.

"Pitifully, there are not enough immortal weapons in Earth-Treasures Department anymore. Otherwise, if each immortal general of this large battle formation were matched with one more immortal outfit, the power of this large battle formation could increase by two more times!" Wang Laisheng sighed pitifully as he stroked his beard.

"Only a few immortal weapons are left in Earth-Treasures Department!" Luo Yunshang interrupted in fear that Zhang Tie would misunderstand her. "There were hundreds of immortal weapons in the Earth-Treasures Department previously. Over the past hundreds of years, most of them had been rewarded to immortal generals who made meritorious deeds. Every immortal outfits' whereabouts were recorded. You know that it's a taboo for us to not reward someone with meritorious deeds. Because of the constant incentive of the hundreds of immortal weapons, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace could maintain a bit of grace until the return of Your Majesty. Over so many years, almost all the immortal outfits in Earth-Treasures Department have been rewarded except for some sets of formation beads which have been allocated to Dragon Teeth Army. Even though Your Majesty asked me whether there were some heavy immortal weapons in Earth-Treasures Department, I could only tell you no..."

Luo Yunshang didn't lie. When Zhang Tie ascended to the throne of Dragon Emperor, he intended to find a super heavy secret weapon from the arsenal of Earth-Treasures Department. However, the number of immortal weapons in Earth-Treasures Department was fewer than that he could imagine. After knowing that, Zhang Tie abandoned this idea.

Zhang Tie waved his hand as he said, "Let the bygones be bygones. After we start to auction Dragon Emperor Medicament, we will exchange some Dragon Emperor Medicament for immortal outfits annually. The warehouse of Earth-Treasures Department will also gradually become substantial in contents. I think Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace will be better and better in the future!"

"It's all because of you, Your Majesty!"

"Not completely. I have to appreciate you for that as well!" Zhang Tie said while heaving a deep sigh, "Although Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace has a bright future, there's a problem facing us that we have to solve as soon as possible. Otherwise, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace might perish overnight..."

"Ah? No way!" All the elders and presidents goggled as they thought Zhang Tie was joking.

"Do you know Dark Emperor Immortal Palace?"

"Yes, we know!" All of them nodded.

With a frown, Elder Shi asked, "Is there any relationship between Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace?"

"The envoy of Star Emperor Immortal Palace came to the Forbidden City yesterday. Through communication with him, I knew that Dark Emperor Immortal Palace was far more complex than we could imagine. Dark Emperor Immortal Palace might have been lurking in Motian Realm for too many years. With great ambitions, they had already controlled many clans. Even Heavenly Sunshine Immortal

Palace has been penetrated through. They even dared arrange moles in Star Emperor Immortal Palace and Force Emperor Immortal Palace. The envoy of Star Emperor Immortal Palace told me that Star Emperor and Force Emperor were both worried that some immortals of their immortal palaces were already under the control of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. Star Emperor even especially asked his envoy to warn me that some immortal generals in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace might have already been controlled by Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. On this occasion, how could I stay calm as the head of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace?" Zhang Tie glanced over all the others as he continued, "Before the old man came back, you were crystal clear about the situation facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. If Dark Emperor Immortal Palace dared do that to Star Emperor Immortal Palace and Force Emperor Immortal Palace, how could they let Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace go?"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, all the elders and presidents exchanged a glance with each other as they all looked pretty solemn. At the same time, the fervent atmosphere on the viewing platform slowly turned cold.

"Your Majesty, what about your plan?" Long Jiutian asked Zhang Tie in a muffled voice, "Your Majesty, as long as you need us, we would definitely support you!"

"Of course I want to find the moles of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace as soon as possible!" Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "I know the situation facing Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace in the past. Excellent birds would rest on fine trees. Humans struggle upwards; water flows downwards. At that time, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace had a poor prospect. Some of you might choose to rely on Dark Emperor Immortal Palace for the sake of your prospect. I understand that. Just let the by-gones be by-gones. I didn't want to look into it. Now, Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace is becoming better and better. I want to spare a chance for those who have relied on Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. As long as you could stand out and admit that you've joined Dark Emperor Immortal Palace, you could leave here safely. I could allow you to exit Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace and leave Dragon Emperor Big Domain safely. From then on, as for whether you're going to be our foes or friends, it depends on you!"

"I've got a question. As all the immortal generals of Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace have already made a bloody pledge, how could they betray immortal palace without being destroyed by the bloody pledge?" Hou Moyuan asked.

"According to the envoy of Star Emperor Immortal Palace, Dark Emperor Immortal Palace might have already mastered a solution to invalidate the bloody pledge. Additionally, Golden-Soul Rune Virus of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace could indeed enable immortal generals to be their puppets..." Zhang Tie said as he took a calm look at the others, "How do you feel about my method?"

"Your Majesty, you're really merciful!"

"But I'm afraid that the moles of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace could barely admit their real identities!"

"But we could have a try. If there're really moles of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, this method might not lead to a big turmoil..."

"How could we let these traitors go? I think we should kill them..."

The elders and presidents started to air their views.

Zhang Tie then fixated onto Xia Yangming with a smile as he asked, “Elder Xia, how do you feel about it?”

“As I was in charge of the Supervision Department, I didn’t imagine that any alien force could penetrate into Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace. Please forgive me for my carelessness, Your Majesty!” Xia Yangming said shamefully, “Now that Dark Emperor Immortal Palace is already exposed to the public, I feel that we might have a try. If we could solve this problem in this way without arousing the turmoil in Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace, then why not!”

“Elder Xia, you’ve agreed with me?”

“Yes!”

“That’s great!” Zhang Tie instantly turned solemn as he glanced over all the others at present. Finally, he fixated onto Xia Yangming and Shi Zhongyu as his eyes turned sharp at once, “Now that Elder Xia has already agreed, when will you leave Dragon Emperor Big Domain, Elder Xia, Elder Shi?”

After hearing Zhang Tie’s words, the air above the viewing platform became frozen at once as everyone else was shocked...