

## **Black Iron 1841**

### **Chapter 1841: An Unexpected Piece of News**

To be honest, Zhang Tie's plan was not complicated; actually, it combined the first plan and the third plan proposed by Boss Du.

As for the second plan, in Zhang Tie's opinion, it would never work.

If Zhang Tie was not the butler of the fishing ground of Whitedragon Gulf, of course, there wouldn't be a problem with this plan. Zhang Tie couldn't force others to do anything; however, with this new identity, if he accepted the second plan, it would be a bit silly move—Whitedragon Gulf belongs to Zhang Tie. The others came to his fishing ground for fishing spike shrimps freely; however, Zhang Tie bought their spike shrimps and set them free in Whitedragon Gulf so that they could catch them again...

This sounded like playing house. Additionally, Zhang Tie played the most foolish role inside this game.

Of course, this plan wouldn't work. Even though Zhang Tie didn't care about money, he didn't want to be mocked by Bian Heng.

Zhang Tie's plan was simple, namely, forbid fishers to catch spike shrimps in Whitedragon Gulf in the future. Meanwhile, let Boss Du organize people to purchase more spike shrimps in those bigger harbors outside Emperor NvWa City and set them free.

The domain that Emperor NvWa was in covered over 800 square km land. Emperor NvWa City was in the center of this domain. It was Yaohai Ocean in the west. Whitedragon Gulf was only a small part of Yaohai Ocean deepening into Emperor NvWa City. Additionally, those regions outside Emperor NvWa City also belonged to the sphere of influence of Emperor NvWa City. Many people also lived outside Emperor NvWa City, where there were cities and towns too. However, these cities and towns couldn't match Emperor NvWa City in prosperity.

Those bigger harbors mentioned by Boss Du were in the west of Emperor NvWa City. After leaving Emperor Nvwa City from Whitedragon Gulf, people would be able to reach there by sea. Additionally, it was not too far away.

When people were forbidden to catch spike shrimps in Whitedragon Gulf, only 10-odd families in Tigerback Town who lived on shrimping by shrimp nets, cages and ancestral shrimping skills would be influenced; because spike shrimp was just an affiliated sea product for most of the fishers. But it was easy to fix their loss—let Boss Du employ them, rent their fishing boats and pay them more money for setting free spike shrimps than the profits of selling shrimping.

This was a perfect solution. It guaranteed the basic living of those people who survived on the ocean and enabled Zhang Tie to take fruits of redemption from the gratitude of spike shrimps constantly. Additionally, it could also enhance the efficiency of setting free spike shrimps.

Zhang Tie only needed to pay Boss Du. Then, Boss Du could make an arrangement about the following steps. If Boss Du couldn't manage these people or complete such a simple thing, his fish store couldn't have reached such a scale.

With enough money, the identity of the butler of Tigerback Mountain, and the soul seed in the mind sea of Boss Du, did Zhang Tie need to worry about anything? Of course not.

Therefore, before finishing a cup of tea water, Zhang Tie had told his plan to Boss Du and left Du's Fish Store and the fish market.

Despite being the butler in Tigerback Mountain, Zhang Tie didn't let Boss Du do that for him without any compensation. He paid Boss Du 30% of the total value of the spike shrimps that he set free.

If Boss Du could set free 10,000 blue crystal coins' spike shrimps, he and his fish store could get 3,000 blue crystal coins as a compensation, which was almost equal to the profits of this fish store a day. Additionally, this business was of the lowest risk and the largest sustainability. It was no exaggeration to say that it implied Du's Fish Store's good luck. If Zhang Tie declared this condition to the public, those bosses of fish stores in Tigerback Town might scramble for this business fiercely.

To be honest, it was just a matter of money. However, Zhang Tie didn't lack money at all. Besides Dragon Emperor Immortal Palace which served as his cash dispenser, even the wealth that he robbed from red and blue devils could startle many clans in Motian Realm as it couldn't be used up for 100,000 years. The expenditure for setting free spike shrimps could almost be ignored.

Zhang Tie told Boss Du to start doing it these days. On the 15th day of this month, he would pay Boss Du some start-up funds. Then, he would leave Du's Fish Store. Of course, he didn't receive the bag of crystal coins that Boss Du intended to return to him.

As for people in Motian Realm, these crystal coins meant wealth; however, as for Zhang Tie, they were just beautiful and meaningless stones. This was an economical way for him to eat fruits at a steady frequency.

It was very worthwhile for him to do this although it took him 4 hours in the morning. Therefore, Zhang Tie felt pretty good. Humming a tune, he left the fish market.

Unexpectedly, when he reached the end of the fish market, he saw a tough man coming out of another store called Whitedragon Fish Store.

The tough man with whisker was sturdy. With a case in hand, he was not easy to be trifled with. Of course, he was Uncle Guan.

Last time, when Zhang Tie went to look for Tang Mei, he didn't see Uncle Guan. Unexpectedly, they encountered here. To be honest, Tigerback Town was not large.

"Ah, Uncle Guan!" Zhang Tie greeted that tough man with a smile.

"Mister Jin, you're also here..." Uncle Guan became shortly stunned as he couldn't imagine that he could encounter Zhang Tie here.

"Uncle Guan, are you here for food ingredients?" Zhang Tie asked as he took a look at that case in Uncle Guan's hand. The case was sealed and made of metal. At the sight of it, Zhang Tie knew it was used to contain medicine.

"I'm here to buy some medicines for Miss. The fresh purple horseshoe crabs and pearl shells are all medicines. I could only buy fresh ones from this fish market..." Uncle Guan explained with a smile too.

Although Uncle Guan thought that Zhang Tie wanted to approach their miss like Aunt Wu at the beginning, during these days when they were in Tigerback Town, they found that Zhang Tie was a “gentleman”, who didn’t approach their Miss at all. Therefore, Uncle Guan treated Zhang Tie much better. “Oh, when you came to Peacecoming Courtyard last time, Miss and I were both absent. After coming back, Aunt Wu told us about that. Miss even wanted to appreciate you in person when there’s an opportunity!”

As they talked, they left the fish market and entered the town.

“Uncle Guan, it’s my pleasure. Additionally, I’ve not helped Miss Tang cure her disease even now!” Zhang Tie said bashfully. As Bian Heng was a sage-level knight and proficient in medical skills, Zhang Tie really didn’t have a say in front of him.

“Mister Jin, it’s already enough for you to concern about Miss Tang!” After saying that, Uncle Guan glanced at Zhang Tie from his head to his toe as he asked with a bit confusion and hesitation, “You... you’ve really got a job in Tigerback Mountain...”

To be honest, Uncle Guan didn’t believe that Zhang Tie could find this job in Tigerback Mountain within such a short period of time even now. Many people even scrambled for being a cleaner in Tigerback Mountain.

“I’m in charge of a fishing ground just like managing a vegetable garden for Bian Heng. It’s not a good job. But I’m free every day. Therefore, I took a look over here...” Zhang Tie said casually.

“Mister Jin, you’re really talented. It’s very difficult to find a job in Tigerback Mountain!” Uncle Guan sighed.

“Oh, is Miss Tang better recently?”

“There’re many doctors in Tigerback Town; some of them are famous doctors in other places across Motian Realm. We’ve invited them to take a look at her disease. They made some prescriptions for her; she’s receiving medical treatment...”

Uncle Guan didn’t mention about the effects of the medical treatments. Zhang Tie knew that they must not work. If cancer could be cured by doctors easily, Bian Heng would not have put on airs in front of Zhang Tie.

“Miss Tang is fortunate; I think God will bless her!” Zhang Tie condoled Uncle Zhong.

After hearing Zhang Tie’s words, Uncle Guan revealed a reluctant smile. Closely after that, he pulled Zhang Tie to the roadside as he suddenly became shameful, “I’ve got one thing to ask for your help, Mister Jin...”

“Please go ahead, Uncle Guan.” Zhang Tie asked as his curiosity was aroused.

“Mister Jin, can you give a favor to my Miss...”

“Err... how?”

“My Miss is intelligent. As she has been sick for many years, she has read a lot of medical books and communicated with many doctors. Her medical skills could even match many famous doctors. However,

she never showed off. Yesterday, we received news that Bian Heng would select his disciple in the public at the foot of Tigerback Mountain next morning. My miss wants to have a try... err... Mister Jin, do you know... or have you heard about some contents of the test in Tigerback Mountain..."

Uncle Guan was really embarrassed by stammering that as his face turned red.

Zhang Tie was really shocked upon hearing this. Previously he didn't care about the affairs in Tigerback Mountain at all. Unexpectedly, soon after Bian Heng came back yesterday, he had wanted to select a disciple through test today. What was more, Tang Meng also wanted to have a try. Zhang Tie had not imagined that Tang Mei could have such a resolution despite being so weak physically.

It was Tang Mei's another way to save herself by becoming Bian Heng's disciple. n(-OVe/b1n

A seriously-illed girl with such a strong will was really admirable.

Given Zhang Tie's astonished look, he might not even know that Bian Heng was going to select a disciple; therefore the bit of hope in Uncle Guan's eyes gradually faded away. Uncle Guan could understand it, 'How could a commoner in Tigerback Mountain know the contents of Bian Heng's test? If even Zhang Tie has known it, everyone else in the tigerback Mountain must have known it. It seems that I've really been too reckless...'

Zhang Tie replied with a bitter smile, "Err... it's convenient for me to access to Tigerback Mountain. But I always lived behind Tigerback Mountain. I really don't know about it. As for the contents of the test, I'm afraid that only Bian Heng himself knows it. If I get an opportunity to know the contents, I will definitely inform her in advance..."

"Thank you so much, Mister Jin..."

No matter what, as Zhang Tie had such a kind attitude, what else could Uncle Guan say?

## **Chapter 1842: Bian Heng's Tests**

In the early morning of August 7, the 3586th year of Emperor NvWa's Calendar, the foot of Tigerback Mountain had long been crowded like a fair.

Being different than before, those who were here today were not those who wanted to seek Bian Heng's medical treatment; instead, they were doctors who had been waiting for so long to learn from Bian Heng.

Some doctors had already stayed in Tigerback Town for dozens of years in order to learn from Bian Heng; some had stayed there for a few months at least.

The first kind of person had already improved their medical skills a lot through communicating with the other doctors in Tigerback Town even though they were not able to go uphill. What was more, many patients with different, rare diseases would come to Tigerback Town every day with the similar idea of these doctors—now that they could barely go uphill for Bian Heng's medical treatment, they could at least try here. Maybe they could be cured. As a result, the medical industry in Tigerback Town gradually became vigorous.

Zhang Tie also knew that it was the date for Bian Heng to select his disciple. Therefore, he came here to join the fun in the early morning. On one aspect, Zhang Tie wondered how Bian Heng selected his disciple; on the other hand, he wondered about Tang Mei's performance as he remembered the talk between him and Uncle Guan.

As for whether he could help Tang Mei or not, Zhang Tie was not confident about it at all. Speaking of medical skill, Zhang Tie was just an outsider. As for Bian Heng's tests, even those in Tigerback Mountain didn't know about it, not to mention Zhang Tie.

In the early morning, over 10,000 people had been gathering at the foot of Tigerback Mountain, which scared Zhang Tie a lot. If not the open square which could park airboats, they couldn't even be held here.

Among 10,000-odd people, Tang Mei was still the most eye-catching one.

At first, most of these people were male. Less than 1 in 100 people was female. Among those females, Tang Mei in veil, who smelled like the lily, was pretty eye-catching.

The moment Zhang Tie entered the crowd in the square, he had caught sight of Tang Mei; however, Tang Mei didn't see him.

Tang Mei was very quiet. Many male doctors were surrounding her like a myriad of stars surrounding a moon. Meanwhile, they were communicating with each other in a low voice. Even so, it was still like shouting by a tweeter as for Zhang Tie.

"I will definitely try my best to go uphill. As long as I could become Bian Sage's disciple, I will definitely find a solution to cure Miss Tang's disease..." a youth in blue said with a strong will beside Tang Mei. The youth was handsome and tall. As he said that, he kept looking at Tang Mei with an arrogant and eager look. Anyone could feel that youth had a crush on Tang Mei as long as they were not blind.

"Hahaha, through competitions here, if I could go uphill, I would have a bright future. As I've learned medical skills for dozens of years, I will not give way to you this time, Lang..." Another youth who also looked excellent instantly interrupted the former one as he kept watching Tang Mei with the same eager look. He said, "No matter what, I will definitely find a solution to cure your cancer..."

"Miss Tang has special expertise in medical skills. After discussing with you for a few days, I know Miss Tang has her special view. Although we always treated ourselves as famous doctors before coming to Tigerback Mountain, through communicating with Miss Tang, we also achieved a lot. Bian Sage has not taken any female as his disciple; additionally, we know nothing about his tests. Miss Tang might get an opportunity to go up the hill..." A middle-aged man said as he stroked his mustache with special respect...

"Thank you. God helps those who help themselves. Let nature take its course..." Tang Mei slightly opened her mouth as she looked pretty calm.

As for those who kept silent, they kept nodding their heads after hearing Tang Mei's words...

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Watching the performance of Tang Mei and the other males around her, Zhang Tie admired Tang Mei too. He wondered what she had done in Tigerback Town over the past few days. Given those people around her, they must be special in Tigerback Town...

Although over 10,000 doctors were gathering in the square at the foot of Tigerback Mountain, there was not any loud noise. All of them were waiting for the tests. Additionally, more people were heading here from Tigerback Town in the distance to see the fun. The event that Bian Heng selected his disciple aroused the attention of numerous people.

“Hahaha, it’s not late...” With a guffaw, a tough man flew towards here from afar. When his voice was over 7 miles away, a literati had already landed in the front of the square.

The arrival of this man aroused a hubbub at a stroke. As he could fly, he was definitely an immortal general; additionally, given his flight ability, he should be a high-level immortal general.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that even a wind immortal general would like to be Bian Heng’s disciple.

Zhang Tie was here on time. Therefore, only in a few minutes, he had seen General Butler Qin going downstairs leisurely, followed by some people.

General Butler Qin held nothing as those people behind him were holding writing brushes, inkstone, rice paper, and incense burner.

At the sight of them, the square at the foot of the mountain became quiet instantly. n)(Ⓢ-(v-/e//L)-B/-1.(n

“General Butler Qin, I’m here to see the fun, don’t care about me...” Zhang Tie told General Butler Qin secretly. After taking a look at Zhang Tie, General Butler Qin moved his eyes away calmly as if he had not seen anything special.

Those people put writing brush, ink, rice paper and inkstone into the room next to the decorated archway before exiting the room.

“Today, I want to select a disciple among you. Cut the crap. I’ve got three questions, namely three passes. If anyone among you could finish it correctly within the regulated period of time, you will be my disciple...”

A voice reached the square from the top of the mountain. After hearing it, a few people among the crowd became excited.

——That’s Bian Heng’s voice.

“The first test will cost you about 30 minutes. Within this period of time, anyone among you could write the answer inside the room. If your answer is correct, you could enter the second pass. If you fail, you have to leave...” General Butler Qin opened his mouth calmly.

“Please start...” the immortal general who came here at the last moment shouted loudly.

General Butler Qin clapped his hands. Closely after that, two people behind him directly took out a piece of white cloth. In the blink of an eye, the two people had hung the piece of white cloth on the decorated

archway. With several meters in length and width respectively, it was like a curtain which was used for presenting film.

When they watched the first question, all of them at present were petrified including Zhang Tie...

After being shortly stunned, many people in the square exclaimed weirdly in a split second...

“Ah? What’s that f\*cking thing...”

“Yes, what’s that...”

“Why are there numbers and blank spaces...”

“Won’t he test our medical skills?”

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“You’ve all known nine-check arithmetics. Please fill the 25 numbers into the 25 checks. My request is that the addition of numbers in each line should be the same, horizontally, vertically or diagonally...”  
General Butler Qin opened his mouth calmly again. Closely after his words, someone behind him started to insert an incense into the burner and started to calculate time...

The square was in a hubbub at a stroke...

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#### **Chapter 1843: A Fairy Maiden in the Mortal Realm**

“What the hell? What the hell? I’ve read 12 volumes of medical books and recited 1,000 time-honored ancient prescriptions. Why did he give such a question to us? Why? That’s unimaginable, unimaginable...” An old man grasped his hair with a pale look as if he had seen a ghost right on Zhang Tie’s side.

At this moment, many people felt deluded like this old man beside Zhang Tie.

They all came here with great hope. Previously, they thought Bian Heng would test their medical science. Unexpectedly, the first pass was such a mathematical problem.

It was like how a group of sportsmen went to a school to attend the examination for being P.E. teacher; however, when they arrived at the school gate, they found they were requested to play the violin; instead of finishing test items on the playground.

Those numbers and checkers had nothing to do with medical science!

Watching the 25-checker magic square, Zhang Tie’s face turned weird too. In a split second, Zhang Tie recalled those paper being filled with magic squares, numbers, patterns and lines in Bian Heng’s study room and Bian Heng’s frivolous words about enrolling disciples. Unimaginably, Bian Heng really did so only after a few days.

The words in ink were still fresh on the white piece of cloth. At the sight of those numbers, Zhang Tie had known that it was Bian Heng himself who left the question on it.

'Why did Bian Heng do this? What for?'

Zhang Tie knew that Bian Heng was eccentric; however, he knew that Bian Heng would never play mischief in front of over 10,000 people.

Therefore, even Zhang Tie was confused about Bian Heng's intention to give such a question.

At this moment, the most desperate ones were a few nerds who had not even heard about 9-checker patterns at all; instead of those like that old man beside Zhang Tie.

"Ah? What's a 9-checker pattern?"

"It's composed of 9 checkers in 3 rows and 3 columns. Each checker contains a number. The three numbers in the first row are 2, 9, 4 respectively; the three numbers in the second row are 3, 5, 7 respectively; the three numbers in the third row are 6, 1, 8 respectively. However, if it's composed of 25 checkers in 5 rows and 5 columns, it would be difficult to calculate..."

Among 10,000-odd people, someone looked pale; someone looked distant; someone deeply frowned who were calculating silently.

The incense in the burner had been lighted. They preferred to have a try rather than complain about it. If they could solve it, they might give an opportunity to be Bian Heng's disciple.

Bian Heng didn't explain why he gave such a test; nobody asked about that either. Nor were they qualified to ask about that. If they couldn't pass the first test, they wouldn't even have an opportunity to meet Bian Heng.

On Tang Mei's side, all of them became silent including Tang Mei. They could never imagine that Bian Heng tested his disciple in this way.

At this moment, Tang Mei remained as quiet as before. As she was in veil, her expression couldn't be noticed by others. However, those beside her could sense her attentive look.

This question was as easy as addition and subtraction within 10 for a university student. Even though Zhang Tie didn't understand why Bian Heng did that, if he wanted the answer, he only needed to run the gears of the virtual difference engine for a short while. Almost in a split second, Zhang Tie had got all the solutions of this 25-checker pattern. It contained 24 solutions in total. Through rotation and reflection of three basic solutions, he could get 24 solutions. In each solution, the number of the addition of the neighboring 5 numbers was 65, horizontally, vertically or diagonally...

When Zhang Tie was thinking about giving Tang Mei's favor, someone had already come out of the crowd and entered the room beside the decorated archway.

A person beside General Butler Qin also entered the room. Closely after that, he took out a piece of paper and gave it to General Manager Qin. After taking a look at it, the person who had entered the room was taken out of the room and stood right under the archway.

Seeing someone pass the first test, the crowd at the square were in hubbubs at once.

It was actually not strange. Among 10,000-odd people, there were always some smart ones. Although sportsmen were good at sports, some sportsmen could also play the violin.



Unimaginably, the moment that person stood under the archway before Zhang Tie told the answer to Tang Mei, Tang Mei had already walked towards the cabin.

Among 10,000-odd people, Tang Mei was the second one who found a solution of the 25-checker pattern.

After coming out of the cabin, Tang Mei also stood under the archway, which meant that she had passed the first test.

“Ah, a woman...” someone beside Zhang Tie exclaimed. In an instant, Tang Mei in veil became the focus of so many people.

After Tang Mei, more and more people got the solutions; some of them were not invited to stand under the archway; apparently, their answers were not correct.

The period of lighting incense was only about 40 minutes.

During this period, over 200 people got the solutions. After passing the test, they all waited quietly under the archway. As the incense in the burner was becoming increasingly shorter, over 10,000 people at the square became more flurried.

What was more interesting was that the two nice-looking youths beside Tang Mei and the immortal general who came here at the last moment also passed the first test.

After the incense was lit up, General Butler Qin raised his hand, which meant that all the remaining people who couldn't get the answer had lost the opportunity to be Bian Heng's disciples from then on.

It was pretty quiet at the square. Some looked ashy; some let out a deep sigh. All the remaining people were watching the 200-odd people under the archway who had passed the first test as they wondered about the second question.

After taking a look at those people under the archway, General Butler Qin opened his mouth in an instant.

“Very good. You've passed the first test. As for the second test, I will not explain too much about it. The second question is also a mathematical problem, but it's more difficult than the first one. It's a 36-checker pattern. You have 1 to 36 to choose from. Within the period of lighting half an incense, if you could get the answer, you will pass it...”

Just now, they had about 40 minutes to solve the 25-checker pattern; but they only had about 20 minutes to solve the 36-checker pattern. It was definitely over two times more difficult than the first question.

After hearing General Butler Qin's words, many people who looked ashy at the square just now gradually recovered their composure; because they instantly understood that they could never pass the second test even though they had passed the first one, fortunately. When they thought that many people who had passed the first test would be eliminated in the second test, many people felt balanced.

Zhang Tie became more curious about Bian Heng's purpose. ‘Does he want a mathematician or a disciple?’

The period of burning half an incense was about 20 minutes. Under the gaze of everyone, only 4 of the 200-odd people could pass the second test.

It was quiet at the square as everyone focused onto the 4 people who had passed the second test.

Zhang Tie was shocked again as Tang Mei was the third one among the 4 people who got the solution of the second question.

Everyone at present was waiting for the last question nervously and quietly.

“Before I count 10, if anyone among you could get the answer of 64-checker pattern, he or she will pass the third test and become my disciple officially...”

It was Bian Heng’s voice which originated from the mountain and reverberated at the foot of the mountain.

After hearing his words, everyone at the square was in hubbubs. ‘Before he counts 10? That’s impossible! The third test is thousands of times more difficult than that of the earlier two. It’s already out of people’s ability.’

However, Bian Heng just ignored the astonished sounds of the crowd as his calm voice started to sound in their ears.

“1...2...3...”

The interval between the two numbers was only a bit more than 2 seconds. The period of time for consideration was limited to the minimum.

When Bian Heng counted 2, Tang Mei’s body slightly quivered as an abrupt voice sounded in her ears.

“5...6...7...8...9...”

Tang Mei gnashed her teeth as she strode forward, saying, “I’ve got the answer...”

“What, girl, you’ve got the answer...” Bian Heng stopped counting at a stroke. Besides Zhang Tie, nobody else at the foot of the mountain noticed how Bian Heng showed up. With a shadow, the old man with unkempt hair had already appeared under the decorated archway as he gazed at Tang Mei with his shrewd shiny little eyes.

“My respects to you, owner...” General Butler Qin and some disciples and handymen hurriedly bowed towards Bian Heng.

“Ah, Bian Heng. He’s Bian Heng...” Those people at the square were in hubbubs at once at the sight of Bian Heng.

Bian Heng gazed at Tang Mei as he asked, “Girl, tell me your answer...”

After being composed, Tang Mei opened her mouth, “From left to right, from top to bottom, the numbers in the first row are respectively, 1,63, 38,28,7,57,36,30, the addition of which is 260; the numbers in the second row are respectively 64, 2, 27...”

It took Tang Mei 2 minutes to finish her answer. As she said, Bian Heng kept his eyes closed as if he was calculating it. When Tang Mei finished it, Bian Heng suddenly clapped his hands as he opened his eyes. With great excitement, Bian Heng asked, "Girl, what's your name?"

"Tang Mei!"

"Hmm, you have my word. From now on, you're my disciple..."

As Bian Heng finished his words, if people's eyes carried temperature, the air around Tang Mei might be burned.

Tang Mei also slightly quivered as she looked very excited. After hearing Bian Heng's words, she directly knelt down and kowtowed three times in front of Bian Heng, which was an official rite that a disciple should present to her master when being enrolled.

"Get up. Now that you're already my disciple, show us your look. Remove your veil..."

After getting up, Tang Mei became slightly hesitant before removing her veil. In a split second, the square at the foot of Tigerback Mountain became quiet. The eyes of many people beside Tang Mei directly became dull...

Zhang Tie had seen a lot of beauties. However, when Tang Mei unveiled her look, Zhang Tie's face became shortly blank too as he felt having a dream just like seeing a brilliant moon coming out the clouds...

What a beautiful look! Heller's face was the perfect look of men; Tang Mei's face was the perfect look of women. Being carved by the Mother Nature, each inch of her face was perfect. Even stones would be affected by her look.

After being shortly blank, Zhang Tie recovered his composure as two words occurred to him—fairy maiden!

Only such a person could be envied by God and suffer from cancer...

#### **Chapter 1844: The Piece of News about Infinite King Roc Sutra**

"Tang Mei, Tang Mei, what an unrivaled talented beauty... she deserves to be Bian Sage's disciple; she deserves to be Bian Sage's Disciple..."

A youth stumbled out of a boite with a flagon in hand and brushed past Zhang Tie. At the same time, he kept drinking. Pitifully, soon after stumbling a few steps forward, he had stopped at a roadside parterre and started to vomit. As a result, the air was stinky at a stroke...

Watching this youth, Zhang Tie slightly frowned as he hastened his pace.

Zhang Tie had just come out of Du's Fish Store where he guided Boss Du for the entire afternoon and negotiated with some fear-stricken spike shrimp fishermen about buying some fishing boats for setting free spike shrimps. After a few hours' busy work, Zhang Tie finally became reassured.

Bian Heng had already selected his disciple in the morning. At noon, Zhang Tie had already returned to Du's Fish Store in Tigerback Town and urged Boss Du to start it.

The fruits of redemption from spike shrimps were of great significance to Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie would have no grumble even if he went to Du's Fish Store for 20 times or 200 times, not to mention 2 times. Thankfully, after this trip, Zhang Tie had almost arranged everything properly. He didn't need to concern more about it. Even though Boss Du was in trouble, Zhang Tie still didn't worry about that as he had already prepared plan B. All in all, spike shrimps could be set free constantly.

Today, Tigerback Town was even more lively than before. When lamps were lit, those boites became even more boisterous than before. All the boites in Tigerback Town were filled with people. Drunk people could be seen everywhere across the streets. The name of Tang Mei could be heard everywhere.

Due to grief and disappointment, those doctors, who would never have an opportunity to go up Tigerback Mountain, drank as much as possible with their friends in boites.

In only one day, the name of Tang Mei had spread over Tigerback Town, together with her beautiful look and talent.

Previously Zhang Tie wanted to have supper in a boite before going back to Tigerback Mountain. However, watching the boisterous situation facing those boites, Zhang Tie shook his head slightly as he gave it up.

It was okay for him to not eat food for a day.

Strolling on the streets of Tigerback Town and watching Tigerback Mountain which was brightly lit in the distance, Zhang Tie stroked his nose, 'I'm afraid that Bian Heng has already known that it was me who helped Tang Mei.'

Although Tang Mei was smart, she still couldn't pass the last test only with her intelligence; instead, it required a superb mathematical computing ability.

Soon after going back to Tigerback Mountain, Bian Heng might have known that it was Zhang Tie who helped Tang Mei in the end. Tang Mei couldn't cheat Bian Heng at all; nor would she cheat him given her intelligence.

When he imagined Bian Heng's dumbfounded look after knowing the truth, Zhang Tie couldn't help revealing a cunning smile.

'No matter what, you have to cure your disciple's cancer. If Tang Mei died, this No. 1 doctor in Motian Realm would feel disgraced.'

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When Zhang Tie returned to the foot of Tigerback Mountain, he noticed that General Butler Qin was waiting for him over there.

"Butler Jin, owner asked me to wait for you here and take you to him when you come back!" General Butler Qin said calmly as he took a deep look at Zhang Tie.

"Sorry for being late, let go..."

Previously, Zhang Tie thought that General Butler Qin would wait for him in Tideviewing Courtyard; unexpectedly he was waiting for him at the foot of Tigerback Mountain. It seemed that Bian Heng was already anxious. If Zhang Tie was a bit late, Bian Heng might have gone to Tigerback Town and brought him back.

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In the same parlor where Zhang Tie met Bian Heng for the first time, when Zhang Tie strode over the threshold, Bian Heng who was walking around in the parlor with his hands clasped behind his back had rushed forward with a furious look, "Was that you?"

Zhang Tie blinked his eyes as he shrugged with an innocent look, saying, "Elder brother, what are you talking about? I don't understand..."

"You're still pretending to be innocent?" Bian Heng roared as he almost sprayed his saliva on Zhang Tie's face, "Tang Mei has admitted that someone told her the answer of the last question. Is she the very person suffering from cancer that you wanted me to cure? Even a fool could figure it out..."

"Did Tang Mei say that it was me who told her the answer of the third question?" Zhang Tie asked calmly without any fear.

Bian Heng became shortly stunned as he answered, "Not yet. She said that she couldn't identify the owner of the voice..."

"That's it..." Zhang Tie walked to the front of a chair and sat down frankly. Closely after that, he picked a piece of pastry from the teapoy and put it in his mouth. As he ate it, he urged, "Even she couldn't confirm that it was me, how could you confirm that? You should find evidence for that. Perhaps a powerhouse couldn't stand Tang Mei from being killed by cancer; therefore, he warned her. Everyone likes beauty..."

Bian Heng's face almost twisted out of fury as he blew his beard and roared, "Powerhouse, sh\*t! Nobody could play this trick in front of me except immortal emperors or demon emperors. At that time, at the foot of the mountain, you were the most powerful one after me. I've already seen through you. You've long known that she was beautiful; therefore, you had a crush on her. Then, you took advantage of me, right?"

"It's just your presumption..." Zhang Tie said seriously as he continued to pick the pastries from the teapoy. n..**OVEIB**In

Sitting beside Zhang Tie with fury, Bian Heng reached out his hand and drew the tray of pastries to his own side so that Zhang Tie couldn't get it, roaring, "You've cheated me, how dare you still take my food..."

"Come on, I've not had supper yet!" Zhang Tie smiled shamelessly as he picked himself up, bending over and grasping all the remaining pastries in the tray. As he ate food, he said, "If you stick to that I've cheated you, I would never admit that. But I was born to be smart and adorable. I'm proficient in... mathematics. Elder brother, if you help me cure her, I owe you. If you have any questions about mathematics, you could seek my help. I would never refuse it... Oh, by the way, elder brother, the third

question was called magic square in the world where I came from. I'm always good at filling magic square..."

Apparently, Zhang Tie had already admitted that it was him who did it. Of course, Bian Heng understood it.

Therefore, Bian Heng looked a bit better.

"Mathematics... magic square..." Bian Heng mumbled as he peeped at Zhang Tie, saying, "Now that you're proficient in mathematics, I've got a question..."

"Go ahead..."

"What's 387 multiplied by 987 multiplied by 247 divided by 3?"

"31,448,781..." Zhang Tie instantly answered with food in mouth.

Bian Heng was shortly stunned. Actually even Bian Heng didn't know the answer. Despite being a supreme-level immortal general, he was also not almighty. He just wanted to mock Zhang Tie and test his mathematics computing ability; however, Zhang Tie answered him in the blink of an eye. Therefore, Bian Heng became shortly stunned.

He thought that Zhang Tie was fabricating it; how could the product of three 3-digit numbers being divided by 3 be completely divisible? However, given Zhang Tie's calm and leisure look, Bian Heng wavered his mind as he poured out some tea water and started to calculate by finger on the teapoy.

One minute later, Bian Heng raised his head as he watched Zhang Tie with an astonished look. The answer to the question was indeed 31,448,781. He got the same answer after computing it twice.

"Do you believe in me?" Zhang Tie asked Bian Heng after gulping down the pastries and cleaning his mouth.

Watching the bizarre light in Zhang Tie's eyes, Bian Heng asked, "How long did it take you to work out the answer of the third question in the morning..."

"Within one second..."

"What about something more complex?"

"It depends, approximately 1 or 2 seconds..."

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Bian Heng looked at Zhang Tie with greater curiosity, "Does everyone in your world have such an amazing calculating ability like you?"

"No, few of them could match me in calculating ability..." Zhang Tie replied with a smirk.

Bian Heng suddenly became silent as his expression started to change, pleasant or sad. Zhang Tie wondered what he was thinking about.

"Anything else? If no, I gotta get going..." Zhang Tie said as he stood up.

When Zhang Tie walked to the gate of the parlor, Bian Heng suddenly opened his mouth, "Do you want to make a fortune?"

“Make a fortune? Forget about it. In our stage, ordinary element crystals don’t work anymore. I’m not even interested in common immortal outfits...” Zhang Tie stopped as he turned around and answered.

“I’m not interested in ordinary immortal outfits either; but what about immortal’s secret method and heavenly-level immortal outfits?”

“Immortal’s secret method?” Zhang Tie thought it for a second as he realized that immortal’s secret method in Motian Realm were actually emperor-level classics. Therefore, his heart palpitated once. However, he said with a dubious look, “There are very few immortal’s secret methods. Elder brother, you must be cheating me.”

“Have you heard about *Infinite King Roc Sutra* <sup>1</sup> ?” Bian Heng watched Zhang Tie with gleaming eyes.

‘F\*ck! *Infinite King Roc Sutra* ?’ Zhang Tie was spirited at a stroke like being hit by a lightning bolt.

“Where’s the *Infinite King Roc Sutra* ?” Zhang Tie instantly asked as his eyes gave out bright light. As a cultivator, it was impossible for him to not be interested in an emperor-level secret method. A eunuch might not be interested in beauty, but the road and secret method that could lead to a supreme realm were irresistible to a cultivator.

“I know where it is, but I can’t tell you about that...” Bian Heng said as he shook his head.

“Whatever...” Zhang Tie continued to walk outward.

“But if you want to know it, you could go to a place together with me. As long as you could prove your ability, you might get the opportunity to know its whereabouts...”

“What do you mean?”

Bian Heng watched Zhang Tie seriously as he said, “As this secret doesn’t belong to me alone, I don’t have the right to expose it to you. If you want to know it, you must join us. With the consent of all the others who know this secret, you will be able to know it...”

## **Chapter 1845: Making Preparations**

As for others, when they heard *King Roc Sutra* , they might consider the high risk of getting it. However, as for Zhang Tie, when he heard the three words, he had determined to verify it himself even though it might not exist.

However, it was not easy to acquire information about *King Roc Sutra* . Besides this name, Bian Heng didn’t say anything else about *King Roc Sutra* . He just told Zhang Tie to wait patiently. In June of the next year, namely the 3587th year of Emperor NuWa’s Calendar, he would take Zhang Tie to a place and introduce him to some people, who would determine whether Zhang Tie could join their small community or not through negotiation.

Although Bian Heng didn’t tell him who all were in that small community, Zhang Tie knew that the members of this small community must not be ordinary given Bian Heng’s identity.

Besides being a sage-level knight, Bian Heng was also the No. 1 doctor in Motian Realm. Now that they could win the favor of Bian Heng, of course, the other members of the small community were not worse than Bian Heng.

It was already August. There were still 10 months left.

Even though Zhang Tie was anxious, he could only wait for another 10 months patiently.

*King Roc Sutra* was the most precious thing and would be scrambled for wherever it was; even the members of the small community which Bian Heng joined would also scramble for it. Although Zhang Tie was not sure how many people were in the small community, according to his estimation, only the one with the greatest battle force who had made greatest contribution to the small community could own King Roc Sutra no matter how many members were there. As Zhang Tie was just a heavenly knight. Even though he joined it, he would have no advantage in such a small community. Therefore, the preoccupation was to enhance his battle force in the following 10 months.

‘I’d better promote to a semi-sage level knight in the following 10 months. In this way, I would have a bigger say in the small community.’

‘I’ve already fully recovered; additionally, I’ve already reached 7 change realm of heavenly knight. With the help of Purgatory Samsara Method, as long as I could kill some demon wind immortal generals or a couple of demon fire immortal generals, I would get enough fire elements.’

Zhang Tie once thought about setting a trap for Dark Emperor Immortal Palace with himself as a bait; it would be great if he could kill a head of a branch of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. However, the largest risk of such a trap was that he might attract the attention of Versatile Demon Emperor. Nobody else below immortal emperor could fight Versatile Demon Emperor. If Versatile Demon Emperor arrived, Zhang Tie would be trapped by himself. That would be too stupid!

If Zhang Tie didn’t use this plan for the time being, the safest way for him to promote to the semi-sage level knight was to enter Mountain Ruins. Mountain Ruins was the battlefield of powers in Motian Realm. Demons in Mountain Ruins were at least heavenly knights, who were live fire chakras for him...  
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When Zhang Tie tried to enter Mountain Ruins last time, he was blocked by Ice and Flame Heavenly Wind Layer as he had not formed his wind chakra. Now, he had already promoted to a heavenly knight. Therefore, he could enter Mountain Ruins with no problem.

‘I have to promote to a semi-sage level knight in Mountain Ruins in the next 10 months. Only in this way could I have an opportunity to scramble for *King Roc Sutra*

...’

‘I will bid farewell to Bian Heng in a couple of days. In next June, I will return to Tigerback Mountain so that he could introduce me to the members of that small community.’

After leaving that parlor, on the mountain trail back to Tideviewing Courtyard, Zhang Tie was considering about this. Finally, he made a decision—



If I want to get *King Roc Sutra* or something else in the world, I have to make a detailed preparation and efforts step by step conscientiously. Otherwise, no matter how much I desire it, without action or plan, I could never make it. Even pies would not fall from the sky, not to mention such a rarity that everyone scrambles for.

Surprisingly, when Zhang Tie returned to Tideviewing Courtyard, he found that two people were already waiting for him outside the gate of Tideviewing Courtyard.

It was already late. The moon had already hung up in the sky. Under the clear and bright moonlight, Tang Mei was standing outside the gate of Tideviewing Courtyard elegantly like a lily bathing the moonlight.

In the moonlight, Tang Mei's white skirt loomed like fog in the mountain. Her snowwhite skin was as transparent as crystal as if it could reflect moonlight.

At this moment, Tang Mei was as beautiful as a moonlight fairy maiden. Facing her unparalleled look and unique temperament, even the sea wind from Whitedragon Gulf turned tender as if it didn't want to disturb her.

At the sight of Tang Mei, Zhang Tie was in a daze as he recalled a girl in red skirt who was sitting on a nail-sized boulder beside the brook and blowing a green jade flute under the clear moonlight, fair feet swaying in water lightly...

Beauty could win people's resonance. Tang Mei's beautiful look reminded Zhang Tie of Lan Yunxi as he felt heart-wrenching at a stroke...

It was Uncle Guan who was waiting for Zhang Tie together with Tang Mei.

Due to Tang Mei's pretty weak physique, she couldn't live without people's care. Therefore, Bian Heng had already allowed Uncle Guan and Aunt Wu to live in Tigerback Mountain together with Tang Mei.

Watching Zhang Tie coming back leisurely, Uncle Guan looked more thrilled than Tang Mei. Before saying anything, his eyes had turned red. Zhang Tie appreciated and admired him because he was a tough man who could clearly distinguish kindness and hatred.

"My respects to you, Master Jin..." Tang Mei half squatted towards Zhang Tie which meant great respect in that world.

After burying the sudden pain deep in his heart, Zhang Tie greeted Tang Mei with a smile.

"Congratulations, Miss Tang, you're already a disciple of Bian Heng. Your disease will be cured for sure. If not, Bian Heng would feel disgraced calling himself No. 1 doctor in Motian Realm..."

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## Chapter 1846: Tang Mei

"Without Master Jin's help, I would just be like others and could barely be enrolled as Sage Bian's disciple..." Tang Mei said as she looked straight into Zhang Tie's eyes with shiny eyes without any embarrassment; instead, she was curious and exploratory as if she didn't recognize Zhang Tie until now.

As for Zhang Tie, he didn't need to cover anything in front of Tang Mei anymore at this moment. He didn't deny it; he just waved his hand, saying, "You passed the former two tests yourself; as for the third test, I just pushed the boat in the direction of the current. When Uncle Guan met me, I didn't know how to help you; coincidentally, I could give you a favor; it must be God's will..."

"No matter what, without Mister Jin, the result would be different today. What Mister Jin did is tantamount to saving my life..."

"Hoho, don't appreciate me..." Zhang Tie winked at Tang Mei as he said solemnly, "Let your master appreciate me if you want. I helped him find such a fairy-maiden as his disciple. It's him who should be happy. As long as you stand beside him, you will gladden his heart and please his eye. You're absolutely much greater than those stinky male disciples of his. In the future, he would be pleased. Just now, your master found me and appreciated me especially. He even promised me an enormous benefit..."

Even though she knew that Zhang Tie was joking with her, Tang Mei's face still flushed which was very mesmerizing. Uncle Guan smirked at Zhang Tie aside.

As Zhang Tie made fun of them, he had already come to the gate of Tideviewing Courtyard. After taking out the key, he opened it, saying, "Please take a seat inside..."

"Sorry to trouble you..." Tang Mei replied politely as she followed Zhang Tie in.

Thoughtful Uncle Guan just shook his head as he said, "I will wait for Miss outside..."

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The small courtyard was full of faint fragrance. A sweet-scented osmanthus tree was already in blossom. At such a night, sniffing the fragrance and hearing the sea waves, Tang Mei felt pretty romantic about this small courtyard.

"Master Jin, do you live here alone?" Tang Mei asked tenderly after looking at the environment in the courtyard.

"Yes, I'm alone here. I'm just here to manage Sage Bian's fishpond..."

"Manage Sage Bian's fishpond?"

"Yes, Whitedragon Gulf is the fishpond of Tigerback Mountain. I, although being a butler, am actually managing the fishpond for your master!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Tang Mei's face flushed a bit heavily, making her more charming than flowers. "When we were in the carriage, I didn't notice that Master Jin is so funny!"

"Hahaha..." Zhang Tie laughed as he directly took Tang Mei to the pavilion under the osmanthus tree frankly; instead of taking her into the parlor. Over there, they could sniff osmanthus fragrance and enjoy the nightscape of Whitedragon Gulf in the distance. Holding the wooden rail of the pavilion as he pointed at the coastline under the moonlight in the far. "I was always alone here. It was very tranquil. Therefore, I don't have anything good to receive you, even a glass of warm water. I could only receive Miss Tang with the nightscape that the sea melts into the sky and the fragrance of the osmanthus blossoms. Hopefully, Miss Tang doesn't mind it..."

“Master Jin, you’re aboveboard; of course, you do things aboveboard. I won’t mind it!” Tang Mei watched Zhang Tie with bright eyes.

Facing Tang Mei’s bright eyes, Zhang Tie silently moved his eyes away from Tang Mei’s face as he mocked, “Miss Tang, you might not understand me. I’m not aboveboard; to be honest, I’m just not a bad person. Of course, in the opinion of some people who can’t wait to turn me into ashes, I’m the vilest guy in the world...”

Tang Mei’s eyes became slightly dim; however, she remained her look unchanged, saying, “Master Jin, is that your word of self-modesty?”

“I was just telling the truth. If I were aboveboard, the grasses on my tomb have already been 1 m high...” Zhang Tie burst into laughter facing the sea wind.

Tang Mei became silent for a second. Closely after that, he slowly nodded and sighed, “Master Jin, this must not be your real identity and name?”

Tang Mei was indeed smart. Zhang Tie nodded as he admitted it frankly, “Right, it’s indeed not my real identity...”

“I wonder about your real identity.”

“If you know that, you won’t get any benefits from it; instead, you will be in great danger!” Zhang Tie said with a smile as he shook his head, “Just treat me as the ordinary people whom you encountered on the way...”

“I see!” Tang Mei revealed a charming smile like all flowers bloom together, “Master Jin, if you don’t mind it, I will call you Elder Brother Jin. You can call me Mei; instead of Miss Tang...”

Mei sounded too intimate. However, if he called her Tang Mei, Zhang Tie always felt weird just like spraying some soil over a pearl. However, watching her hopeful look, Zhang Tie finally gnashed his teeth, ‘Whatever, it’s just an appellation. Even she doesn’t care about it, why do I hesitate?’

“Well, I will call you Mei from now on. You can call me Elder Brother Jin. Aunt Wu said that you were 21 years old. After all, I’m elder than you. Even if you call me Elder Brother, it’s also acceptable...”

“Elder Brother Jin, will you look down upon me...” Tang Mei asked as she lowered her head at a stroke.

“Ah, why’d you ask me about that?” Zhang Tie was confused.

“Among those people who attended the tests with me today, the two youths were both famous doctors in Tigerback Town. They have greater popularity among the people. Additionally, they all come from dignified time-honored clans. Elder Brother Jin, you must be curious why so many people wanted to help me only after we separated from each other for a few days.”

“Err... I think it one’s fortune!” Zhang Tie also had such a question; however, he was always uninterested in figuring out such questions; especially when it was related to a woman.

“The reason is simple. They glimpsed at my face behind the veil by accident!”

“Oh, I see. Everyone likes beauty...” Zhang Tie understood. Tang Mei’s face was attractive to men. It was even as effective as a nuclear bomb.

“However, I let them see my face on purpose!” Tang Mei said calmly as if it happened to others instead of her. At the same time, she watched Zhang Tie’s face calmly.

Zhang Tie became shortly stunned. When he found Tang Mei became silent for a few seconds, Zhang Tie opened his mouth, “Why are you telling me about this? If you didn’t mention it, I might not know it forever!”

Tang Mei revealed a short smile which carried a bit grievance. “When I was young, my parents passed away due to an accident. Over these years, I was living with my two elder brothers and aunts. Since I was 14 years old, through how those men beside me watched me, I knew what my look meant to men. From then on, I started to wear veil. Since I found that I was affected by cancer, I had not taken off my veil in the public. Even my two elder brothers could barely see my face...” Tang Mei then shook her head, adding, “I don’t know why I’m telling Elder Brother Jin about these. Perhaps, I couldn’t stand talking about that or didn’t want to cheat you. Elder Brother Jin, will you look down upon me after knowing this?”

Zhang Tie finally understood it. Watching Tang Mei seriously, he took in a deep breath, saying, “It’s all in human nature. As a human, of course, I could understand you. I don’t feel there’s any problem with what you did. You just didn’t want to wait for death. You just wanted to make use of your advantage for a bit opportunity. You didn’t do anything wrong, why would I look down upon you?”

“Really?” Tang Mei asked as she widely opened her eyes.

“If I cheat you, I’m a puppy dog!” Zhang Tie replied solemnly.

Tang Mei revealed another brilliant smile which caused all the blooms to feel bashful and Zhang Tie stunned in a split second...

After staying in the Tideviewing Courtyard for a short while, Tang Mei got up and bade farewell to him politely. Zhang Tie didn’t ask her to stay a bit longer. After all, it was already late, if Tang Mei stayed here for too long, it might arouse gossips. As Bian Heng’s disciple who had to stay in Tigerback Mountain for a long time, Tang Mei should pay attention to the details.

Zhang Tie walked Tang Mei out of the gate of Tideviewing Courtyard. When Tang Mei was going to leave the courtyard, she suddenly stopped and turned around, asking an unexpected question, “Elder Brother Jin, when you saw me waiting for you outside Tideviewing Courtyard, did you recall another woman?”

“Ah?” Zhang Tie became utterly petrified. He didn’t understand how Tang Mei knew that. ‘Women’s intuition and perception are too amazing.’

“Elder Brother Jin, you don’t need to answer me. I’ve already known that the girl must be more beautiful than me in your heart...” Tang Mei smiled at Zhang Tie, saying, “Please go back, Elder Brother Jin. See you...” After saying that, Tang Mei strode out of the gate. Uncle Guan then helped her put on an outer garment before leaving there together.

Seeing Tang Mei off, Zhang Tie didn’t recover his composure until the two people left.

After closing his gate, Zhang Tie returned to his courtyard. Standing in the courtyard alone, he looked up at the bright moon for a short while as he wanted to shout out his desire hysterically—Are you alright? However, he stayed silent in the end.

After standing there for a while, Zhang Tie returned to his cultivation room. Taking off his outer garment, he ran his battle qi in his qi sea as hot waves started to flow in his body. Cold icy fluid was rapidly coming into being outside his body and gradually surrounded him.

In the blink of an eye, Zhang Tie had been in the song of ice and flame.

The fire was Dragon's True Flame. The icy fluid was flowing over Zhang Tie's body like high-speed gears. Some hard ice needles and scums inside the icy fluid constantly hit Zhang Tie's body at a high speed, strengthening Zhang Tie defensive ability...

After his qi sea was completely recovered, even without Bian Heng's needles, Zhang Tie could still create conditions to constantly quench his body. Previously, Bian Heng would carry out medical treatment for him two times per two days; but now Zhang Tie could quench his body two times a day. Such a quenching condition was stricter and could bring him better effect. Through quenching his body in this way, Zhang Tie didn't feel any pain at all; instead he felt being more and more powerful in that airy condition...

## **Chapter 1847: Gifts**

After staying in Tigerback Mountain for another one week, Zhang Tie told Bian Heng on August 15, "Brother Bian, I gotta get going..."

"What?" Bian Heng watched Zhang Tie with wide eyes out of shock as he asked, "Aren't you interested in immortals' secret books and heavenly-level immortal outfits?"

"No, I'm going to leave Tigerback Mountain and hone myself somewhere. In next June, I will come back to Tigerback Mountain and go to meet those people with you..." Zhang Tie said with a smile as he added, "Of course, I'm interested in immortals' secret books and heavenly-level secret items. However, you know, elder brother, those things are not white cabbages which could be selected for free. If I could be a bit more powerful, I would have more confidence in taking actions together with those powers; at least I could protect myself..."

"Humph, you're really shrewd!" Bian Heng replied with a cold harrumph as he gazed at Zhang Tie with his little eyes, saying, "Listen, if you didn't come back on June 1st, I will not wait for you in Tigerback Mountain. Don't think about immortals' secret books or heavenly-level immortal outfits by then..."

"Haha, no problem. I will come back on time and go to meet them together with you..." Zhang Tie said as he laughed.

"Where are you going?"

"Mountain Ruins!" Zhang Tie answered honestly.

"Take this, roll out of here as soon as possible..." Bian Heng said as a jade vial appeared in his hand.

Zhang Tie took it and shook it as he heard frictions inside the vial. Apparently, it contained a lot of medicinal pills inside.

“What’s this?” Zhang Tie asked.

Watching Zhang Tie with a bad look, Bian Heng said, “This is a soul-washing pill. After you take it, the wisp of primordial qi in the pill could invade the surging points at your shrine palace and on your spine. Although it couldn’t change your primordial physique, it could add a layer of disguise for those surging points. If you take these pills, the others could barely figure out whether these surging points were lit up after birth or not or whether you’re from another world or not unless an immortal emperor or demon emperor invades his battle qi into your body within a short distance. Therefore, you could keep alive...”

Watching the vial of pills, Zhang Tie became shortly stunned. All of a sudden, he became ecstatic. With this vial of soul-washing pills, plus his body-changing immortal bloodline, the big loophole would be fixed. Even though he met a demon emperor, he would not be easily identified. Even Versatile Demon Emperor could barely recognize him as long as he changed his look unless within a short distance.

These soul-washing pills were very useful; they were even more precious than golden secret items.

Zhang Tie instantly teleported soul-washing pills into Castle of Black Iron. However, he didn’t appreciate Bian Heng; instead, he ridiculed Bian Heng, “Beauty’s power is really infinite. We’ve known each other for so long, but I didn’t see such a good item. After I found you such a beautiful disciple for a few days, you’ve suddenly become so generous and given me soul-washing pills. Listen, although she’s your disciple; given your old age, you’d better not make any mistake; otherwise, your good reputation would be ruined. That’s not worthwhile...”

“Nonsense...” Bian Heng almost jumped up as he pretended to be angry, saying “If not that you’re smart and a bit useful, I would never care about you. It’s none of my business even if you were stamped into pieces by Versatile Demon Emperor. Do you know how many rarities have I used to make it? If you don’t want them, give them back to me. I will feed them to dog...”

“Hahaha, it would be too wasteful if you fed them to dogs. Now that elder brother has spent so much time in making them, I will accept them; just take them as my compensation for watching the fishpond for you...” Zhang Tie smiled shamelessly; however, he didn’t take out those soul-washing pills.

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“Roll out of here; roll out of here as soon as possible...” Bian Heng instantly blew his beard as he opened his eyes wide, driving Zhang Tie away.

“Take it easy, elder brother. I’m especially here to bid farewell to you. I have even prepared a gift for you. You could never find it in Motian Realm...” Zhang Tie said as he blinked his eyes.

“Humph, I don’t believe in that. I’ve seen all kinds of rarities...” Although being stubborn, Bian Heng couldn’t help glancing over Zhang Tie. Apparently, his curiosity had been aroused. If it was someone else, he had long slapped that person. However, as he knew that Zhang Tie came from another world; therefore, he became curious about Zhang Tie’s gift.

Zhang Tie moved his hand as a jade case appeared in his hand. He then gave it to Bian Heng.

Bian Heng opened it out of curiosity. In a split second, he widely opened his eyes.

That jade case contained a resplendent fruit. When he opened it, he smelt an ethereal, quirky fragrance as fragrant as musk and orchid. At the same time, the entire room was filled with glow as if the fragrance carried a bizarre magic power and an airy sense. Only after sniffing a bit of it, Bian Heng had felt being much younger as all of his cells became vigorous at a stroke...

This fruit indeed didn't exist in Motian Realm. Bian Heng's eyes shone like bulbs as he immediately realized that this fruit was special as he asked, "This is..."

"It's the fruit of cross-realm flower. Elder brother, if you've got a lover, you could gift it to her. After taking it, she would definitely be obedient and tender to you..."

"Nonsense, impossible. I don't believe such a fruit could bewilder a supreme-level immortal general." Bian Heng said as he sniffed the bizarre fragrance, eyebrows quivering, as if he wanted to check the effect of this fruit.

"In the world where I came from, the fruit of cross-realm flower is a top rarity. It won't bewilder people; instead, it could keep someone forever young. No woman could endure its allure. It's much more advanced than the low bewildering tricks..."

"What? You mean this fruit could keep woman forever young?" Bian Heng asked as he watched Zhang Tie with excitement.

"Elder brother, if you don't believe me, just give it back to me. I got it at the risk of my life..." Zhang Tie said as he reached out his hand.

'Pah', the jade case was closed. In a split second, it disappeared in Bian Heng's hand. Raising his face, Bian Heng said, "Brat, you're conscientious..."

Zhang Tie said with a quirky smile, "Hehehheh, elder brother, you treasure it so much. It means, as a supreme-level immortal general, you really have a lover. Who's her, tell me about that..."

Bian Heng's face blushed as he roared out of fury, "Roll out of here..."

#### **Chapter 1848: Fighting Enemy with Wits and Bravery**

After bidding a farewell to Bian Heng, Zhang Tie planned to notice Tang Mei that he was going to leave too. However, as Bian Heng had started the medical treatment for her, Tang Mei was having a medicated bath in Pinkcloud Cave of Tigerback Mountain who couldn't come out until 2 days later. After knowing that, Zhang Tie didn't wait for her anymore. Swinging his sleeves, he left Tigerback Mountain.

"See you!" After taking a look back at Tigerback Mountain, Zhang Tie jumped down and flew towards the east as fast as a lightning bolt. After hundreds of miles, he entered a cloud and activated his invisible shen bead. In a split second, he became invisible. Then, he made a detour and returned to the air territory above Whitedragon Gulf, where he dove into the ocean quietly.

As his protective battle qi could isolate his body and clothes from seawater, Zhang immediately arrived at the bottom of the ocean. After confirming that nobody was following him, he swam towards Yaohai Ocean.

Only after such a short while, Zhang Tie had already changed his look by activating his body-changing immortal bloodline. Additionally, he even changed a set of clothes whose colors were different than that when he left Tigerback Mountain.

Zhang Tie didn't swim at the fastest speed; instead, at an average speed in case of catching the eyes of the others.

In less than one hour, Zhang Tie had come to the junction between Whitedragon Gulf and Yaohai Ocean.

The thousands of meters high city wall was standing above the sea level while the huge city gate entrance beneath sea level was like a vault of a huge bridge. Enormous seawater were pouring in the city gate entrance. Ships were accessing to the city gate on the sea level. Under the sea level, it was like the Crystal Palace of Dragon King as fish and shrimps were crossing.

Compared to the bustling scenery when he entered a city gate of Emperor NvWa City, it was much more tranquil in the water today. He could only see a few people accessing to the city gate beneath the water.

Zhang Tie saw some immortal generals rushing inside the moment he arrived here. Those guys saw Zhang Tie too. However, they just swam by.

Additionally, Zhang Tie met earth immortal general at his 40's just now. It seemed that he also wanted to leave Emperor NvWa City.

Compared to other means of accessing to Emperor NvWa City, it was more secret for them to travel in water. As there were all kinds of people accessing to Emperor NvWa City, including many immortal generals, of course, someone needed to take action secretly like Zhang Tie.

Even though being underwater, when he passed by the city wall, he could still sense the powerful scanning system inside the city gate entrance. It seemed that the defensive system of Emperor NvWa City didn't have any dead angle.

Meanwhile, some armored immortal generals of Emperor NvWa City were monitoring people who were accessing to the city gate entrance in water.

After passing by the city gate smoothly in water, Zhang Tie entered the vast Yaohai Ocean again. He became extremely vigilant the moment he left Emperor NvWa City by releasing his spiritual energy in all directions and paying attention to the situation in the surroundings at any time.

When he exited the city gate of Emperor NvWa City, it meant that Zhang Tie had given up the protection of the city gate of Emperor NvWa City. The powers of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and demons might attack him at any time.

Although demons and the backbones of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace who had been affected by Golden-Soul Rune Virus couldn't enter Emperor NvWa City, Zhang Tie was deeply convinced that there were agents of demons and Dark Emperor Immortal Palace inside Emperor NvWa City.

The head of Cyan Dragon Palace of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace was Si Dan the ancestor of Si Clan. As long as the heads of the other 3 branches of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace were on the same level with Si Dan whose identities were still not exposed to the public yet, they could easily set some agents in



Emperor NvWa City aboveboard. Even those who followed their arrangements might not know that they were working for Dark Emperor Immortal Palace and demons.

This was the most terrifying and troublesome aspect of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace. Theoretically, if one of the three branch heads of Dark Emperor Immortal Palace was the boss of an immortal palace or a major clan, many immortal generals and people who followed the orders of that boss might not even know that they had already been the lackeys of demons.

‘Could Versatile Demon Emperor predict that I would come to Tigerback Mountain for medical treatment?’

Zhang Tie didn’t know. But Versatile Demon Emperor had 50% possibility to hit it. Therefore, he probably had already set agents in Tigerback Town and in the surroundings.

‘Would Versatile Demon Emperor wait outside the city wall for me after confirming that I was receiving medical treatment in Tigerback Mountain?’

Zhang Tie didn’t know it either. Even though there was 50% possibility, according to probability theory, Versatile Demon Emperor still had 25% possibility to set traps outside the city wall of Emperor NvWa City.

Because Zhang Tie didn’t know whether Versatile Demon Emperor was waiting for him outside the city wall and going to give him a fatal strike, even if there was only 25% possibility, Zhang Tie had to be careful for the sake of his life.

Therefore, he chose to leave Emperor NvWa City today, the 15th day of this month. He could use space-teleportation equipment today and access to Castle of Black Iron whenever he wanted. As long as something was not right, he would hide in Castle of Black Iron immediately. Castle of Black Iron had completely become his asylum.

The only piece of good news was that Zhang Tie could leave in any of the four directions through the four city walls of Emperor NvWa City. Even though Versatile Demon Emperor was waiting for Zhang Tie outside the city, he only had less than 1/16 possibility to meet Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie was flying towards east on purpose at the beginning. He was puzzling his enemy. If there were really some agents of demons or Dark Emperor Immortal Palace around Tigerback Mountain, they would definitely send a wrong signal to Versatile Demon Emperor. novel-1n

By changing his look, Zhang Tie could reduce the possibility of being discovered by his enemy.

Since Zhang Tie prepared to leave Tigerback Mountain, he had started to fight Versatile Demon Emperor and Dark Emperor Immortal Palace by wits and bravery.

The only loophole of Zhang Tie was that there was no primordial qi in the surging points on his spine. After getting the soul-washing pills from Bian Heng, he could have fixed it; however, through consideration, Zhang Tie determined to keep this loophole on purpose.

Zhang Tie wanted to say whether Versatile Demon Emperor and Dark Emperor Immortal Palace were powerful enough to discover him through this loophole. If they were really able to discover him through this clue, they would fall in Zhang Tie’s trap and Zhang Tie would continue his trick...

After leaving Emperor NvWa City, it became more boisterous as more and more immortal generals were traveling in water. Zhang Tie directly swam far away.

Nothing unusual happened in the first 35 miles. When Zhang Tie left Emperor NvWa City for about 50 miles...

With a bang, huge sprays rushed into the sky as 5 immortal generals dove into water from the sky and had a fierce battle right in front of Zhang Tie.

Chapter 1849: Zhang Tie's Prompt Decision

The five immortal generals were all fierce immortal generals. In metal wings, they were fighting fiercely.

There were three male immortal generals and two female immortal generals. In dark yellow clothes, the male immortal generals were sturdy. With machetes in hands, apparently, they were of the same gang. By contrast, the two female immortal generals in white skirt looked much weaker.

It reminded Zhang Tie of the scene in which three jackals and wolves besieged two cute rabbits.

The five people descended and blocked Zhang Tie's way.

"Younger sister, hurry, go, I will stop them..." a female immortal general shouted as she waved her long sword, involving the three men into her sword light at a stroke.

"Catch them..." the three men roared in unison.

"Elder sister..." the woman being called younger sister wailed.

"Leave me alone. Hurry, go..." Elder sister tried her best to wave her sword. Pitifully, elder sister was not more powerful than any of the three men, not to mention that she had to fight three men at the same time. Therefore, in a split second, a machete had already shattered her protective battle qi, leaving a 30-cm longer scar on her arm, turning her white skirt to scarlet.

The escaping younger sister directly rushed towards Zhang Tie. One of the three men also broke out of her sword light and chased closely after the younger sister.

"Help..." At the sight of Zhang Tie in water, the younger sister immediately rushed towards him while asking for his help.

To be honest, the younger sister was not as beautiful as Tang Mei; however, she was at least as beautiful as Ji Yuelan and Jiang Ruoxin. Especially at this moment, she was chased by a fierce man pitifully with panic and grief.

As a powerful man with great righteousness, shouldn't he help her at this moment? Even if he couldn't help her, wouldn't he stop them to ask the reason out of curiosity?

Watching the beauty rushing towards him, Zhang Tie's face turned weird.

In the blink of an eye, the younger sister had come nearer to Zhang Tie.

“Go die...” the tough man roared as his battle qi turned into an iron fist and hit the younger sister’s back from dozens of meters away.

The younger sister spurted out blood. Closely after that, she rushed to the front of Zhang Tie and uttered “help” before spurting out blood as if she was heavily hurt; she almost passed out.

Zhang Tie reached out his hand and quickly held this younger sister.

“Brat, mind your own business. Give that woman back to me; otherwise, you will have to try this grandpa’s machete...” The fierce tough man had already arrived in front of Zhang Tie as he started to threaten Zhang Tie.

As a man, who could not help her at this moment?

Of course, Zhang Tie took action. Before the younger sister said anything else, Zhang Tie had reached out his hand and hit her back as fast as a lightning bolt.

With a bang, the younger sister spurted out blood heavily as most of her bones on her back were broken, especially her spine, causing her to utter a shrill cry. At the same time, her protective battle qi dissipated as she passed out. n.)o/-V./ε-.l--b).1-)n

F\*ck, who could imagine that Zhang Tie would hit the younger sister; instead of that tough man?

The fierce tough man was petrified as he didn’t know what to say. ‘What the hell...’

After hearing the younger sister’s shrill cry, all the other three people stopped out of shock...

“Look, your punch was too light. You should hit her in this way!” Zhang Tie said with a smile as he threw the younger sister towards that fierce tough man, adding, “Take her if you want...”

The grim tough man took the younger sister in a daze. Closely after that, Zhang Tie’s punch arrived as the tough man’s protective battle qi was broken in an instant. At the same time, his chest sunk as he spurted out pieces of his guts, passing out due to heavy injuries.

In the next second, Zhang Tie punched towards the three people over 1,000 m away, causing them to pass out at once with a rumble of thunder in water.

Zhang Tie reached out his hand as he teleported the grim tough man and the younger sister beside him into Castle of Black Iron at once. Closely after that, Zhang Tie flashed away, increasing his speed by dozens of times in a split second. When he passed by the other three people, he teleported them into Castle of Black Iron too.

Closely after that, Zhang Tie became transparent in water.

The entire process lasted even less than 5 seconds...

Nothing seemed to have happened in the tranquil water.

However, after Zhang Tie disappeared here for 10 minutes, all of a sudden, the seawater within thousands of meters became still as if it was frozen. In such an extremely weird scene, Versatile Demon Emperor appeared in the water where Zhang Tie was just now.

Eyes shining, Versatile Demon Emperor watched the surroundings as he turned gloomy and uttered a hoarse voice, “Good-for-nothing...”

Closely after the word ‘nothing’, Versatile Demon Emperor looked up at the Emperor NvWa City. In an instant, his eyes sparkled as he disappeared. The seawater within thousands of meters then started to surge again.

After a few minutes, with a bang, as two battle qis entered the ocean, two immortal generals in the armor of Emperor NvWa City descended and came to the same waters with strong fierce qi.

“Just now, the spiritual tower on the city wall has already sensed demonic qi here...” An immortal general took a look at the surroundings with wide eyes as he said.

“It’s not strange at all. As this place is close to the periphery of the induction field of the spiritual tower, I’m afraid that those demons were sounding out our intentions. Those sons of b\*tches would always come here once in a few days. We only need to pay a tour inspection in the surroundings. If there’s no problem, we will go back...”

After a brief talk, the two immortal generals paid a tour inspection in the waters before flying out of water.

### **Chapter 1850: A Great Risk**

There were many kinds of marine organisms in Yaohai Ocean. The two immortal generals of Emperor NvWa City and Versatile Demon Emperor who came here with a time span of more than 10 minutes didn’t notice or didn’t care that a mutated big octopus who disguised itself as a reef was staring at this place from 1,000 m away.

After the two immortals of Emperor NvWa City left here for half an hour, the big octopus started to move rapidly at the bottom of the sea.

Cuttlefish could reach over 100 miles per hour in the water, not to mention a mutated big cuttlefish which could move over 150 miles per hour in water just like a torpedo. Therefore, after swimming for more than 2 hours, the mutated big cuttlefish came to a block of wood with dense tall corals. After traveling across the wood leisurely for a short while, the cuttlefish entered a coral cave.

At first glance, there were only colorful, beautiful fish swimming leisurely in the cave. Only the mutated big cuttlefish knew that one person was in this coral cave.

Of course, that person was Zhang Tie.

After sensing the coming cuttlefish, Zhang Tie opened his eyes as he reached out one hand and touched the big cuttlefish’s head. Closely after that, what the big cuttlefish saw just now appeared in Zhang Tie’s mind sea.

Besides high speed and being able to change its color to adapt to the surroundings, few people knew that big cuttlefish’s sight also ranked first in the ocean. Its sight was terrifyingly great. It could even change its pupils’ shape in order to observe the surroundings like a telescope in water. If a marine organism was selected to be scout or agent in ocean, mutated big cuttlefish was definitely the best one.

Boldness of execution stems from superb skill. After leaving that waters, he didn't enter Castle of Black Iron immediately; instead, he hid his qi and stayed in this coral cave. In order to not arouse the attention of his enemy, he didn't even activate his lotus-flower eyes to observe the waters; instead, he delivered the mission to this mutated big cuttlefish near this waters.

'F\*ck!'

When he saw Versatile Demon Emperor again in the memory of the cuttlefish, Zhang Tie's heart trembled once.

Although Zhang Tie had guessed that Versatile Demon Emperor was waiting somewhere outside Emperor NvWa City for him, he was still startled by the reappearance of Versatile Demon Emperor. Meanwhile, he confirmed that he was ranked first in the blacklist of Versatile Demon Emperor. Otherwise, Versatile Demon Emperor would never wait for him patiently outside Emperor NvWa City.

Zhang Tie felt lucky about his fast prompt decision of leaving that waters immediately. If Zhang Tie wasted time to save the beauties out of righteousness, he must have been in the same poor situation like last time. If Versatile Demon Emperor launched a strike towards him again, Zhang Tie knew that he could definitely not survive Versatile Demon Emperor's strike anymore.

'The five immortal generals were not demons; nor were they affected by Golden-Soul Runed Virus. Their task was not to kill me; but to postpone my time leaving there. Meanwhile, they could confirm my direction. They probably not even know that it was Versatile Demon Emperor who was following them...'

'If I really saved the two beauties, I might have already been dead.'

The mutated big cuttlefish couldn't hear the words of Versatile Demon Emperor and the two immortal generals of Emperor NvWa City. However, as it could see them clearly, Zhang Tie could easily figure out what they were talking about through the images in its memory.

After reading these images from the memory of the mutated big cuttlefish, Zhang Tie input some reinforcing energy into the body of the mutated big cuttlefish as a reward.

Closely after that, a whim occurred to Zhang Tie, causing him to frown, 'when I left Emperor NvWa City, I've already changed my look; additionally, I've made a trick to bamboozle them. How did they discover me? How could those people position my whereabouts?'

With this question, Zhang Tie returned to Castle of Black Iron.

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"Welcome back, Castle Lord..." Heller's voice sounded. Zhang Tie felt dizzy as he had already been in the lobby of the palace tree.

"Finally back..." Zhang Tie heaved a deep sigh. Although it was risky today, it was almost equal to taking a circle around the gate of the netherworld. If he made one mistake, he would have been killed.

"Castle Lord, you showed up..."

“Ah, well, I almost forgot about it...” After being warned by Heller, Zhang Tie discovered that he was still invisible. Therefore, he ran his spiritual energy and exited that state at once.

“Castle Lord, please take a look at this...” Heller said as he gave an item to Zhang Tie.

It was a smooth metal shell without even grains on its surface as large as a pocket watch.

After taking it, Zhang Tie asked, “What’s this?”

“I got it from each of the space-teleportation equipments of the five immortal generals that you teleported into Castle of Black Iron. It might help you solve your puzzle!”

“Oh!” Zhang Tie took a look at it as he found it could be opened. Therefore, he opened it.

At the sight of its internal structure, Zhang Tie almost mistook it as a compass.

There was a piece of crystal stone inside the metal shell. Zhang Tie saw a blood drop flowing in the center of the crystal stone; besides, dense runes were flowing in the small piece of crystal stone. Additionally, a tiny red needle was floating above the crystal stone.

The feature of the piece of crystal stone reminded Zhang Tie of Golden-Soul Rune Virus. When Zhang Tie opened the metal shell, he found that the tiny red needle was pointing at him...