

Black Iron 321

Chapter 321: One Movement, One Scenery

Not knowing how long he had practised on the quincuncial piles, after being immersed in that bizarre situation, Zhang Tie felt pleased as he opened his eyes. He then knew that a great amount of people in the training room were watching him.

Among them, besides his senior sisters who guided him in the morning and some men who he didn't know, he caught sight of Lan Yunxi.

The moment he saw her, Zhang Tie seemed to notice a halo on her as the entire world became alive. In a split second, the empty land in his memory was fulfilled once again. Only after 1 days since he left Lan Yunxi, Lan Yunxi's image had been obscure in his mind again. Therefore, Zhang Tie felt that he had not seen her for several years.

With eyes fixed on Zhang Tie, nobody uttered, especially Zhang Tie's martial sisters. They looked like they had seen a ghost. Even Lan Yunxi's eyes became a bit surprised.

"What a mighty Iron-Blood Fist..." One of those strange men let out a long sigh with a smile on his face.

'Mighty?' glancing over the metal hydraulic columns which fell down like daisies being destroyed by heavy wind, Zhang Tie also became shocked. At the last moment when he was immersed in that situation just now, Zhang Tie even felt that those quincuncial piles under his feet became surplus. They were just like broken stones on the road. He just kicked them away casually and broke them into pieces. When he "woke up", he found that he was already standing on the ground.

Each of the metal hydraulic columns being connected to the power equipment in the room weighed a few tons. Although they were not completely solid, they were as firm as robust trees. Those metal hydraulic columns twisted and lay down around Zhang Tie in radial patterns, forming a weird scene. As a result, the oil in the broken metal hydraulic columns slowly flowed over the ground.

Zhang Tie lowered his head and found that some liquid almost reached his feet; he hurriedly jumped away.

"Zhang Tie, what happened to you just now? Caidie said you found some insights. What have you got?" Ma Aiyun was straightforward. Seeing Zhang Tie walking over there, she opened her mouth first.

"I don't know..." said Zhang Tie, scratching his head. Zhang Tie became a bit bashful. Just now, he truly had realized something; however, it was pure subjective experience which could not be described. That was why it could not be easily realized.

"You don't know?" Widening her eyes, Ma Aiyun added, "How come?"

"I really don't know how to describe it. I only felt something pour out of my inner heart. This brought me a strange experience. I don't know what I've realized!"

"What experience?" Gu Caidie asked out of curiosity. Some girls who guided Zhang Tie had not received any experience on finding the insight at all. Therefore, they all wondered what Zhang Tie had experienced.

Not only them, even those beside him were watching Zhang Tie full of curiosity, including Lan Yunxi. Such a sharing on finding the insight and experience would be beneficial to everyone's cultivation. Even though they could not realize like Zhang Tie, at least they could understand how such insight would change a person and provide a rare, beneficial experience and reference to their cultivation.

"How to say..." Zhang Tie tried to recall that feeling. Noticing that even Lan Yunxi was interested in this, Zhang Tie thought for awhile before he tried to put it in a clearer way.

"No need to put your focus on using adjectives, simply tell us about your true feeling!" That man who said just now uttered again.

Zhang Tie glanced at that man and found he looked a bit similar to Lan Yunxi; he then immediately assumed the status of that man. He should at least be Lan Yunxi's relative or elder, instead of her dad.

'Zhang Taixuan—— the Count Long Wind, Lan Yunxi's dad was the head of Zhang clan. He was so powerful and busy everyday, he would never waste time to talk with him. Even if he wanted to marry her daughter to Zhang Tie, he didn't need to be that hurried. Although he was not Zhang Taixuan, this man looked so majestic and gentle which reminded Zhang Tie that he was definitely not an average person.

'No crap, Lan Yunxi's dad and mom are all great figures with powerful family background, how could her relative and elder be average.' Zhang Tie swore him inside. Seeing the man treating him pretty kindly, Zhang Tie also nodded at him with a friend smile.

This man's words truly reminded Zhang Tie that language and vocabulary were not important; what was important was the true insight and feeling. After thinking for a short while, Zhang Tie had already understood that feeling.

"At the beginning, I felt something coming out of my heart. It seemed to be an incessant force which kept pouring out like a spring. Yes, like a spring. I felt that I became a spring myself. The spring gradually converged into a pond. The the spring flowed out of the pond and started to naturally flow among mountains. It then turned into a stream, which felt so jubilant among mountains. Not only this, I even felt pretty free. I enjoyed the scenery that I passed by. The scenery kept changing at all time, which was really impressive!"

"You say you became a spring and a stream when you practised on quincuncial piles? you felt jubilant while flowing down the mountain and enjoying scenery on the way? What the hell is that?' Those girls didn't understand this insight, which made them admirable.

Although those girls didn't understand, the 50 year-old man beside Lan Yunxi knew it as a wisp of amazement flashed across his eyes, "If that's true, it must be the 'one movement, one scenery' level!"

'One movement, one scenery?' Zhang Tie recalled and found that was similar to his experience. By the end, he felt like enjoying different scenery with each movement.

"Martial sister Xi, could you introduce this..." Zhang Tie looked at Lan Yunxi as he asked.

When Zhang Tie turned towards her, Lan Yunxi's heart truly raced. Based on Zhang Tie's character, if he called her "Yunxi" in a shameless way, she didn't even know how to explain to the 4th uncle. When she saw Zhang Tie behaving that politely, she swore him 'b*stard' inside. She could even feel that Zhang Tie was making grimace towards her inside.

"This is my 4th uncle. He's coming for you today!" After slightly recovering composure, Lan Yunxi made a brief introduction.

"Let's talk about it outside. It smells bad here!" Zhang Tie looked at Lan Yunxi's 4th uncle. The odor of the hydraulic oil started to gradually volatilize, which made people uncomfortable.

They then left the training room together.

Knowing that Zhang Tie would leave, Ma Aiyun and the other girls could only bid farewell to Zhang Tie.

"Senior sisters, please wait a minute, thanks for your guidance to me these days. I feel that I could pass the test on fundamental movements. Please accept it now!" Zhang Tie smiled.

"Are you ready to attend the test now?" When Gu Caidie asked, all the others who were walking out of the training field stopped.

Without saying anything, Zhang Tie directly rushed to the front of the 100-m test passage. He instantly jumped onto the quincuncial piles which were extending and shrinking and started to jump on them rapidly.

Right then, there were still many people who were trying to pass the 100-m long passage of quincuncial piles which were constantly changing. In every second, someone would be shot down from the top of the piles into the water pool.

The moment Zhang Tie stood on a quincuncial pile, a high-pressure water column had shot towards him. Zhang Tie smiled and leisurely walked one step aside to evade it.

When Zhang Tie first saw this test passage on fundamental movements, Zhang Tie felt that this test was too hard; however, at this moment, the passage was like a plain road for him while each point on the top of each quincuncial pile was a geometrical plane which could be extended without any limit.

Point is zero-dimensional; moving point would form a line, which was one-dimensional; moving line would form a plane which was two-dimensional; moving plane would form body, which was three-dimensional; moving body would form a four-dimensional universal time, space and the world.

When in movement, all the solid items could be extended, all the existences would be composed of multiple factors. When you split this multiple-dimensional time and space. To the final analysis, everything could be split into one "point", which was hard to understand. It could be zero, it could be empty, it could be the root of everything in the universe.

Although this passage was still the same one, Zhang Tie changed; therefore, this passage changed in Zhang Tie's eyes. As Zhang Tie's heart changed, his cognition about this world also changed; this indicated a different level.

"One movement, one scenery" was an advanced level like seeing a plain road out of thorns and a scenery out of fire, which could not be described.

At this moment, in Zhang Tie's eyes, the numerous quincuncial piles with different lengths had become different levels of planes which were extended in front of him.

The road was under his feet. There were numerous roads, which connected one by another. No matter where they reached, there was always a place for Zhang Tie to stand on. He could even make a way out of no way. Everything that he saw on the way were just roadside scenery.

In a split second, the fierce high-pressure water columns became fine drizzles in the sky with a sort of complaint...

Including Lan Yunxi and the senior girls who were guiding Zhang Tie, their eyes all radiated gleaming light...

At this moment, Zhang Tie was like a poet. In a white suit, Zhang Tie wandered in a long alley. He held an umbrella in the fine drizzle and seemed wanting to encounter a lady with lilac fragrance...

The other guys who were gritting their teeth on the test passage were like laborers in the mud. Compared to Zhang Tie who was like a prince, they were like paupers.

After reading the end of the passage, Zhang Tie raised his eyebrows and revealed his teeth with a sexy smile...

Zhang Tie's nice image in the girls' minds broke apart at once.

'Peh, still a rogue!' Lan Yunxi swore at him inside...

Chapter 322: To be a Castle Lord

After leaving the training field, Zhang Tie felt pretty good. Knowing that he had something to deal with, Gu Caidie and the other martial girls bade farewell to Zhang Tie before they left too.

Zhang Tie's performance in the test passage had justified that he could pass the test on fundamental movements successfully. Zhang Tie didn't need to come here in the future.

According to Ma Aiyun and the other martial girls, the course of fundamental movements was the most difficult one among all the compulsory courses. Most of the people in Breaking-Heavens Department had passed the test on fundamental movements in half a year to 1 year. They had not expected that Zhang Tie could pass it in just a bit over 2 months. Although this was not the fastest, it could only be achieved by a minority of people in the Breaking-Heavens Department.

"Who's the fastest one to pass the test on fundamental movements?" Zhang Tie asked Ma Aiyun while the latter looked at Lan Yunxi with a smile. Zhang Tie then understood.

Outside the training field, they separated from each other.

"Martial sisters, your vials of medicament will arrive in 1 week. Don't forget to come for me by then!"

"We might not get enough money by then!" Gu Caidie explained, "We might not take too much from you at the beginning".

In Breaking-Heavens Department, as each one had to submit 30 gold coins as the monthly fee, most of the girls could not save much; therefore, although they intended to do this business, they felt bashful about that.

"No problem, you can take away the medicament first and sell them before paying me back!" Zhang Tie put it generously.

"That's great!"

"You can take 200 vials of medicament first. If you can not sell all of them, you can return them back to me. Just have a try. If this works, we can stick to this way in the future; if not, just take it as a joke!"

Gu Caiyun then exchanged glances with the other girls as they were all moved by Zhang Tie's words. They knew that although Zhang Tie was careless and shameless sometimes, he was very considerate. Now that Zhang Tie had presented such a condition for them, he had obviously considered their situation quite well. He almost pushed a great opportunity in front of them.

The girls were very reserved. They were not good at expressing their own emotions, especially when there were strangers present. After deeply gazing at Zhang Tie with a thank-you, the girls then left.

Lan Yunxi's 4th uncle didn't talk. Seeing that Zhang Tie had sold 200 vials of medicament in such a short while, he realized that Zhang Tie had truly mastered the method of producing large-scale all-purpose medicaments.

After the girls left, Lan Yunxi's 4th uncle put it straightforwardly to Zhang Tie about his status and his purpose.

Zhang Taibai—Lan Yunxi's 4th uncle, a younger brother of Zhang Taixuan, the Count Long Wind, a director of Long Wind Business Group, such a status really shocked Zhang Tie.

"You mean Long Wind Business Group wants to cooperate with me?" Zhang Tie glanced at this 50 year-old man who looked noble and privileged. It was really out of his imagination that all-purpose medicament could attract the attention of such a great organization.

"Hmm, as all-purpose medicament has many applications. If you could realize mass production, we can cooperate. But if you could only produce a few, I'm afraid that you would not meet the demands of Long Wind Business Group!" Zhang Taibai smiled.

Of course, Zhang Tie knew this. For such a great organization, whose clients were great powers and countries, even thousands or tens of thousands of vials of all-purpose medicament definitely could not meet its basic demands. A business of only tens of thousands of gold coins was not worth the travel of a director of Long Wind Business Group at all.

"Wuh? If I can realize mass production, I wonder how Long Wind Business Group will cooperate with me?" When talking, they wandered around the Breaking-Heavens Department, where it was tranquil and full of warbles and the fragrance of flowers, which made the atmosphere most suitable.

While Zhang Taibai headed with Lan Yunxi and Zhang Tie, his bodyguards were following them at a distance.

Feeling Zhang Tie's eyes glancing over her stealthily, Lan Yunxi had to pretend that nothing had happened, as she didn't want her 4th uncle to know about that "special" thing between her and Zhang Tie.

"I heard you are using a secret recipe to produce the all-purpose medicament? If you wish, the Long Wind Business Group is prepared to purchase your secret recipe!" Zhang Taibai put it straightly, "The price won't disappoint you!"

Zhang Tie revealed a smile. If it was before, he would definitely have been moved by this proposal. Previously, he only wanted to get essential-energy reiki yeast, which had reproductive ability. However, after knowing the value of the all-purpose medicament, of course, he would never do such a stupid thing by killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.

"I don't intent to sell the secret recipe!" Zhang Tie took it seriously as he didn't make any compromise to Zhang Taibai's status and the relationship between Zhang Taibai and Lan Yunxi.

This time, Zhang Tie's shred and crisp attitude caught Lan Yunxi's attention, who stared at him with amazement, 'This guy is decisive when he's not being shameless.' Lan Yunxi mumbled inside.

"No more consideration?" Zhang Tie's direct attitude shocked Zhang Taibai a bit. Zhang Tie had refused him even without asking the price. 'This answer indicates that he either doesn't like money or has a trump card.' Zhang Taibai thought for a second. However, considering Zhang Tie's age and his behavior in the Breaking-Heavens Department recently, it would never be the first reason.

"How about taking a look at the place where I produce the all-purpose medicament?" Zhang Tie didn't answer Zhang Taibai's question directly. Instead, he proposed a suggestion which Zhang Taibai would never refuse. Zhang Taibai's main purpose was to figure out Zhang Tie's ability to produce all-purpose medicament. If Zhang Tie was really capable of mass-production of all-purpose medicament, Zhang Tie's value had to be appraised once again.

Lan Yunxi was also curious about where Zhang Tie produced the all-purpose medicament, so she didn't refuse this proposal either.

They soon arrived at the Poria Cocos Park.

When the girls were here, they didn't know Zhang Tie was producing all-purpose medicament here. Therefore, strictly, it was Zhang Tie's first time guiding people to visit his "plant" for producing all-purpose medicament.

Previously Zhang Taibai and Lan Yunxi thought that Zhang Tie would guide them to the lab. It was really beyond their imagination that Zhang Tie would guide them to a warehouse in the Poria Cocos Park.

Because it was daytime, with light casting through ground glass and metal protective nets in the windows on one side of the warehouse, the entire warehouse felt clean and refreshing.

At the beginning, Zhang Taibai and Lan Yunxi didn't connect the 100 huge, tidily arranged terrines with Zhang Tie's all-purpose medicament. However, they looked around and saw nothing else but those terrines. Then they became startled.

Is that all-purpose medicament in these terrines? Not only Lan Yunxi, even Zhang Taibai was stunned. Even Zhang Taibai had not seen such a shocking scene before.

"Is...the all-purpose medicament in these terrines?" After realizing that, Zhang Taibai asked Zhang Tie, still full of doubts.

"Hmm, not now, you have to wait 2 months longer!" said Zhang Tie calmly, revealing a smile.

Zhang Taibai took a deep breath as he stared at Zhang Tie with gleaming eyes. He looked so serious. "Can I have a look?"

"As you will!"

Zhang Taibai then casually walked in front of a huge terrine and opened its lid. In a split second, a refreshing fragrance had drifted throughout the warehouse. The moment he smelt it, he became spirited. Although the super enzyme had not been fermented well, it had already started to give off its unique fragrance.

After observing the solution in one terrine, Zhang Taibai moved to another and started to check inside seriously once again.

Noticing that Zhang Taibai had been attracted by those terrines, Lan Yunxi felt it unimaginable. Zhang Tie took a look around and found that there were only 3 people in the entire warehouse. Zhang Taibai's 2 bodyguards didn't follow them in. Instead, they were guarding outside the gate of the Poria Cocos Park. Therefore, Zhang Tie silently stretched out his hand and held Lan Yunxi's delicate hand.

The moment Lan Yunxi realized her hand was held by Zhang Tie, her face blushed at once. She attempted to shake off Zhang Tie's hand stealthily, and yet she couldn't. Therefore, she could only wait for Zhang Tie bashfully and told him by mouthing silently—"B*stard, let go of me!"

Zhang Tie smiled pleasantly as he continued to firmly hold Lan Yunxi's hand. Lan Yunxi's hand was delicate, a bit icy and fragrant. Zhang Tie just did as he pleased and kept holding her hand in this way. As his beloved girl was right in front of him, if he was not even brave enough to hold her hand, how could he marry her?

Zhang Tie was feeling pleasant too early.

As Lan Yunxi stomped directly onto his feet.

"Argh..." Zhang Tie shrieked, while Lan Yunxi hurriedly shook her hand out of his.

Zhang Taibai turned round from behind the pile of terrines, "What happened?"

They both pretended nothing had happened.

"Argh...I just remembered suddenly that 2 terrines had been well fermented. You can have a try. This thing tastes not bad!" Zhang Tie covered that painful expression with a forced smile.

Lan Yunxi couldn't help but snigger. Only Zhang Tie could pick up the hint of pleasure in her smile. "Now that junior brother Zhang Tie mentions it, we will have a try then!" she said.

"Fine, wait a minute please; I will go get some cups!" When turning round, Zhang Tie slightly gritted his teeth towards Lan Yunxi while she rolled her eyes towards him...

Zhang Tie had soon fetched some cups. He came directly to the 2 terrines that he had filled with the well-fermented super enzyme. The moment he opened one of them, the special and refreshing fragrance in the warehouse instantly increased more than 10 times.

Zhang Tie lifted two bamboo dippers out of the terrine and filled them into 2 big cups, each of which contained 300 to 400 millilitres. Zhang Tie got one cup for himself too.

"Have a try, it tastes good!" Zhang Tie gave one cup to Zhang Taibai and Lan Yunxi respectively.

Actually, Zhang Taibai and Lan Yunxi had not tasted all-purpose medicament before. With only a sniff, they both felt very comfortable. Without any hesitation, Zhang Taibai took a mouthful of it. His eyes gleamed. He then had another mouthful of it.

"Martial sister, have a try. Super enzyme is a top beauty product. It could beautify your skin and delay aging. As you are so beautiful, you have to maintain yourself well. Your husband would like that!" Zhang Tie pretended to be serious.

"Yunxi, have a try, it really tastes special!" Zhang Taibai also suggested.

Lan Yunxi also knew that a filthy mouth could not utter any decent language. After glaring at Zhang Tie, she didn't couldn't help but have a sip. In a split second, Lan Yunxi's furrowed eyebrows stretched out. She had not imagined that a villain like Zhang Tie could produce such a yummy enzyme. This might be the best drink that she had drunk since she was born.

Zhang Taibai bottomed up and licked his lips. He then looked at Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie then got another cup for him while reminding him, "You might be drunk if you drink too much. Take care of it!"

"Have you been drunk?"

"Once, but it also feels very comfortable when you're drunk. When you wake up, you will feel fully energetic and as strong as a tiger!"

After having another two mouthfuls of it, Zhang Taibai watched Zhang Tie seriously as he sighed, "I finally know why you would not transfer the secret knowledge. Because nobody would see a gold mine for only a few gold coins. How much all-purpose medicament do you have in the warehouse?"

"About 11-12 tons!" Zhang Tie seriously answered, "They could be filled into more than 110,000 vials of all-purpose medicament!"

"Do you know their value?"

"Previously I didn't know, but now I know a bit!" Zhang Tie smiled as he pointed at those terrines and said in a calm way, "2 months later, their market price would vary from 600,000 to 1 million gold coins!"

Hearing Zhang Tie's words, even Lan Yunxi couldn't stand but glance at Zhang Tie. Born in such a great clan, of course she knew more about the value and power of gold coins. 600,000 gold coins was not a small amount of money anywhere. It could even heavily armed infantry. The status of the first place on the Hidden Dragon Wealth List was only more than 200,000 gold coins.

"How much could you produce? Do you have difficulty in production?"

Hearing this question, Zhang Tie, who had long prepared for this question, didn't tell him all the truth. Actually, Zhang Tie could produce as much as possible without any obstacle. In another word, "With sufficient raw materials, namely various fruits, I could probably produce 400-600 tons. As it will consume a lot of energy and physical strength, this amount has reached my physical limit. The two terrines of all-purpose medicament were catalyzed in a special way. I only have these two well fermented..."

"You can catalyze them as you will?"

"Theoretically, I can catalyze a few super enzymes first, but I will never do that again as this catalysis almost drove me mad and heavily destroyed my reiki!" Zhang Tie said in a frightening way, which looked like he truly had "catalyzed" the two terrines of all-purpose medicament.

Actually, "catalysis" is bullshit. Even if he had Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie would not be able to shorten the fermenting time of essential-energy reiki yeast. He said this to stop this from happening again.

Hearing Zhang Tie's words, Zhang Taibai nodded. With the ability to produce at least 400 tons of all-purpose medicament, Zhang Tie was qualified to cooperate with Long Wind Business Group. It's a worthwhile travel, Zhang Tie is truly able to produce all-purpose medicament on a large scale.

"I think we can talk further about cooperation now!" Zhang Taibai smiled.

"I'm able to produce all-purpose medicament on a large scale while Long Wind Business Group has existing channels and markets, we have both the opponent's demands. If the conditions are suitable, I would be pleased to collaborate with Long Wind Business Group!" Zhang Tie expressed his intention in a kind way.

"We need to confirm the quality of your mass-production of all-purpose medicament. As for the first purchase, we might not order too much, only 20,000 vials!"

"No problem, you can get your products in 2 months. 6 gold coins per vial. You can return them once you find any problem with them!" Zhang Tie was very confident.

"If there's no problem with the 20,000 vials and your ability for mass-production of all-purpose medicament is verified, we will order much more in the future."

"How much?"

"At least 2 million vials a year!" Zhang Taibai pointed at Zhang Tie's warehouse, "This site is too small and could not meet the demands of Long Wind Business Group! On the premise of maintaining the quality of all-purpose medicament, we hope that your manufacturing scale could be expanded. Considering its multiple effects, in the end, the market demand of this medicament would be an astronomical figure. Therefore, we need to prepare for mass production in advance!"

Zhang Tie smiled, "Why not build a base for producing all-purpose medicament on the Hidden Dragon Island?"

"Okay, the production base will be prepared by the Long Wind Business Group. It will be built on the Hidden Dragon Island. We will cooperate on the mass production. Long Wind Business Group will be

responsible for selling the medicament, but we need to have shares!" Zhang Taibai's eyes radiated shrewd light.

"I will build the production base by myself and I will not transfer the shares. Although Long Wind Business Group can be a main dealer, you are not exclusive. I can have at most 4 main dealers. But I will not provide Long Wind Business Group with less than 2 million vials of all-purpose medicament. My supply price to you will not be higher than those to other main dealers!"

Zhang Taibai gazed at Zhang Tie with a frown. He had not imagined that Zhang Tie was that shrewd. He was not like a 16 to 17 year-old teenager at all. Instead, he was more like an experienced businessman, who cared too much on key problems and reacted so fast.

After thinking for a while, Zhang Taibai said, "A safe and highly efficient production base requires much money. Now that we've determined to cooperate with each other, we need to build the production base right now. Otherwise, the supply would not catch up and would cause the loss of so many opportunities!"

"Right, you can loan me the money. I will take the payment of medicament as the mortgage. I will use your loan and entrust you to build the production base for me. But I have the right of say, that's my medicament!" Zhang Tie pretended to be very serious. Compared to the Long Wind Business Group's concern about the quality of the mass production of all-purpose medicament, Zhang Tie was full of confidence and felt nothing to be concerned about.

"If you don't like that, you can wait for a while; when I sell out this batch of products, I will have money to build the production base myself. But it will take me several more months! We can talk about the cooperation by then. Given the reputation of Long Wind Business Group, the conditions that we have reached will remain unchanged!"

"You really don't want to transfer the shares of the production base?"

"Will Huaiyuan Palace transfer its shares of the plant where they produce crossbows and rune equipment?" Hearing this, Zhang Tie refuted at once.

'How could an emperor allow his opponents to sleep beside him?[1]' Zhang Tie would definitely master the full right of mass production of all-purpose medicament. Nobody else was allowed to interrupt. He didn't want to listen to others' orders on distributing medicament. Especially for powerful cooperators like Long Wind Business Group, if they were responsible for the production and sale of all-purpose medicament, he would lose his real control over it! If Donder knew that Zhang Tie was satisfied with only a few gold coins by being a senior employee of others when he could produce all-purpose medicament by himself, he would definitely jump from the ground and slap him sharply. In terms of tactics, he definitely could not defeat Long Wind Business Group. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't spare any chances for them at the beginning.

Although stockpiling goods before sale was not a shrewd pattern, it worked at least for rare commodities!

Zhang Taibai watched Zhang Tie expressionlessly while Zhang Tie looked straight into his eyes without any cowardice. They then stared at each other for half a minute in the warehouse in this way. Zhang Taibai's qi became stronger. Even Lan Yunxi on the side could feel the repressive, intense atmosphere in

the warehouse. Zhang Tie's performance at this moment was totally different than how he was in Lan Yunxi's eyes before. Comparing Zhang Tie's shrewd, experienced and powerful look in front of her 4th uncle to the shameless guy in front of her, Lan Yunxi felt a strange feeling surging her heart.

"All-purpose medicament is a gold mine. Too many people would have a peep inside. Without the help of Long Wind Business Group, are you sure you can maintain the gold mine?" Zhang Taibai asked calmly after a long while.

"Right now because of this, for the sake of Huaiyuan Palace's Zhang clan and the long-term cooperation between us, I don't agree with Long Wind Business Group having its shares! I don't like suffering a loss or letting others interfere with my personal affairs!"

Zhang Taibai understood Zhang Tie's words at once. He then considered, 'The outcome that Zhang Tie is concerned about might also happen. The more profitable the business is, the more dangerous it would be. Zhang clan is an interesting community, under which, each one has his or her own pursuit for interest.'

"Besides me and my children, I swear that nobody else would be able to master the secret knowledge of all-purpose medicament in this world!"

Hearing Zhang Tie's second sentence, Zhang Taibai fixed his eyes on Zhang Tie for over 10 seconds. Zhang Taibai then suddenly smiled, "Now that you are sticking to it, as you will, you will be responsible for the production base. I will have someone here to talk about the details on the cooperation. Are you selling this?"

"Yes!"

"That's fine!" Zhang Taibai nodded as he suddenly shouted loudly, "Ada!"

A bodyguard of Zhang Taibai suddenly appeared at the gate of the warehouse like a spirit. Zhang Taibai pointed at that huge terrine which Zhang Tie had opened and ordered, "Take it away!" That person walked over and instantly grabbed away the huge 100 kilogram terrine.

Zhang Tie was stunned, "What...what are you doing?"

Zhang Taibai looked at Zhang Tie in a dignified way as he put his hand onto Zhang Tie's shoulder, "You told me you were selling this, no kidding in business."

"But..."

"But what..." Zhang Taibai pulled out a gold ticket and patted it onto Zhang Tie's hand, "I bought this terrine!" After saying that, before Zhang Tie made any response, he told his bodyguard, "Ada, hurry up, carry it onto the airship..."

Hearing his words, Ada disappeared from the warehouse like a spirit once again, of course, together with that huge 100 kilogram terrine.

Watching that gold ticket of 20,000 gold coins, Zhang Tie felt like crying as he had not imagined that Lan Yunxi's 4th uncle could play this trick. But his generosity really shocked Zhang Tie as he spent 20,000 gold coins simply like how Zhang Tie spent 2 gold coins. He didn't even blink his eyes by doing that. 'F*ck, it's 20,000 gold coins, 20,000 gold coins...Argh'

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Rich big figures all seemed to be very busy all day. After leaving Zhang Tie's Poria Cocos Park, Zhang Taibai left by his airship. The moment Zhang Taibai's airship left, Lan Yunxi didn't dare to stay 1 more second in front of a lecherous guy like Zhang Tie. Without even sparing Zhang Tie a chance to utter a word, she immediately jumped onto the treetop and disappeared from Zhang Tie's vision in the blink of an eye.

Seeing off Lan Yunxi's shadow, Zhang Tie became so depressed.

Long Wind Business Group's work efficiency was seen in the same afternoon. Only several hours after Zhang Taibai left, Long Wind Business Group had assigned a team to build the production base on the Hidden Dragon Island.

When the director of the team spread out a number of building maps for the production base in front of Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie became dumbfounded as those maps were castle's blue prints which had powerful defense abilities...

'I'm going to be a castle lord?' Now Zhang Tie became hyper...

[1] AD. 960, Zhao Kuangyin, the first emperor of Song Dynasty applied special tactics to destroy Jingzhou, Hunan, Houshu (Chengdu today) respectively. AD. 974, he summoned Li Yu, the last emperor of South Tang Dynasty to Bianjing (Kaifeng city, Henan Province today). Li Yu was concerned that he would be detained there; therefore, he dispatched Xu Xuan there to sue for peace. The first emperor of Song Dynasty put it straight, "How could I allow my opponent sleep well on my bed?" From then on, this allusion was used to express that one's sphere of influence or interests should not be violated by others.

Chapter 323: Construction

The largest difference between Chinese castles and western castles was that western castle buildings usually had spires, while Chinese castles were always featured with flank-corner towers with extended lofty and heavy eaves.

Of course, in this age, Chinese castles were built with the same architectural materials and armed defense functions. The whole castle was composed of an exterior wall, barbican, battlements, bartizans, entrenchments, suspension bridges and steam-driven power units.

The entire castle occupied over 30,000 square meters, which included the predominant building of over 10,000 square meters and an airship port of over 20,000 square meters. The building location of the castle was at the foot of the Yunju Mountain, which neighbored the White Dragon Town. The whole castle required 460,000 gold coins which would be loaned to Zhang Tie by the bank affiliated to Long Wind Business Group. Zhang Tie entrusted the professional construction team of Long Wind Business Group to build it.

Zhang Tie needed to discuss the fundamental functions of the castle with the professional building team and posed his own requirements and opinions on this castle. Thus, the professional team chose 3 locations for Zhang Tie, and he then chose Yunju Mountain as the last location.

Additionally, he signed 2 official agreements with Long Wind Business Group. One was the Loan Agreement, while the other was the Commissioned Construction Agreement on the Castle. After they signed the 2 agreements, on the same afternoon, the construction team of over 600 people had already arrived at the Yunju Mountain on the Hidden Dragon Island by a huge airship and were quartered there where they started the survey work with a great amount of construction instruments.

By the way, not until then did Zhang Tie know that not everybody had the right to construct buildings on the Hidden Dragon Island. Besides the permanent residents on the island, who could apply to build houses and some facilities in the towns, only the clan students of Hidden Dragon Palace were allowed to buy land and construct buildings. That was how the Hidden Dragon Island developed.

The land of over 200,000 square meters on the Yunju Mountain costed Zhang Tie more than 18000 gold coins, which was really expensive. In other places he could have even bought several hundreds of thousands of square meters of mountain forest and land, or even some mountains as a whole with this amount of money.

In this age, much land outside the city walls was not valuable, especially in some underdeveloped regions. Take Blackhot City as an example, so many black regions on the map surrounding the Blackhot City had no owners. Anyone, if powerful, could build a castle over there, even a city if they wanted.

However, at this moment, Zhang Tie was immersing himself in the pleasure of having his own castle. Therefore he didn't care about the land price at all. Additionally, recently whenever Zhang Tie thought that he could have a castle of his own, he would become delusional and feel that everything in front of him was not real.

Zhang Tie had never imagined that the inconspicuous essential-energy reiki yeast could change his life so greatly. Thinking of the little earthworms, golden uangs and those cheapest sand-scale fish, Zhang Tie was instantly filled with awe about mother nature and its creator.

In this world, nothing was trivial and worthless. This was what enlightened Zhang Tie these days. With this enlightenment, Zhang Tie now wondered how even a humble yeast or earthworm had a special ability to change the world. What special abilities were human beings, the wisest of all creatures, granted by the creator?

Zhang Tie wondered whether each person had a super ability, which they were born with. For instance, earthworms were born with super great vitality and anti-toxic ability, golden uangs were born to be able to carry substances which were thousands of times heavier than their own weight, while essential-energy reiki yeasts were born to be able to complete the fermentation of super enzymes. Nobody taught them how to do that, but they knew how. They were their instincts.

Were human beings born to have some special ability or instinct, which could change the world? Was this instinct a unique symbol of a person who was born to be able to use it like taking breaths, and did that make human beings above the other creatures?

'People are always more advanced than small creatures like earthworms, golden uangs and yeasts,' Zhang Tie speculated. Zhang Tie thought that if people didn't have such a special ability, this didn't conform with the universal law. Of course, great creatures should be matched with super talents.

What if people were granted with this ability? Why had he not heard about it? In this age, even in the age before the Catastrophe, most people learned talents from schools and other places. Nobody had performed any super talent which they were born with. What was the reason for this? Is it that human beings are the exceptions of the universal law or had they forgotten that they had such special talents?’

Zhang Tie had a great imagination and curiosity, but he didn’t like to get into a dead end. Although he could not get the answer now, Zhang Tie didn’t prepare to make blind and disorderly conjectures all day long. Instead, he just buried it in his mind like a bookmark with a question mark —were human beings born with super talents in a book which was put back into the bookcase?

Zhang Tie found that his castle was gradually appearing on the Yunju Mountain at a rapid speed with the efforts of a great number of architectural experts.

On the 3rd day since the construction team arrived at the Yunju Mountain, under the booming sounds of a great number of locomobiles, the land of a simple airship port was cleared out. After that, the construction team paved 2 tracks by 2 railed cranes in different sizes. After that, a great batch of airships flew over there everyday and directly loaded off great loads of building materials.

When the simple airship port was finished, under the same booms of locomobiles, the foundation of the castle was completed in 4 days. After that, the construction team paved the prefabricated foundation steel components on the foundation before they poured in professional quick-drying cement concrete. Then, they started to establish the super large building blocks.

The skeleton of the entire castle was made of standard steel components, which were constantly carried over by Long Wind Business Group’s large-scale airships. The team connected and fixed them before pouring them with quick-drying cement concrete or prefabricated bricks. As a result, the castle was growing like bamboo shoots in the spring after rain.

Under the constant construction, the team only took 13 days to complete its capping construction.

After completing the capping construction of its main project, a huge brown cement bulk appeared on the Yunju Mountain, which although it looked ugly, still could present the majesty of a castle.

On June 15, after the shrine burning point was ignited, Zhang Tie completed the ignition of the 13th burning point on his spine and became a will-be LV 7 fighter. As long as a huge centipede’s soul fire was gathered, Zhang Tie would officially become an LV 7 fighter. As a result, Zhang Tie’s battle-qi totem would also turn from a hell black spider into a fiercer centipede. Additionally, his iron-blood battle qi would be further improved.

On the same day, Zhang Tie received the notice from the Herbs Valley that his first batch of exclusive crystal vials with his own symbol had arrived.

When Zhang Tie was noticed by a staff member of Herbs Valley, he was stopped by Yang Yuankang at the gate of the training field on fundamental swordsmanship.

Compared to the training of fundamental movements, the training of fundamental swordsmanship was more abnormal and nobody could pass its test by chance.

There were only 8 moves on fundamental swordsmanship, which were splitting, chopping, raising, pricking, lifting up, short-quick poking, stirring and holding-back...

If one wanted to pass the test on fundamental swordsmanship, one had to practice each move 1 million times. Everybody was practicing on a steam-driven metal robot which could calculate how many times he had hit one point. For instance, if one pricked that robot's eyes, throat or heart, the data on the "pricking display" would roll up to a higher number.

Similarly, one stroke on the robot's neck, hands and feet, and the data on the "splitting and chopping display" would change accordingly. The robot's 4 metal arms were waving different weapons respectively at a fixed rhythm. The defense or attack of the four arms were in line with the lifting up, short-quick poking, stirring and holding-back respectively.

There was a counter with 8 columns at the bottom of each metal robot. The minimum standard for passing the test of fundamental swordsmanship was 1 million on each column.

This was tough training that could not be evaded without reaching the regulated striking points.

Previously, Zhang Tie was wondering why there was only fundamental swordsmanship in the compulsory courses of Breaking-Heavens Department, instead of fundamental saber skills and fundamental spear skills. Zhang Tie finally understood why Chinese people called swordsmanship the king of weapons, because the 8 sword skills almost covered most of the basic attacking skills of other weapons. Compared to swordsmanship, saber skills were more focused on only splitting up and chopping, while spear skills were more focused on raising and pricking.

The moment Yang Yuankang caught sight of Zhang Tie, he instantly hugged him and said, "Brother, you have to save me this time!"

Chapter 324: Sincerity

'He's ok two days ago, why does he ask for help today?'

"What happened?" Zhang Tie asked nervously as he thought that Yang Yuankang might have encountered some dangers.

"Bro, do you have more all-purpose medicament? You have to give me some more today as my happiness in the rest of life fully depends on you!" Yang Yuankang said with watery eyes.

'F*ck!' Zhang Tie swore inside, 'when do I have the ability to determine whether you are happy or not? How could your happiness be related with me?'

"I've already given your 100 vials two days ago and let you to control the delivery speed. You only need to sell 7-8 vials a day. How come you sell them off so fast?" Zhang Tie asked out of curiosity.

The day before yesterday, Zhang Tie supplied Yang Yuankang with 100 vials for 2 weeks' sale. Now, after Zhang Taibai forcefully bought away a huge terrine of well-fermented all-purpose medicament, there was only one terrine of well-fermented all-purpose medicament left useful in 2 months.

It weighed more than 100 kg, which could fill in over 1000 vials of all-purpose medicament. Besides consuming it by himself, Zhang Tie could only supply a limited amount of vials to the market, at most 20 vials a day.

"They have been grabbed away by friends in less than 1 day! Yang Yuankang said in a bashful way, "You know, we're all friends, I feel reluctant to refuse them. Therefore, I failed to control the sales volume. This time, you have to help me, Zhang Tie, I've promised to sell another 10 vials to my friend..."

"Your friend is a woman?" Judging from Yang Yuankang's face, Zhang Tie probably knew what happened.

"Yes, I've fallen in love with her for a long time. Finally, she asked me for help, if I could not do that..."

Zhang Tie understood it at once, "Fine, I will give you 20 more vials, don't forget to control the sales volume this time!"

Yang Yuankang became greatly jubilant as his face started to radiate brilliant light, "That's my brother!"

Right then, a staff in the Administration Center of Herbs Valley of Breaking-Heavens Department found Zhang Tie and told him that the exclusive vials had arrived and urged him to take them away from the Administration Center.

"You've customized a batch of exclusive vials?" Yang Yuankang was really surprised about Zhang Tie's work efficiency. Previously he thought that it would take Zhang Tie a period before customize his exclusive vials. It was really out of his imagination that Zhang Tie had already customized them.

Zhang Tie nodded as he asked Yang Yuankang, "Are you free now? Accompany me to the Herbs Valley, I will get you 20 vials of all-purpose medicament!"

"Great!" Yang Yuankang nodded immediately.

Zhang Tie then went towards the Herbs Valley together with Yang Yuankang. On the way, he inquired Yang Yuankang about the sales situation of the all-purpose medicament.

The popularity of all-purpose medicament was completely out of Zhang Tie's imagination. In Zhang Tie's opinion, the most obvious influence of all-purpose medicament was to replace LV 1 antidote. Its price was much cheaper than LV 1 antidote. By contrast, fewer people would like to buy LV 1 antidote at higher price.

However, this medicament had other functions, its price was not for common consumers. For most of cultivators who came to the Hidden Dragon Island for forming battle qi or reaching a higher level, Zhang Tie's medicament was still not cheap.

Perhaps, someone would buy 1 or 2 vials out of curiosity, it was really out of Zhang Tie's imagination that over 100 vials of medicament were sold out so fast.

"Don't you know that, 90% of the all-purpose medicament had been bought away by girls in the Breaking-Heavens Department. Even thought not, they were finally gifted to girls. Girls of Breaking-Heavens Department were the largest and the ultimate group of consumers!" Yang Yuankang poured out a secret that astounded Zhang Tie pretty much.

"Girls? What those girls need so many all-purpose medicament for?" Zhang Tie asked in astonishment, "for hairdressing?"

"Almost like that!" Saying that, Yang Yuankang also became a bit wordless, "You know that the girls of Breaking-Heavens Department need to train hard. Because of this, their hands, knees, elbows, ankles and soles coarsened. Some girls' faces even turned darker. A few days ago, a girl found that all-purpose medicament could help their coarsened skin become more watery and smooth, like have been newly generated. It could also beautify girls' skin. Soon after, all the other girls knew these effects. As a result, all-purpose medicament instantly became a best-seller..."

"Using all-purpose medicament as facial mask and skin membrane?" Zhang Tie was really dumbfounded. He admired the creativity of these women so much. They could spend everything for beautifying themselves. Although he heard from Ma Aiyun about hairdressing several days ago, he thought they were drinking it; he had never thought that they could play so many tricks with the all-purpose medicament.

"Some of them even use it to wash their hair!" Yang Yuankang added.

"Wash hair?" Zhang Tie felt those women were really unrivaled. Even though he invented the all-purpose medicament, he had not imagined that it could have so many purposes.

"After buying the all-purpose medicament, some female herbal medicine apprentices soaked all-purpose medicament together with some polygonum multiflorum and soapberry. After a few days, they could use the solution to wash their hair. It was said that by using the super enzyme as a shampoo, their hair became both black and bright and smelt very fragrant. Besides, the problem like dropping hair is also solved!"

Certainly, Zhang Tie had not imagined that the all-purpose medicament could have so many effects. Zhang Tie was also shocked inside after hearing all these news. He only had tried to ferment super enzyme with various fruits; perhaps he could also try to mix something else inside, such as, some substances that had cosmetic effect like peach blossoms or roses.

When they talked with each other, they had already arrived at the Administration Center of the Herbs Valley.

After checking Zhang Tie's clan identification plate, a staff in the Administration Center of Herbs Valley directly brought Zhang Tie into a warehouse of the Administration Center as he pointed at a pile of crates marked with Alchemists Association, "These are the 10,000 exclusive vials that you've ordered. Here is the Document on the your exclusive symbol that you've registered in the Alchemists Association!", the staff in the Administration Center passed another paper document folder to Zhang Tie.

Being not too hasty to move away the vials, Zhang Tie open the paper document folder and took a serious look.

That document was an document on the registration of exclusive symbol officially delivered by the Human Alchemists Association. With this document, from then on, Zhang Tie had become the only owner of the exclusive symbol "Manjusaka". Meanwhile, he had the right to use this exclusive symbol on his vials of medicament.

When Zhang Tie opened that document, Yang Yuankang also drew close his head to him and watched that very delicate and mysterious symbol on the document.

"Manjusaka?" Yang Yuankang mumbled that word under the symbol in a low voice, "Is this your exclusive symbol?"

"Right, how do you feel?" Zhang Tie directly showed it to Yang Yuankang in a generous way.

Yang Yuankang carefully gazed at that symbol as he revealed a big smile, "Very beautiful! How to say! It is a bit mystical!"

Zhang Tie burst out laughter, "Let's have a look at the vials!"

Saying this, Zhang Tie had directly opened a crate of vials in front of him and took out of a vial from inside before took a careful look.

These vials were totally different from the ones with no symbol before as a square exclusive symbol were carved on the middle of these vials. It was a bloody, mystical blossom, under which was the Chinese character "曼殊沙华", which means 'manjusaka'. With this symbol, the vials instantly reached a higher level.

"You're now an alchemist master!" Yang Yuankang praised, "How much is the vials that you've customized?"

"26 copper coins for each vial with no symbol, 30 copper coins for each vial with exclusive symbol!"

"Hehe, a bit more expensive than those vials with no symbol that I've bought before!"

"No crap, hurry up, help me remove them!"

"To where?"

"Poria Cocos Park!" Saying this, Zhang Tie had lifted 2 crates of vials by each hand. Seeing this, Yang Yuankang also hurriedly followed up with some crates of vials.

The vial was neither huge nor heavy. A crate could contain 500 vials with exclusive symbol. 20 crates for 10,000 vials of medicament. With the help of the workers in the Administration Center, they soon moved all the vials into the Poria Cocos Park.

With the exception of these vials of medicament, Zhang Tie also ordered a small vial filling machine.

In the Poria Cocos Park, although Yang Yuankang had long known that it was not difficult for Zhang Tie to produce all-purpose medicament, at the first sight of the almost 100 huge terrines, Yang Yuankang was still shocked for quite a while.

With the help of the small vial filler and the help of Yang Yuankang, it took Zhang Tie less than 20 minutes to fill all the fermented super enzyme from the huge terrine into 1174 wholly new vials of all-purpose medicament in total.

Staring at the 1000-odd vials of all-purpose medicament lying in the cases in a tidy way, Yang Yuankang forcefully swallowed his saliva and mumbled, "Am I dreaming? How could I see so many vials of all-purpose medicament in front of me!"

Zhang Tie then took out 20 vials from them and handed them to Yang Yuankang, "These are all the vials that I could provide in 2 months, you could take 500 vials of them away at any time. As for the rest, I've promised to let some senior sisters to sell a part of them for me! 2 months later, I could provide you 1000 vials of all-purpose medicament months."

Hearing Zhang Tie's words, Yang Yuankang nodded. Although he wanted to take all the all-purpose medicament here away, he knew that it was imposible. For all-purpose medicament, Zhang Tie had his own plan. It was already very fortunate for him to be Zhang Tie's dealer. Certainly, Zhang Tie won't entrust him for the sale of all the all-purpose medicament on the Hidden Dragon Island as he didn't have the ability to do that.

"From today on, you need to watch out your safety, bro!" Yang Yuankang pointed at a vial marked with the wholly new symbol "manjusaka", "Once this thing enters the market, manjusaka would be an official brand in the eyes of the public. Although in this way, all-purpose medicament became more expensive and more reliable, you need to know that some bad guys in the Breaking-Heavens Department or on the other places of the Hidden Dragon Island might be jealous about you!"

"Trust me, I will pay attention to that!" Zhang Tie replied. After enlightening the "One Step, One Scenary" situation, Zhang Tie felt that he had reached a greater improvement in his real strength; besides, his Iron-Body Fist had reached a higher level. Additionally, he was now a "Will-be LV 7 fighter". If he fought Zhang Qingguo now, he was confident to beat that guy who was jumping in front of him here and there to spit out blood.

Hearing Zhang Tie's words, Yang Yuankang friendly urged again about his safety before jubilantly took away the 20 vials of medicament in order to gift them to some girl.

'What an unpromising guy! As long as you got something good, you will gift them to your woman?' Seeing off Yang Yuankang leaving jubilantly with 20 vials of all-purpose medicament, Zhang Tie sniggered inside.

The moment Yang Yuankang disappeared, Zhang Tie instantly fetched a special pot-cover sized box that he had customized in a goldsmith's shop in the White Dragon Town two days ago from the lab of the Poria Cocos Park and started to be busy in a very meticulous and excited way...

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When Lan Yunxi returned to his Phoenix-Resting Pavilion in the evening, she received the most sexy gift that she had received since she was born...

Lan Yunxi was the only person who lived in the Phoenix-Resting Pavilion. This was the privilege the number one student in the Clan's Donation List could enjoy. In recent decades, Lan Yunxi was the first female student that enjoyed this special treatment in the Hidden Dragon Palace. Previously, this privilege was usually enjoyed by male students.

As the number one student on the Hidden Dragon Clan Contribution List, she could have one pavilion and 2 exclusive servants. Therefore, there were 2 servant girls arranged for her in the Phoenix-Resting Pavilion.

"Miss, someone send a gift to you today!" The moment Lan Yunxi returned to the Phoenix-Resting Pavilion, Xiaoqing, one of his servant girl had brought her such a news.

"Burn it!" Lan Yunxi ordered in a cold way. Since entering the Hidden Dragon Palace, she had received numerous gifts. Those guys who courted her either considered that they were talented or sent her collection of poems, paintings or music books which almost made her apathetic.

One guy who was excelled at fighting skills yet with a simple head, gifted her a gorgeous, powerful gold-edge saber being blissed with several rune effects. There were rings on its back. The saber weighed more than 80 kg.

The second day after she received the saber, Lan Yunxi ferociously tamped that guy with his saber, causing him pass out with full of bumps on his forehead. From then on, all the male students in the Breaking-Heavens Department knew that Lan Yunxi didn't like others to gift her weapon. Therefore, more people tended to gift her poems and music books.

Besides the above-mentioned guys, Lan Yunxi always saw men talking about national affairs in front of her or doing everything to please her. Some men didn't even dare to look into her eyes.

All the guys who talked about national affairs thought they were not like average people and they disdained to please her in those naive tricks. By comparison, those guys who would like to do everything to please Lan Yunxi all had good plans, which made Lan Yunxi directly throw off their gifts. As for those who were not even brave enough to look into her eyes, she thought they were not brave to send gifts to her either.

"This one is special, not like the previous ones. I cannot easily burn it. Please have a look by yourself, Miss!" Xiaoqing revealed a smile.

Lan Yunxi then glanced at that gift. It was too rustic, sexy and extremely vulgar.

On the top of the gift was a bundle of vulgar yet beautiful roses which were as large as a pot cover. Under the roses were a more vulgar gold jewelry box, which weighed more than 10 kg. Opening the box, she saw a deep blue mattress made of velvet. On the mattress were standing 99 vials of all-purpose medicament in a tidy way, which formed a heart-shaped pattern.

On the vials were a message left to Lan Yunxi.

Taking that notepaper, Lan Yunxi read the extremely awkward words, it was a damn b*llshit doggerel.

All-purpose medicament is truly good, no matter men, women, old and young, they all need it.

Beauties with it would grow prettier year by year.

No matter how much you hate me, I will sent you my sincerity!

The signature of the doggerel was ——You know!

Reading this doggerel, Lan Yunxi's face changed every now and then. She looked both happy or furious.

"Miss, do you need me to throw these things away?" Xiaoqing observed Lan Yunxi's face carefully as she asked in a faint voice. Although these things were valuable, Lan Yunxi could also easily throw them away if she wanted as she had even thrown away priceless night-luminous pearls without a blink of her eyes.

"Who sent them here?"

"A 16-17 student from Hidden Dragon Palace with a grinning face!"

"Is it a grinning face! It's a stealthy face!" Lan Yunxi made a cold hurrumph.

"I will throw it away then..." Saying this, Xiaoqing pretended to throw them away.

"Stop..." Lan Yunxi stopped Xiaoqing while saying calmly to her with a serious look, "These flowers look really good, it's a pity to throw them off. Just keep them!"

"Yes, Miss!" Xiaoqing revealed a wisp of smile at the corner of her mouth.

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One hour later, lying in a bathtub being covered with petals, Lan Yunxi held a vial of all-purpose medicament. Watching at the exclusive symbol, she became slightly perplexed——Manjusaka, how could that villain come out such a poetic, sad and beautiful name?

Looking at her naked body in the mirror, Lan Yunxi thought of a b*stard. Not knowing why, Lan Yunxi's cheeks gradually blushed...

Chapter 325: Being Traced

Standing on the exterior wall of the castle, Zhang Tie watched a constructor operating a railed trailer to push a huge set of steam-driven boilers from a faraway material center to the foot of the gate of castle. The rail crane slowly lifted the set of steam-driven boilers in the air.

Safety hats on heads, some constructors of Long Wind Business Group fastened some wire cables onto the hanger plate to keep the balance of the huge machine while communicating loudly with the operators of the railed crane on the high platform.

"Slowly, slowly, a bit left, right, a bit left, okay, keep lifting, keep lifting, right..."

The construction site was so boisterous. Everybody was busy doing their own work. After the main project of the castle was completed, there were a lot of follow-up projects to carry out, among which, the most important was the installation and commissioning of the steam-driven power units and various defence weapons of the castle as well as the internal and external decoration and greenery of the castle.

The contour of this castle gradually became clear, but it was really ugly. It was just a concrete lump with exposed cement and various bulky steel components which was far from good-looking.

Liu Gong, the director of the construction team of Long Wind Business Group and a steward of Long Wind Business Group accompanied Zhang Tie to inspect the progress of the construction with safety hats on heads. Zhang Tie watched as he asked various questions.

"Is this set of steam-driven boilers the main boiler of the castle?" Looking at that huge machine being lifted in the air by the crane as he asked.

"Yes, this is the main power boiler of the castle. Its output power is 9600 horsepower. Normally, this main boiler would be used to provide power to the ground-to-air weapons and 2 crossbow cannons. Being matched with it are 2 regular power boilers with slightly less output power. With 3400 horsepower as the output power of each regular power boiler, regular power boiler was mainly applied to drive some distributed-type attacking systems and small crossbows that were going to be installed on the castle!" Realizing that Zhang Tie's question was involved with his own profession, Liu Gong replied at once.

Zhang Tie then pointed at that highest defence bartizan in the castle and asked, "Is this main power boiler going to be installed under that bartizan?"

"Yes, this main power boiler is going to be installed in the power room of the bartizan. The other 2 boilers would be installed here and there..." Liu Gong pointed at 2 places in the external castle and the internal castle respectively.

When he remembered how some steam-driven boilers exploded in the past, Zhang Tie became a bit worried. In this age, besides alchemist's bombs, the only thing that could explode would be steam-driven boilers. However, although the power of steam-driven boilers was very amazing, strictly, it should not be called an explosion. Instead, it was just the result of fast releasing, high-pressure steam energy in an extremely short period, which was different from alchemist's bombs.

Whereas, if the boiler truly exploded, the castle would also be heavily destroyed. Zhang Tie always kept an eye on the construction of this castle. Although he still felt unreal when he touched those icy, hard and crude concrete walls of the external castle, undoubtedly, Zhang Tie had spent a lot of time and money in building this castle.

Besides 400,000-500,000 gold coins's debt, there was something else that he had put on the castle.

Because there was a word "Yun" in Lan Yunxi's name, Zhang Tie then chose the construction site of his castle in Mount Yunju. Additionally, having their own castle was a dream for each boy when they were young; this castle would be the starting point of his undertaking in the future.

"Will these boilers explode?" Zhang Tie asked seriously.

"Hehe, the steam-driven boilers which would explode are old-fashioned. This castle adopts new-fashioned water pipe steam-driven boilers with relatively sophisticated structures. Its thermal efficiency and output pressure are both higher than that of average boilers. Additionally, it has automatic protection switches on water level, temperature and pressure. We can definitely reassure you about its safety and service performance!" Liu Gong patted his chest with full confidence.

Hearing his explanation, Zhang Tie finally became reassured.

"Now, what we need to consider is actually on the number of guardians and residents inside this castle!" Steward Ou who accompanied by Zhang Tie added, "This castle would be completed in 20 days at most. After then, we can produce all-purpose medicament here. As a result, many people would be attracted here. To support the complete defence and safety system of this castle, 70 guardians are needed in the

castle on the Hidden Dragon Island at least; if on the land, the number needs to increase by one time at least due to frequent communication. I wonder about you plan?"

Zhang Tie thought for a short while before asked in a serious voice, "I wonder about your suggestion, steward Ou?"

"Of course, the fastest way is to directly employ armed guardians. We Long Wind Business Group could provide the employment service of armed guardians. Considering the long-term development, you can also directly employ clan warriors!"

"Employ clan warriors!" Zhang Tie was a bit shocked by this suggestion.

Steward Ou revealed a smile, "As you have a castle, you are qualified to employ clan warriors. As long as you could provide them good benefits, many freelance warriors would actually like to serve you, who has a bright future. Therefore, it's very difficult to employ clan warriors!"

"I'm worried about the loyalty of these clan warriors!" Zhang Tie said.

"Their loyalty needs to be curtailed, however, if you directly purchase slaves or those self-selling slaves, as long as you show them hope, you could easily curtail their loyalty."

Since coming to the Huaiyuan Prefecture, it was Zhang Tie's first time to hear that slaves could be traded here. The term "self-selling" slave sounded fresh.

"You mean there are slaves in the Huaiyuan Prefecture? I also want to know what is a self-selling slave?" Zhang Tie became interested.

"There's no slave in the Jinyun Country as a whole, or there's no mechanism to force the production of slaves, but Jinyun Country and Huaiyuan Palace don't forbid slaves and population trading. Many countries on the Waii Sub-continent admit the existence of slavery. There're also many countries on other continents that admit the existence of slavery as population and slaves trafficking is a very significant pattern of population flow between continents and countries. The alleged self-selling slave refers to those who feel voluntary to give up and sell their own human rights by selling themselves to others as slaves. They are commonly seen in Huaiyuan Prefecture and Jinyun Country. After all, not everyone in this world could live well or make the most of their life. There is always someone who doesn't even have food to eat or to survive. If they voluntarily sell themselves for food and sustainable living, of course we will feel pleasant to accept them!"

Hearing this explanation, Zhang Tie became silent. He remembered the content in the book General History of Human Clan that he kept reading these days. According to the book, farming slavery still existed even before the catastrophe when people considered their science, technology and civilization were the most developed.

Before the catastrophe, farming slaves existed in many countries. It was typical in some democratic countries which carried out apartheid. Those farming slaves didn't have productive materials, political rights, right of free migration or property right; sometimes, their corpses didn't belong to them either.

They were forced to work on land and stand various unfair events like economic exploitation, political oppression and discrimination on personality for their whole lives. Sometimes, in front of the bulldozers driven by powerful violent machines, their dignity could not even match a dog. In that age, everything

was calculated in terms of price. After a farming slave was killed by people casually, his family could only gain 20-30 gold coins as the compensation; however, in that age, the price of many noble dogs was even as high as 1000 gold coins. Dogs that worth above 100 gold coins could be seen everywhere.

When Zhang Tie recalled the various existences of slaves before the catastrophe, he didn't feel curious about those slaves in this age.

Zhang Tie thought it through at once as he felt that reading could truly broaden one's vision.

"Hmm...does this exist in Huaiyuan Palace?"

"Are you kidding me? If people in Huaiyuan Palace have become self-selling slaves, why would we find our Clan Affairs Pavilion and our clan? As the posterity of Huaiyuan Palace, no matter how poor we live, our clan would at least give us a hand. Any posterity of Huaiyuan Palace could easily find a job in Huaiyuan Palace to survive. Those self-selling slaves are under strict management in all Chinese countries. There's definitely no self-selling slaves from big clans. Even if there is, nobody would dare to buy them!"

"Where can I buy slaves in Huaiyuan Prefecture?"

"The largest population trading market in Huaiyuan Prefecture is in Stars Viewing City. They are under the management of Zhang clan. Average slaves and self-selling slaves worth about 50 gold coins each. Kids would be cheaper while beautiful women and male technicians would be a bit expensive. The price of slave warriors above LV 6 would be higher than 600 gold coins." Steward Ou explained.

"Is slaves trading normally seen in Huaiyuan Palace?"

"Hehe, rich people would always have some slaves."

After thinking for a short while, Zhang Tie made the decision at once. He smiled, "Now that Long Wind Business Group can provide armed guardians, I will employ 80 armed guardians from Huaiyuan Palace first to run the castle. Then I will take a look in Yunzhou City!"

Steward Ou also revealed a smile, "Now that you want to employ armed guardians from Long Wind Business Group, I will bring you the agreement tomorrow!"

"Is it expensive?"

"It might be expensive for others, but for you, it's too cheap!" Steward Ou said.

Zhang Tie burst out in laughter. He really enjoyed this compliment. He found that as long as male had money, they would gain more respect.

'It really feels nice to have money!' Zhang Tie mumbled.

In the next half an hour, Zhang Tie made a round in the castle with curiosity. He inspected project progress of the castle, especially fixed his eyes on the various pipes that were to be used to connect some steam-driven power units. Finally, he came to the Black Dragon Town satisfactorily and prepared to enter the Dragon Cave to form his LV 7 battle totem——A huge centipede.

It was good weather today with bright sunshine. After knowing that his gift was not thrown away by Lan Yunxi from the Phoenix Resting Pavilion, Zhng Tie became very happy. He felt that both his love and undertaking were developing towards a good direction. After inspecting his castle, he became more excited...

It was more populated than before in the Black Dragon Town. Zhang Tie first came to the drugstore opened by Yang Yuankang and the other senior brothers, only to find that the drugstore had been closed by noon with a plate on the door—The all-purpose medicament today has been sold out. We will open 9:00 am tomorrow and sell another 6 vials. One vial for each person. Don't jump the queue please!

Although the plate had been displayed, including the number of vials to be sold tomorrow, there were still dozens of people sitting on stools and quilts outside the store while chatting with each other.

Seeing Zhang Tie peeping inside, some of them shouted, "Brat, if you want to buy the all-purpose medicament, move to the end of the line, haven't you seen so many people waiting outside here..."

"I want to know why do you wait here for? Isn't it said that there are only 6 vials of all-purpose medicament to be sold here tomorrow?" Zhang Tie glanced at that line with a dubious expression.

"Ha, if we can't get one tomorrow, we will get one the day after tomorrow or two days later. If we wait here for 3-5 days, we will definitely get one. As long as we get one vial here at the cost of 8 gold coins, we can sell it at the price of 10 gold coins so easily. As we are all commoners on the island, we would never make money so easily by doing other jobs!" That man who stopped Zhang Tie explained.

"Yea, I heard these all-purpose medicament is produced by an alchemist master. It only takes him a short while to produce some vials of medicament a day to survive us a year!" Another one added.

'Alchemist master, when do I become an alchemist master. I'm not even a herbal medicine apprentice.' Zhang Tie felt a bit hilarious. Message had been distorted when it came out of the Hidden Dragon Palace.

"I have another question. Who will you sell the medicament to?"

"Of course, those women on the island!" Those guys stared at Zhang Tie like looking at an idiot, "You don't know that? Although those women on the island are good at fighting, when they talked about the effect of all-purpose medicament, they always use words like skin beautifying and regeneration and anti-aging, which are nothing to do with average women. That day, I met a woman; I offered her 11 gold coins for one vial of manjusaka, she bought it without even a blink of her eyes. She even felt it was too cheap!"

"Why not ask for more gold coins!" The others started to feel regretful with him.

"But I don't know that woman is so rich..."

When they discussed about that, Zhang Tie had left from that drugstore. 'Women, women again. How could these women act like flies sting smelly chicken eggs when they heard about something that could make them more beautiful and younger? Zhang Tie had not imagined that it was same both in and out the Breaking-Heavens Department. If it kept going like this, he was afraid that all the all-purpose medicament that he produced would be their cosmetics.

Zhang Tie could imagine how his all-purpose medicament is sold on Ma Aiyun's side. He heard that his all-purpose medicament had been sold out among the girls of Breaking-Heavens Department even before Ma Aiyun and the other senior sisters opened a drugstore in Blue Dragon Town.

Zhang Tie estimated that such a situation would last at least 1 month. Not until the latest batch of medicament was well fermented could this situation be slightly improved.

However, knowing that his medicament becoming so popular among the girls, Zhang Tie also became very thrilled as this indicated that he had more chance to contact Lan Yunxi in the future.

After leaving the drugstore, Zhang Tie casually made a round in the Black Dragon Town. With his super spiritual energy and sense, Zhang Tie instantly found something abnormal.

He felt being traced...

Chapter 326: Betrayal

Zhang Tie was a bit shocked about being traced, yet he still pretended to wander in the Black Dragon Town. After that, he saw a lane on the roadside; therefore, he flashed in.

Zhang Tie rushed into the lane less than 20 seconds, two shadows appeared at the entrance of the lane. After exchanging glances with each other, they also rushed in the lane.

This lane was less than 2m in width. After moving forward over 30 meters, Zhang Tie turned a corner and stopped. With arms crossed and eyes narrowed, he leaned against the wall and slowed his breath. Meanwhile, he started to hear the footsteps in the lane.

Over 10 seconds later, the subtle sound of footsteps became clearer. Based on the sound of the footsteps, Zhang Tie knew that he was traced by 2 people. They both moved very swiftly.

When the sound of footsteps became closer to the corner, Zhang Tie instantly flashed out and launched an attack at once...

Those 2 people had not imagined that Zhang Tie could attack them first, but they were obviously experts. The moment Zhang Tie punched them, they reacted to it and hurriedly counterattacked him.

With two muffled sounds, Zhang Tie sent both of them 2 m away.

Previously, Zhang Tie thought that he could end the battle at once; he had not imagined that those two had such great fighting abilities.

"Sto..." Before one guy was able to say something, Zhang Tie had thrown another punch. Zhang Tie's strength was so huge that the moment they reacted to his another attack, the two guys felt having no other ways but to forcefully hold it back.

'F*ck, how can a LV 6 guy have such huge strength?' The two guys swore inside before held back his attack.

Feeling the huge strength, they were sent flying several meters away again. Like their shadow, Zhang Tie closely followed them and punched for the fourth time...

This time, Zhang Tie attacked more ferociously and swiftly. After four moves, he had forced the two people over 10 m back.

With a sound of "Qing", one guy who could not stand any more. He directly pulled out his long sword from his back.

When sword qi spread in the lane like spring rain, with only one movement, Zhang Tie had left the attacking range of the sword qi and stood in the pavilion. He then started to appreciate the scenery of the "spring rain" like a tourist on the grassland.

Compared to Zhang Tie's attack before, his retreat shocked them too. The two people knew their real fighting abilities. Seeing his partner applied the fighting skill "sword rain" and it did not even touch Zhang Tie's clothes, one guy was really stunned as he realized that he had encountered the most powerful opponent in his life.

Although "sword rain" was a defensive move, it was also aggressive like needles in cotton. Whether it could be well applied depended on the person who applied it. However, a LV 9 sword master-hand only forced him one step back. Zhang Tie's quick judgement, response and easy expression really shocked them.

Seeing Zhang Tie's gleaming eyes and the gradually rising battle-qi totem on his back, the guy who used his sword before shouted loudly hurriedly.

"Stop, we are from Long Wind Business Group!"

Hearing his explanation, Zhang Tie became slightly surprised as the rising battle-qi totem disappeared at once, "You say you are from Long Wind Business Group, show me your identification certificate!"

After exchanging glances with each other, they presented their identification plates to Zhang Tie. After checking their identification plates, Zhang Tie completely hid his qi and slightly frowned his forehead, "Why do you trace me then?"

Whoever being traced would not feel good, including Zhang Tie.

That guy who pulled out the sword had put it back into the sheath.

"As Long Wind Business Group is worrying about your safety, they arranged us to protect you stealthily!" Another guy explained with an innocent look. They had not imagined that Zhang Tie was that shrewd. Two LV 9 experts traced a LV 6 man, yet was noticed and being forced to pull out sword in only a few seconds. What a shame! What a shame!

"Protect me?" Zhang Tie felt a bit hilarious, "Do you mean I will encounter dangers on the island?"

"If you were the old Zhang Tie, you might be safe; but now, it is hard to say. These days, many alchemists had been killed on the land. It was a bit chaotic out there!" That guy who put his sword back into sheath explained.

"Many alchemists were killed on the land?" Zhang Tie was shocked, "Do you know who did this?"

"We don't know. They moved very fast and leave no clue or people alive. These days, alchemists on all continents were scared of them. The Alchemists Association had released the reward of huge amount of

money for hunting them. Being concerned about your safety, the Long Wind Business Group dispatches us to protect you stealthily!" They explained everything straightforwardly.

After figuring out what happened, Zhang Tie's bad mood disappeared at once.

"Big brothers, as I don't know about your status before, I launched the attack. Wish you didn't mind that!" Zhang Tie revealed a smile instantly, "How do I address you then?"

"After exchanging glances with each other, the guy who held the sword burst out in laughter generously, "I'm Liu Xiang, he's Zhang Haichao, Brother Zhang Tie really has great fighting skills!"

"Haha, thanks, big brother Liu. I wonder when will your task come to an end?"

"This is a long-term task. I'm afraid that it will not come to an end until you leave Hidden Dragon Island. You just do whatever you want in the island. We will not interfere with you. We hope you do not mind being traced by us stealthily as we are just following the order!" Zhang Haichao explained.

"I feel really sorry for that..."

"That's our work!" Liu Xiang smiled as he looked at Zhang Tie, "Oh, how did you notice us just now? Old Yang and I have been partners for a long time. We are very confident to not be noticed by the one we trace!"

"I have a very sharp sense. I only felt being traced on the street. As I could not identify you in the public, I have to force you out by setting a trap!"

"How smart!" Liu Xiang nodded, "Brother Zhang is only LV 6, right? But your iron-blood fist is really excellent. Old Yang and I could not even able to hold it back!"

Through a few seconds' battle, although they didn't use their full strength, they all had left a deep impression of each other.

"I'm going to the Dragon Cave to form LV 7 battle-qi totem today!" Zhang Tie explained.

"That's great!" Liu Xiang exchanged glances with Zhang Tie. After knowing that Zhang Tie had almost been LV 7, the two felt much better.

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One minute later, Zhang Tie walked out of the lane and entered a nearby drugstore to buy a vial of night viewing medicament before heading for the Dragon Cave alone.

Walking out of the other end of the lane, Liu Xiang and Zhang Haichao also bought 1 vial of night viewing medicament respectively. They then encountered Zhang Tie at the entrance of Dragon Cave. With a distance between them and Zhang Tie, they entered the Dragon Cave together.

There were a lot of people entering the Dragon Cave every day. Soon after Zhang Tie and the two people entered, another batches of people entered too.

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Two hours later, in the deep, gloomy cave where few people could be seen...

When Liu Xiang and Zhang Haichao passed a underground area of tall mosses, a lot of bolts were shot out of the plants and flew directly towards the two people...

Almost the moment the bolts were shot out, Liu Xiang had charged out like a fierce tiger. With bright sword qi, a wide area of tall lotus-leaves mosses and the second wave of bolts were shattered off by Liu Xiang.

At this very moment, Zhang Haichao had jumped up from the ground like a furious eagle while wearing a pair of eccentric steel claws and launched a furious attack from the air.

Being punched by the two LV 9 experts, the group of killers had to drop off their crossbows and jumped out of that area of lotus-leaves mosses; however, almost the moment they drilled out, they had been torn off into pieces by sword qi and shadowing claws.

Seeing 5-6 corpses lying on the ground, Liu Xiang frowned, "Not right, they look a bit strange..."

"Yea, they don't bleed!" Looking at his steel claws where there was not blood, Zhang Haichao's face also turned gloomy.

"Hurry up, go find Zhang Tie, he's in danger..." Liu Xiang's face changed at once.

When Zhang Haichao turned, a part of long sword was pierced through his chest. Looking at that part of long sword, Zhang Haichao felt that this was the last thing that he could believe. With eyes turning red, he punched backward, forcing Liu Xiang to draw out of his long sword and move 5 meters back in a split second.

Zhang Haichao then started to spit out dark blood. Liu Xiang's attack not only heavily wounded his veins, but also sharply poisoned him. Swaggering his body, he fixed his eyes on Liu Xiang, "Wh...why...do you betray Huaiyuan Palace!"

Liu Xiang just revealed a smile. With sounds of "shasha" from all directions, a great amount of bowmen surrounded him once again. At the same time, another round of bolts rain were triggered. With a roar, Zhang Haichao kept surging forward and rushed inside the bolts rain...

In a wink, he tore off 5 more people into pieces. When Zhang Haichao wanted to tore apart the 6 person by his steel claws, his body swayed. At the same time, 10 more bolts were nailed onto his body, closely after which, a sword qi flashed by. As a result, his head flew off his body and dropped onto the ground 10 m away, eyes as wide as copper bells[1]...

"What a pity..." Cleaning the long sword in his hand, Liu Xiang watched Zhang Haichao's headless corpse, "If not in this way, I might really not have killed you. If not kill you, in a few years, you might be promoted to LV 10 and become a powerful fighter..."

"Nothing pitiful at all!" No until then did a man in black robe walked out of the dark corner and glanced at those corpses lying on the ground in a distant way, "Just some dead bodies!"

"But since then, my status would be exposed!" Liu Xiang let out a sign, "I've been lurked in Huaiyuan Palace for over 10 years!"

"You should appreciate that Huaiyuan Palace dispatches you here as this is a good chance for you to show your loyalty to us. Now that you've made it, everything you've done is worthwhile!"

"Hope so!" After saying this, Liu Xiang broke his own long sword and punched himself. After spitting out a mouthful of blood, he made his bun tilt and his hair messy. After that, he ran towards the path where Zhang Tie had passed in a flurried way...

At this moment, Zhang Tie finally met a huge centipede. After killed it so easily, Zhang Tie widened his eyes and watched that ball of soul fire flying towards him and entering his body. In a split second, he had formed his LV 7 battle-qi totem.

Soon after, he saw Liu Xiang running towards him in an embarrassed way...

Chapter 327: Who Screws Whom?

After using a vial of night vision medicament, although the night vision effect in the cave could not match his vision during the day outside the cave, Zhang Tie was still startled by Liu Xiang's pitiful state.

With bloodstain on his clothes, Liu Xiang's face had turned pale as a sheet and he rushed towards Zhang Tie in a flurried way.

"What happened?" Zhang Tie furrowed his brows as he raced towards Liu Xiang.

The moment Liu Xiang arrived in front of Zhang Tie, he directly tilted his body and fell onto the ground. Zhang Tie hurriedly held Liu Xiang's hands. Liu Xiang then spat out a mouthful of blood in a pretty miserable way.

"We... were attacked. They might target at you...hur...hurry...go..."

"Where's Zhang Haichao?"

"He's blocking their attack!"

"Are you able to move now?"

"Yea, I can. I know a hidden place. They are too powerful and have blocked the passage to the exit. As long as we survive this period, Long Wind Business Group will definitely dispatch someone to pick us up!"

"Fine!" Zhang Tie frowned his forehead in anxiety as he helped Liu Xiang stand up, "Let's go there together!"

"Fine..."

"Where's that place?"

"Right in front of us. You help me stand and I'll guide you there. Hurry up!" Liu Xiang looked very anxious, but when he said that, a shrewd light flashed across his eyes.

It seemed that Zhang Tie trusted Liu Xiang so much that he directly put one of his hands under the latter's shoulder to support him. Under the guidance of Liu Xiang, they ran towards an underground cave.

The world in the Dragon Cave was a sophisticated three-dimensional maze which was composed of caves, tunnels, and underground space of different sizes. Rugged, weird-looking stones, mountains, subterranean rivers and lakes, various underground plants, and dangerous living beings could be seen everywhere. Magma even flowed through some areas.

Zhang Tie and Liu Xiang kept moving at a fast pace through the underground area. Zhang Tie asked Liu Xiang who had raided them; but Liu Xiang could not explain it clearly. He only knew that those people attacked him and Zhang Haichao from behind and they used powerful crossbows. Some of them even seemed to be powerhouses.

When Liu Xiang replied, he silently observed Zhang Tie's response. Seeing that Zhang Tie was absent-minded, Liu Xiang finally recovered his composure.

After they'd run for over 10 minutes, they saw an intersection in front of them. On the left of the intersection was a cave while on its right was an underground karst cave.

"That cave in front of us, hurry in..." Liu Xiang said in a flurried way.

When they drew close to that cave, Zhang Tie slightly bent his body and prepared to enter. Meanwhile, in the darkness, with a single move, a weird black 12-cm long needle had appeared in Liu Xiang's hand silently. When Zhang Tie bent over his body, Liu Xiang had put one hand onto Zhang Tie's shoulder.

In a split second, a shrewd light flashed across Liu Xiang's eyes. The moment Liu Xiang prepared to pierce the long needle into Zhang Tie's brain, he suddenly felt cold and painful in his heart. Lowering his head, he saw Zhang Tie's hand which was once put under his armpit to support him had already held a dagger which was directly pierced into the place under his left armpit.

Like how he attacked Zhang Haichao just now. With one move, Zhang Tie had already destroyed his heart veins. With a dubious look, he gazed at Zhang Tie while not knowing how that dagger appeared in Zhang Tie's hand.

Zhang Tie turned back and stared at him with an icy ridicule.

Liu Xiang shouted loudly as he desperately pierced that weird, long needle towards Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie instantly grabbed his wrist while he pulled out of his dagger from Liu Xiang's body before stabbed it into other places on Liu Xiang. In under than a second, Zhang Tie had poked 8 times into Liu Xiang's chest and abdomen.

"You b*stard..." Zhang Tie stabbed him constantly as he swore with gritting teeth.

Even though it was a LV 9 powerhouse, he could still not believe that he was stabbed 9 times in a split second. Liu Xiang became extremely frightened.

In sharp pains and panic, Liu Xiang uttered weird voice as he punched towards Zhang Tie, seemingly wanting to shake out of Zhang Tie's powerful claws.

"Bang..." Liu Xiang smacked onto Zhang Tie's chest; however, Zhang Tie only made a voiceless harrumph and swayed his body a bit.

Heavily wounded and in a panic, Liu Xiang's attack was not even 40% of what it would be normally. Zhang Tie directly faced it while gritting his teeth with the help of the Iron-Body Fruits that he had eaten.

After being smacked, Zhang Tie didn't even make a voice; instead, he stabbed another 7 or 8 times into Liu Xiang's body.

Liu Xiang then smacked for the second time; Zhang Tie just ignored his attack and kept stabbing another 7 or 8 times.

When Liu Xiang smacked Zhang Tie for the third time, it had been as weak as swatting mosquitoes.

Zhang Tie glared at him. While grabbing one of Liu Xiang's hand, he stabbed the latter another 7-8 times.

In the darkness, Liu Xiang spat out blood while glaring at Zhang Tie's fiery, firm eyes. He then lowered his head to look at his body which was like a broken bag being spoiled by dozens of mice. Moving his lips, he wanted to say something, yet finally uttered no voice but fell down.

Liu Xiang had not imagined that he could fight Zhang Tie like a duel between street rascals. With one hand being grabbed, he was forcefully stabbed to death. He didn't figure it out how Zhang Tie found that he was going to attack him and screwed him over first.

The whole process from Liu Xiang took out the weird black long needles to his death only lasted about 8 seconds.

In only 8 seconds, the battle had come to an end. As a result, a LV 9 powerhouse fell like this.

"Peh!" Zhang Tie spat on Liu Xiang's dead body whose eyes were still opening. Zhang Tie then squatted to search over Liu Xiang's body swiftly. Finally, he picked up a weird black long needle from Liu Xiang's hand. After carefully listening to the surroundings, Zhang Tie glanced at that huge underground karst cave before diving into it without any hesitation.

This was Zhang Tie's first time killing a LV 9 powerhouse, however, Zhang Tie was not very happy inside as he knew that there were still some with killing intent towards him underground. 'If the opponent could even buy a LV 9 powerhouse who was dispatched by Long Wind Business Group to protect me, it must be very powerful!' Given Liu Xiang's situation, Zhang Tie knew that Zhang Haichao had probably been killed.

Although he was furious, Zhang Tie did not panic. At the critical moment, Zhang Tie was pretty calm. In a split second, he had connected several clues he'd found.

'The most important thing at present is to figure out my enemy! Besides Liu Xiang, how many people else are waiting to attack me? As Long Wind Business Group's representative is Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace, if my enemy dares to do this, they must not be weaker than the Zhang Clan. They might even be more powerful.

Although Liu Xiang, whom I killed is a scumbag, the news that he told me before entering the Dragon Cave must be true — Lately, many alchemists have been assassinated on the mainland.

No matter whether this move is related to the power that assassinated the alchemists or not, there's one point that I can verify, the message that I can realize the mass production of all-purpose medicament must have been leaked. By now, few people in the Long Wind Business Group will know

that I can do that; therefore, this message shouldn't have been leaked by Long Wind Business Group. That's what I'm concerned most.'

Even the bodyguard being dispatched by Long Wind Business Group to protect Zhang Tie could be bought, Zhang Tie was concerned how many people he could trust on the Hidden Dragon Island.

'I will depend on myself then!'

After leaving where he killed Liu Xiang, Zhang Tie didn't run far away; instead, he bravely lurked on a hill in the underground karst cave 50 m away. Lowering his body, he hid himself under a lot of umbrella-shaped underground rock mushroom. Staying at a higher location, he narrowed his eyes and silently fixed his eyes on the place where Liu Xiang's body lay.

'If only I had a telescope!' Zhang Tie mumbled. Thinking of his poor utilization of the space in his Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie decided that after this tricky event was solved, he would find a chance to improve the Castle of Black Iron.

After Zhang Tie lurked there in less than 5 minutes, with sounds of clothes flying in the air, a group of people had appeared in that place.

Although they wore different clothes and looked non-uniform, they moved in conformance; additionally, many people were holding crossbows. With only one glance, Zhang Tie had confirmed that these people were on Liu Xiang's side.

If they were not on Liu Xiang's side, they would not have followed his route there so fast. Additionally, they had a clear target. Although people entering Dragon Cave might have temporary combinations, they would not move in such a high level of synergy.

Stealthy movement with high conformance; a clear target; hiding their real status and number as well as the fact that they were in the same organization. Who would believe it if they told these people were nothing to do with Liu Xiang.

The head of the group of people was a guy in black clothes.

"Crap!" At the sight of Liu Xiang's body, the leader's face turned blue at once...

Chapter 328: Collision

Lying under the rock mushroom, Zhang Tie silently watched the strange group. He really wanted to kill them all. There were 16 people over there, including that guy in black clothes.

Zhang Tie couldn't figure out the level of the man in black clothes, but he estimated that those with crossbows were at most LV 8.

If that man in black clothes was lower than LV 9, Zhang Tie was confident he'd be able to kill them all. Whereas, the only problem was that if that guy in black clothes was higher than LV 9, he would be a powerful fighter. Additionally, perhaps this batch of people were just a portion of a larger group. Their partners might be hiding in other places underground. If Zhang Tie exposed himself at this moment, it

would be nothing different from committing a suicide. If they blocked Zhang Tie from escaping, when their more powerful fighters arrived there, Zhang Tie would be in a great danger.

Glancing at those guys and thinking about Liu Xiang whom he had killed, Zhang Tie started to make deductions in a split second in a very calm way.

'If Liu Xiang was assigned to screw me, it means that they don't have absolute confidence in killing me.

'If they had such a powerhouse, as long as I came into the Dragon Cave, they would have notified that powerhouse of my location to directly kill me. They wouldn't have dealt with me in this way.

'If Liu Xiang wanted to keep me alive, it would be more interesting.

'If they wanted me alive, they must have understood the huge value of my manufacturing method of all-purpose medicament. If so, before mastering and verifying the method to produce all-purpose medicament, they won't let me die easily.

'After capturing me, they definitely won't extract my secrets in here, and they won't do it on Hidden Dragon Island; instead, they will definitely escort me to a safe place.

'As Hidden Dragon Island belongs to the Zhang Clan, with the exception of the Zhang Clan's airships and ships, no other vehicles were allowed in. Therefore, the only way they bring me away is to disguise me quickly. If I was found lost today, they would have to take me away from the Dragon Cave on the same day. If not, when Zhang Clan and Hidden Dragon Palace realize what happened, those people would be surrounded and have no chance to leave Hidden Dragon Island any more.

'However, it would be very difficult to bring a live person away from Hidden Dragon Cave. This could not be done by one person.

'If it was the second situation, although more powerful guys might move secretly, Liu Xiang made his move alone as it was the most cost-efficient method. If so, Liu Xiang was their first card, but not the only one. The following cards might be sharper.

'Since they're not afraid of irritating Huaiyuan Palace, they must have made full preparations and considered all the possibilities.

'If it was the first situation, they would only assign a LV 9 fighter here at most to deal with me, who's only LV 6-7 and formed the Iron-Blood Battle Qi.

'If it was the second situation. they would have more powerful guys to catch me; but they would not kill me at once.

'As for the first situation, I don't need to be worry about it; as for the second situation, I will have a chance to negotiate conditions with them and figure out their true purpose.'

In a split second, Zhang Tie had figured out his current situation and determined his next step at once.

As the Iron-Blood Fist was a fist cultivated by a dauntless person and Zhang Tie was born to be adventurous and dauntless, he really couldn't stand it by and just watch those guys come and go in front of his eyes.

Additionally, this was Hidden Dragon Island, the territory of Zhang Clan; it would be especially shameful if he was that timid even on the Hidden Dragon Island!

With a quick thought, a special equipment from the Castle of Black Iron had already appeared in his hand.

That was a leathered container of hidden weapons. After completing the advancement of his awakened bloodline, Zhang Tie had built such a weapon in the Items Department. Besides practicing with them in the Trouble-Reappearance Situation, Zhang Tie had not attacked anybody using them.

What was placed in the container were the extremely common hidden weapons with great power — handbolts.

It was said that this hidden weapon originated from flying needles which was popular among some warriors or fighters before the Catastrophe. Those powerhouses could even break through thick glasses using flying needles.

Certainly, handbolts were not flying needles, at least in size. They were much larger than flying needles but similar to mini spears.

Each handbolt was 26.4 cm in length and 438 grams in weight. They were made of common steel and iron. Each handbolt was both like a mini spear and a super large flying needle. Zhang Tie made special modifications on their tails according to the laws of aerodynamics he'd learned, making them look a bit flat. In this way, these handbolts could fly faster, more stably, and more powerfully.

When Zhang Tie was LV 6, the effective shooting range of this handbolt was 90 m. The power of this hidden weapon was similar to that of common spears that he'd used before as they could easily pierce through a huge wolf.

Because of simple design and common materials, these handbolts were excellent low-value consumables. The price of each handbolt was only 2 silver coins in the Items Department of Hidden Dragon Palace. Zhang Tie had customized 2000 bolts in palm. Now, all these handbolts were piled inside Castle of Black Iron, and were available at any time.

Being fastened on his waist, the container contained 12 handbolts. Certainly, if Zhang Tie liked, the number of handbolts could be 120, or even 1200. With the exception of Zhang Tie himself, nobody else knew that Zhang Tie was a movable arsenal with his Castle of Black Iron.

Sometimes, the container of hidden weapons were just props. Like now, after securely fastening his container, Zhang Tie instantly had 10 more handbolts in his left hand like holding a handful of chopsticks.

With gleaming eyes, Zhang Tie held one handbolt in his right hand as he silently changed his position from lying prone into a half squatting stance. In a split second, he had locked onto that leader in black clothes 50 m away.

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"Leave a small team to clean up the dead body and stay in the area. Any single person you see, whether from the left cave or the right cave, should be killed!" that man in black clothes said in a merciless tone,

as he glanced over the surrounding people icily, "The rest of you will accompany me to get Zhang Tie. He only escaped a short while ago; he can't be far away!"

After ordering his subordinates, the man carefully looked at the trace left by Zhang Tie on the ground as he led a team towards the open area of the karst cave where they were. At this moment, Zhang Tie narrowed his eyes and forcefully shot a bolt towards the leader...

His bolt reached the man's forehead at a speed quicker than sound...

When the bolt was only 6-7 cm away from that man, Zhang Tie thought that a headshot would definitely happen; betraying his expectations, that man suddenly grabbed that bolt at an amazing speed.

Not until then did the piercing sound of the bolt drift into the ears of everyone else, shocking them.

Zhang Tie's bolt was easily caught by him. Watching that blood stain on his hand, the leader's eyes shot out gleaming light. Raising his head, he cast his sight towards that hill where Zhang Tie lurked.

Seeing this, Zhang Tie gradually stood up from underneath the rock mushroom and took a deep breath. Without any fear, he kept fixing his eyes onto that man. It was his first time seeing his hidden weapon, which was flying faster than sound, being grabbed by a hand. Zhang Tie estimated that the leader was at least LV 10. The two people's furious gazes collided in the air, with a distance of 50 m between them.

"Zhang Tie..." That man squeezed out Zhang Tie's name with a cold expression.

Standing on the hill, Zhang Tie smirked as he stretched out a middle finger towards that man.

The corners of that man's eyes then twitched...

Before the man issued any orders, the other guys had already surged towards Zhang Tie.

If this man could grab Zhang Tie's bolt by hand when being ambushed, in face-to-face fight, no matter how many bolts he threw towards that man, it would be a waste; but, it would be different if he threw his bolts towards the others...

Zhang Tie sneered. When those enemies were closer than 30 m, he shot out the second handbolt...

'This father doesn't think that another one of you can grab my sonic-booming bolt by hand. If I saw a second one among you catch it, this father would escape away right now.'

"Bang...", one guy's head exploded like a water melon breaking.

Zhang Tie rapidly moved away to evade some bolts. While he was running, he kept throwing out his handbolts. He had thrown out 5 handbolts in 2 seconds, "Bang...bang...bang...bang...bang...", the front 5 people's heads were exploded consecutively 30 - 40 m away from him.

In a split second, half of those people on that man's side were cleared. Nobody could have imagined that Zhang Tie's handbolts would be that terrifying. Compared with Zhang Tie's handbolts, those guys' crossbows were really too poor.

"Retreat..." Realizing that his men could not even evade Zhang Tie's handbolts, that leader shouted furiously as he accelerated towards Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie then directly rushed towards him from the hill without any fear.

They then collided in the air. Seeing that man punching him, Zhang Tie soared as he also punched towards that man.

The moment their fists clashed, Zhang Tie felt an unstoppably powerful strength surging towards him. At the same time, he felt that his Iron-Blood Battle Qi had fallen into a dark mire and was torn, melted, and engulfed by a strange strength...

With only one move, the opponent's huge strength had already sent Zhang Tie fly backwards in the air.

If he hadn't cultivated any fundamental movements, Zhang Tie would have been very embarrassed. However, at this moment, Zhang Tie made some beautiful rolls backward to counteract a greater part of the opponent's strength. As a result, he landed steadily 10 m away.

Although he looked no different than before, Zhang Tie felt his throat warm blood surging upward and his qi roiling; yet the blood was swallowed back down by Zhang Tie.

Compared to Zhang Tie's embarrassing appearance, that man just descended onto the ground steadily.

"A LV 10 powerhouse fighter?" Zhang Tie watched that guy in black clothes in an extremely gloomy way. He had seen LV 9 fighters. He even had fought 2 LV 9 fighters today; however, this man in front of him felt much more powerful than those LV 9 fighters.

"Good!" That man revealed a distant smile, "If you surrender now, you can still live!"

Zhang Tie burst out a laughter. What he said next irritated the opponent so much that the latter almost spat out blood, "Are you daydreaming? So what if you're a powerful fighter? You are in the Dragon Cave of Hidden Dragon Island. It belongs to Zhang Clan. The powerhouses of Hidden Dragon Palace will arrive soon. By then, they will easily kill you like killing an ant. I urge you to surrender to me and flatter me. Perhaps then, I will save you!"

Hearing Zhang Tie's words, that man's face revealed his killing intent. Zhang Tie made him very uncomfortable. With a cold expression, he fixed his eyes on Zhang Tie, "Although my primary objective is to take you away from here; if I can't, I can also kill you. Personally, I think I'd prefer to kill you!"

Hearing this, Zhang Tie's heart raced, 'Truly as I predicted, this guy is much trickier than Liu Xiang. I really wonder which power is willing to take me down by assigning a LV 9 fighter and a powerhouse to me. That's really a great honor.'

Thinking of this, Zhang Tie then looked at that man's back with a surprised expression.

Noticing Zhang Tie's surprised expression, that man naturally looked back; yet found nothing. However, at the same time, he felt a sharp qi reaching in front of his chest. Knowing that Zhang Tie's handbolt was unusual, he didn't dare to grab it directly by hand; instead, he jumped away while patting Zhang Tie's bolt, causing it to change its flight path.

As a result, that bolt hit a guy with crossbow 20 steps away, and penetrated through his chest, causing a shriek.

When the leader looked back at Zhang Tie, he found Zhang Tie had already dashed dozens of meters away like an arrow.

"Haha, good shot! You don't need to put on such a performance if you want to kill your man by my bolt..." Zhang Tie joked as he ran.

"You are dead!" That man angrily gritted his teeth as he immediately chased after Zhang Tie.

"Look at my bolt..." Zhang Tie shouted loudly. That man then hurriedly jumped out of the way. After changing direction twice, that man realized that Zhang Tie had not even thrown out a handbolt.

"Haha, you really are as timid as a rabbit. You actually want to catch me? Wait until your afterlife..." In a short while, Zhang Tie had run dozens of meters away again.

Being tricked by Zhang Tie twice consecutively, that man was really driven furious as he sped up to chase after Zhang Tie.

"Look out for my bolt..." Zhang Tie shouted once again.

Thinking that Zhang Tie was tricking him once again, he didn't evade at all; however, he suddenly felt a sharp qi close to his lower body. Being frightened a lot, that man realized that Zhang Tie had already shot another bolt towards the location under his left knee. He had no enough time to pat it away by then; instead, he could only change his moving direction by jumping away.

As a result, Zhang Tie's handbolt flew by his left shin. Although it didn't hit the right place, it bruised him, causing a hot pain on his shin.

In such a short while, Zhang Tie had already gotten 100 m away in the twisting karst cave.

"I will kill you..." That man growled with bloodshot eyes as he continued chasing after Zhang Tie...

Chapter 329: Hunting

If he wasn't even brave to face the enemy, he would be a coward!

When he knew that he couldn't defeat him, if he chose to fight with gritting teeth only to be caught or killed, he would be an idiot.

With the exception of that time when he chose to sacrifice himself for his brothers in Iron-Blood Camp, he would never be that foolish on dealing with other things.

Zhang Tie was neither a coward nor an idiot. He was willing to fight, however, if he found that the opponent was far more powerful than he was and he could not get the anticipated result if he kept fighting the opponent, he would definitely turn back and escape without any hesitation, just like now!

When escaping, Zhang was actually wounded inside due to the first round of fighting with that man in black clothes.

Zhang Tie had ignited 13 surging points on his spine and officially reached LV 7; however, that person was a LV 10 powerful fighter who had ignited at least 55 surging points.

That man was truly powerful, at least for Zhang Tie. The distance of 40 surging points between him and Zhang Tie was like an abyss that Zhang Tie could not cross. This was not the right moment to fight him, even though Zhang Tie had formed Iron-Blood Battle Qi and eaten a great number of fruits.

Actually, Zhang Tie's performance had greatly shocked that man. Before seeing Zhang Tie, that man had never imagined that he could be wounded by some LV 7 kid. What was more amazing was that Zhang Tie could slip away like a loach, staying out of his grasps for so long after wounding him.

The super great endurance and speed brought by 9 Wild-Wolf Seven-Strength Fruits...

The agility and the precise choice of each step after his enlightenment from "One Movement, One Scenery"...

His physical potential after the ignition of 13 surging points and Iron-Blood Battle Qi as the powerful top battle qi was exerted to the utmost by Zhang Tie at this moment.

The underground space where the huge centipedes lived was quite cramped and gloomy; in contrast, the karst cave was relatively spacious, the height of this karst cave only varied from just over 10 m to dozens of meters. Weird-looking rigged rocks could be seen everywhere. The karst cave was twisting and winding, which was totally different from the karst cave where he hunted the hell-black spiders last time.

If the area above the karst cave where hell-black spiders lived could hold a huge city, then the size of this karst cave was as big as an animal's intestinal tract.

Zhang Tie didn't know where this karst cave would lead to; he only felt that the icy killing intent was getting closer to him.

That man moved much faster than Zhang Tie. The incredible ability of a LV 10 fighter was awe-inspiring. If not for the handbolts, Zhang Tie might have been caught by that man already.

Each time Zhang Tie felt that man would catch him, Zhang Tie would shout loudly, "Look out for my bolt..."; however, Zhang Tie didn't really throw out a bolt sometimes, instead, he just frightened that guy. Other times, he actually threw out a handbolt. By then, that man had to change his moving direction or pat away Zhang Tie's handbolt.

In this way, Zhang could extend the distance between himself and that man at critical moments.

Zhang Tie kept running for over 20 minutes. Finally, that man found the right way to deal with Zhang Tie's trick. As long as Zhang Tie didn't turn around, that man would keep chasing after him; by comparison, the moment Zhang Tie turned around, if Zhang Tie threw out his handbolt, that man would change his moving direction and moved in the shape of a "Z" so as to evade Zhang Tie's hidden weapon.

Seeing this, Zhang Tie also started to be anxious. When he turned around, he would slow down, which slowed him about as much as that man slowed when moving in the shape of a "Z". In this way, the distance between Zhang Tie and that man gradually narrowed.

Gradually, the distance between them narrowed from 100 m to 50 m.

After running for over 20 minutes, Zhang Tie finally saw some people hunting huge centipedes in the underground karst cave.

The 3 people were dissecting a huge centipede that they've killed.

However, all Zhang Tie could only do was to shout loudly towards them, "Hurry up, escape in different directions..."

As Zhang Tie had flashed over them, the three people were still standing in the same spot. Seeing them still standing over there, Zhang Tie sighed inside as he knew that they'd lost any chance of survival.

Several seconds later, three shrill shrieks drifted into Zhang Tie's ears. Zhang Tie turned around to find 3 heads flying in the air amidst a fountain of blood.

'As that man dared to hunt me in the Dragon Cave, he would definitely not allow any witness to live, because as long as those witnesses revealed it in the public, this man will not leave Hidden Dragon Island alive.'

Zhang Tie could see that man's cruel, sinister smile as he licked his lips.

"Motherf*cker!" Zhang Tie was driven furious. Meanwhile, he threw out 2 more handbolts. By moving in a weird way, that man patted away the last two of Zhang Tie's handbolts from the first batch.

"No more struggling, I promise you an easy death!" After patting away the 2 handbolts, that man kept speeding up.

"F*ck, you b*stard; wait, this father will teach you a lesson sooner or later!" Zhang Tie kept his head down and rushing forward.

"Is that true?" the man ridiculed, "I'm afraid that you will not live to see that day!"

Zhang Tie had soon rushed hundreds of meters away from where those three were killed, as the distance between him and the man closed to less than 30 m. At the sight of an underground lake which covered more than 6000 square meters, Zhang Tie became thrilled at once as he hurriedly dove inside.

There were plenty of water resources in the underground world. There were various creatures in the water, some of which were even more ferocious than those on land. However, since Zhang Tie entered Hidden Dragon Palace, he had not heard about any dangerous creatures in the waters of the underground space where huge centipedes lived. That was why he dared to dive into the lake without any hesitation.

The underground lake was crystal clear. When he dove inside, he could see clearly the shiny little fishes and floating waterseeds.

The moment Zhang Tie dove into the lake, the man arrived at the water's edge. Almost the moment the splatters left by Zhang Tie fell onto the water, that man's skin had turned red as he smacked onto the water with his fierce battle qi, aiming at Zhang Tie's back in the water.

When he smacked the water, his battle qi formed into a black palm that had been amplified many times.

As a result, a 10 m high splatter splashed up like something exploding out of a torpedo. Soon after he dove down 10 m, Zhang Tie felt the surrounding water became frozen while an incredible strength penetrated through the water and struck Zhang Tie on the back.

"Wua..." Zhang Tie immediately spat out a mouthful of blood in the water, tinting the surrounding water.

When one reached LV 8, many advanced battle qis would be able to hurt people without having to touch the opponent. When he was in the Iron-Blood Camp, Zhang Tie had seen Captain Reinhardt performed this using "Man's Certificate". On the training field, Captain Reinhardt released his battle qi and controlled Zhang Tie's Man's Certificate to make a several meters long ditch on the ground with sword qi, which really shocked them.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that the guy could be that horrible. If it hadn't been Zhang Tie, who had eaten a lot of Iron-Body Fruits, any normal LV 6-7 fighter would have been killed.

Through this strike, Zhang Tie knew that he was too lucky when he collided that man in the air earlier and how smart he was by choosing escape.

'If this man had not underestimated my real power, he might have killed me in the first round.'

However, at this moment, although not having lain down, Zhang Tie knew that he had been wounded and could not move as easy as before.

With the inertia of this strike, Zhang Tie dove another 20 m. It was already more than 50 m in depth. Zhang Tie soon arrived at the bottom of the water and found a hidden place to recover while gazing at the entrance of the water; meanwhile, he started to think up some countermeasures rapidly.

That man didn't follow him in. Realizing this, Zhang Tie slightly let out a sigh. At the same time, Zhang Tie also realized that that man must have learnt about how he was a yaksha in the sea. As he knew that Zhang Tie excelled at diving, he didn't dare to follow in.

Zhang Tie admitted that that guy was much trickier than he had imagined. He was powerful, fierce, and cunning. Knowing that Zhang Tie's movement ability was greatly restricted in the water, he kept striking the water, attempting to seal Zhang Tie's fate...

When he figured out the environment under water, Zhang Tie started to cry inside...

Chapter 330: Conversion Lord

What made Zhang Tie regretful was that there were no subterranean river courses through which he could slip away. It was like a huge bowl had been put underground. Besides some weird shiny aquatic plants and fishes, it was full of icy stones at the bottom of the lake.

With eyes slightly closed, Zhang Tie started to feel the water flow. Along the flowing water, he found an undercurrent at the bottom of the lake.

'That man won't dive in, I won't come out of the water, will we just maintain this state?

'But I have advantage of time now. As long as I don't go out, when the Hidden Dragon Palace and Long Wind Business Group realize there's an abnormal situation, they will definitely send a powerhouse here.' Zhang Tie comforted himself as he felt a bit worried, not knowing what other methods those guys might apply.

After staying in the dragon cave for a long while, benefited from setting free earthworms, Zhang Tie started to feel the effect of his preliminary recovery body.

'It's also a good chance to recover myself!

'Do I need to hide in Castle of Black Iron for a while? As long as I stay in Castle of Black Iron for 2 days, it would definitely be chaotic outside. By then, that guy should have already escaped. '

An idea flashed across Zhang Tie's mind.

'No, that's my final trump card for a live threatening situation. I should not expose my trump card until the last moment. As long as this trump card is exposed, it would bring me numerous troubles.'

Zhang Tie then started to recover under water...

That man on the bank was standing still with his icy, gleaming eyes narrowed and fixed on the water.

He knew that he had wounded Zhang Tie just now, but he didn't know whether Zhang Tie had died or not.

Neither of the 2 men moved.

Gradually, the lake recovered its tranquility...

10 minutes later, the man's lackeys finally arrived at here with gasps. Due to Zhang Tie's counterattack, only 8 of them were left alive.

Seeing his lackeys return, that man in black clothes asked coldly, "Have you dealt with those corpses?"

"Done!"

"Fine, Zhang Tie has been wounded by my attack. He's underwater now. I don't know whether he's dead or not; you two, go inside and check whether there's any other subterranean river course or not. If Zhang Tie is dead, get his corpse out of there!"

After glancing at the underground lake, one of them instantly walked out and dove inside the lake.

After 2 minutes, the lake was still tranquil while nobody coming out. It seemed that a terrifying monster was hiding under water. That man who had dived inside the lake seemed to have just disappeared. Seeing this, the other 7 people's faces all turned pale.

"2 more in..." The man in black robe said in a cold-blooded way.

2 of the 7 people then gritted their teeth before jumped inside...

2 more minutes later, after the splatters caused by the 2 men when they jumped inside, the lake became tranquil once again. The 2 men didn't come out either.

"You're still alive; and you have nowhere to go inside. Do you really think that I cannot force you out?" The man in black robe revealed a cold smile before ordered the rest 5 men whose faces had turned completely pale, "Prepare the crossbows and keep an eye on the water. Shoot anyone jumping out of the lake. I only need you to block him a few seconds!"

After knowing that they didn't need to go inside the lake, the rest people all let out a sigh, "Yes, sir!".

When the 5 people stood on five directions over the lake with crossbows, that man in black robe then took out of a pitch-black vial and poured all the liquid from the vial into the lake.

The moment he poured the liquid into the lake, the water inside had already started to turn black. After a few seconds, fish inside the lake started to die one by another. Finally, the water's surface was filled with floating, dead fish.

With a slight sound of "Hula" on the farthest side of the lake, a body suddenly flew out of the water. At the sight of it, the five lackeys who had long waited instantly triggered their crossbows. At the same time, the man in black robe flashed towards that place.

With a sound of "Pata", that body fell onto the bank after being shot by 5 bolts. When the man in black robe and the other guys ran over there and turned over that body, they were startled as it was their partner who had dived inside. Because it was wearing Zhang Tie's clothes, they had not recognized it.

'Too bad!' As this thought flashed across the leader's mind, another splash was heard from the other side of the water as Zhang Tie jumped out of the water and rushed away.

With a growl, that man in black robe hurriedly started to chase after Zhang Tie. As a LV 10 powerhouse, he had been tricked by Zhang Tie man times. He'd been driven completely furious and had determined to tear Zhang Tie into pieces.

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Ten minutes later...

With a sound of "bang", Zhang Tie smacked the black battle qi which was launched towards him in the air; however, a powerful aftershock coursed through him and causing him to spit out a mouthful of blood.

After being struck once again, Zhang Tie lost his balance and rolled down along an inclined slope.

That was a pretty narrow, long, and smooth slope of a huge underground valley. It was an intersection of two huge quartz deposits. It extended several hundred meters underground. After losing the control of his body, Zhang Tie kept rolling downward along the slope and became disoriented and dizzy.

This feeling reminded Zhang Tie of that scene that he was forced by some wild wolves to jump into the cave of Gold-eaten boas. What was different was that the man behind him was several times sharper than those b*tches.

Zhang Tie didn't stop until 3 minutes later. The moment he stopped, he felt the bone-scorching heat from the ground along with a surrounding rosy light.

There was a river of magma which was slowly flowing under this seam. With the exception of that slope, he was surrounded by high-temperature lava in three directions.

The moment Zhang Tie forcefully picked himself up from the ground, he had heard a weird ridicule, "jie...jie...jie...".

"Keep running, why stop? You're really good at choosing places. This is a good place to destroy your body!" Like a black cloud, that man jumped off the quartz on the slope and landed several meters away from Zhang Tie. He then started to stare at Zhang Tie with an alert but mocking look.

After rolling down the slope for so long, Zhang Tie had been further wounded. Besides, he was suffering from slight poisoning. As a result, he spat out another mouthful of blood.

After wiping off the blood from the corners of his mouth, Zhang Tie didn't stand up; instead, he kept half-squatting like a wolf and gazed at that man with an unyielding and icy gaze.

"I swear that if I don't die today, I will definitely tear up your family members and those people who assigned you here into pieces!" Zhang Tie pointed at him and firmly swore.

Hearing Zhang Tie's words, that man's pupils narrowed slightly as he replied in ridicule, "Do you think that you can survive today?"

After saying this, that man surged forward like a lightning bolt as he directly smacked towards Zhang Tie's head, aiming to kill Zhang Tie directly and sparing no chance to survive him...

Almost at the same time, a gleaming sword qi brightened up over Zhang Tie's waist like a lightning bolt formed by a red snake...

The battle of life or death was so transient and fierce that in less than a second, they'd already exchanged more than ten attacks...

One second later, Zhang Tie was blasted away by that man. Meanwhile, his red-snake sword drew a curving line in the air and dropped into the river of magma dozens of meters away which then slowly sunk inside...

That man in black robe touched the wound on his left shoulder and the mask on his face; he then looked at Zhang Tie who was spitting out blood and forcefully standing up once again before sighing, "As a LV 10 powerful fighter, I could have ignored most of common fighters under LV 9. I've not imagined that I could be wounded by you three times. You're the first one in the world who could wound me in face-to-face battle. I will never allow you to survive in this world. As we are both Chinese, I'll give you the chance to tell me your last words!"

Zhang Tie could feel his chest and abdomen almost being torn off due to pain. Glaring at that man whose mask had been broken by him, Zhang Tie gritted his teeth and asked, "Who are you?"

"You don't need to know who I am. If dead people actually get to live in another world, we might have a chance to witness how we are worshipped by all the future generations!" With a wisp of ridicule full of killing intent, that man drew close to Zhang Tie one step by another, "What other trump card do you have. If you don't use it now, I'm afraid that you won't have another chance to use it!"

Zhang Tie slightly narrowed his eyes and showed no panic at all. He truly had a final trump card; however, Zhang Tie was somewhat hesitant.

'I should use this chance to escape...

'I should use this chance to escape...

'I should use this chance to escape...

'Give me a bit more time, I should use this chance to escape...'

Zhang Tie growled inside while that man kept drawing closer to him. Each of that man's step forward was oppressive and cautious which was especially owned by powerhouse.

When Zhang Tie was racking his mind to seek for the last chance of survival in this dilemma, Zhang Tie's eyes were fully filled with amazement that could be rarely seen in this world when he threw his eyes behind that man's back.

"Did you think that trick would work on me a second time and earn another 2 seconds of life for you, did you think I would actually believe it this time? Ha...ha...unless it's an immortal, nobody can save you at this moment..." Throwing a derisive glance towards Zhang Tie, he ridiculed Zhang Tie's naive and ignorant trick.

"I've never said that I'm an immortal, but I remember that some in the Eastern Continent call me 'Conversion Lord'!" A faint old man's voice tinged with fatigue drifted from behind the man in black robe.