

Black Iron 411

Chapter 411: Earthworm Number One

At this moment, as Zhang Tie had just come out of the river, he was wet all over. Although, looking embarrassed, he still looked very good. In the first round of fight with that LV 10 strong fighter, Zhang Tie was the winner; besides, he even humiliated that b*stard and escaped away under his gaze. Of course, Zhang Tie deserved the high spirit, It was not because of his advantage on fighting skills but on his high spirit and will.

Dawson didn't say that he was LV 10. However from his swift actions on dodging Zhang Tie's bolts and escaping away, Zhang Tie found that it was nothing different than that b*stard in Zhen family who chased after him in Dragon Cave. Therefore, Zhang Tie had figured out his level.

"Demon Snake Island truly dispatched a LV 10 powerhouse to kill me as I've imagined." Zhang Tie felt stressed while a wild fire completely burned inside, "This Dawson will be the first stepping stone on my way to be a powerhouse."

"Have you started to catalyze those seeds of Buckthorns?" Zhang Tie asked Heller.

"The first batch contains 400 Buckthorn seeds which have started to catalyze according to different input plans. We will know about the catalytic result of the first batch of seeds in 3 weeks. If any Buckthorn seeds evolve or mutate, we can increase the input of aura values to accelerate their growth and stimulate them to bear fruits. In this way, we can gain a great number of evolved and mutated Buckthorn seeds!" Heller explained calmly, "The aura values and basic energy storage in Castle of Black Iron could satisfy this round of catalysis; however, the merit values grow a bit slowly. Its main source is from setting free fishes on Hidden Dragon Island. We could only obtain 50-70 merit values a day by doing this."

Zhang Tie recalled that he only had a bit more than 500 merit values left on Polar Light when he formed the Flower of Life. If he wanted to accomplish the catalysis of so many Buckthorn seeds at once, he estimated that those merit values might have been dried up.

"I might add some merit values in a few days!" Zhang Tie replied uncertainly.

"Might?" Heller stared at Zhang Tie with a doubtful look.

Zhang Tie then scratched his head, "I made an appointment with someone last year. In case of no emergency, another batch of earthworms would be set free in a few days!"

Heller then responded with a relieved look...

If Hanna's family members could still comply with that appointment that Zhang Tie had made with them before he left Blapei, they would be buying earthworms from Chevli village and its surrounding villages and set them free. After one year, the number of those earthworms which should have been used to feed domestic animals had recovered to its previous level. It was the right moment to set free.

However, Zhang Tie had been forced to leave Blapei so long as a criminal and didn't contact them in this period, Zhang Tie was not sure whether Hanna's family members could still imply with the appointment or not.

Although Zhang Tie was not in Blapei, with the ability to control yeasts granted by the fruit of creator, he could let Hanna's beer lose its special taste which helped her win the reputation "Beer Queen".

Zhang Tie didn't know how Hanna's family life had changed after Hanna won the reputation of Beer Queen. If Hanna's family failed to comply with the appointment, Zhang Tie could punish them by inactivating the mutated yeasts. However, Zhang Tie didn't want to do this. Actually, Hanna's family treated him well while Hanna brought him much pleasure. If Hanna's family failed to fulfill this appointment, Zhang Tie would just call it an end to their friendship. To be honest, Zhang Tie didn't want his beloved woman to lose everything.

As for merit values, Zhang Tie intended to seek for other methods. Zhang Tie didn't believe that there was no chance to do good things in Ice and Snow Wilderness. If not, he could return to Ewentra Archipelago and set free fishes and shrimp at the cost of tens of thousands of gold coins. However, if he did this, he would be taken as a lunatic by others.

"Speaking of earthworms, I've got a good news to tell you, Castle Lord. Those earthworms in Castle of Black Iron have completed their first round of mutation and evolution. A new earthworm had formed in Castle of Black Iron. It's waiting for you to name it, my lord!" Heller smiled.

Hearing this news, Zhang Tie became stunned. Closely after that, he became too excited. After about 1 year, since he handed the work of the evolving earthworms, bees, basic energy aura yeast, soya beans and corns to Heller, he almost forgot it. It was really out of Zhang Tie's imagination that he could have new species in Castle of Black Iron. Zhang Tie had not figured out the effects of these new earthworms; however, thinking of that he could control a wholly new species after eating a fruit of creator, Zhang Tie felt so happy.

The moment Zhang Tie wanted to open the operation panel of Castle of Black Iron, he was stopped by Heller.

Pointing at Zhang Tie's clothes which were still dripping wet, Heller suggested, "Castle Lord, why not change to a new set of clothes?"

Zhang Tie responded with a smile and accepted Heller's suggestion. "As I'm already in Castle of Black Iron, I have enough time."

Zhang Tie then took a bath in Castle of Black Iron, after that, he changed to a new set of clothes before sitting on one chair in the room comfortably. After doing this, he touched the option "Management on Livings and Populations" and found the item "Management on Animals" under "Management on Carbon-Based Livings and Populations" where he found the information about the new earthworms.

The three-dimensional holograms of 2 earthworms appeared in front of Zhang Tie at once...

From the appearances, Zhang Tie had already found the difference between common earthworms and mutated earthworms.

Before mutation, common earthworms were red and reddish-brown, which were also the colors of most earthworms. However, the mutated earthworms had 2 more black circles on their heads and tails besides the original red and reddish-brown colors.

Additionally, mutated ones were larger than those common earthworms.

Under the three-dimensional holograms were the differences between 2 kinds of earthworms on chromosomes and DNAs. Zhang Tie couldn't understand them; therefore, he just skipped to the end to see the new features of this mutated earthworms.

—Black-circle earthworm is a whole new earthworm species which has experienced a round of mutation and evolution. This earthworm is more suitable to environment than common earthworms. Under light, its survival time is 31% more than that of common earthworms. Besides, this new species could adapt to 4 Celsius degrees more or less than the highest and the lowest temperatures respectively. What's more, this earthworm is more suitable to various soils and is able to improve and fertilize the activity of soil.

—The feces of this earthworm contains 2.75% of nitrogen, 1.96% of phosphor, 0.37% of k-alum, 35.4% of organic matters, 23 amino acids and rich earthworm enzyme. Each gram of its feces contains more than 10,000 beneficial microorganisms; as a contrast, there are only a bit more than 100 beneficial microorganisms in aged and barren soil. Earthworm enzyme could kill many kinds of viruses, harmful bacteria and a lot of special substances which restrict the growth of plants.

"Castle Lord, please name this new earthworm!" Seeing Zhang Tie finish reading this information, Heller said aside.

"Let's call it earthworm number one!" Zhang Tie casually named it like what lazy guys always do.

For this name, Heller only nodded his head. However, from Zhang Tie's look, Heller felt that Zhang Tie might not know about the significance of this kind of earthworm at all.

"Castle Lord, do you know the real effect of these earthworms?"

"Aren't they used to improve and fertilize soil?" Zhang Tie asked with a curious look.

"That's true; but do you know what does this effect mean to you?"

"What?" a thought flashed across Zhang Tie's mind.

"Right, have you got it?" Heller smiled.

"You mean...we don't need to plough soil anymore with them!" Zhang Tie's heart raced.

"Right. From then on, as long as there is such earthworms, all the farmland would be free from ploughing with the help of these earthworms. If you put 0.9 million of this kind of earthworms on a parcel of land of 10,000 square meters, you will save 4 skilled farmers "8 hours" work in each day. Additionally, their feces will be equal to 140 tons of organic fertilizer each year on that parcel of land.

Although Zhang Tie had not done any farming work, he clearly knew about farming through the education at school in Blackhot City which emphasized survival ability. It could be said that plough, as an important farming activity was closely related to crop farming and agriculture since a long period before

catastrophe. As the old saying went, "No pain, no gain." Ploughing was very important in agriculture, which was almost the most consuming work in the rural areas. But now, Heller told him that all the farmlands were free of plough with the help of this kind of earthworm.

"Don't be strange about that. Actually, before agriculture, some countries and regions had already adopted the most advanced and natural farming mode after figuring out this effect of earthworms. 'Agricultural Free-Plough Act' was even formulated in many regions. Actually, they put a lot of earthworms in the soil so as to substitute manpower and mechanical plough. By doing this, they could save a great amount of manpower and money; meanwhile, the soil was improved and purified!"

"Why didn't they popularize this method in a wider scale?"

"There are too many reasons about this. Only a few people knew about this method at that time because a powerful selfish interest group stopped its popularization in the traditional agricultural mode! At that time, traditional agriculture was a inferior farming mode which separated farmland from crops and the mother nature. By doing this, someone could get rich. All the people who could make money through this way didn't expect this channel to be stopped by little earthworms!"

Zhang Tie finally understood. Because of human's greed, selfishness and arrogance, many people thought they were greater than creator. As for cultivation and fertilization, people invented many machines; however, few people knew that even the greatest machine could not match these trivial earthworms.

With this explanation, Zhang Tie recognized the importance of earthworm number one. However, the quantity of these earthworms was relatively small. If he wanted them to exert a greater importance, Zhang Tie had to prepare enough quantity of this kind of new earthworms. Take Castle of Black Iron as an instance, if he wanted to turn this parcel of land into forever quality farmland, Zhang Tie had to put at least 6 million earthworms number one here based on Heller's calculation.

Thankfully, earthworms reproduced very fast.

After solving the questions about the new earthworm, Zhang Tie came in front of the small tree.

Besides the second iron-teeth hyena seven-strength fruit, Zhang Tie found a new fruit of creator in shape of a kidney bean.

——Fruit of Creator has become matured. Usage: Pick and directly eat it. Notice: The fruit cannot be taken out of the Castle of Black Iron. After twelve hours of having been picked off the tree, its energy and vitality will gradually decline.

——All the creations carry infinite karma. Because of you, earthworm number one appears in this world. They are your creations. Therefore, they belong to you. You are their father and god. This fruit of creator will grant you with the supreme control over this earthworm in the world. In accordance with the material existence law of earthworm number one, your will and orders interpret their existence.

With his eyes on this fruit of creator, Zhang Tie picked it off devoutly. Before eating it, Zhang Tie touched the trunk of the small tree and told him seriously, "Thank you. Without you, I will be nothing. Please believe in me that I will treasure this marvelous fruit!"

Hearing this, the small tree waved itself, causing the sound, "sisi".

After eating that marvelous fruit, Zhang Tie soon had one more special ability. Without having to count, he knew everything about these new earthworms—at this moment, there were 185919 earthworms number one in Castle of Black Iron.

These earthworms really liked Castle of Black Iron, especially that soil nearby Pool of Chaos as if it was like their holy land.

"Reproduce, put your efforts to reproduce. From now on, your greatest task is to enlarge the quantity of your species", Zhang Tie released his first order to those earthworms.

After this order, Zhang Tie picked off that delicate seven-strength fruit in shape of iron-teeth hyena. After that, he sat under the small tree before he put it in his mouth...

Chapter 412: Dropping Teeth

Each kind of fruit on that small tree had its special effect and would bring Zhang Tie different abilities and benefits; however, the only one that could grant Zhang Tie with the experience of the 'greatest life experience' was seven-strength fruit.

After eating each seven-strength fruit, Zhang Tie could feel a baptism and a whole new and powerful improvement in his body.

Seven-strength fruit constantly improved Zhang Tie's life experience.

As LV 1 living beings, iron-teeth hyena was one level higher than wild wolf. They were greater than common wild wolves on strength and speed. However, after taking each iron-teeth hyena's seven-strength fruit, Zhang Tie would have one more iron-teeth hyena's full strength in his vitality.

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When Zhang Tie opened his eyes under the tree the next morning, he felt that something was in his mouth. After spitting it out, Zhang Tie saw 2 teeth falling onto the ground in front of him. "How come I drop off teeth at this age? What's happening? But I don't feel any pain at all!" Zhang Tie's curiosity arised.

These were 2 bigger molars, Zhang Tie put his fingers inside his mouth and touched the 2 ends of the lower teeth. Surprisingly, 2 new teeth had already grown out over one night but were only half the size of the original ones. Although they were not fully grown, they had a good texture.

"How come my teeth be replaced at this age? I don't even have my wisdom teeth fully grown." Zhang Tie forced a bitter smile. "Is it because of that seven-strength fruit that he eats yesterday?"

At this moment, it was already dawn in Castle of Black Iron. As the time in Castle of Black Iron was synchronous with that of outside, Zhang Tie probably knew the time outside.

Zhang Tie picked himself up from the ground, causing the cracking sound of his bones. Feeling that comfortable and powerful sense, Zhang Tie couldn't help but roar in Castle of Black Iron.

He roared longer than 3 minutes. Zhang Tie found that his voice grew louder and louder; meanwhile, he found that his one breath could last longer. From the 2 aspects, Zhang Tie knew that his body had been much stronger than it was yesterday.

He was instantly in a good mood.

Hearing the roar, Heller and his 3 subordinates walked towards Zhang Tie. At the same time, Zhang Tie walked off the high platform from the small tree.

"Castle Lord..." At the sight of Zhang Tie, Agan, Edward and Aziz had knelt down in front of him with full pleasure and started to kiss Zhang Tie's shoes in a humble way. These days, Zhang Tie always left Castle of Black Iron in the early morning and returned late in the night, which were different from their schedule; as a result, Agan, Edward and Aziz hadn't seen Zhang Tie these days.

"Are you going to work now?"

"Yes, Castle Lord, your earthworm number one could save a greater part of our time on farming work from today on!" Agan responded happily, "In this way, I will have time to build some more beautiful rooms for Castle Lord. I'm really sorry for the current rooms!"

"I can also build some proper weapons for Castle Lord. If you like javelins, I will definitely make javelins that fit you the most! If you like crossbow, I will build the most powerful crossbow for you." Edward also revealed a smile.

"If Castle Lord likes drinking, I can brew various good wines with the fruits here. I can make any drinks that you like!" Aziz added.

Hearing their words, Zhang Tie suddenly remembered that they were not only qualified to be farmers.

"But I've been taking them as laborers and coolies since they appear in Castle of Black Iron together with Heller. What a pity!" Zhang Tie sighed with emotions.

Zhang Tie remembered that these 3 people were nothing different from true people, just like Heller. They should also eat food to sustain their physical energy consumption. Besides, they need to rest and sleep. "Given their piety, perhaps I should treat them better."

"There are a lot of huge deep-sea monster's flesh in the ice cave of Castle of Black Iron. It tastes good and is beneficial to your health. From today on, you can have 1 kg of its flesh per week. This is my reward for your diligent work in Castle of Black Iron!" Zhang Tie said generously.

Hearing this, Agan, Edward and Aziz were deeply moved that they even dropped off their tears.

"Aziz, as you can brew wine, can you spare some time to share your drinks in Castle of Black Iron with the rest of people. Although being my servants, you should also have the flesh and wine so that I could have a face!"

Receiving the task, Aziz was so thrilled that his face even turned red, "Trust me Castle Lord, I will not disappoint you. I wonder which wine do you like, my lord. If you can sip even a bit of wine that I brew, I would feel pretty honorable!"

"What drinks can you brew then?" Zhang Tie asked seriously.

"Any drink. I can brew any wine, red wine, beer, fruit wine, liquor, high wine, low wine. I can brew any wine with alcohol, total 5689 varieties. The processing methods are deeply imprinted in my soul and memory. As long as the raw materials and conditions are satisfied, I can brew any wine as you like!"

It was really out of Zhang Tie's imagination that Aziz could brew 5689 drinks.

"How many kinds?" Zhang Tie raised his voice at once.

"5689!" Aziz became a bit restless, "Castle Lord, do you think that I cannot satisfy your demand?"

Zhang Tie stared at Aziz, "No, you're very good. Just brew whatever you want with the raw materials and conditions here!"

"Fine!"

When the 3 servants left politely and started to do their works, Heller walked closer.

"Castle Lord, how are you feeling about the new teeth?"

"You know that?"

"I've told you that I know everything that happens here!"

"I was going to ask you why. How come it happened over one night? I'm not a kid!" Zhang Tie rubbed his cheeks and added with a faintly gloomy look, "Because of the seven-strength fruit?"

"Yes, it's because of the seven-strength fruit. Iron-teeth hyenas have completed a round of evolution on the basis of common wild hyenas. They have a very sharp teeth and could almost bit through any animals' bones in Ice and Snow Wildness. The power of teeth indicates the power of the marrow of this animal. Teeth is the external symbol of the strength of marrow of living beings. Similarly, when human grow old, they would drop teeth. It's because of the exhausting strength of marrow inside human body. Conversely, if a human's strength of marrow starts to grow, he would have new teeth! The growth cycle of each human's teeth is closely related to his strength of marrow."

Hearing this explanation, Zhang Tie understood it right away. After eating that seven-strength fruit of iron-teeth hyenas, Zhang Tie had combined that special great strength into his strength of marrow. This strength of iron-teeth hyena was 40% greater than that of 2 common wild wolves.

"If so, why didn't this happen after I ate the seven-strength fruits of wild wolves?"

"At this time, the strength of marrow in the 9 seven-strength fruits of wild wolves that you've eaten has not reached the limit of your body. After breaking this limit, some vital signs and natural changes would appear on your body like how some withered woods could sprout after being stroked by lightning bolts. Everything was concerning about energy. As long as the energy surpasses some critical point, qualitative changes would happen!"

"You mean the strength of marrow in the 2nd seven-strength fruit of iron-teeth hyenas have just broken through that critical point in my body?"

"You got it!"

"I will not become a monster, right?" Zhang Tie changed his face, "I will not have teeth like that of iron-teeth hyenas, right? If so, I would have never eaten it. I don't want to be taken as a monster as long as I open my mouth!"

"No, Castle Lord, you think too much!" Heller smiled, "However, because of the powerful strength of marrow in your body, the new teeth are truly different than before to a certain degree, although they will not make you a monster with terrifying teeth. You will know about it in the future. From now on, your old teeth might get replaced with new ones any time! In a couple of days, you will have all your teeth replaced."

Hearing Heller's words, Zhang Tie became reassured. However, before leaving Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie found a mirror and checked his new teeth carefully.

The two new molars looked like the most expensive ceramic whitewares that were carried from East Continent. Besides being white, bright and clean, they were nothing different than common human teeth. Although Zhang Tie's previous teeth were also tidy and white, they were still dwarfed by the 2 new teeth.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could have a pair of more beautiful teeth besides improving his fighting strength. He wondered whether he could experience a change in his image and body when the other strengths of seven-strength fruits of iron-teeth hyenas break through his critical points. He was curious whether he would look completely different than before like which was always described in the legends. "Donder have mentioned this special situation about cultivators. I wonder whether I'm experiencing such situation or not." a thought flashed across Zhang Tie's mind.

After a second, Zhang Tie had given up this question, as long as he didn't become a monster or a person who was totally different than before, it would be acceptable.

Before leaving Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie sent an order in mind, letting 5000 earthworms climb out of the soil. When he wanted to find some package to hold them and take them out, he heard Heller's voice.

"Castle Lord, are you going to take these earthworms outside?"

"Right!"

"That's simple. When you come out, you only need to lock these earthworms with your spiritual energy through the teleportation door of Castle of Black Iron. After that, you can order them to climb out themselves; no need to take them out by yourself!"

"What? But I remember you told me that all the animals should be carried by me to access the teleportation door."

"This rule remains unchanged. However, for new species in Castle of Black Iron that were made by you, you are their owner both mentally and spiritually. From a perspective, you're their god. As long as you open the teleportation door for them, you will have them follow your will. The Castle of Black Iron will also follow your will and have them leave here by themselves. You don't have to take them away yourself."

"I see!" Zhang Tie smiled, "Well, good luck to me!"

"That guy who chased after you could find you on Grey Hill, it indicates that he had special methods or talents in this aspect. You'd better take care of yourself, my lord!"

Zhang Tie nodded before leaving Castle of Black Iron. He reappeared in the hole of the red willow on the riverside which he entered last night. Over one night, with growing spiritual energy, Zhang Tie found that he could also sense the situation outside Castle of Black Iron through the marvelous teleportation door at the cost of spiritual energy although being in Castle of Black Iron.

Now, Zhang Tie could sense the situation of 5 or 6 meters outside Castle of Black Iron. Within this range, Zhang Tie's spiritual feelings were very real. If any human or animal was in the neighborhood, he could definitely find it. But it didn't work out of the range. Although this was a small progress, it greatly increased Zhang Tie's safety when he left Castle of Black Iron.

With his spiritual feeling, Zhang Tie could feel a hedgehog beside the huge red willow. However, the tree hole was still safe. After checking it, Zhang Tie reappeared in the tree hole at once. At sight of Zhang Tie appearing in the tree hole out of nowhere, the hedgehog got scared so much that it shrunk to be a thorny ball.

Right in the tree hole, Zhang Tie called 5000 earthworms number one out of Castle of Black Iron. The moment those earthworms climbed out of Castle of Black Iron, they had started to drill into the soft soil forcefully.

The soil on the riverside was both wet and soft, which was very suitable to the growth of earthworms.

Zhang Tie brought this new species into this world for the first time. At this moment, Zhang Tie didn't know what did this mean. He sent a supreme order in mind to those earthworms—on the premise of ensuring your safety, try your best to reproduce! I grant this parcel of land to you for your reproduction! Go conceive it, my cute earthworm army!

Although earthworms didn't speak, they still gave a feedback signal of pleasure and excitement to Zhang Tie.

Watching the last earthworm drilling into the soft soil by creeping its body Zhang Tie left.

The sun had just come out; the riverside was still covered with fog. Zhang Tie drilled out of the fog and started to run towards the hill in the far.

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2 days later, at noon...

The moment Zhang Tie killed some iron-teeth hyenas who were wandering nearby the grassland, he had heard a grim sneer from the shrubs on his left rear.

With that jarring sound, Dawson from Demon Snake Island appeared in front of Zhang Tie.

At this moment, Zhang Tie was not holding that heavy metal crossbow anymore; instead, he was holding a long saber.

At the sight of Dawson, Zhang Tie was not flurried at all; instead, he was very calm. After turning around, he watched Dawson's mouthful of golden-capped teeth with a cold look.

"Brat, I will see where you can run this time." Dawson revealed a look that he was going to peer and engulf Zhang Tie alive, "I will pull off your teeth one after another; and let you swallow them. After that, I will cut off your tongue; in the next, I will play you 1 week. Trust me, as payment for being played, I will definitely make you die with great pain!"

Zhang Tie smiled, revealing a mouthful of snow-white, tidy and close teeth, "You cannot pull off my teeth easily!"

"Brat, don't play tricks any more, do you think that you can escape from me today?" Dawson revealed a sneer, "Even you are a powerful LV 7 fighter, you're still a loser in front of a LV 10 fighter. The difference between you and me is decisive. I'm already a 2-star strong fighter who's ignited 62 surging points. Do you think that you can escape this time without any assistant?"

"I wonder how you find me so fast on Grey Hill!"

"Do you think that I will tell you?" Dawson grinned with dissatisfaction.

"If so, show me your power as a 2-star strong fighter who's ignited 62 surging points."

Zhang Tie didn't escape this time; instead, he rushed towards Dawson...

Chapter 413: Heavy Wounds

Zhang Tie's action really shocked Dawson, who was irritated in a split second.

If a mouse rushed towards a cat instead of escaping away when it caught sight of a cat, it was actually posing a defiance to cat.

Dawson was driven extremely furious as he forced a sneer, "You're looking for death!"

If Zhang Tie did this when he was only LV 7, he was truly looking for death; however, Zhang Tie had fully lit the 16th surging point on his spine and was lighting the 17th surging point. This indicated that he had lit 4 more surging points than that he had done when he was LV 7. Additionally, he ate 3 seven-strength fruits of iron-teeth hyenas on Grey Hill and had fought the huge deep-sea monster in the trouble-reappearance fruit several times. As a result, he understood how to use Iron-Blood Fist in a better way.

Therefore, Zhang Tie wanted to know the difference between him and a 2-star fighter who had lit 62 surging points.

If a person could not face his fear or a really powerful enemy, he would not make progress.

Zhang Tie intended to use Iron-Blood Fist by sword this time.

Dawson also had a weapon. He was wearing a pale blue metal glove on each hand. They looked pretty grim. The moment the fought began, Dawson had already grabbed Zhang Tie's long sword and his face with his weird claws. What a insidious movement!

Zhang Tie slashed his sword towards Dawson's neck with the powerful Qi of Iron-Blood Fist. After cutting through the air, it caused a loud booming sound as it was colliding with Dawson's pale blue glove.

Zhang Tie's attack was very powerful and out of Dawson's expectation. The moment Dawson touched Zhang Tie's sword, his smile froze. With a shocking look, he was forced 3 steps back. Besides, his hand became slightly numb. Meanwhile, Dawson's claw missed too.

Zhang Tie became a bit disappointed. He was intending to chop off Dawson's hand; however, he had not imagined that Dawson's pale blue glove was so powerful that it prevented him from any harms. Additionally, Zhang Tie felt that his sword didn't touch Dawson's hand at all; instead, it crashed with a battle Qi over Dawson's glove, which was still several centimeters away from Dawson's hand.

When Zhang Tie was chased after in the Dragon Cave, he had realized that a LV 10 strong fighter had completely opened his Qi sea and was able to release battle Qi without having to touch the opponent. However, it was really out of Zhang Tie's imagination that besides off-body strike, a LV 10 strong fighter could cover human body and weapon to resist enemy's strike. A LV 10 strong fighter had been much more powerful than a LV 9 fighter only on the usage of battle Qi. LV 10 strong fighters had so many skills on using their battle Qi. No wonder those people said that it was the real beginning of cultivation only when you entered LV 10.

Zhang Tie was also sent flying back in the air by Dawson's huge strength. Dawson only moved 3 steps back; however, Zhang Tie moved about 10 m away in the air. Seeing the dense luster of battle Qi over Dawson's pale blue glove, Zhang Tie didn't escape; instead, he launched the second round of strike. The unrivaled battle Qi of Iron-Blood Fist boiled in Zhang Tie's blood vessels. The moment Zhang Tie's feet touched the ground, he thrust against the ground forcefully at once causing a small pit, with the help of that great counter-force, Zhang Tie rushed towards Dawson like a flying bolt once again.

In a split second, Dawson's killing intent boiled. What a terrifying opponent! A 2-star LV 10 strong fighter was forced 3 steps back by a guy below LV 10; this was impossible and definitely a shame! Additionally, Dawson felt chilly when he saw Zhang Tie rushing towards him with that extremely powerful battle will and his icy yet unswerving belief in his eyes. "If this teenager is already so powerful at this age, what would he be when he grow up?"

Dawson knew it well that before becoming a powerful fighter, the key point was that this person had to have an unswerving powerful belief and will when facing any powerful enemies instead of having any powerful fighting skills or secret knowledge. This was the ladder towards the peak. Besides Zhang Tie's unbelievable fighting strength, Dawson was frightened by Zhang Tie's high spirit and will to be a powerful fighter.

Therefore, Dawson didn't plan to keep Zhang Tie alive this time regardless of Zhang Tie's current level. If he left Zhang Tie alive this time, he was afraid that this teenager would match him on fighting strength, even surpass him in the near future. If so, he would be killed then. As for cunning enemies with a great growth potential, Demon Snake Island would always kill them as soon as possible, leaving not a single chance to him.

At this moment, Dawson became especially serious about the fight.

"Go to hell!" With a muffled voice, Dawson released his pale blue battle Qi; it formed a huge yet grim claw and stroke towards Zhang Tie's chest.

"Kill!" Zhang Tie had already exerted his full effort in throwing his long sword towards Dawson before that pale blue battle Qi reached in front of him.

The long sword turned into a white light after it left Zhang Tie's hand and flew towards Dawson's chest after crossing that bright huge claw.

Zhang Tie did this because he realized that there was no difference on speed and power between throwing long sword and throwing javelin in this short distance. For powerhouses at Zhang Tie's level, it was almost like fighting with bayonets by using this fighting method.

The moment Zhang Tie threw out his long sword, Dawson's claw of battle Qi had already reached Zhang Tie's chest. Zhang Tie could not dodge it; instead, he punched that claw.

After breaking the air, the long sword caused a shrill wind, together with the muffling sound between Zhang Tie's punch and Dawson's battle Qi and a sound of tearing clothes.

After this resonance, the two people stopped as they watched the opponent with a distance of over 10 m.

At this moment, Zhang Tie's mouth corners was bleeding. Although he had destroyed that battle Qi, he was wounded at the same time. Besides his innards being hurt, his right sleeve had been boomed into ashes, leaving many bleeding wounds over his arm like being cut by broken glass.

Dawson was still standing at the original place. It seemed that he had not even moved at all. However, a breach longer than 30 cm was made on the position under his armpit while Zhang Tie's long sword completely sunk into the ground 30 m away, exposing its handle.

Zhang Tie wiped off the blood at his mouth corners by his left hand while glaring at Dawson with the same ferocious battle intention. Dawson lowered his head to check his broken clothes as he looked pretty calm.

"You bring me surprise each time. It's really out of my imagination. It's my first time to see such an opponent!" Dawson raised his head as he told Zhang Tie with an extremely calm voice.

"Really?" Zhang Tie revealed a smile, "But I don't think it's surprising enough; if not, my long sword should have penetrated through your heart and nailed you on the ground!"

"I agree that you almost made it!" Dawson watched Zhang Tie with the same calm tongue. At the same time, his eyes became as narrow as needles, "You can release a fierce sonic boom with your long sword in such a short distance, if I were a strong fighter who had just lit 55 surging points, I might have been killed by you. What a pity! I've consolidated my rank completely. Your attack is useless to me!"

"Just wait!"

"You are very confident. But do you know what real strong fighters mean? The alleged strong fighter refers to those who could completely surpass LV 9 fighters from all aspects. Although LV 9 fighters could launch sonic boom with some weapons, causing a huge destructive force and power, we strong fighters could break through sonic barrier ourselves in an extremely short period and distance. It's a essential difference between LV 9 fighters and LV 10 strong fighters. Besides, strong fighters have a great perception on weapons which draw close to them. All the sonic booms are useless to strong fighters!"

"You've not seen the fastest throwing speed!" Zhang Tie's battle intention was not disrupted by Dawson's words; instead, he was still full of confidence. Zhang Tie had seen hope from this strike. Compared to that his flying javelin was easily dodged by that strong fighter of Zhen family in the Dragon Cave, Zhang Tie knew that he was closer to the target. He almost killed Dawson just now. His throwing speed had been much faster than before.

"Actually, do you think the destructive force between one-time the speed of sound transmission and two-times the speed of sound transmission is the same? Although my sonic boom strike is only one time that of sound transmission, do you think that you can still dodge away when my throwing speed reach twice or thrice the speed of sound transmission? Do you think that your alleged great dodging speed is still be useful by then?

"Hahaha..." Dawson smiled, "You're right. If you can release a flying sword twice the speed of sound transmission, I truly would not easily dodge. Actually, if you raise the speed of your flying sword by 20%, I would not doge away. However, fighters have physical limits. Nobody could break through this limit. You might have reached your physical limit. I've not heard that any fighter could release a sonic boom strike above twice the speed of sound transmission. You are not bad! If not provoking us, you might have a chance to be a strong fighter in the future. Pitifully, too many young men like you are too self-righteous. Finally, you will lose your life because of this."

"I feel I am living quite well and I will live long!" Zhang Tie responded with a smile.

"Really?" Dawson narrowed his pupils once again, "Let's call it an end today!"

The moment Dawson finished his words, he had already reached in front of Zhang Tie. Although Zhang Tie had been preparing for that by activating a rune effect of his rapid moving skill, Dawson's speed was still out of Zhang Tie's imagination. If Zhang Tie rushed towards him like a bolt just now, Dawson was a bolt himself. He had already moved almost 10 m and appeared in front of Zhang Tie in less than 0.1 second. He directly pointed towards Zhang Tie's heart with his illuminating glove. It was a fierce strike of strength and speed. As long as he touched Zhang Tie, he would undoubtedly scoop out Zhang Tie's heart.

When in fight, the effect of rapid moving skill would drop by 80%, thanks to the remaining approximate 20% effect of rapid moving skill. Zhang Tie could move 24% faster than before and dodged away. Otherwise, Zhang Tie might have been heavily wounded.

The moment Zhang Tie dodged away, he saw Dawson punching him with another fist. This time, Zhang Tie could not dodge at all; therefore, he directly boomed Dawson's glove which was covered with 1 m-thick battle Qi.

After a shock on innards, Zhang Tie felt like spitting out blood; however, he forcefully swallowed it back. Dawson's battle Qi was very sharp and aggressive. Zhang Tie felt that Dawson's battle Qi intended to drill into his body; thankfully, his iron-blood battle Qi was unrivaled. When the battle Qi intended to invade along his arm, it had been torn apart by Zhang Tie's iron-blood battle Qi. Even though, Zhang Tie's arm was still covered with many wounds.

"Which battle Qi are you practicing?" Seeing Zhang Tie dissolving his battle Qi by hand, Dawson was shocked inside. Actually Dawson was also practicing a senior battle Qi. For inferior fighters, if they were

boomed by Dawson's battle Qi, they would be invaded by his battle Qi. As a result, all their blood vessels would break. If a inferior fighter who was not invaded by his battle Qi while booming against it by hand, the only possibility was that he was practicing a more powerful battle Qi than Dawson. Only top battle Qi could prevent the invasion of Dawson's battle Qi at a lower level.

After knowing that Zhang Tie was practicing the top battle Qi, Dawson became more decisive in killing Zhang Tie. "This man is too dangerous. I will kill him. If not, he would definitely be a great trouble for Demon Snake Island in the future."

Zhang Tie didn't prepare to answer Dawson's question at all. The moment Zhang Tie started to fight this really strong fighter in such a short distance, he felt the great fighting strength of the latter. Zhang Tie realized that he could never deal with such a powerful fighter at all in such a short distance. Besides rich fighting experiences, Dawson's attacking speed was also advantageous. What was more difficult for Zhang Tie was that Dawson could release his battle Qi in the air. Therefore, before Zhang Tie's punch reached him, Dawson's battle Qi had already struck on Zhang Tie's body.

Thankfully, Zhang Tie had enlightened "one step, one scene" and super high spiritual energy which could help him capture Dawson's moving traces; besides he had activated his rapid moving skill which increased his moving speed by 24%; otherwise, Zhang Tie had long been killed by Dawson in a wink.

However, Zhang Tie was still reluctantly defensive against the attack of Dawson. After 10 more rounds, Zhang Tie's shoulder was boomed by Dawson's battle Qi. Zhang Tie knew that it was impossible for him to defeat Dawson in such a short distance based on his fighting strength. The only efficient way to deal with Dawson was using his flying javelins, which was Zhang Tie's most powerful weapon.

Zhang Tie started to move back rapidly along with Dawson's strike...

The moment he moved back, Zhang Tie had increased his moving speed by 120% due to the full effect of the rapid moving skill. In a split second, Zhang Tie had been dozens meters away and was leaving increasingly faster.

Noticing that Zhang Tie was going to escape, Dawson grinned as he instantly followed up.

In Dawson's opinion, he could definitely catch up with Zhang Tie sooner or later. However, gradually, he found that he was totally wrong. Zhang Tie was moving as fast as a super sportscar. In a blink of eye, Zhang Tie's moving speed had surpassed 100 km/h. Dawson had not seen any LV 9 fighter running so fast. Even most of the new strong fighters could not run so fast.

As a strong fighter, Dawson could truly move faster than sonic transmission speed in an extremely short period and distance such as booming Zhang Tie or dodging away from Zhang Tie's booms; however, if he could keep chasing after Zhang Tie at such a high speed, he would almost be a knight; instead of a strong fighter.

Dawson used all his efforts to chase after Zhang Tie; however, his best mark was 30 m; after that, the distance between him and Zhang Tie grew longer and longer.

When they were about 50 m away from each other, Dawson gritted his teeth as he took out an egg-sized iron bead and threw towards Zhang Tie without saying anything...

Like how Dawson had not imagined that Zhang Tie could bring him so many surprises, Zhang Tie didn't imagine that this round-table warrior could also throw a secret weapon at sonic transmission speed either.

Before Zhang Tie heard the sound, he felt a sharp wind arriving from behind. Before dodging away, Zhang Tie's back had already been struck by that item.

After spitting out a mouthful of blood, Zhang Tie tried to keep calm before passing out. Gritting his teeth, Zhang Tie changed the direction; after accelerating 70-80 m forward in a faster speed, Zhang Tie jumped off a cliff in front of him...

Dawson rushed over there closely after him. Seeing Zhang Tie rolling down the cliff, he thought for awhile; but finally he didn't jump off after him.

It was a bottomless valley under the cliff. Even during the daytime, the sunshine could still not reach the bottom. Dawson saw mist rolling 1000 m below, making it a bit gloomy. Unless carrying a parachute, if he had jumped off from here, he would have fallen into pieces even as a strong fighter.

Zhang Tie soon disappeared in the mist...

"F*ck!" Dawson's face turned gloomy. If it were anybody else, Dawson was sure that guy would die by doing this; however, when he thought about Peter, his heart started to pound. Without seeing his corpse, he would never be reassured.

After looking downwards at the direction of the valley and surrounding terrain, Dawson turned and left here soon...

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Chapter 414: Demon Rats

When Zhang Tie woke up, he felt that his bones all over were going to crack. Due to extreme pain, he uttered a faint groan.

Besides pain, he also felt happy, "Haha, I'm still alive!"

Although this fighting course with Dawson was not long, he finally understood that a LV 10 strong fighter had an overwhelming advantage over a LV 7 fighter like him. "Dawson the douchebag was right. Strong fighters are indeed powerful." Zhang Tie muttered.

Compared to last time when he was chased after by a LV 10 strong fighter in Dragon Cave, Zhang Tie had made a great progress. From the beginning to the end, Zhang Tie and Dawson used about 10 movements respectively. In the whole course, Zhang Tie could attack and defend properly. Besides almost killing Dawson with his long sword, Zhang Tie also boomed Dawson's battle Qi attack several times by his bare fist. As a LV 7 fighter, Zhang Tie should be proud of that.

He even almost escaped away from Dawson safely despite Dawson's flying black bead.

However, Zhang Tie had never imagined that Dawson could also throw an item at the speed of sonic transmission speed.

Thanks to the effect of iron-body fruits, Zhang Tie's body had been pretty strike-resistant. If not, even though Zhang Tie might survive, he would lose his mobility in a split second.

Zhang Tie didn't know what Dawson hit him with but he knew that the weapon was covered with a fierce battle Qi. The moment Zhang Tie was struck, he felt like booming against Dawson's battle Qi. In a split second, Zhang Tie felt that his spiritual energy was broken into pieces. At that critical moment, he could not even enter Castle of Black Iron with full concentration. Therefore, he could only make a dangerous choice and continue to rush forward with his braveness of blood and Qi.

After recovering his consciousness, Zhang Tie faintly closed his eyes. He felt that his preliminary recovery body was gradually working while the pains and wounds were relieving one bit by another.

Based on his sense, Zhang Tie knew that it was definitely dark now. Because his preliminary recovery body could completely take effect only at night.

Although the preliminary recovery body gradually took effect, the spiritual energy in his mind was still in an "unstable" state. Similarly, ships in storms could not move stably under the influence of undulant waves. Therefore, passengers could not "board" ships.

For Zhang Tie, he was "boarding" to Castle of Black Iron; however, because of poor spiritual energy, he could not even complete the simplest things like eating and drinking.

"F*ck!" Zhang Tie swore inside. Dawson the d**chebag definitely did not strike me with a common secret weapon. Common secret weapons could not have such an effect after striking me. Not only my physical health, even my spiritual energy had been weakened.

Due to a weak spiritual energy, Zhang Tie could not access to Castle of Black Iron; besides, his dark vision driven by spiritual energy also disappeared. Zhang Tie found that his vision had recovered to his original level.

Speaking of his body, Zhang Tie found that he was lying in water. Facing the sky, he felt pretty comfortable in the warm water.

After realizing that he was in water, Zhang Tie moved his body slightly; however, his mouth and nose were instantly filled with water, causing him to choke.

Zhang Tie felt very inconvenient now. The moment he moved, he would feel painful and sore all over. The water was a bit deep. At least he could not reach its bottom with his feet. With the great swimming ability that he had formed in Hidden Dragon Island, Zhang Tie tried his best to float above the water although being very uncomfortable and painful. After waving his hand in water, he found that his clothes were hooked by a vine; therefore, he pulled that vine and started to swim towards that black stone which was less than 10 m in the front.

If it was in the past, Zhang Tie would have been there in a wink; however, this time, he almost exhausted his full strength.

Less than 2 square meters from that stone in the water. Some rotten and withered vines were in the water around the stone. Floating on water, Zhang Tie smelt a mouldy odour; therefore, he spent his effort in pulling himself onto that stone. After doing that, he felt that all of his strength had been exhausted; meanwhile, Zhang Tie panted heavily with his undulant chest.

After lying there for 10 minutes, Zhang Tie found that the clouds that covered the 2 bright moons had dispersed. After recovering a bit, Zhang Tie was finally able to sit on the stone as he started to observe the surroundings.

This was an extremely deep and serene valley. Its opening was wider than its bottom. Raising his head, Zhang Tie felt like observing the sky in a well. Endless cliffs were on both sides of the valley. With the moonlight, Zhang Tie could see a lot of vines over the cliffs.

In order to get enough sunlight, those vines were trying to move upward and outside although being crossed with each other. Zhang Tie estimated that those withered vines in water dropped from the cliffs.

At the sight of those vines, Zhang Tie knew that he was saved by them. Those plants served as a buffer when he rolled down. Thankfully, he finally fell into the water; otherwise, Zhang Tie was doomed to die.

Zhang Tie looked around the water and found that it was a big pond which covered about 7000 square meters. The stone was in the center of this pond. There were so many ponds like this in the serene valley. They scattered densely in the valley. Some were connected with each other; some were not. This terrain looked really weird.

Zhang Tie recalled that mist when he jumped off in the daytime. It was formed in the following way: vapour rose and was condensed when it met cold air.

Besides the pond in the serene valley and those vines on cliffs, Zhang Tie only saw some scattered stones; especially the place near the pond made Zhang Tie a bit curious.

After resting half an hour on the stone, Zhang Tie recovered a bit due to the effect of his preliminary recovery body; additionally, aches all over started to relieve. It should be a bit cold at night, especially for a person who was wearing wet clothes, Zhang Tie didn't feel cold at all because of his cold-resistance body.

Suddenly, a thought flashed across Zhang Tie's mind. "Is there any monster?" The moment Zhang Tie thought about this, he quivered all over. According to Donder, some terrifying animals always lived in places which seemed to have no lives.

Widening his eyes, Zhang Tie looked around as he forcefully swallowed his saliva. Zhang Tie then comforted himself, "How come? I've not been killed after rolling down such a high cliff, I don't think that I could see anything more strange. God should not allow me to be the dessert of monsters. Besides being a bit lascivious in usual time, I didn't do any bad things; instead, I've done many good things. Although I've killed so many people, but they all deserved death. Although I'm not a very good person, I always help people in dangers and poverty. Additionally, I've accumulated so many merit values in Castle of Black Iron.

When Zhang Tie was comforting himself that he would not meet anything strange here, red sparkles started to appear in dark corners under the cliff.

At the beginning, there were only a few red sparkles; because of the poor light and long distance, Zhang Tie thought they were fireflies. However, the red sparkles started to appear everywhere. Zhang Tie found something was not right. "They are not fireflies, but eyes of animals!"

Finally, those red sparkles started to flow like tide in the valley, causing a sound of "sisi".

Zhang Tie slowed his breath as he squatted on the stone and watched those red sparkles.

Seeing some red sparkles coming to the bank of the pond and lowered their heads to drink water, Zhang Tie finally knew what they were.

The moment Zhang Tie saw it clearly, Zhang Tie's fine hair all over stood up at once.

They were rats! The red sparkles were rats' eyes.

Of course Zhang Tie would not fear about some rats; however, the mice in front of him had completely toppled over Zhang Tie's recognition about mice. Because Zhang Tie had not seen such huge rats before.

These mice were longer than 40 cm without calculating the length of the tail. They were as long as common dogs. If their tails were included, they would be longer than 1 m.

With pointed mouth, sharp teeth and a pair of ferocious, bloody eyes, Zhang Tie might solve it easily if there was only one mouse; however, seeing the dense red sparkles, Zhang Tie felt goosebumps all over.

They instantly reminded Zhang Tie of a terrifying living being in Ice and Snow Wilderness—Demon Rat.

They were a very terrifying animal. Besides stones and metals, they could almost eat anything, including animals' corpses, flesh, blood and plants' roots, stems, twigs and leaves. When they appeared in groups, all the other animals had to dodge away.

When there was only 1 demon rat, Zhang Tie didn't feel it was harder to deal with than common wild wolves; however, the terror of this animal lay in its geometrical increase. When there were more than 20 demon rats, even 20 wolves could not defeat them; when there were more than 50 demon rats, they could scare off any wild animals; when there were over 1000 demon rats, they could even sweep over a hill.

The more demon rats there were, the more terrifying it would be.

There were at least 1000 red sparkles in the darkness.

Zhang Tie was driven flurried this time as he had not imagined that he was in a nest of demon rats.

"You cannot see me, you cannot see me" Zhang Tie prayed!

Pitifully, as the old saying went, "when you worry about something, something would happen." At this moment, a demon rat raised its head and caught sight of Zhang Tie at once.

Zhang Tie and the rat then stared at each other...

"Brother, I beg you! Don't whistle! I owe you. I promise to invite you to have seafood!" Lowering his body on the stone, Zhang Tie prayed silently.

That demon rat blinked its red eyes as it uttered a shrill sound, "Zhi...zhi...zhi".

"F*ck you!" Zhang Tie swore furiously...

The jarring sound resonated in the serene valley. Hearing this warning, all the other red sparkles changed their moving direction at once. They surrounded Zhang Tie's pond in only 10 seconds. Even Zhang Tie couldn't count how many of demon rats were there.

At that moment, being gazed by demon rats with wholly red eyes, Zhang Tie felt being a piece of flesh on the table.

The bloody eyes of demon rats didn't hide their mad and icy killing intent at all; as well as their desire for Zhang Tie's blood and flesh.

After being in a stalemate for a few seconds, a demon rat suddenly jumped into the water after flying over 10 m in the air. Although being several times larger than common rats, these demon rats were several times swifter than common rats. With a puff sound, it started to swim towards Zhang Tie without any hesitation from over 20 m away.

Realizing Zhang Tie that even rats could swim well. "When tiger go down to level land, it would be insulted by dogs! However, this father is insulted by rats! Motherf*cker! Even a rat dares to find me trouble by water." Zhang Tie sighed loudly with emotions while raising his head against the sky. After that, he patted his waist as he pulled out his double-carp swords.

The moment the first demon rat drew close to the stone in the middle of the pond and charged towards Zhang Tie, its head had been chopped off by Zhang Tie in the air with the sword Qi.

Gripping its body, Zhang Tie raised his head and opened his mouth. He then poured the sprouting blood into his mouth, causing a sound of "gulugulu". The moment the warm blood entered his stomach, Zhang Tie felt being a bit more vital. The preliminary recovery body not only brought him the great ability to recover, but also the greater ability to digest food.

"Come on..." Zhang Tie threw its dead body aside as he exclaimed. At the same time, he wiped off the fresh blood on his face and stared at those demon rats who wanted to engulf him, "Let's see who's the winner!"

The demon rats became noisy at once. After another communication "Zhi...zhi...", another 7-8 demon rats jumped into the water like lightning bolts and swam towards Zhang Tie from different directions...

A fierce battle started...

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Chapter 415: A Wretched Tactic

In Zhang Tie's eyes, demon rat ran faster than any other animals on the ground. They were definitely charging towards him like lightning bolts. Even many powerhouses above LV 6 could not match demon rats on speed and sensitiveness in a short distance.

High moving speed was the terror of demon rats.

Thankfully, Zhang Tie was in the middle of the pond. There was still a distance of about 30 meters between him and those demon rats, which the latter could not surpass easily. As a result, Zhang Tie took the water as his last reliance.

Zhang Tie had been heavily wounded; therefore, he could only perform 10% of his total fighting strength. The 2 parties both had their own limits.

More demon rats pounced into water from the bank and swam towards Zhang Tie with bloody brutal eyes. Zhang Tie was standing on the stone and waving his double-carp sword; he tried to kill them before they arrived at the stone.

With his full effort, Zhang Tie could only push out 2-m long sword Qi out of the 6-m long slim sword blades, which could only protect himself and that stone.

The sharp blades helped Zhang Tie a lot. Although the demon rats' furs were as smooth as oil yet they were cut open the moment they touched the blades without any exception.

The injuries of the same kind drove the remaining demon rats more restless and crazier. Being simulated by this, they dashed towards Zhang Tie one after another, regardless of the injuries.

After 2 hours of battle, the water around the stone had turned blood-red while many dead demon rats were floating above the water. Even Zhang Tie didn't know how many demon rats had he killed. He estimated that the figure was about 300-400.

Zhang Tie also suffered injuries. Zhang Tie's feet were bitten several times; additionally, his arms and waist were left with blood stains of demon rats' claws. If not for his preliminary recovery body, Zhang Tie could not stick to the end of this 2-h battle at all. Even so, after killing 300-400 demon rats, Zhang Tie's sword blades were only a bit longer than 1 m, half of that before. They were nothing different than 2 common long swords. He could not make it longer at this moment.

Gradually, the demon rats stopped their attack when the pond was covered with the corpses of those demon rats.

Zhang Tie panted heavily as he was kneeling on the stone with one leg; meanwhile, he was glaring at those demon rats on the bank. If Zhang Tie was in a good condition, he could fight 2 days ceaselessly without even a wink. However, at this moment, Zhang Tie felt very tired. Each time he waved his double-carp sword, he felt a sharp pain all over his body, especially on his back where Dawson had struck him.

After those demon rats stopped their attack for a while, Zhang Tie thought that this battle finally came to an end. Right then, a slightly smaller demon rat with purple-black fur walked out of the crowded demon rats. Coming to the bank, he watched Zhang Tie.

When it appeared, all the other demon rats gave a way to him while they all put their eyes on it.

Although it was a beast, Zhang Tie could still sense the killing intent in its eyes.

"Is it the head?" Zhang Tie wanted to sneer. However, the moment he moved his mouth, he realized that he was very thirsty...

"Zhi...zhi...zhi..." That special demon rat stood up with its hindquarter and raised its head. Closely after it all the other demon rats' squeaked along with it.

Zhang Tie became alert at once. Observably, they were not singing for him. "I was told that they had a good memory about their enemies. As I've killed so many of their partners, I wonder what other tactics could they apply."

Some more demon rats flashed out once again. When Zhang Tie thought that these demon rats could swim towards him like the previous ones, he was really scared by their actions this time. They were stepping onto the corpses of their partners and had come closer to Zhang Tie by jumping only 3 or 4 times.

"Wow, f*ck! Leapfrog skill..." Zhang Tie swore loudly as he hurriedly cut some demon rats into pieces with his double-carp sword in the air.

More and more demon rats started to adopt leapfrog skill. Without having to touch water, they had come closer to him. In this method, they could attack Zhang Tie several times faster.

Zhang Tie knew that he had to utmost his full strength to fight them. "These demon rats are so smart." Perhaps they have already been ready for plan B when they swam towards him at the beginning.

Only after 10 minutes, although Zhang Tie killed dozens more demon rats, he suffered more wounds this time than he did 10 minutes before.

Thankfully, they were all slight wounds which didn't influence his movement. With rich fighting experiences, Zhang Tie dodged away from their attacks on all the fatal positions of his body.

Feeling a sharp wind at ear, Zhang Tie turned around and found another bloody scratch on his neck which was close to his shoulder. "What a fast attack!" If Zhang Tie didn't suffer any wounds at this moment, he could easily deal with it; however, it almost cut open the main artery on his neck.

It was that purple-black demon rat. It didn't leave; instead, it started to dash on the corpses of its soldiers around the stone like stepping on level land. At the same time, it glared at Zhang Tie with its bloody eyes, seemingly seeking for Zhang Tie's loopholes and preparing to give a final strike to Zhang Tie.

"D*mn, is that a rat?" Zhang Tie was shocked inside. Seeing increasingly more rats charging towards him in a crazier way. Zhang Tie felt it more difficult to deal with them. "Is this father, a living person, going to be troubled or killed by a group of rats? No way!"

"What to do? What to do? What to do?"

All of a sudden, Zhang Tie's heart raced as he caught sight of that pond in front of him. He almost slapped himself ferociously. "What an idiot! Am I a fool after being struck by Dawson the d**chebag? Although I've just came out of water, I could also come back. I was recovering myself just now; but I can survive myself this time. Although those demon rats could attack me by leapfrog skill, I could become a frog. I don't believe that they could bit off my ass in water!"

After glancing at that pond full of dead demon rats, Zhang Tie tried his best to be not get disgusted. At the same time, he ferociously slashed his sword. After killing another 2 demon rats, he instantly jumped into the water.

Zhang Tie's response was out of all the demon rats' imagination. In a split second, all the demon rats started to utter shrill sounds.

When that purple-black demon rat flashed towards him and prepared to give Zhang Tie another strike, Zhang Tie slightly moved in water and dived in the depth 67-m at once. After that, he faintly swayed his hands to suspend himself in water.

Zhang Tie raised his head and found many demon rats had jumped into water, aiming to find him in the water. Some put their heads in the water. Although they glared at Zhang Tie with bloody eyes and wanted to dive in, they could only reach half a meter in depth no matter how they waved their claws and tails.

Watching all this, Zhang Tie finally relieved with a big smile. As he had imagined, although many animals with claws could swim, only few of them could dive. According to Zhang Tie's knowledge, he knew that only some bears could dive into water for fish in cold areas. Although demon rats could swim, they could not dive. However, as the most intelligent animal, of course human could dive better than rats.

Seeing so many dead demon rats above water, Zhang Tie really felt disgusted about this, especially about the bloody odour and the floating intestines and organs of demon rats.

Zhang Tie felt that he was floating in a pot full of rat soup which savages only drunk.

Whereas, no matter what, Zhang Tie had to survive.

Seeing their bellies in water, Zhang Tie revealed an insidious smile. He silently swam upwards. When he was 1 m away from a demon rat, he triggered his blades and cut open a deep wound from its neck to its belly; soon after that, he swam away...

In only a couple of minutes, Zhang Tie had killed 10 more demon rats; however, they could not even touch him at all.

Zhang Tie became so delightful about this. "Thanks to the great diving skill that I've practiced in Hidden Dragon Island, I can finally save my own life and snatch a victory out of defeat."

Launching a sneak attack towards a rat under water...oh, no, demon rats. Although being a bit disgusting and wretched, I think it is a very efficient tactic. Teenagers are always wretched.

The demon rats swam back onto the bank. Zhang Tie then exposed his head out of water to take some fresh air, he found that those demon rats were still glaring at him.

The demon rats then jumped into the water; Zhang Tie dove back and continued to cut open their bellies.

After several rounds, more corpses floated above water. When Zhang Tie exposed his head above water once again, he did not find even a single demon rat around the banks. Probably those demon rats finally realized that they could not get any benefits by doing this with Zhang Tie, not to mention to gnaw Zhang Tie; therefore, they left...

Zhang Tie climbed back and threw himself onto the stone. Feeling exhausted both physically and spiritually, Zhang Tie watched that pond full of dead demon rats and suddenly felt like vomiting; however, he didn't even have the strength to vomit...

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Gradually, the skyline over his head had turned pale. Lying on the stone, Zhang Tie felt a shock in his mind while his bumpy spiritual energy recovered like the water level after storm.

Zhang Tie attempted to lock that marvelous arch door in his mind with his spiritual energy. He made it and entered Castle of Black Iron without any hesitation.

"Castle Lord..." Zhang Tie saw that Heller have long been waiting there for him with a solemn look.

"I know what you're going to talk about. I only want to have a rest. Talk about it later when I wake up!" Zhang Tie waved his hand in a tired way.

Heller didn't say anything. After bowing towards Zhang Tie, he left.

Zhang Tie instantly drunk a bottle of 200 ml all-purpose medicament. After that, he took off his wet clothes. After a short bath, he returned to his room. Covering himself with the quilt, he fell asleep immediately.

The all-purpose medicament instantly took effect on Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie soon felt a warm and agile flow inside. In a few minutes, Zhang Tie had recovered his heart beats, fever and fallen asleep like dozing off in spring...

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Outside the room, Heller was standing below the high platform of that small tree. Watching the sky in Castle of Black Iron gradually turning bright in synchronous with that outside, Heller muttered, "What an obtrusive Castle Lord! Low-end fighting skills like Iron-Blood Fist develops from the human knowledge in Bronze Age which was discovered tens of thousands years ago indeed made people easily puzzled. In Bronze Age, there was no real powerful people or hero; instead, there were only some average people who desired for the glorious gods to control everything..." After saying this, Heller drew down in the air with his hands. As a result, like drawing down a curtain, Castle of Black Iron entered deep darkness once again...

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However, at the same time, Dawson was in a valley which was a hundred miles away from Zhang Tie's place. After wandering there over one night, he found that he was back at the original point. He finally collapsed mentally as he roared.

"Who the motherf*cker will tell me where I am? Argh..."

Receiving no one's response, his voice attracted a pack of iron-teeth hyenas who were staring at him, drooling off their saliva...

Meanwhile, a huge eagle was hovering in the sky...

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Chapter 416: Kill Them All

Zhang Tie didn't know how long had he slept. When he opened his eyes, he felt agile and energetic both mentally and physically like waking up from a nap in the order of his mom at weekends when in Blackhot City.

He got up quickly and put on his clothes. After that, he left the only 2-storey cabin in Castle of Black Iron.

Zhang Tie found it was already afternoon.

With a smile, Heller saw Zhang Tie walking out of his cabin.

"Did you sleep well, Castle Lord?"

Zhang Tie forcefully swung his arms as he felt that all the pains had relieved, "How long have I slept?"

"36 hours!" Heller replied precisely, "I had kept Castle of Black Iron in the state of darkness so that your preliminary recovery body could help you recover faster. With the help of all-purpose medicament, although just being 36 hours, your recovery effect was equal to 1 week's recovery effect of commoners!"

Looking at those old scars over his arms, Zhang Tie kept silent. "At the critical moment, my preliminary recovery body would always take effect greatly. I've done really right by setting earthworms free." Zhang Tie determined that after he reached his target in Ice and Snow Wilderness, if Hanna's family didn't fulfill the appointment, he would go to Blapei once again and set free earthworms himself. If it improved to medium recovery body, it would have a greater effect in saving his life. "Besides Blapei, I could also inquire whether people in other places also breed earthworms. I can set free more earthworms at the same time so that I could update to medium recovery body as soon as possible."

At the sight of Heller's respectful and solemn look, Zhang Tie became embarrassed.

"Erm...I will take care next time. I've not imagined that b*stard could attack me with his secret weapon before I escaped to the riverside!"

"Even though an earthworm or an ant has its special feature, not to mention a LV 10 strong fighter. Facing such a great opponent, the safest way is to boom him into pieces with your javelin after eating enough seven-strength fruits. Additionally, to be honest, although you've already selected a way to escape, the river is indeed far away from where you hunt those iron-teeth hyenas. Facing such a great opponent, I suggest you to narrow the safe distance within 3-5 km!"

Zhang Tie accepted Heller's suggestion modestly. This crisis was the best warning for his excessive confidence. Zhang Tie thought that Dawson could not catch up with him with the help of rapid moving skill; therefore, he dared to hunt iron-teeth hyenas at a place far away from the riverside. Additionally, he felt that he could enter Castle of Black Iron at the critical moment. Furthermore, he was not using his true name and face. Even if he had been seen by Dawson, he could change his look. In this way, Dawson could never find him. However, Zhang Tie had not imagined that he almost bid farewell to Castle of Black Iron in this crisis.

"Heller, which secret weapon did he use to strike me? It's very sharp! How could it influence my spiritual energy? I could not have it back in over 10 hours!"

"That's a rune weapon. Besides weakening your battle Qi, it could make your spiritual energy unstable and void. If not having eaten so many Iron-body fruits, it might have penetrated through your body! You have to especially take care of yourself when you encounter him next time!"

Iron-body fruits reminded Zhang Tie of something instantaneously, "I should have some new seven-strength fruits after killing so many demon rats!"

"Why not take a look?" Heller smiled.

Zhang Tie hurriedly rushed towards the small tree. At the sight of it, Zhang Tie bounced happily.

"Ha...ha...That's great! Crisis brings me bliss..." Zhang Tie burst out into laughter as he danced like a lunatic. He found 8 seven-strength fruits in shape of demon rats were hanging over on the small tree. They were so cute! "I'm rich..."

"Although demon rats are not as powerful as wild wolves or iron-teeth hyenas, this kind of mutated rats are huge. They are not weaker than a common dog. Additionally, this animal could not match wild wolves and iron-teeth hyenas on speed and agility. Therefore, the seven-strength fruits of demon rats must contain such special features."

Like how he obtained the ability to run constantly at a high speed after eating wild wolf's seven-strength fruits, "I should be able to improve my abilities on some special aspects with these seven-strength fruits."

"Castle Lord has killed 367 demon rats in total. Therefore, there are 8 demon rats in total, 7 of which have been ripe and edible..."

Hearing Heller's explanation, Zhang Tie hurriedly rushed towards that cabin on his side.

Seeing this, Heller was startled, "Castle Lord, what are you going to do?"

"I will find a rope and kill all the other demon rats outside in case of more dangers. I remember that those demon rats lived in a nearby mountain cave!"

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So many items were piling in the cabin. Zhang Tie searched over them for a short while before found 2 pioneering kits which he bought in Blackhot City. After opening 1 of them, Zhang Tie found what he needed, an iron claw and a rope longer than 60 m.

After fastening the rope on the iron claw, Zhang Tie left Castle of Black Iron and reappeared on the stone in the middle of the pond in a split second.

Although it was daytime outside, Zhang Tie could barely see any light. Because of the vapour from all the ponds, a thick mist had formed above the serene valley. The rolling mist gradually faded away covering the whole sky and making it a cloudy day.

The corpses of demon rats were still floating over the pond. Only after one more day, Zhang Tie had already smelt a vomiting odor due to the high temperature here.

Holding his breath, Zhang Tie started to observe the surroundings. He noticed a bulged rock on the cliff being not far from the bank. There were so many cracks around the rock, where he could have his iron claws on. Therefore, he threw his iron claw towards there immediately.

Although it was over 50 m away, the iron claw hit the target right away. The opening angle bar had firmly tucked into the cracks. Holding the rope, Zhang Tie swung himself forcefully and fell on the ground steadily after flying over dozens of meters' of water.

After putting away his rope and iron claw into Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie took out his double-carp sword and walked in a nearby mountain cave.

If those demon rats lived in smaller holes, Zhang Tie could only wait here; however, as they lived in that mountain cave, Zhang Tie didn't care to take a look inside.

The mountain cave was about 3.5 m in height. Some twigs were lying disorderly at the entrance. Because of the poor light outside, the inside of the cave became darker. Being daytime, Zhang Tie could still barely see inside with his naked eyes.

Zhang Tie revealed a faint smile as he injected some spiritual energy into his eyes. Right now, the dark vision started to take effect. Everything in the mountain cave became bright.

He then entered the mountain cave. The inside space of the mountain cave was pretty large. Amazingly, Zhang Tie found that it was very orderly inside. Someone seemed to have lived here before. There was a pond on the plain ground. Furthermore, Zhang Tie even saw some stony stages and a stony table over 20 m away from the mountain entrance.

"Someone lives here?" Zhang Tie's heart pounded as he held his double-carp swords tightly. Under the curiosity, Zhang Tie started to fumble towards the deep inside.

When he came in front of that stony table, Zhang Tie touched it and found the dirt over it was 1.5 cm in thickness. Seeing this, Zhang Tie knew that someone might have lived here before. However, the people had left for a long time.

Walking upstairs, Zhang Tie continued to dig deep in. Only after a few steps, he had encountered a demon rat. At the sight of Zhang Tie, it instantly uttered a shrill sound, "Zhi...zhi..." The sound of the demon rat drifted far away in the quiet mountain cave. Hearing this warning, all the other demon rats in the cave started to reply, causing the mountain cave noisy right away. The squeaks grew louder and louder.

Along with a sword Qi, a 6-m long agile golden carp struck past that demon rat, cutting it into two halves at once.

Having been totally recovered, Zhang Tie could easily deal with all of them with double-carp swords.

A great number of demon rats poured out of the deep inside. There were hundreds more. After seeing their public enemy, their eyes turned pretty red. No matter how they identified Zhang Tie, from his look

or through his special odor, the moment they saw Zhang Tie, they charged towards him immediately, aiming to engulf Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie responded with a smile...

Chapter 417: Great Wilderness Sutra

Although demon rats flashed like lightning bolts, Zhang Tie's double-carp swords were faster.

The silver carp blade encountered a purple-black demon rat in the air. Before the rat left any wound on Zhang Tie's neck, it had been cut open by the silver carp blade less than 2 m away; after spurting a blood mist, it fell down the ground.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that the first demon rat that he killed in the mountain cave was the "head". This demon rat indeed moved faster. The moment he saw Zhang Tie, it had already started to launch an attack. As a result, it was exploded by Zhang Tie's sword.

Although demon rats were smart, the head rat still couldn't figure out how that guy who was chased into the water by them about 30 hours ago to kill became so sharp.

Of course, Zhang Tie didn't need to explain anything to those demon rats; instead, he just waved his gold carp and silver carp swords rapidly.

Under the force of iron-blood battle Qi, the blades of gold carp sword and silver carp sword had been fully extended. The sword Qi reached 6 m away. The sword Qi was as agile as water while a golden carp and a silver carp were swimming happily in it. Everywhere they reached would arouse a lot of bloody ripples.

Seeing their head being killed, all the remaining demon rats became furious. They started to attack Zhang Tie completely out of mind. However, after 1.5 days, Zhang Tie had completely recovered from his heavy wounds while his swimming golden and silver carp swords became an insuperable barrier for those demon rats.

As the sword Qi of double-carp swords reached 6 m away. Besides that head rat at the beginning, no other magical rats could reach Zhang Tie within two meters.

If someone who didn't know about fighting skills watched this fight, he might be amazed with what he saw. Because Zhang Tie was absolutely like a magician who released his magics in the water. As long as he waved his hands, he would make numerous golden or silver carps out of his swords handles and send them into the demon rats, arousing blood mists.

Since he obtained the 2 swords in Heavens Cold City, Zhang Tie had been able to use one sword to attack and another to defend when in fight.

As Zhang Tie barely used such high-end weapons by 2 hands at the same time, he could only try his best to coordinate them. It was more powerful to use the 2 swords at the same time than only 1 sword. However, he could not use them perfectly at the present. In the eyes of real powerhouses, Zhang Tie might still have problems on the continuity and coordination of this set of double-carp swords. Whereas, it was enough for Zhang Tie to use double-carp swords to deal with those demon rats.

In less than 10 minutes, when the last demon rat's head was cut open by the double-carp swords, the entire mountain cave recovered its calm once again.

The ground was covered with dead demon rats while their blood was flowing everywhere. For those demon rats who wanted to engulf Zhang Tie, he didn't spare any sympathy to them. After doing that, Zhang Tie let out a deep sigh inside.

With another adjustment of his iron-blood battle Qi, Zhang Tie narrowed the length of his sword blades from 6 m to 1 m, causing a mellow buzz. They looked like common long swords as the thin and smooth blades slightly swayed in the air. After watching it for a while, Zhang Tie found no blood stains or defects over them at all.

"What great swords!"

Zhang Tie highly praised inside. "This pair of double-carp swords are better than the red-snake sword that I have used before."

Because it was impossible for demon rats to live together with other animals and nobody was here, Zhang Tie hung the double-carp swords back onto his waistband.

"Castle Lord, those demon rats tastes nice; their furs are also useful. Why not take them in Castle of Black Iron? After a short treatment, we might use them in the future!"

Heller's voice sounded in Zhang Tie's mind at this moment. Glancing over the demon rats over the ground, Zhang Tie found each of them weighed about 10-20 kg. "As those in the pond are too disgusting, I will not take them; but it's really pitiful to leave these flesh and furs here. Now that they are useful and nobody has seen that, I will put them away."

Zhang Tie picked up all the dead demon rats and threw them directly into the underground ice cave in Castle of Black Iron. Plus their furs and bones, they might weigh around 5000-6000 kg in total. "I will have Agan deal with them."

Previously, Zhang Tie planned to leave this mountain cave after he killed these demon rats and made the last demon rat grow mature; however, now that he knew that someone might have lived here before, out of curiosity, Zhang Tie continued to walk inside.

Someone indeed lived in this mountain cave before. Only after a few steps, Zhang Tie had already seen some artificial stony rooms. Some undying fluorite lamps were hanging on the walls, radiating a greenish luster. In one room, Zhang Tie found some simple living products like bottles and jars, which had been covered with dirt or were completely rotted. Only after a glance at them, Zhang Tie had left.

This mountain cave was not deep. After walking 70-80 m, Zhang Tie had already reached its bottom, where he saw some stony stages winding upwards like whelks. Zhang Tie then walked upwards along the stony stages.

There was another huge space above the stony stages. The moment Zhang Tie arrived there, he had already seen an artificial room. Some water-drops were dripping off the stalactites on the roof. A natural, philosophical small pond formed outside the room. A bundle of sunlight cast from a crack on one side of the mountain cave, making it much brighter down there.

"Sunlight, fresh air, clean water. If there's anything precious in this mountain cave, it must be in this room." Zhang Tie muttered.

There were many stony room in the mountain cave; however, only the one in front of him had a stony gate. Zhang Tie then walked in front of that stony gate. After a slight push, Zhang Tie had already opened it, causing a cracking sound. At the same time, a lot of dust dropped off from the top of the gate. Zhang Tie hurriedly dodged away. After that, Zhang Tie walked in this stony room.

The moment he entered the room, Zhang Tie saw a skeleton sitting on the stony bed. Besides a stony bed and a stony table, most of the other items in the room had been rotten.

Out of curiosity, Zhang Tie came to the front of that skeleton on the stony bed. The skeleton's clothes had been covered with dust. Zhang Tie could not identify its texture. After a slight touch, it was broken into pieces. It seemed that it had been sitting here at least dozens of years. Besides, he could not find even a single item from that skeleton, not even a copper.

It sat up straight with complete bones. None of its bones were broken or cracked. Additionally, the bones also looked normal. From this, Zhang Tie could easily conclude that this man died of natural causes. It seemed that this person didn't encounter any accident or poisoning.

"I'm so sorry. Although you lived here before, you're dead now. By chance, I came here to see whether there are something I can use. No matter what, you don't need them anymore. Hopefully, you don't mind! Hehe..."

Zhang Tie explained to that skeleton before coming to the front of the stony table. Some bottles and jars were on the stony table. Zhang Tie opened some of them and found the contents inside had long become sh*t.

After checking all the bottles and jars, Zhang Tie was greatly disappointed. "The items here were nothing but junks. They were not even worth a silver coin in total. Isn't it written in knight novels that people would always have a great achievement in similar cases? How come it doesn't work on me!"

After glancing over this room once again, Zhang Tie saw nothing special at all.

"Do you want me to kowtow in front of this skeleton or to bury it somewhere like what Donder has told me?" Thinking of the contents of eastern knight novels that Donder has told Zhang Tie and watching the hard stony floor, Zhang Tie almost burst out laughter, which flushed away his disappointing mood at once.

"I'm afraid that you are just an average hermit. Now that there's nothing special, I will not disturb you!" Of course, Zhang Tie would not kowtow to it. After all, it's just mentioned in knight novels. Receiving no achievement, Zhang Tie directly turned around and left.

After another circle outside the stony room, Zhang Tie found nothing special either. The moment he wanted to walk downstairs, he suddenly felt empty inside like losing something.

The lower he reached, the sharper the sense became. When he reached the middle of the stages, Zhang Tie stopped his feet immediately as a detailed scene flashed across his mind.

Zhang Tie instantly turned around and rushed upwards like a wind. When he came to the front of that skeleton, Zhang Tie started to observe the hands of that skeleton seriously.

Before death, that man put his hands below his lower abdomen levelly. It looked pretty calm and nothing special was found. However, Zhang Tie finally focused on its left hand. Its left hand was supporting his right hand. It was nothing weird for cultivators. However, besides the third finger of its left hand which was straight, all the other 4 fingers of this hand were curved.

Zhang Tie was afraid that nobody else would notice this detail except him.

In Blackhot City, when a person erected his middle finger, it meant that he was swearing someone. Seeing this, of course Zhang Tie who had always erected his middle finger in No. 7 Middle School in Blackhot City understood that he was not swearing, but pointing at somewhere in such a hidden gesture.

Along the direction of the finger, Zhang Tie looked at a stony wall on the right side of the stony bed.

Coming to the front of the wall, Zhang Tie forcefully blew off the dust on it; then, he started to fumble and knock it seriously with his fingers.

After 2 minutes of hard work, Zhang Tie's face changed as he started to rub the stony wall with his sword forcefully. After a short while, he had scraped off the stone powers from the wall, exposing a fine crack in front of him. Zhang Tie became very excited as he started to work harder. After a few minutes, he inserted his long sword into the crack. After prying it for a couple of times, Zhang Tie pried out a stony brick covering 20 cubic centimeters.

After putting it carefully down, Zhang Tie saw a hole on the stony wall. Something was inside it! He put his hand in and got it out of there.

That was a black heavy wooden box which was unlocked.

At the sight of it, Zhang Tie's heart started to palpitate. After a couple of deep breaths, he finally recovered his composure.

After opening it, Zhang Tie saw a book with a black cover. The cover looked aged and mysterious; some pure, golden patterns like fishes, insects, birds and other fierce beasts as well as some Chinese seal characters "Great Wildness Sutra" were on it...

"A Chinese secret knowledge? He's Chinese?" Zhang Tie focused his eyes on that skeleton.

If he fumbled over the skeleton the moment he entered the room and profaned the dead, he would definitely destroy the direction of the middle finger; as a result, he would not have found that "Great Wildness Sutra".

Similarly, when he didn't find anything in the room, if he lost his temper on this skeleton out of disappointment, he would get nothing either.

The erecting middle finger reminded the visitors to be careful and respectful about the skeleton and mocked those who might ruin the skeleton.

"It turns out that the contents in knight novels are all real." An absurd thought flashed across Zhang Tie's mind.

It was hard to guess the contents of this book only from its name "Great Wilderness Sutra". However, it was not suitable for him to study this secret knowledge at this place at this moment. Therefore, Zhang Tie directly threw it in Castle of Black Iron. After that, he turned around and left quickly.

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Chapter 418: To be an Animal Controller

It was indeed not the right place and time to study the secret knowledge. Undoubtedly, it was the silliest choice to stay here with a treasure. Additionally, Dawson might come in this cave at any time.

Therefore, Zhang Tie left the cave rapidly. Outside the entrance of the mountain cave, he found this serene valley ranged east to west. It seemed that each direction was available. However, Zhang Tie asked himself which direction he would choose if Dawson came down for him.

After thinking about it for 2 seconds, Zhang Tie remembered the general terrain of this valley before he rolled down. The ranges on both sides of this valley was "west high, east low". If Dawson came down, he would definitely choose east. In case of another battle with Dawson, Zhang Tie would choose west.

After figuring it out, Zhang Tie rushed towards west at once.

Zhang Tie was not familiar with the path; he just moved by his intuition. He kept running westward in the narrow valley. After a short while, he had been 6-7 km away from that mountain cave. This place was full of verdant grasses and woods; by contrast, there was nothing but some ponds in the surroundings of the mountain cave which was occupied by demon rats.

After 1 hour of travelling in the valley, Zhang Tie came about 40-50 km away from that mountain cave. At this moment, it had almost been dark. Zhang Tie saw a lot of vines with purple tiny flowers on the cliff. Among those flowers, Zhang Tie saw many pits and cracks. Therefore, he ran towards there.

He climbed up deftly along those vines and found a pit on the cliff which was over 10 m above the ground. That pit was about 1.7 m in height which extended 7-8 m inside. A great number of plants with purple flowers covered the entrance. It was clean inside. Soon after climbing in, Zhang Tie entered Castle of Black Iron.

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Zhang Tie was right. It was really not wise to stay in the mountain cave. Less than 40 minutes after he left the mountain cave, Dawson had appeared there. He raised his head and looked at the crisscrossed vines on the cliffs and the huge ponds down there; soon after that, his face became gloomy.

Especially when he saw so many dead demon rats in the huge pond, his face turned gloomier.

He picked a demon rat from the pond and checked its wounds carefully. After that, he threw it back into the pond ferociously. Like Zhang Tie, he also noticed that mountain cave and rushed in immediately.

After 10 more minutes, when Dawson came out of the cave, although with a gloomy face, his eyes gleamed.

Dawson then chased after Zhang Tie towards west...

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The moment Zhang Tie entered Castle of Black Iron, he saw Heller. Heller responded with a smile, "Congratulations, Castle Lord. I've not imagined that you could have such a great achievement in the mountain cave."

Zhang Tie knew that Heller referred to "Great Wildness Sutra". In Chinese, any book with the Character "经[1]" was special. At this moment, as Zhang Tie was in an absolutely safe place, he got curious about that book.

As seven-strength fruits would not escape away from the small tree themselves, Zhang Tie didn't worry about them. After greeting Heller, he came to his study room in the 2-storey cabin. A black wooden case was lying on the table.

Noticing that his hands were a bit dirty, he cleaned his hands seriously before opening the wooden case.

The moment he opened its cover, he saw a piece of paper dropping down the ground from the title page. Zhang Tie was stunned as he picked up the piece of paper.

"4 decades ago, our Great Wildness Sect was unrivaled on both Eastern and Western Continents with animal controlling skills. Although there are so many animal controlling skills among hundreds of millions of population, only the secret animal controlling knowledge in Great Wildness Sect is mysterious and unrivaled. So many heroes are desiring for it. However, when Great Wildness Sect reaches its extreme prosperity, it starts to decline. I'm the only alive member of Great Wildness Sect; I'm going to die together with my cultivation base; however, I still could not find our enemy and rejuvenate our Sect. How regretful!"

Regretful, regretful, regretful, regretful, regretful, regretful, regretful, regretful!

My bones lie in an uncivil land. The one who can obtain the 'Great Wildness Sutra' is lucky. However, the animal controlling skills in the book 'Great Wildness Sutra' are the top secrets. Actually, they are the great laws and top secrets on controlling our incarnations. With these skills, we can control all the animals in the sky and on the land. We don't reveal these skills to the outsiders. Therefore, we establish the 'Great Wildness Sect'. Because of this, we are swept by other forces. When the Great Wildness Sect became prosperous, it ruled the hundreds of millions of square meters for hundreds of years on the south region of Eastern Continent like an undying kingdom; when the Great Wildness Sect declined, it encountered great damages over night while tens of thousands of followers and hundreds of years of foundation ruined so fast. These were all caused by "Great Wildness Sutra"

As you're lucky enough to obtain this top secret knowledge of the Great Wildness Sect, if you want to be rich, you can learn some secret skills from this book and work as a common animal controller in human countries or great families where you could be treated as the top guest. Namely, you can get money and social status so easily. However, you should never reveal to the public that you've mastered the top secrets in the Great Wildness Sutra; otherwise, you are doomed to be killed. Keep it in your mind! Keep

it in your mind! At the beginning, the forces that ruined the Great Wildness Sect were very powerful. They were so ferocious that they could destroy a city very easily. In order to get the Great Wildness Sutra, those people had been driven mad; if they know that you have the Great Wildness Sutra, they would not keep you alive.

Although the Great Wildness Sect has been ruined, its reputation is still high in the world, especially in the South Region of Eastern Continent. Over the past hundreds of years, the sect has so many followers among the hundreds of millions of mountains in the South Region. If you want to be a king in the future, you can seek for an opportunity in the South Region of the Eastern Continent. However, although it might bring you countless wealth, it will also bring you high risks. Therefore, hopefully, you can considerate it.

I found dozens of demon rats in the valley, which had been tamed. There's not a head rat yet; I feed them with a secret medicine; a head rat is doomed to form in the future. If you can master the soul-based animal controlling skill from this "Great Wildness Sutra", you can incarnate yourself as that head rat so that you could order the other demon rats.

Those demon rats are mutated ones; they are born to be ferocious and cunning. Additionally, they are very aggressive. If their population could reach millions, they would be irresistible. Whereas, demon rats could not match common rats on the basis of reproduction. I planned to increase their reproductivity with improved species so as to rejuvenate our sect by establishing the Great Wildness Sect once again in the uncivil land; however, after more than 2 decades of cultivation, I still could make no progress. As I have no time to do that which might be the god's intention, I'm afraid that I cannot finish this task.

By using soul-based animal controlling skill, you have to consume a lot of Qi, blood and the essence of spiritual energy and soul. Although it's a marvelous secret knowledge, its incarnated situation always makes you unforgettable. However, you'd better not indulge in it or use soul-based animal controlling skill freely, as which might consume a lot of your essence. If you do that, you are seeking for death. In its heyday, the Great Wildness Sect had more than one million of books, which included various classical secret knowledge like methods that were used to strengthen one's essence. Besides, there were the mountains of eccentric secret medicines in the sect. Therefore, followers of the Great Wildness Sect could recover their essence that were lost by using soul-based animal controlling skill. Now, the foundation of the Great Wildness Sect has been ruined. Everything precious has been robbed away. You have to be considerate before using the soul-based animal controlling skill.

That's what I want to say. If you can get this "Great Wildness Sutra", you must have a good personality and mentality. As the great law of ancient human could continue to carry forward, I can close my eyes.

"The will of Cloud Crane from the Great Wildness Sect!"

After reading this paper repetitively, Zhang Tie finally let out a long sigh. Zhang Tie really didn't imagine that he could meet a follower of the Great Wildness Sect of Eastern Continent in the cave. Additionally, he obtained this "Great Wildness Sutra", which could be explained with nothing else but god's will.

"However, Cloud Crane might have not imagined that his demon rats which had developed so many generations were killed by me. I'm so sorry about that. I'm afraid that it is impossible to tame them anymore."

However, the thought of using demon rats really made Zhang Tie excited. In a split second, Zhang Tie had realized that he could have those demon rats mutated and evolved in Castle of Black Iron, but he had to solve two questions.

The evolutionary direction of living beings in Castle of Black Iron was optional and uncontrollable. Even if a demon rat was evolved, its reproductivity might not be strengthened; instead, it might be weakened. According to the universal law and the basis of the existence of various species, the greater the animals were, the weaker they were in reproductivity. This law could hardly be broken.

Furthermore, given the growth cycle of demon rats and the possible astronomical cost on evolution and mutation, Zhang Tie could not afford it at all. Perhaps he could get no return in dozens of years. If he made such a great investment only for obtaining some demon rats with greater reproductivity, it would be so stupid. By contrast, earthworms and Buckthorns had shorter growth cycles and stronger reproductivity.

After thinking it through, Zhang Tie dropped the thought about demon rats as he moved back onto the "Great Wildness Sutra".

The two words soul-based animal controlling skill and incarnation made Zhang Tie highly spirited.

Zhang Tie opened the "Great Wildness Sutra" and was shocked by the first line.

——Humans, heart of the universe; living beings, the body of the universe!

As he opened new pages one after another, Zhang Tie entered a wonderful world that he had never imagined.

Amazingly, Zhang Tie, who always dreamed to be an alchemist, became an animal controller, who inherited the "Great Wildness Sutra" of the Great Wildness Sect on the South Region of Eastern Continent...

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Chapter 419: Making a Breakthrough

The contents in the "Great Wildness Sutra" were ancient and profound. Each words and sentences were very fantastic. That was a world that Zhang Tie had not touched before. The world was full of sutras, fingerprints, illusions, rules and new definitions about the relationship between human and everything else in the universe. It was completely different from that fighter cultivation system that Zhang Tie adopted since he was young. It broadened Zhang Tie's vision greatly.

Of course, animal controller was a profession in this age. This profession only existed less than 700 years. However, it was hard to say how long have human coexisted with everything else in the universe, including various wild animals. According to a common saying, people had existed at least 6 million years on this planet.

Before the appearance of animal controller, of course humans could coexist with everything else in the universe. The "Great Wildness Sutra" was talking about the methods for humans to coexist with various

animals in the mother nature; therefore, Zhang Tie could not only learn about the abilities to control animals from this book.

Humans could not coexist with animals simply by controlling them. In Zhang Tie's opinion, many contents in the book were nothing different than the skills of the legendary shamans, flamens and wizards. They were far more than what animal controllers could be in this age.

For instance, according to the book, before entering adventurous lands, one could make demon figures with grass so as to avoid from being bitten by venomous insects or snakes. Wasn't it similar to the deeds of shamans and flamens?

However, it would be too polite if one said that this book was about "coexistence" rules between humans and other animals; actually, to put it straightforward, the "Great Wildness Sutra" was definitely an arbitrary book as it was described in the book, "Human is the heart of the universe while everything else forms the limbs of the universe; to drive its limbs with the heart is like driving its fingers with its arm."

The secret knowledge of the "Great Wildness Sutra" included 5 sections; "Summon", "Amulet", "Increase", "Drive" and "Incarnation".

The section "Summon" taught people how to summon animals; the section "Amulet" taught people how to protect themselves; the section "Increase" taught people how to gain more benefits; the section "Drive" taught people how to drive animals while the section "Incarnation" taught people how to incarnate their souls on animals, which was the essence of the "Great Wildness Sutra".

In this age, it was enough for an animal controller to completely master the contents in the section "Summon" and the section "Amulet" of the "Great Wildness Sutra".

Zhang Tie read that book for 2 days in the cabin repeatedly. Until the third morning did Zhang Tie stretch his limbs and walk out of his 2-storey cabin.

This was the longest period that Zhang Tie had stayed in Castle of Black Iron since he obtained it.

It was early morning in Castle of Black Iron. Agan, Edward and Aziz had already been doing farming work in the verdant farmlands with farming tools. Heller seemed being meditating while sitting below the cherry grove not far away.

This was Zhang Tie's first time to see Heller meditating; therefore, he was a bit curious about that.

Yellow chrysanthemums were growing around the fence. They were blossoming brilliantly. A swarm of bees were busying working among those chrysanthemums. The entire Castle of Black Iron looked tranquil and vigorous.

Zhang Tie stood in the courtyard for a while to enjoy the beautiful scene. After that, he revealed a faint smile before coming to the small tree.

The small tree was also fruitful at this moment. Only after a deep sniff of the rich fragrance of seven-strength fruits, Zhang Tie had already being highly spirited and intoxicated.

The 9 crystal seven-strength fruits in the shape of rats looked pretty cute. They were like crystal artworks which aroused Zhang Tie pity.

8 of the 9 demon rats looked same, except one which looked a bit deeper with a purple luster flowing inside, making it very special.

"Isn't this one not ripe yet? How come that be!? I've killed so many demon rats!" With this doubt, Zhang Tie stretched his hand towards that special seven-strength fruit.

—Seven-Strength Fruit of King Demon Rat. This fruit has gathered; the strength of Qi, the strength of blood, the strength of channel, the strength of vein, the strength of bone, the strength of marrow and the strength of spirit of king demon rat. Usage: Pick and direct eat it. Notice: The fruit cannot be taken out of the Castle of Black Iron. After twelve hours of having been picked off the tree, its energy and vitality will gradually decline.

—This seven-strength fruit was a senior fruit of demon rat. It comes from a king demon rat. The seven-strength inside this were 5 times that of common seven-strength fruits of demon rats.

After reading the above 2 paragraphs, Zhang Tie was startled for a short while. He then burst out into laughter. "This small tree is really unbelievable. I've not imagined this special fruit after killing the head rat."

"According to the old Chinese saying, if you want to catch thieves, you have to catch their king at first. I will eat this seven-strength fruit firstly!" Saying this, Zhang Tie picked off this seven-strength fruit of king demon rat as he sat down with his legs crossed. He then put it in his mouth and chewed it carefully.

The sweet juice of the seven-strength fruit slid in Zhang Tie's esophagus very soon and gradually turned into seven rolling hot Qi's and energy inside Zhang Tie's chest.

Once again, Zhang Tie felt his body being blown up like a balloon by that combined strength.

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When the 1st strength Qi swam to the sea position of Zhang Tie's lower abdomen, it gradually integrated with Zhang Tie's body; meanwhile, Zhang Tie heard the familiar sound of heavy wind blowing by his ears in his mind...

Then, the 2nd strength...

When the 3rd strength swam to Zhang Tie's after-brain, it resolved and entered Zhang Tie's muscles all over in terms of thousands of smaller strength. When they arrived there, they started to slightly quiver like strings of a musical instrument. Zhang Tie felt that he became a huge harp. With the effect of that strength, he started to sound himself all over.

This time, the "performance" lasted especially long...

Followed by the 4th strength...

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When Zhang Tie opened his eyes, he became stunned as he found it was morning.

Heller was standing beside the small tree and watching Zhang Tie.

"How long did it take me to digest the seven-strength fruit?" Zhang Tie asked.

"30 hours!" Heller replied, "The more powerful the seven-strength fruit is, the longer it will take you to digest it!"

Zhang Tie smiled as he stood up and picked off another demon rat seven-strength fruit.

When Zhang Tie woke up once again, it was almost night.

After eating this common demon rat seven-strength fruit, Zhang Tie felt that its strength of Qi, strength of blood, strength of bone, strength of marrow, strength of vein and strength of spirit was almost equal to half of that of a wild wolf seven-strength fruit respectively; however, its strength of channel was about 1.5 times that of a common wild wolf seven-strength fruit, which might be deeply related to Zhang Tie's great explosiveness...

After thinking for a short while, Zhang Tie picked off another demon rat seven-strength fruit.

After digesting the 3rd demon rat seven-strength fruit, it turned completely dark. The moment Zhang Tie opened his eyes, he saw Heller who was holding a lamp.

"Castle Lord, haste makes waste. After eating so many seven-strength fruits at once, you'd better slightly move, eat or drink before take a sleep. Only by relaxing yourself to fit your latest physical functions could your body contain the energy of the other seven-strength fruits!"

Zhang Tie nodded as he left the small tree, ate something and drunk some honey-water. After that, he took a bath and slept for some hours. When it was late morning, he came to the small tree and started to eat seven-strength fruits once again.

This time, he ate 4 seven-strength fruits consecutively. After that, he continued to rest, sleep and eat.

On the 3rd day, Zhang Tie ate the last 2 seven-strength fruits of demon rats.

When he woke up this time, Zhang Tie felt being completely different than before. After eating 9 seven-strength fruits in a couple of days, he updated his body 9 times. Even Zhang Tie wondered how powerful he was at this moment. With a will, Zhang Tie felt that the strength in his muscles was moving ferociously like a piston in a high-pressure cylinder which was going to explode at any time.

Like before, Heller knew what Zhang Tie was thinking about. Zhang Tie found that he was standing below the small tree, with a javelin container in hand. Agan, Edward and Aziz were standing respectfully behind Heller. Each of them were carrying a new wooden target.

"Castle Lord, you must not wait to try the power of your javelins!"

Zhang Tie responded with a smile as he walked downstairs. After glancing at the 3 nice targets, he nodded, "I remember that Agan is a carpenter and stonemason. He made them, right? Not bad!"

Receiving Zhang Tie's praise, Agan was so excited that his face even blushed. He hurriedly knelt down to kill Zhang Tie's shoes, "Castle Lord, it's my great honor to serve you!"

"Let's have a try over there!" Saying this, Zhang Tie walked towards the most open parcel of grassland on the lake's shore, followed by Agan, Edward and Aziz.

After coming to the shore, Zhang Tie drew out a javelin from Heller's javelin container before narrowed his eyes and looked at the distance.

"How far?" Heller asked.

"200 m, 300 m and 500 m!"

Hearing Zhang Tie's words, Agan, Edward and Aziz directly ran away. Agan stopped 200 m away; carrying the target, he stood still like a dare-to-die corps member; Edward stopped 300 m away while Aziz stopped 500 m away. They all moved very fast. In less than 2 minutes, they had already arrived at the right positions and gave signals to Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie then drew out a javelin from Heller's javelin container. After fixing his eyes on that target 200 m away, he took a deep breath; closely after that, he threw out the javelin.

In a split second, the javelin had disappeared in the air. Almost at the same time, Zhang Tie heard the cracking sound of Agan's target and the air-breaking sound.

Zhang Tie threw out the 2nd and the 3rd javelins consecutively in an extremely short period closely after the 1st javelin.

The 3 targets were almost exploded in a second. Seeing this, Zhang Tie let out a deep sigh satisfactorily. After throwing out 3 javelins, Zhang Tie felt so cool. Zhang Tie felt that he had realized essential improvements on strength, responsiveness and explosiveness. Certainly, the speed of his javelin was much faster than before.

Zhang Tie didn't know about its precise speed; but it was true that it only took him a bit more than half a second from throwing out the javelin to the crack of the target 500 m away.

After breaking through the 3 targets, the 3 javelins continued to fly forward until they hit the colorful, rolling fog to the edge of Castle of Black Iron. They suspended there for several seconds before dropping off.

"Congratulations, Castle Lord, all the initial speeds of the 3 javelins were greater than 728 m/s, which was twice that of sound transmission speed in air. Your javelin could match heavy crossbow on destructive force within 300 m. Its destructive force didn't decline until 400 m. Its maximum effective destructive range was 800 m."

Zhang Tie did not feel strange about the precise flying speed of his javelin. Because it was in Castle of Black Iron while Heller was the administer and intelligent spirit of Castle of Black Iron; of course, he knew everything.

Zhang Tie only cared about one thing, "Can Dawson survive my javelins?"

"He can't!" Heller shook his head, "Unless he could reach or approach LV 11 in these days, he could never dodge away from sonic boom which was twice the speed of sound transmission speed in the air. You're already able to kill most of strong fighters with javelins. Few strong fighters could respond faster than this speed."

A harsh countenance flashed through Zhang Tie's eyes...

"Are you going out now, Cast Lord?" Heller asked.

"No hurry. I will stay here for a couple of days..." Zhang Tie smiled as his eyes gleamed, "As nobody disturbs me here, I can practice the first section of the "Great Wildness Sutra". As the first section should be finished in a row, I need to spare 7 days to practice it; but I cannot find such a good condition outside!"

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Several hours later, Zhang Tie became completely relaxed. After adjusting himself to his best condition, Zhang Tie returned to the place below the small tree. Crossing his legs, he started to make a fantastic gesture described on the "Great Wildness Sutra". At the same time, Zhang Tie started to recite the 7 word-sutra of strange pronunciation by only moving his tongue and throat...

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Chapter 420: The All-Spirits Pagoda

The gesture, the sutra and the illusionary, mysterious strength gradually took effect on Zhang Tie on the 2nd day.

Of course, the manifested content was in Zhang Tie's mind which could not be sensed by others.

In Zhang Tie's mind, a whole new mysterious space swirled like a milky-way under mist of golden spiritual energy with Zhang Tie's meditation.

In Zhang Tie's mind, previously it was all empty except for that golden swirl of spiritual energy; however, under the guidance of the secret knowledge of the "Great Wildness Sutra", Zhang Tie saw a lamp in his mind. As a result, those unknown land in the darkness gradually became clearer, expanding the space in Zhang Tie's mind.

Soon after the space in his mind was expanded, his swirl of spiritual energy started to hang in the sky like a milky way while a bronze, classical pagoda was rising straight from the ground in that mysterious territory under the swirl of spiritual energy.

Each time Zhang Tie finished reciting that mysterious sutra, he would have some tadpole-like mysterious runes out of the void. Those runes then merged in that pagoda one after another. Like the materials of the pagoda, they became a part of that pagoda and enabled the pagoda to rise higher.

In such a meditation of foundation, the concept of time became vague.

Zhang Tie didn't know how long had he entered meditation. He only made a gesture and recited the 7-word true words of the great wildness repetitively; meanwhile, he was visualizing the tadpole-like mysterious runes. Like a diligent ant who kept working inexhaustibly, he was sensing the ground-breaking change in his mind and watching the classic pagoda gradually rising higher.

Although it was a painstaking course, Zhang Tie was filled with pleasure inside.

Skill was no burden! Nobody would disguise about having one more skill, including Zhang Tie. Furthermore, it seemed to be very interesting and useful to control wild beasts. Therefore, Zhang Tie was immersed in it.

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When he finished reciting the true words of the great wildness for 300,000 times, he felt a slight shock of that pagoda; closely after that, the pagoda stopped its growth; meanwhile, the swirling golden spiritual energy above the pagoda started to roll heavily. In a split second, Zhang Tie's mind went dark and turned bright like a lightning bolt flashed across. With a thunder-like boom in his mind, Zhang Tie quivered all over at once. After that thunder, the milky-way like swirling spiritual energy suddenly scattered into fine sparkling light-spots and fell on the pagoda. After such a bath, the pagoda looked more glamorous at once. At the same time, various eccentric decorative patterns of insects, fishes, birds and beasts started to glitter and appear on the pagoda before fading away.

The pagoda had 5 facets and 21 stories. After the special bath, each facet was manifesting various images of animals. Until the glamorous rain incarnated by his spiritual energy stopped and the pagoda recovered to its classic and chunky look. Additionally, a layer of golden light was rolling in the pagoda, making the pagoda more magnificent and mysterious.

After completing this, Zhang Tie had consumed about half of his total spiritual energy. He carefully sensed the all-spirits pagoda in his mind which represented that he started to cultivate the "Great Wildness Sutra". He felt that this pagoda was much higher than that in the book. Additionally, the body of the pagoda looked like a firm solid; instead of an illusionary image after the completion of the foundation of the "Great Wildness Sutra" as was described in the book.

Zhang Tie didn't think too much about this difference. He only took it as a result of his strong spiritual energy. Actually, the spiritual energy that he had consumed was equal to that of dozens of people in total. How come a commoner complete such a foundation at once?

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Sitting below the small tree, Zhang Tie opened his eyes once again. At this moment, tens of thousands of bees were circling around him and the small tree in the clock-wise manner. Zhang Tie had never seen this before.

"These bees look very happy." Zhang Tie thought at once. After that, he became stunned, "But, how do I know that?"

Scratching his head, Zhang Tie felt that the "Great Wildness Sutra" was truly amazing.

Heller walked towards Zhang Tie with gleaming eyes, "Castle Lord, have you finished the foundation?"

"Yup, what's the matter with these bees?"

"They've already been here 2 days ago. It might be related to your cultivation of the foundation!"

"I see!" Zhang Tie recalled and found it was when he formed the all-spirits pagoda in his mind.

"According to the book, all-spirits pagoda and all the living beings could sense each other. It's seems true."

Zhang Tie took a look at the grasses and woods in Castle of Black Iron and felt an unknown friendliness. All the living beings became vital in Zhang Tie's eyes. Zhang Tie felt an improvement in his sensing ability once again.

Not knowing the reason, the moment Zhang Tie thought about the all-spirits pagoda, he had remembered those TV towers and antenna which were used to emit and accept electro-magnetic signals before Catastrophe. He forced a smile inside at once. Certainly, according to people's recognition, besides emitting and accepting signals, they were at least sure about one thing—the basic functions of towers was to form field energy, gather and compress energy. Pyramid was a representative.

Zhang Tie relaxed his arms as he walked downstairs from the platform. "Is there anything to eat? I'm too hungry!" Zhang Tie asked.

"I've long prepared it for you, Castle Lord!" Heller smiled...

After walking downstairs, Zhang Tie saw those bees flying away...

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On the second morning, Zhang Tie left Castle of Black Iron with 2 short javelins and reappeared in the crack being covered with vines on a cliff.

The sun had just risen up. Everything in the serene valley also seemed having just waken up. Pulling a vine, Zhang Tie slid off the crack nimbly. After breathing the fresh air which was mixed with moisture and the fragrance of grasses and woods, he ran westwards.

"As I have stayed in Castle of Black Iron for over 10 days, I wonder whether Dawson has left this valley or not. If not, Heh...Heh..."

Zhang Tie revealed a chilly smile as he was running.

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2 days later, at dusk, nearby a Buckthorn wood on Grey Hill...

The sun was going to set off while Zhang Tie had picked up some dried Buckthorn twigs and was setting a fire at a leeward place to cook his supper.

When the hind-leg flesh of iron-teeth hyena dropped its oil onto the bonfire, the fragrance of those wild potatoes had long drifted in the air. Imitating those villagers in Kurgan village, Zhang Tie crumbed the Buckthorn juice and pulp of Buckthorns and sprayed the on the flesh. He was told that by doing this, he could sweep the fishy smell.

After doing this, he picked up his short javelins to dig out some wild potatoes from the bonfire. Holding one, Zhang Tie blew the ash off its skin while changing it between two hands rapidly; meanwhile, his face was filled with the pleasure of harvest.

Plus those iron-teeth hyenas that he hunted today, the 3rd iron-teeth hyena's seven-strength fruit on the small tree might have grown ripe

Thinking of the latest fruit, of course Zhang Tie felt pretty good.

Especially then when he was sitting beside the bonfire, enjoying the night breeze and eating potatoes and roasted meat. When the night fell, he could put his arms under his head and lay on the grassland to watch stars. Everything was that pure. If not so many things to deal with, Zhang Tie really thought it was a free way to live the rest of his life.

The roasted potatoes were hot and tasted good. Zhang Tie kept blowing it as he was eating. However, Dawson appeared on the hillside over 60 m in front of him like Zhang Tie's shadow when Zhang Tie only ate half of that potato.

Watching Zhang Tie eating his roasted potato beside a bonfire, Dawson's eyes gleamed weirdly.

Zhang Tie also saw Dawson, but he only raised his head to glance at him like peering at a common iron-teeth hyena. After that, he continued to blow and eat his potato.

Seeing this, Dawson who was preparing to walk closer felt his heart pounding at once. Being suspicious, he looked around carefully. After ensuring that nobody was in the surrounding, he let out a sigh and slowly moved closer to Zhang Tie.

When Dawson was about 30 m away from Zhang Tie, he was sure that Zhang Tie could never escape this time. Therefore, he finally recovered his composure.

"Brat, I will see what else tricks can you play this time. You should be proud enough of escaping away twice from me; however, never dream about the 3rd time!" Dawson grinned hideously.

Seeing Dawson's meticulous look, Zhang Tie sniggered, "What? How come you become so timid? Why not move closer?"

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