

## **Black Iron 531**

### **Chapter 531: A Miserable Encounter**

After linking the information that he got in Blackhot City to the information he was told by Hillman the old dog, Zhang Tie had a clear understanding about the current situation facing Blackson Humans Corridor.

The current situation was much more intense than that of one year ago. The demon army had started to move southwards. In the past ten months, three countries were consecutively destroyed by the demon army. In such a case, the countries of the Central States Union in Blackson Humans Corridor had to coordinate their forces so as to crack down on the demon disaster across the Corridor. Meanwhile, each country in Blackson Humans Corridor dispatched their elite force northward and cooperated with each other in case they were crushed by demons one after another.

At this moment, only some demon disasters in the southern countries were put to a stop. All the rest of the countries were filled with flames of war. A great number of refugees started to escape to the south after detouring around the demon-stricken areas. Since two years ago, those southern countries, especially Chinese countries, had started to transfer their population to the other continents at a large scale.

In such a large-scale holy war, the human population would be the major factor for humans to survive this war later on.

At this moment, the entire Selnes Plain between the north of Symbian Republic and Titanic Principality was the frontier for all the countries across Blackson Humans Corridor to defend against demons. The frightening super demon army was fighting the great army, which consisted of over 5 million people from dozens of human countries across Blackson Humans Corridor.

If the demon army broke the defense line of Selnes Plain, none of the forces across the vacant territory, from Selnes Plain all the way to the north of the Kalay Mountain Range of Blackson Humans Corridor, could defeat the demons. Half of the territory of Blackson Humans Corridor would fall.

After only three years, the casualties across Blackson Humans Corridor had already surpassed 100 million people.

After hearing this news, Zhang Tie felt hopeless. According to Zhang Tie's instincts, Selnes Plain could not be held for long. As a LV 9 fighter, Zhang Tie knew the terrifying strength of that demon army, whose basic unit was made of LV 9 fighters.

If there were no more demon disasters, with a population of 1 billion across Blackson Humans Corridor, some golden armies composed of fighters above LV 6 could be formed. When fighting on the right terrains, and being assisted by large-scale mechanical troops, these golden armies might defeat this terrifying demon army. However, many countries were throwing their resources into dealing with the demon disasters in their own territory. Therefore, it was hard to say how long the human forces could stand in Selnes Plain.

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After killing that guy called Bohr in the carriage, Zhang Tie established his prestige in the fastest way possible and became the "boss" of the condemned prisoners in the carriage. Some smart guys immediately stood on Zhang Tie's side. At this moment, they knew clearly that they could survive longer on Zhang Tie's side. This was one of the laws of survival that these condemned prisoners had learned in prison.

Zhang Tie was invited to sit in the most comfortable place in the carriage, where it was closest to the air vent. Besides having fresh air, this place was also cleanest.

In the carriage, these cannon fodder prisoners, who were doomed to join the vanguard, could only get some water and some dried food rations. Their weapons were placed in some ordnance boxes, which could not be delivered to them until they got off the train under the supervision of someone from the troop. Right now those boxes were sealed with the symbol of Holy War Headquarters of Central States Alliance. If those seals were torn open by anyone before they got off the train, everybody in this carriage would be beheaded.

The first thing that was carried out in a war zone was military laws. Thousands of people would die everyday, everywhere. Therefore, it was easy for those law-enforcement teams to chop off the heads of some condemned prisoners. So even though those condemned prisoners were recalcitrant, they dared not risk their lives by opening the seals in advance.

However, the seals were opened. When Zhang Tie wanted to see what was inside these boxes, the guy called Michel voluntarily opened one box——Michel was a great thief and a trace expert. However, he was just a LV 5 warrior. Therefore, he tried to display his other talent in front of Zhang Tie.

The boxes contained common steel spears, which could be assembled in sections. There were also chest armors and helmets that were punched from thin, steel plates. The steel plates were only about two centimeters in thickness and very simple, which would not provide much defense. The chest armor could only defend one's breast and lower abdomen while being fixed with canvas on one's body. The helmets looked as if they could also be used as lunch boxes.

All these were the simplest of weapons and defensive fittings. Such was the special "treatment" that could be enjoyed by vanguard members in the war zone.

After Zhang Tie saw those items, Michel sealed the box like before. Zhang Tie's eyes glittered because of this guy's talent.

At midnight, the train was still running on the railway. Hillman the old dog told Zhang Tie that they had already entered the war zone. Zhang Tie didn't sleep at all. He just kept his eyes closed and practiced mental arithmetic.

Seeing that Zhang Tie was silent, all the other guys in the carriage became quiet. None of them dared to make any noise.

When the next dawn fell, after listening to the rumbles of the train wheels over night, Zhang Tie suddenly felt his heart racing as he opened his glittering eyes immediately.

"Watch out..." Zhang Tie shouted instantly, waking all the guys in the carriage at once. Many people just watched Zhang Tie with a confused look, wondering why Zhang Tie woke them up.

However, before Zhang Tie could explain, he had already heard a boom in front of the train. Closely after that, the whole carriage keeled and rolled. Zhang Tie could only just catch a metal handle beside him so as to stabilize his body...

The carriage crashed and bumped for 20 seconds due to its inertia.

The train was derailed while the whole carriage was in a mess. The wooden boxes in the carriage hit some people as they rolled around. With some terrifying bone cracks, some guys started to shrill miserably. A guy's head exploded, spraying brains in all directions.

The carriage rolled 180 degrees, its roof and floor reversed. One box with helmets had been opened, and helmets flew out everywhere. The toilet bowl in the carriage also detached itself from where it was, spraying everything out of it, making the whole carriage as bloody and smelly as hell mixed with wails.

The only one who was safe and sound in the carriage was Zhang Tie. However, even Zhang Tie could not bear such a disgusting smell and atmosphere.

The door of such a carriage with condemned prisoners was different than that of carriages with regular soldiers. In order to prevent these guys from escaping along the way, the door of this carriage was locked from outside. It could not be opened from the inside. Therefore, the moment these condemned prisoners recovered their senses, they gathered at the door and started to bang on it.

"Let us out of here, let us out of here..." Many of them started to shout at the door.

Nobody replied outside. However, Zhang Tie could faintly hear continuous, miserable wailing from outside.

"Ah...it's demons. It's demons!" someone's fearful exclamation drifted from afar.

Zhang Tie changed his expression at once as he forcefully lifted an ordnance box away from a poor guy's legs.

"Ah, thanks, thanks." The guy's face was twisted in great pain. Seeing Zhang Tie moving the box away from his legs, he burst out in tears at once.

Zhang Tie immediately tore open the box and drew a bundle of half length spears with the heads out of the box. After that, he ran to the side of the door as he shouted loudly, "Move aside..."

Those who were near the door hurriedly gave way to Zhang Tie. At this moment, Zhang Tie kicked and transformed the steel door instantly, revealing a gap from where a kitten could squeeze out. With another kick, the entire door was sent flying in the air, together with its lock catch.

The moment Zhang Tie jumped out of the carriage he caught sight of a massacre...

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It was dawn. The long train was paralyzed on the riverside like a dead snake. Its head and last two carriages had fallen in the river. Some of the other carriages were still linked to the train, while some were not. Most of carriages had toppled over. Some armored vehicles had rolled out of the carriages and were lying on one side of the railway.

Many human fighters, who were only slightly wounded, had just climbed out of their carriages in a flurried manner when their heads and bodies were split into pieces by a black swirl...

## Chapter 532: The First Battle

Besides Abyan, this was Zhang Tie's first time to witness demon fighters which only existed in textbooks and the other books.

This was the most famous and terrifying main demon force—iron-armored demon.

Iron-armored demon was a black-scaled tall and strong monster which had two hands and two feet as well as a terrifying crocodile head. Its sharp teeth were exposed while its eyes were bloody. Additionally, there was a high rising tail like that of reptile on its spine.

The iron-armored demon was taller than 2.2 m on average. It has a great vitality and a destructive power. Its black scaled-armor was as defense as thin iron sheet, which could not be broken through by common arrows and some bolts of light crossbows from 100 m away.

When Zhang Tie jumped out of the carriage, he saw iron-armored demons waving their curved battle blades and tearing those human soldiers climbing out of the carriages into pieces as fast as constant black fatal cyclone.

Some iron-armored demons even drilled into those tilt carriages, causing a lot of blood sprayed out of the carriages constantly.

In front of 10-odd iron-armored demons, all the human soldiers in the train didn't even have a chance to counterattack. The whole train was like a prey being drawn to the riverside and surrounded by a group of fierce crocodiles. Fleshes and blood sprayed everywhere. Sometimes, battle-qi totem could be seen; however, all the battle-qi totems would disappear right away, black spider or huge centipede.

The moment Zhang Tie landed on the ground did he see a bloody iron-armored demon jumping out of the carriage in front of him and charging at him with a shrill roar.

In the eyes of that iron-armored demon, Zhang Tie's carriage was undoubtedly a start of another bloody feast.

The moment those condemned prisoners followed Zhang Tie off the carriage did they see that iron-armored demon darting towards here. The shrill and terrifying roar was like that doomsday was coming.

Zhang Tie narrowed his eyes as he rapidly drew out a javelin from his hand and threw it towards that iron-armored demon.

Almost at the same time, the head of that iron-armored demon was exploded. Closely after that, a boom sounded in the air. The iron-armored demons kept running two steps forward before falling down.

Perhaps in the eyes of those iron-armored demons, LV 1 human soldiers and most of LV 8 human fighters could be easily killed by one or two slashes. Similarly, in Zhang Tie's eyes, most of LV 10 strong

fighters and LV 1 common soldier could be easily killed by one javelin, not to mention those LV 9 iron-armored demons. That was an overwhelming advantage.

When a person broke through a limit, he could take all the people below that limit as weak as ants and worms. In Abyan's eyes, Zhang Tie was such a worm; so were those LV 9 demon fighters in Zhang Tie's eyes.

The javelin in Zhang Tie's hand was the most effective pesticide.

In less than a half second, Zhang Tie had thrown out 3 javelins, spurting the heads of 3 demon fighters who were executing massacre within 100 m.

Closely after that, Zhang Tie jumped onto the top of the train and ran towards the head of the train.

Zhang Tie's carriage was in the middle rear end of this train. Therefore, most of carriages were in front of Zhang Tie. On the top of the train, he could have a good vision about the situations on both sides of the train. It was more convenient for Zhang Tie to kill those demon fighters with javelins.

Before Zhang Tie jumped onto the top of the carriage in front of him, he threw out another 2 javelins and killed 2 more demon fighters.

In a split second, Zhang Tie had killed 6 LV 9 iron-armored demons.

The rest iron-armored demons uttered jarring roars as they rushed towards Zhang Tie from all directions. Demon fighters were fiercer and dauntless than human fighters.

Zhang Tie threw out another 4 javelins in a wink, killing another 4 demon fighters' heads at once. At this moment, the final 3 demon fighters arrived at Zhang Tie's side.

With a sound, "Zra", a demon fighter torn the top of the carriage from the inside with its battle saber and hacked towards Zhang Tie's lower abdomen. Zhang Tie jumped away. Almost at the same time, the demon fighter jumped out of the broken top of the carriage and charged at Zhang Tie once again.

Zhang Tie moved closer to that demon fighter facing its sharp blade in mystical movements. Zhang Tie, who just reached the shoulder of that demon fighter in height and was half the weight of the demon fighter, punched on that demon fighter's chest, bursting its body into pieces immediately while spraying its flesh and blood everywhere...

The remaining 2 demon fighters uttered a weird shrill as they pounced at Zhang Tie at the same time. Before a demon fighter's saber touched Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie had thrown himself against that LV 9 demon fighter like a mad ox, causing it sprout out a mouthful of blood like being crashed by a train and sending it flying backwards in the air from the top of the carriage.

The last demon fighter roared as its eyes were like being filled with blood. That demon fighter dropped off its big saber and directly charged towards Zhang Tie with its sharp claws. Zhang Tie faced its claws with his fists, causing it explode from the wrists to the shoulders and fall off the top of the train.

Zhang Tie closely followed that demon fighter off the top of the train. Before landing, he had forcefully stomped on that demon fighter. As a result, the two people hit the ground like iron hammers, causing a pit on the ground. That demon fighter exploded like a ripe tomato.

That demon fighter, who was sent flying back in the air, struggled to pick himself up from the ground. When Zhang Tie walked towards it, it was kneeling on the ground with one knee while spitting out blood.

Zhang Tie stepped on its tail while tightened its neck from its back with his right arm. The demon fighter then started to struggle forcefully as it caught Zhang Tie's arm with hands, wanting to split Zhang Tie's arm. At this moment, with a click, its thick neck was broken. Closely after that, it collapsed to the ground.

"Who else?" Zhang Tie roared as he glared around. He found no demon fighters anymore, but a lot of human soldiers and condemned prisoners who were watching him with an amazing look.

Watching those common human soldiers, Zhang Tie's killing intent gradually faded away. Since his fight with Abyan, the fury deep in Zhang Tie's heart was finally released.

Zhang Tie glanced at them and waved his hands towards them. Michel ran over here with an exciting look. When he arrived in front of Zhang Tie, he even glanced at that strong demon corpse before Zhang Tie's feet. Pounding his heart, he swallowed his saliva as he exclaimed inside, "F\*ck, what the hell is this man?"

"Boss...what can I do for you?"

"Since these demons wanted to destroy the railway, they would not only destroy this track. Take some people and take a look at the other track over there. If there's a problem over there, set a warning in front of the road and block the train on the other track!" Zhang Tie sent the order. It was a multi-track railway. It's was too easy for a LV 9 fighter to derail the train. As an attack had just happened to the train on this track, it was hard to say that the train on the other track was safe.

After receiving the order, Michel became alert at once as he hurriedly ran towards the other track with some deft guys. As was predicted by Zhang Tie, less than 300 m after Michel ran away from the riverside, he had started to shout, "the track and the arm nuts of the foundation were loosened. The track was moved 10 cm outside..."

Closely after finding the problem had Michel started to set warning on the railway with the other guys...

A military officer with the rank of first lieutenant whose half body was tainted with blood walked towards Zhang Tie with some soldiers with a hesitating look. as he stammered, "Sir..."

If not Zhang Tie's javelins which boomed a demon fighter on this guy's side, this guy's head had long been chopped off.

On the military train heading for the frontier, a guy who could clean a small team of LV 9 demon fighters in a wink was qualified as a military officer. Based on Zhang Tie's fighting strength, he was at least a colonel.

At this moment, Zhang Tie didn't want to explain anything to them anymore. After glancing at the miserable scene over the ground, Zhang Tie slightly sighed, "First lieutenant, let's save people together..."

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After that, Zhang Tie and all the movable people started to find wounded people and corpses one carriage after another and took them out of the carriages.

As the train was derailed suddenly, it caused a great casualty to the passengers in the carriages. The following mad massacre of demon fighters worsened this situation. Besides a lot of military materials, this train also carried 2000-odd soldiers from the Cross Star Commerce Alliance; however, less than 400 could still move while over 500 of them were heavily wounded and required timely medical treatment.

This was the outcome of the battle between a 2000-odd human regiment and 13 demon fighters.

The colonel of the 2000-odd soldiers was a LV 9 human fighter. The moment he came out of the train had he been tore into pieces by three demon fighters. If not himself, Zhang Tie was clear that none of the 2000-odd soldiers could survive.

Zhang Tie felt a bit gloomy. He finally understood that that this terrifying demon army had already toppled over the war mode of the former two holy war between humans and demons. In front of such demons, common human soldiers would be completely overwhelmed and be nothing different than those unarmed average people. In front of such a terrifying demon army, above 95% of human troops across Blackson Humans Corridor would be eliminated.

"So how to fight such a tough war?"

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After pulling all the wounded people and corpses out of the carriages, they found a signal launcher in a carriage.

After a few minutes, a signal flare was emitted into the sky by high-pressure, causing a red flare at once.

1 hour later, a mini reconnaissance airship flew towards here from north...

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The accident only happened a bit more than 200 km away from Mocco City, which was closest to the frontier of Selnes Plain. It took Zhang Tie and the other guys 2 days to reach the frontier...

### Chapter 533: Arriving at the Theater of Operations

Three cities across Selnes Plain between the north of Symbian Republic and Titanic Principality were under the control of humans, namely Mocco, Wolff and Sradic. The three cities formed a defense line longer than 500 km in the south of Selnes Plain from the west to the east.

At this moment, over ten corps and about 5 million human soldiers were gathering in the three cities and their surroundings. The population of logistics corps that served these people were twice this figure. Additionally, a lot of troops arrived here from rear to join this war.

In the north of Selnes Plain, the population of demon corps and demon puppets was also greater than 3 million. Besides, the demons' forces kept increasing.

At this moment, everyone across Blackson Humans Corridor focused on Selnes Plain. Three years since the beginning of the 3rd holy war, this was the first large-scale battle between human troops and demon troops.

When Zhang Tie and his followers arrived at Mocco City, they found that this city had become a ferocious battle field. The war airships flying across the sky were like a shoal of crucian swimming across the river. From the periphery of this city, Zhang Tie noticed that each one of them wore the same military uniform. Besides the men who were fighting here, all the women and kids across this city had been evacuated 4 months ago.

Various military materials were piling high on the station. For the sake of the defense, all the buildings nearby the railway station had been bulldozed.

Under the guidance of a lot of people, armored vehicles and tanks were gradually driven out of the carriages of the train, then the railway station. The huge sounds of steam engines mixed with tones of tens of thousands of people from troops of different countries. With shouts and neighs, the entire railway station was much more boisterous than the most crowded vegetable market.

"No. 7 Imperial Heavy Armored Infantry Corps of Ducklin Empire, please gather on the No. 7 station...copy...No. 7 Imperial Heavy Armored Infantry Corps of Ducklin Empire, please gather on the No.7 station..."

A hoarse baritone drifted from an expensive alchemist's loudspeaker in the railway station, which covered all the other noises. After hearing this voice, a group of tough men with a huge metal box on their back, which was as large as half of their height, jumped off the train and rushed towards the No. 7 station. The others in front of them were pushed away by them rudely.

These tough men reminded Zhang Tie of iron-armored demons. Being same to iron-armored demons, all these tough men were higher than 2.2 m. They were like mountains. The bulging muscles on their arms were even thicker than the waists of thin men. The box on their back was also eye-catching. What was more impressive was that each of these tough men had a beautiful beard. Some men's beard was so long that it even reached their chests.

This group of people were the most attractive ones in the railway station. Therefore, they were very proud. When two of them passed by Zhang Tie, they glanced at Zhang Tie's bald jaw before raising their heads and displaying their long beard.

"Men in Ducklin Empire are proud of having beard. They are real fighters. The most powerful heavy-armored infantry across Blackson Humans Corridor come from Ducklin Empire!" Hillman, the old dog, stealthily slid to Zhang Tie's side like Zhang Tie's shadow as he whispered to him. After saying this, he looked at Zhang Tie's jaw before adding another sentence, "Of course, real fighters don't have to have beard!"

Zhang Tie touched his jaw; however, he felt nothing but some fine hair. He then smiled. At the sight of the banner of Cross Star Commerce Alliance over there, he summoned those survivors towards that place.

All the hundreds of survivors of Cross Star Commerce Alliance left the railway station without any morale.



"Hello. I'm Hobby, a major of the headquarters of Cross Star Commerce Alliance in Selnes Theater of Operations. I'm responsible for helping these people settle down. I've already known what happened to you on the way. General Cayne sent me to express thankfulness!"

After these people left the railway station, a major of the Cross Star Commerce Alliance stayed at the end of the team on purpose and sought a chance to whisper to Zhang Tie. Of course, Zhang Tie was not regarded as a deserter anymore at this moment.

"You're welcome. To be honest, I was just on my way to catch your train. In that case, nobody would ignore what happened here!" Zhang Tie explained frankly.

"May I know your name?"

"I'm Zhang Tie. I'm from Zhang clan of Huaiyuan Palace, Jinyun Country." Zhang Tie revealed his background.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Major Hobby blinked his eyes out of amazement as he swallowed his words back.

Besides settling down the troops from Cross Star Commerce Alliance, his another mission was to hook in Zhang Tie. General Cayne, the highest commander of Cross Star Commerce Alliance here was very interested in Zhang Tie. A guy who could clean a small demon team so easily was at least a LV 10 strong fighter. Such a fighter would be roped in by numerous forces wherever he was. Strong fighters were always urgently demanded.

Actually, less than 20 strong fighters were dispatched to Selnes Theater of Operations from the Cross Star Commerce Alliance. Cross Star Commerce Alliance had done its utmost efforts to support the frontier. If Zhang Tie was of another status or came from other forces, Major Hobby might attempt to persuade him to join them with alluring conditions. However, after being told that Zhang Tie was from Huaiyuan Palace, a Chinese powerful family of famous Count Long Wind, Major Hobby felt it improper to invite Zhang Tie to join them anymore.

"Hmm, may I know what are you here for..." after knowing Zhang Tie's true status, Major Hobby looked more polite when he talked with Zhang Tie.

"To stay with my family members!" Zhang Tie replied straightforwardly. After seeing those airships from Jinyun Country, Zhang Tie knew that Huaiyuan Palace would not ignore this battle with demons in the Selnes Theater of Operations. Although he had arrived at the theater of operations, Zhang Tie didn't know where was Huaiyuan Palace's troops, "As I've just been in the theater of operations, I'm not familiar with the situation here. Can you tell me the encampment of Jinyun Country and Huaiyuan Palace?"

"The troops of Jinyun Country and Huaiyuan Palace are quartered in the Crystal Battle Fortress 40 km away from here!" Major Hobby replied at once.

"Ah, that's awesome!" Zhang Tie revealed a happy smile. "It seems that I'm in the right place." Zhang Tie thought inside. "Major Hobby, can you have someone drive me there?"

"Of course, no problem!" Major Hobby replied without any hesitation. After that, he rolled his eyes and asked in a low voice, "But...we have a small technical problem here."

"What problem?"

Major Hobby whispered in Zhang Tie's ear for a few seconds before watching Zhang Tie with a shameful look.

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "Never mind. I'm just a passer-by. Of course, the achievement belongs to Cross Star Commerce Alliance. But I like those guys who were dispatched to the vanguards as cannon fodders. How about gifting them to me? I need them."

"How many people are there?"

"5!"

"I remember those guys have been killed by demons in the railway accident!" Major Hobby answered frankly.

The two men then glanced at each other for a few seconds before bursting out into laughter.

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After half an hour...

"Hillman, fall out..."

"Michel, fall out..."

"Figo, fall out..."

"Dinar, fall out..."

"Frasier, fall out..."

Major Hobby read a name list loudly. After reading each name, he drew a line across the name. The five condemned prisoners came out of the team with a confused look.

Pointing at that military truck with a closed carriage in front of them, Major Hobby ordered, "Get on the truck..."

After their names being called, they all exchanged glances with each other with a confused look, except Hillman, the old dog, who became very excited and climbed onto the truck quickly. Seeing what the old dog was doing, Michel also hurriedly followed up.

After they all got on the truck, the truck left...

"Those whose names were called have to execute a special mission. The rest of you, to the rear..." Major Hobby ordered when the truck had left 100 m away.

Hearing Major Hobby's words, two guys in the carriage even became a bit flurried, "Old dog, is he sending us to the frontier so fast?"

Since getting on the truck, Hillman was always closing his eyes with a bit flush on his cheeks. Until he was asked did he open his eyes and sighed, "We're already free!"

"Free?" the other guys didn't realize what did he mean.

Hillman silently walked to the front of the carriage which was linked to the cab. After that, he lowered his body and knocked at the rear window which could be opened.

The rear window was pulled open, showing Zhang Tie's smiling face.

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#### Chapter 534: Becoming an Idol

With a faint smile, Zhang Tie turned around and looked at those guys in the carriage from the seat of the cab.

"I really appreciate that you saved me once again, your excellency. I promise I would play a bigger role on your side than in the vanguard!"

"Old dog is not suitable to this guy at all. He should be called old fox." Zhang Tie thought inside before revealing a smile, "Before the vehicle arrives at the destination, if any of you don't want to follow me, you can get off the vehicle for your own future at any time. From now on, you have about 1 hour to consider it! I'm not a big figure. I'm just a small figure. I bear grudges. Therefore, I can bear your ignorance about me; but I can not bear your betrayal. Have a good time considering about that!"

After saying this, Zhang Tie closed the rear window.

Basically, condemned prisoners were scumbags. However, not all of them were condemned prisoners. Zhang Tie found that these guys were not that bad. Therefore, he took them away. As for their future, they had to seek for blessings themselves.

Thinking of these guys' "bright experiences"—liar, thief, smuggler, counterfeiter and abnormal doctor who was especially responsible for castrating rapers, Zhang Tie wondered whether these guys would bring him a nickname "the king of douchebags" in the future.

"Never mind!" Zhang Tie just revealed a smile...

Zhang Tie believed in fate very much. Additionally, Zhang Tie knew that he didn't look like a king unless he disguised as a damn father. Therefore, he gave them some time to consider it. If they didn't agree, they could leave. That was not a big deal.

After closing the rear window, Zhang Tie didn't care about their whereabouts anymore. Instead, he started to observe the situation in the Selnes Theater of Operations. On the way, Zhang Tie felt that the theater of operations was more like a work site than a military camp. Soldiers in military uniforms and battle armors could be seen everywhere. Armored vehicles were parking on the roadside one row after another. Besides, the peripheral fortifications outside the Mocco City existed everywhere which caused goosebumps all over Zhang Tie.

Over 10 km away from Mocco City, the erecting battle fortresses on the plain looked like steel forests. Those battle fortresses were distinctive in styles and sizes. All of them were filled with killing intent. Although it was daytime, the chimneys of the battle fortresses were smoking, making Zhang Tie feel like staying in a big industrial city. At this moment, the black smoke brought people a sense of safety.

As long as the chimneys were smoking, everyone knew that humans were still defending this defense line.

Over 5 million human soldiers really caused a great Qi field here.

After leaving Mocco City, the military truck kept driving towards northwest. The road in the wild had been covered with pits by the track-laying vehicles. Therefore, the truck ran slowly. After about 1 hour, the steel battle fortresses became sparse and a magnificent battle fortress appeared in front of Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie finally understood why the battle fortress of Jinyun Country was called Crystal Battle Fortress. Because this battle fortress was really too huge and magnificent. The 6 grim independent battle fortresses formed 6 supporting points and the skeleton of crystal battle fortress. The huge steel structure modules connected the 6 battle fortresses in the form of city walls and formed a huge, crystal-sized steel city. Erecting on the Selnes Plain, it displayed the power and magnificence of Chinese countries across Blackson Humans Corridor.

100 m away from this huge battle fortress was sentry posts and anti-tank trenches, which prevented vehicles from drawing closer.

"Sir, we've arrived at the crystal battle fortress of Jinyun Country! Our truck can not drive in!" the truck driver dispatched by Major Hobby watched that magnificent battle fortress in front of him with an admiring look.

"It's fine! Thanks. I will enter it myself!" after saying this, Zhang Tie opened the door as he waved his hand towards the driver.

Followed by the other guys in the carriage. Four of them stayed—Hillman, the old dog; Michel, the warehouse keeper; Figo, the vet and the counterfeiter whose nickname was Manager. Frasier, whose nickname was Black Shark had already gone on the way.

Zhang Tie was very satisfied to have 4 of them.

"Before Frasier left, he asked me to tell you, as you've saved him twice, he will appreciate you when there's a chance!" Hillman told Zhang Tie.

"Alright. Good luck to him!" Zhang Tie didn't mind it at all. After that, he took them towards that sentry post outside the crystal battle fortress. At the sight of the young Chinese looks, Zhang Tie felt intimate at once.

"I'm Zhang Tie. Please notice inside, I want to see the director of Huaiyuan Palace!" Zhang Tie spoke in Chinese. Given the shape of the crystal battle fortress, Zhang Tie knew that all the 6 families of Jinyun Country must have dispatched their elites here to participate in the war.

"You're from Huaiyuan Palace? Could you show me your certificate?" a Chinese fighter asked seriously. Judging from Zhang Tie's common clothes, he didn't believe in Zhang Tie's words.

Zhang Tie then took out his clan identification plate and showed it to the two fighters at the sentry post. All the elites of the 6 big clans of Jinyun Country had such a clan identification plate. At the sight of the plate, the two soldiers knew that Zhang Tie was not bragging.

Below the crystal in the middle of the plate was Zhang Tie's photo. On the back of the plate was "Zhang Clan, Huaiyuan Palace" engraved.

After telling Zhang Tie to wait here for a short while, a fighter immediately ran into the battle fortress.

When Zhang Tie talked with the 2 fighters, Michel and the other guys looked confused. Only Hillman revealed an amazement.

"You know Chinese?" Zhang Tie asked Hillman in Chinese.

"This is the popular language in the superb society of Waii Sub-Continent. It's the best reflection of one's culture and class. I understand it a bit." Hillman spoke in Chinese fluently.

After hearing that Hillman called Waii Sub-Continent instead of Blackson Humans Corridor the moment he came to the Chinese battle fortress, Zhang Tie sighed inside, "What a talent!"

After waiting here for less than 2 minutes, Zhang Tie saw an armored man running out of a gate of a battle fortress hurriedly.

"Ah...junior fellow apprentice Zhang Tie, that's you!" that guy became excited the moment he saw Zhang Tie.

"Long time no see, senior fellow apprentice Liu Xi!" Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could see his junior fellow apprentice whom he recognized in Hidden Dragon Island. Therefore, Zhang Tie also became spirited at once.

After glancing at Zhang Tie for a short while, Liu Xi heavily patted on Zhang Tie's shoulders, "I've not imagined that I could see you here. I deeply believed that you would not die that easily..."

Zhang Tie was startled by Liu Xi's words, "Ah, who told you I was dead?"

"Hahaha..." Liu Xi burst out into laughter, "They are just boring. As you've not showed up for a long time in Hidden Dragon Island, plus some gossips, they thought you were already dead. It's good to see you back. They will shut up this time! Oh, who are they..."

Liu Xi's eyes fell on Hillman and the other's guys.

After recovering his composure, Zhang Tie replied, "Hmm, they are my retinue. I take them out to cultivate. A steward, a material keeper, a private doctor and a customs consultant!"

Liu Xi became silent for a second as he didn't think they fit their status given their military uniforms. He then pulled Zhang Tie's hands and walked inside, "Let's talk inside!"

Zhang Tie glanced at those guys, who hurriedly followed up.

"Oh, senior fellow apprentice Liu Xi, who's the director of the Huaiyuan Palace here?"

"Senior sister Xi!"

Hearing his answer, Zhang Tie almost fell down...

"What's wrong, junior fellow apprentice?"

"Ah, nothing." Zhang Tie swallowed his saliva and he hurriedly told a lie, "I was a bit shocked to hear that. I remember that senior sister Xi was just LV 9 when I left Hidden Dragon Palace. It's really out of my imagination that she could preside over the current situation here on behalf of Hidden Dragon Palace!"

"Senior sister Xi is super talented as shiny as the sun and the moon. Senior sister Xi had reached LV 9 four years ago. After the battle in Heavens Cold City, senior sister Xi smoothly promoted to LV 10; after one and half years, she promoted to LV 11; 3 months ago, she was officially promoted to LV 12 and became the youngest great fighting master in the history of Hidden Dragon Palace. She's really our role model!" Liu Xi replied with an admiring look.

Being shocked inside, Zhang Tie had not imagined that Lan Yunxi could reach such a level in only a couple of years. Even if Lan Yunxi was the pride of the God and enjoyed the rich resources of Huaiyuan Palace, her promotion speed was very terrifying, "You're right, senior fellow apprentice, senior sister Xi is indeed our role model!"

"Junior fellow apprentice, you're also not bad. Although you were not in Hidden Dragon Island these years, you had also become the idol of many brothers in Hidden Dragon Island. Your reputation could even match senior sister Xi!" Liu Xi sighed with full of emotions.

"What idol?" Zhang Tie asked with a surprising look.

"Haha, no disguising anymore, junior fellow apprentice." Liu Xi revealed an ambiguous smile which could only be understood by men, "We all thought that you were living a poor life in the barren place Blackhot City, we've not imagined that you could have over 40 lovers in that place. They all have their own features, some are enchanting, some are adorable, some are plump. How amazing it is! If they were not transported to Huaiyuan Prefecture, the brothers in Hidden Dragon Island might have not known your cool days in Blackhot City at all! If senior sister Xi has the greatest fighting force in Hidden Dragon Island, you must be the Love Affairs Number One in Hidden Dragon Island."

The moment Zhang Tie heard the nickname "Love Affairs Number One" did he feel a chilly sense...

#### Chapter 535: Meeting Lan Yunxi Once Again

This place gathered many elites of the 6 top clans in Jinyun Country, namely Zhang Clan, Lan Clan, Ou Clan, Dantai Clan, Wang Clan and Li Clan.

Besides those common soldiers who kept running the battle fortress, all the participants dispatched by the 6 clans were at least LV 9 elites. Over 1/3 of the soldiers who were only responsible for defending the battle fortress were above LV 6. The rest 2/3 were LV 4 to LV 5 warriors. Even the boiler firemen in the battle fortress were above LV 3.

There were over 25000 people in the crystal battle fortress in total. Each clan dispatched 4000 people to this battle fortress, 2-3% of which were not lower than LV 9, namely about 100 people. Although this number could not match that of the terrifying demon corps, Zhang Tie thought it was a great fighting force for sure. Few country across Selnes Theater of Operations could have over 600 fighters above LV 9.

Zhang Tie and his retinue settled down in two narrow rooms near the "city wall" of the battle fortress, the roof of which was covered with dense steam pipes.

Hillman and the other three guys' room was only a bit greater than 3 square meters in total. The four high-strength spring beds were fixed on the walls. Besides, there were only some hot steam pipes in the room. The inside of the room was 5 degrees higher than that outside. Because the battle fortress was transported here by air, for the sake of the weight in the air, all the thermal baffles were saved. This situation was acceptable in winter; however, it was as hot as a steam cage in summer.

Zhang Tie's room was independent, which was a bit better. However, it was far away from being comfortable. If it was a castle, its outlook and coziness would be considered; however, as a battle fortress, it only had two aspects to consider with, namely its lethality and defensive power. Aesthetics and coziness was out of concern for the battle fortress designers.

Liu Xi fetched some clothes of Huaiyuan Palace's soldiers and gave them to Zhang Tie and Hillman to put on. Otherwise, their clothes would be too eye-catching.

Besides Liu Xi, there were 10 more senior fellow apprentices from Hidden Dragon Island in the battle fortress. However, Zhang Tie didn't even know their names. Out of curiosity, all of them ran here to take a look at Zhang Tie. They all wanted to see how Zhang Tie looked as the "Love Affairs Number One" in Hidden Dragon Palace. At the sight of their looks, Zhang Tie was unhappy; however, he could not lose his temper at this moment.

After entering the crystal battle fortress, Zhang Tie knew that there were over 16,000 human airships in Selnes Theater of Operations. With so many airships, humans took control of the air across the theater of operations. This advantage in the air was offset by the advantage of demon corps on the ground. As a result, humans and demons reached an impasse.

Human airships was carrying a very tough task, to stop demon corps from completing large-scale gathering in the frontier. As long as the population and density of demons reached a certain degree, they would be boomed by human airships. The airships mainly used two weapons to strike the land forces, one was the terrifying white phosphorous gel combustion bomb, the other was the powerful alchemist's bomb.

White phosphorous gel combustion bomb could burn the surface of any object that it adhered to, which could be hardly put out. It could burn even in water. If it adhered to the surface of living beings like animals, it could even burn the fat of the animals, causing new heat sources. Such combustion bombs were a huge threat to demon troops. Even LV 9 demon fighters would be heavily wounded if not killed by such combustion bombs. It was said that only LV 14 demon fighters with protective battle qi could survive such bombs. All those below LV 14 would be killed for sure by this bomb.

White phosphorous gel combustion bomb was that powerful, not to mention alchemist's bomb. At the critical moment, alchemist's bomb could even kill a knight, not to mention average demons.

Liu Xi told Zhang Tie that countries had gathered over 1000 alchemist's bombs in Selnes Theater of Operations.

Three cities, hundreds of battle fortresses, a defense line that lasted hundreds of miles, over 1000 alchemist's bombs, over 16,000 war airships, over 10,000 armored vehicles and over 5 million human soldiers. All these sustained humans' morale in Selnes Theater of Operations.

The Selnes Theater of Operations was in a very sophisticated and fierce situation overall. Human airships were seeking for chances in the air to strike the terrifying demon airships while the terrifying demon corps were seeking for chances on the ground to break humans' Selnes defense line.

Of course, it was sophisticated only for big figures and outsiders. For those LV 9 elite fighters who usually broke in Selnes Plain to fight demon troops, this holy war was just collisions between sharp blades about life or death. Since the founding of the crystal battle fortress, Huaiyuan Palace had lost 20 LV 9 fighters and about 400 fighters below LV 9. The airship troops lost more than 3000 people. In this theater of operations, as long as the human airship was brought down by wing demons, no fighters inside the airship could survive back.

Selnes theater of operations was just a huge meat grinder.

At this moment, Lan Yunxi was the supreme commander of Jinyun Country's airship troops in Selnes Theater of Operations. Of course, she could not stay in the battle fortress every day. Actually, according to Liu Xi, Lan Yunxi rarely stayed in the battle fortress. One week ago, she had her airship troop supplemented with some major materials in the airship base in the rear of Selnes Theater of Operations before returning to the battle field once again. If not threw 1/3 of those bombs to the demons, Lan Yunxi would not come back.

Since an airship base in Carlo Federation was destroyed by a small demon troop half a year ago, burning 500 airships into pieces, there were only three large-scale airship supplementation and maintenance bases in Mocco City, Volv City and Sradic City respectively across the entire Selnes Theater of Operations. Most of the airship supplementation bases were moved to the safer places in the rear. If crystal battle fortress was not so large and could protect the airships inside it, no airship dared to park in here for an overhaul. Airships from Jinyun Country just accepted short maintenance here by batches. They would not stay here too long.

Strictly, Zhang Tie was not a frontline combatants at this moment. Therefore, nobody assigned tasks to him. He didn't see Lan Yunxi until two days later on the evening of March 14th .

Under the guidance of lamp signals on the ground, a lot of airships started to land on the airport next to the crystal battle fortress. One airship directly landed in the crystal battle fortress, which was covered with some damages. One of its independent air sacs was flat. All the ground service members started to repair the body and air sacs of the airship quickly.

Those teams of LV 9 elite fighters in the battle fortress had already left the battle fortress silently and started to patrol and set invisible sentry within 20 kms circle of the battle fortress in case of being attacked by demon troops. A team of LV 9 fighters could cause a severe damage to a batch of airships on the ground in only a few minutes. In order to avoid from being noticed by demons, the airships here chose to land on the ground in dark.

One hour after those airships landed here, Zhang Tie met Lan Yunxi .

Lan Yunxi was in the airship which landed in the crystal battle fortress. Zhang Tie saw Lan Yunxi in the command module of the airship. She was surrounded by many people, who were all young elites from all the 6 clans and other senior military officers in the airship troop.



The military rank of the coxswain of a fury-level airship was captain who could command a squad of airships; the military rank of the commander of 8 fury-level airships was major; the military rank of the commander of 50 fury-level airships was Lieutenant Colonel. A colonel could command 200 fury-level airships. Lan Yunxi as the head of the air army could command almost 1000 fury-level airships.

When Zhang Tie was taken into the command module by Liu Xi, he saw Lan Yunxi sitting on the commanding chair and listing to a strong and tall man with the rank of colonel, "Although the gliders being released before airship strike could realize early warning and investigation to a certain degree, in front of wing demons, fighters who manipulated the gliders could barely survive themselves. This time, we lost 13 glider fighters. Now, the driver of each glider is selected by drawing lots. Fighters are of high morale. They all treat such a sacrifice as a great honor. However, it's not a sustainable way..."

Lan Yunxi had already seen Zhang Tie come in; however, she didn't even glance at him; instead, she just paid attention to the opinions of those people around her. Watching her cold face, Zhang Tie's heart started to race.

Excessive modesty was a sort of pride; similarly, Lan Yunxi, who had an expressionless look was most expressive in Zhang Tie's eyes.

As Liu Xi had a task in the evening, after taking Zhang Tie here and telling him about something, he then left. Sitting in an inconspicuous place of the command module, Zhang Tie waited for Lan Yunxi quietly. Meanwhile, he was thinking about how to talk with her.

After about 4 years, Lan Yunxi had become more mature and beautiful. Besides, she looked more dignified like giving out a light, which was not easily touched by others, although being not stimulative to eyes. Her light even dwarfed Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie thought he had been low-key; however, he didn't know how eye-attractive was his common military uniform which was usually worn by LV 1 soldiers in this command module. Even if he didn't want to arouse others' attention, he failed to make it.

"Are you a soldier on airship? Don't you know about the rules? Are you qualified to be here? Roll out of here!" a 20-odd handsome major started to rebuke Zhang Tie with a frown.

When that major walked to the front of Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie noticed that Lan Yunxi was glancing at him. However, she didn't say anything. It seemed that she just wanted to see how Zhang Tie was going to face.

"Are all women that narrow-minded?" Zhang Tie swore inside. He raised his head and glanced at that major. However, he still sat there. This guy had seen that Liu Xi brought Zhang Tie in just now. He didn't say anything at that time; whereas, he came here to find Zhang Tie trouble now. What did he mean?

The moment Zhang Tie saw those men's admiring look in front of Lan Yunxi did Zhang Tie know what did this guy mean. "F\*ck, you want to seek the limelight in front of Lan Yunxi by taking me as the stepping-stone and prop? Damn!"

Receiving no response from Zhang Tie, that major's face turned red at once. With a furious look, he instantly lowered his body and his voice as he glared at Zhang Tie while gritting his teeth, "Roll out of here, am I clear?"

Zhang Tie picked wax from his ears before blowing it away. When that guy was almost driven mad by him, Zhang Tie explained slowly, "Hmm, I'm sorry. I'm not a soldier in crystal battle fortress. Therefore, I don't know about the rules here. You're not holding a conference of war, why couldn't I be here?"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, that major became stunned for a second, "You're not a soldier in crystal battle fortress, why are you here then?"

"I'm here for my wife!" the moment Zhang Tie finished his words, Lan Yunxi, who had a sharp auditory sense as a LV 12 fighting master, jumped her eyebrows. She could not maintain her calm look anymore; instead, she immediately glared at Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter inside.

"Your wife is here?" the major realized it after a few seconds. After saying this, he looked around and found all the female dogrobbers had left. No female was here except...

"Yup!" Zhang Tie replied with a common look.

"Who's your wife?"

"My wife is..." Zhang Tie suspended on purpose, "You guess?"

Zhang Tie blinked and made a grimace.

The major was infuriated as he felt being cheated by Zhang Tie. The moment he wanted to beat Zhang Tie, he heard Lan Yunxi's voice.

"Junior fellow apprentice Zhang Tie, it's been 4 years no see!" Lan Yunxi walked towards them.

Zhang Tie stood up with another look, "Senior sister apprentice Xi, it's been 4 years no see, you look more beautiful!"

Hearing the frank talk between Zhang Tie and Lan Yunxi, all the men in the command module focused on Zhang Tie, which almost turned Zhang Tie into a burning torch.

The major stood still as he almost swore all of Zhang Tie's ancestors and relatives in his mind, "F\*ck, you're a junior fellow apprentice of Lan Yunxi? Why do you look like this? Aren't you setting me up?"

Seeing that everyone focused their eyes on Zhang Tie, Lan Yunxi revealed a big smile as she started to introduce to the onlookers very straightforwardly, "May I have your attention, please. I will introduce a person to you. This is Zhang Tie, my junior fellow apprentice, the number one lady killer among the young generation of Huaiyuan Palace. Before he became an adult, he already had more than 40 lovers. My junior fellow apprentice is more well-known than me in Hidden Dragon Island!"

"Killing intent, killing intent!" Zhang Tie's fine hair on his back stood up at once.

Chapter 536: Love Affairs in Battle Field

"Having over 40 lovers before becoming an adult?" after hearing Lan Yunxi's introduction, all the young, handsome guys from different clans threw their weird looks at Zhang Tie. If they were commoners, they

might admire about Zhang Tie's "achievements"; however, all these were elites from the 6 influential clans of Jinyun Country. They were all born and grew in rich families. They could have 400 women, not to mention 40, if they were allowed.

Actually, these true Chinese rich and powerful families had very strict requirements on love affairs. They were instructed since they were young that a person being indulged in love affairs could only be confined in the clan as a birth machine; instead of becoming any influential figure in the clan.

Therefore, none of the true elites in Chinese rich and powerful families would indulge in love affairs. Meanwhile, they treasured their reputation on this aspect especially. If those elders and big figures of their clan knew that they had love affairs with women outside, it was nothing different than destroying their own future.

Through Lan Yunxi's introduction, Zhang Tie became a playboy in Huaiyuan Palace. Plus Zhang Tie's "whiteboard" military uniform, more people started to feel that Zhang Tie was just a birth machine. Otherwise, as Lan Yunxi's junior fellow apprentice in Hidden Dragon Palace who had awakened his ancestral bloodline, he should have some shining points.

Each powerful clan had some people like Zhang Tie. However, they didn't express their contemptuous looks for the sake of Lan Yunxi's face. However, given Lan Yunxi's ridicule, they knew that Lan Yunxi disliked her junior fellow apprentice. Otherwise, she would not have revealed Zhang Tie's nickname "Love Affairs Number One".

Of course, Zhang Tie admitted what he had done. After witnessing the miserable situation in Blackhot City, Zhang Tie felt that it was very timely and remorseless to pick the girls of Rose Association away from Blackhot City. Therefore, Zhang Tie looked very calm at this moment.

After Lan Yunxi's words, before Zhang Tie opened his mouth, another guy had burst out into laughter.

"Haha, senior sister apprentice Xi's words make us embarrassed. But I think that real men should have meritorious deeds in the battle field in this chaotic world. We should fight demons and defend humans on the battle field and tint our battle armors using demons' fresh blood instead of being indulged in love affairs in the moonlight. What do you think?"

All the others started to nod.

The one who talked was a toyboy, whose words were full of superiority. By participating in the holy war, he looked as righteous as a savior in the doomsday. Zhang Tie would not care about that in usual days; however, at this moment, this guy was showing off himself in front of Lan Yunxi, which made Zhang Tie very uncomfortable.

"F\*ck, I'm talking with my wife. who're you? How dare you show off yourself in front of me?"

"Good talk! Senior fellow apprentice, your words really enlightened me!" Zhang Tie applauded as he watched that guy with a 'sincere' smile, "May I know your name, senior fellow apprentice? Which clan do you come from?"

"I'm Ou Hongyu from Chuixue Palace!" that guy replied with full of conceit.

Chuixue Palace was the official name of Ou Clan.

"Oh, it's senior fellow apprentice Ou from Chuixue Palace. It's my great honor to see you..." Zhang Tie revealed an 'admirable' look. "I was told that all the great heroes in the ancient times aimed at eliminating enemies and defending their home. Senior fellow apprentice was so righteous at targeting and sweeping the demons, which really enlightened me a lot. I'm really dwarfed in front of you. I think senior fellow apprentice Ou must have the ambition of sweeping demons and defending our home. I really admire you, please accept my bow."

After saying this, Zhang Tie really gave a bow to this guy seriously.

"Erm..." after hearing Zhang Tie's words, this guy felt something was wrong. However, as he had just said that, he felt shameful to regret; therefore, he revealed a faint embarrassed look.

"Were you kidding just now?" Zhang Tie asked him with an 'amazed' look.

"Of course not!" that guy glared at Zhang Tie.

"You were just talking about it. Actually, you didn't think about sweeping demons and defending our home?"

Under the gaze of the onlookers, including Lan Yunxi, that guy could not swallow his words, "Of course not!"

"Good man!" Zhang Tie smiled as he forcefully applauded for a few more times, "As you've all witnessed that, senior fellow apprentice Ou Hongyu expressed his ambition of sweeping demons and defending our home here. That's really admirable!"

After saying that, Zhang Tie told Lan Yunxi with an embarrassed look, "I'm sorry, senior fellow apprentice Xi. Seeing so many senior fellow apprentices surrounding you, I thought they were all courting you; I've not imagined that this senior fellow apprentice Ou was so noble and so decisive. As this holy war would at least last 100 years, I know senior sister apprentice Xi would not marry until 100 years later when you become a old grandma, this senior fellow apprentice Ou was...alas...pitiful...pitiful!"

Zhang Tie shook his head as the face of Ou Hongyu turned pale. He had not imagined that Zhang Tie had dug a pit for him and buried him alive; additionally, Zhang Tie even matted down the soil and set a gravestone for him. As a result, Ou Hongyu had no chance to free himself at all.

At this moment, all the other guys in the room threw their sympathetic glances at Ou Hongyu. They all sympathized Ou Hongyu. With so many elites from 6 clans at present, Ou Clan would definitely force Ou Hongyu to be a 'martyr' for the reputation of Chuixue Palace; otherwise, Ou Clan would be derided by others.

Of course, with one less competitor for courting Lan Yunxi, some guys were happy inside. However, at this moment, nobody treated Zhang Tie as a 'birth machine' anymore. None of the senior fellow apprentices of Lan Yunxi was coward, even a playboy who was indulged in love affairs...

Seeing Zhang Tie's eyes lit up once again, all the guys' hearts pounded.

"Who else have the same thought as senior fellow apprentice Ou Hongyu?" Zhang Tie asked with a smile.

"Junior fellow apprentice Zhang Tie must be joking. Although junior fellow apprentice Hongyu's ambition is admiring, this holy war would last 100 years, even 1000 years. Facing the holy war, it's our responsibility to protect humans by killing demons on the battle field; however, it's also our responsibility to extend our clan bloodlines. If our generation could not sweep the demons, we will have our sons and grandsons clean the demons!" a 27-year old man with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel smiled with a mature look.

All the elites of the 6 clans were excellent in some aspects. Although Ou Hongyu fell into Zhang Tie's pit, how could the others be foxed by such a problem.

His words sounded much more reasonable, which formed a resonance with Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie then cupped his hands in front of his chest, "May I know your name, senior fellow apprentice?"

"I'm Dantai Yuya from Tuisi Palace!" that man replied politely.

"Is senior fellow apprentice also wanting to court our senior sister apprentice Xi?" Zhang Tie put it straightforwardly.

"Ahem..ahem..." Dantai Yuya did not feel suitable to answer Zhang Tie's question. After glancing at Lan Yunxi and thinking about Ou Hongyu's outcome, he said euphemistically and bravely, "Gentlemen always court for fair lady. Senior sister apprentice Yunxi is as delicate as a orchid and as bright as the sun and the moon. It's my great honor to be favored by her, if possible!"

After hearing Zhang Tie talking about her private affair, Lan Yunxi glared at Zhang Tie.

"Ha...ha...don't be embarrassed, senior fellow apprentices. Our senior sister Xi is the most brightest star in Huaiyuan Palace and Hidden Dragon Palace. Numerous people are courting senior sister apprentice Xi. It's not strange for you to have such a desire." After hearing Zhang Tie's words, everybody exchanged glances with each other before nodding inside.

"However, as our fellow apprentices in Hidden Dragon Palace had negotiated before, the men who could match senior sister apprentice Xi must be very excellent. If he was an average person, even though senior sister apprentice Xi agreed to marry him, we fellow apprentices of Hidden Dragon Palace would not agree. In the eyes of our brothers from Hidden Dragon Palace, men from other clans courting senior sister apprentice Xi were like buddies from other schools stealing away our school sweetheart. What do you feel about that?"

Everyone in the room nodded as Zhang Tie's words were very vivid.

"Therefore, anyone wanting to court our senior sister apprentice Xi has to pass our brothers in Hidden Dragon Palace, right?"

Lan Yunxi stared at Zhang Tie with a puzzled look. She didn't know what other tricks would Zhang Tie play. However, Lan Yunxi was moved by one point of Zhang Tie's words. She was bothered by a lot of men all day long. Sometimes, she was very bored about them. However, their excuses were about military affairs; she felt embarrassed to drive them away. Therefore, she wanted to see what method did Zhang Tie have.

"I wonder what do you mean by passing the brothers of Hidden Dragon Palace." Dantai Yuya asked calmly.

"It's very simple. If you could not match the talents of the brothers of Hidden Dragon Palace, you'd better be self-conscious and stay away from senior sister apprentice Xi. As a girl, our senior sister apprentice might be embarrassed to drive you away sometimes. Our brothers of Hidden Dragon Palace could help her select her pursuer.

"Match what?" soon after Zhang Tie's words was a lieutenant colonel's question. None of those confident men would retreat at this moment.

"Any item which is concerned with money or family background is not trustful as it's not your own talent. I have a good item. As we are in the first theater of operations, where all the men head for, we will match the number of wing demons we can kill. As senior sister apprentice Xi had mentioned, I am just a toyboy and her most coward junior fellow apprentice, let's bet with 3 months. Those who could not kill as many wing demons as me within 3 months would stay far away from senior sister apprentice Xi. A toad don't dream for eating swan. Within the following 3 months, unless military affairs, please do not draw closer to senior sister apprentice with those old excuses for the sake of the others' feelings. What do you think about that?"

Those men exchanged glances with each other before raising their heads like game fowls with unpredictable smile.

"Hahahaha, that's funny, that's funny. Guys from Hidden Dragon Palace are really funny..." a man laughed hysterically, "I will match with you, let's see whether I'm qualified to court senior sister apprentice Xi after 3 months. I'm Wang Hu. This junior fellow apprentice is really funny. Let's drink when there's a chance!"

A guy with whiskers walked here and patted Zhang Tie's shoulders before going away.

Dantai Yuya also smiled, "Junior fellow apprentice Zhang Tie is right. Let's match our fighting strength then. We will be relaxed after 3 months!"

After leaving these words, Dantai Yuya also left.

The rest of people exchanged glances with each other before leaving. Only Ou Hongyu glared at Zhang Tie before leaving.

In a wink, there were only Zhang Tie and Lan Yunxi in the command module.

"What do you mean, junior fellow apprentice Zhang Tie?" Lan Yunxi glared at Zhang Tie as she accented the term 'junior fellow apprentice', "From when did you start caring about my private affair?"

Zhang Tie revealed a roguish smile, "Erm...as so many men were surrounding you...I'm afraid, I'm afraid to wear a green hat[1]!"

Soon after he finished his words, Zhang Tie found Lan Yunxi's eyes turned green as she slowly moved towards Zhang Tie with an increasingly dangerous qi.

Zhang Tie forcefully swallowed his saliva as he moved back out of fear, "Argh...what..what do you want?"

"Green...green..." Lan Yunxi muttered while gritting her teeth. It seemed that she had been obsessed with a ghost as she glared, "You b\*stard!"

Soon after saying this, Lan Yunxi darted towards Zhang Tie in a high speed that Zhang Tie could not even catch her figure.

"Don't beat my face...argh..."

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#### Chapter 537: Cultivation in the Airship

Zhang Tie left the airship with a bloody nose and swollen face and looked very embarrassed. However, he didn't feel depressed about that; instead, he felt a bit relaxed. He had a sense of relief after being beaten by Lan Yunxi. What he was afraid most was being ignored by Lan Yunxi.

Back in the battle fortress, Hillman and the other three guys were really startled by Zhang Tie's embarrassed look. They thought that Zhang Tie met demons on the way. Zhang Tie didn't want to explain it to them. He just let them have a good sleep and return to Jinyun Country together with him tomorrow.

"Argh, we will go back to Jinyun Country tomorrow?" Michel asked Zhang Tie with an amazing look.

"Hmm, of course, so you should go to bed early tonight. We will set out early morning!"

"Oh, thank god, I thought that we were going to fight demons here."

"Do you want to stay here? If you want, I will tell them to keep you here!"

"Argh. Don't do that! I'm just joking!" Michel hurriedly replied with a big smile.

Zhang Tie then entered his cabin and started to cultivate.

No matter how tense it was in the first theater of operations, as Zhang Tie had disappeared for three years, if he didn't return home to take a look at his family members and his friends, he would not be able to concentrate on fighting demons here.

To resist foreign aggression, there must be internal stability. His family members were still concerned about him. Additionally, he also cared about those girls of Rose Association and the God Blessing Brotherhood. It was righteous for him to just stay here in the 1st theater of operations, however, Zhang Tie was not proud of it at all. No matter what, family ranked first in Zhang Tie's mind forever. If he lost his own family and those people whom he was concerned about the most, who was he fighting demons for?

It only took him about 20 days to return to Huaiyuan Prefecture and come back. Zhang Tie didn't believe that such a great theater of operations would collapse without him.

"Additionally, Lan Yunxi is still angry at him. It's tricky to manage her. Slow down." Zhang Tie finally understood that polygamy was not that easy.

At about 5 in the next early morning, Zhang Tie heard the knocks from outside the narrow room.

Having long prepared for it, Zhang Tie hurriedly got off the bed and opened the door. A second lieutenant in airship uniform was standing outside the door, "Are you Zhang Tie?"

"Yup!"

"Airship 086 is going to set off, my officer told me to take you onto the airship!"

"Fine!" Zhang Tie hurriedly knocked at the door next to his room. Hillman and the other 3 guys had long prepared for that. The moment they heard Zhang Tie's knocks did they come out hurriedly.

After walking out of the battle fortress of Huaiyuan Palace, Zhang Tie let them wait for a short while. He then rapidly ran towards the room of Liu Xi and knocked at his door. Liu Xi was not inside. Zhang Tie estimated that Liu Xi was still on duty. Therefore, he left a slip of paper in Liu Xi's room. Soon after that, he left with that second lieutenant.

In the airship base outside the battle fortress, Zhang Tie caught sight of airship 086, which was a fury-level war airship. Over 200 wounded soldiers were in that airship, who required medical treatment in Huaiyuan Prefecture. Compared to them, Zhang Tie was just thumbing a ride.

The coxswain didn't know Zhang Tie's status. Therefore, when Zhang Tie boarded on the airship, the coxswain didn't show up. The crew of the airship also treated Zhang Tie as a coward of Huaiyuan Palace who hurriedly escaped away at the sight of the dangers in the frontier.

Zhang Tie didn't care about their thoughts. When a person was enough powerful, he indeed didn't have to care about others' feelings, neither would he show himself up in front of others. Zhang Tie estimated that he had killed tens of thousands of demon puppets, 13 LV 9 demons and 1 LV 14 demon from the accident in Heavens Cold City to now. He wondered whether this was a contribution that he had made to humans in the holy war or not. Therefore, he was very reassured about his current situation.

This time, 5 of them were allocated with 5 independent cabins. Although it was a bit crowded but it was better than that in the crystal battle fortress. Whereas, due to too many wounded soldiers were inside, the entire airship was filled with a smell of disinfected water.

Less than 10 minutes after they boarded on, the airship 086 had slowly suspended in the air under the guidance of the ground lamp signals. At the same time, the anchor chains which were used to fix the airship were also collected. Standing on the deck of the airship, Zhang Tie watched these battle fortresses. On the top of that battle fortress of Huaiyuan Palace, Zhang Tie saw a graceful figure who was watching this airship.

That was Lan Yunxi.

"Wait for me. I will be back soon. Wait for me back. I will kill all the wing demons and drive all those b\*stards away!" Zhang Tie shouted towards that figure. After hearing Zhang Tie's exclamation, that figure directly turned around and entered the battle fortress.

Touching his nose, Zhang Tie watched those fighters manipulating some defense weapons on the deck who were staring at him as if they saw an idiot.

"You can kill wing demons?" a tough Chinese soldier with the rank of sergeant first class asked Zhang Tie.



"Not yet. But I think it's not difficult!" Zhang Tie shrugged.

"Brat, don't talk nonsense. If you could kill a wing demon, I would call you grandpa!"

"Is wing demon that tricky?"

"Of course, they were LV 9 demons. As long as they reached the dead defensive corners of airship, one wing demon could tear all the major air sacs of a fury-level airship in one minute. In order to deal with wing demons, we've lost too many brothers."

"Does wing demons fly faster than airship?"

"Of course!"

"Are they faster than glider?"

"Almost!"

"Why not beat them by glider?"

"Brat, don't brag, glider is not like airship. It has limited weapons. There's only a driver inside. How to beat demons in the cockpit?" that sergeant first class stared at Zhang Tie.

"Do you have a glider on this airship?"

"Of course!"

"Haha, you will know how to beat them!" Zhang Tie smiled before leaving the deck.

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"F\*ck, this brat must have not been to the battle field!" a soldier on the deck said after Zhang Tie left.

All the others nodded.

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After leaving the deck, Zhang Tie directly returned to his cabin. He told Hillman to call him if the airship encountered an air attack. After that, he closed the door and started to cultivate.

Zhang Tie estimated it would take him at least 7 days by airship from Selnes Plain to Huaiyuan Prefecture of Jinyun Country. He could have a good cultivation in this period. Of course, if the airship met the attack of some iron-beak ibises on the way back, it would be awesome.

Zhang Tie sat with his legs crossed in the narrow cabin as he started to visualize the mysterious runes off 'Great Wilderness Sutra'. After that, he started to recite the endless true words of the Great Wilderness Sutra.

He had to recite the true words of endless Great Wilderness Sutra for 50 times before activating the second storey of the All-Spirits Pagoda. As long as the second storey was activated, Zhang Tie would have 5 Great Wilderness Seals and could manipulate all the LV 1 living beings. After that, Zhang Tie would prepare to see how powerful the soul-based animal controlling method in the "Great Wilderness Sutra" was.

As Zhang Tie muttered the true words one after another, mysterious tadpole-sized runes gradually formed in Zhang Tie's mind before drilling into the second storey of the All-Spirits Pagoda. Gradually, the second storey of the All-Spirits Pagoda started to shine.

Zhang Tie gently sped up. Gradually, each sentence of Great Wilderness endless true words jumped out of his mouth in the form of one syllable. As he read too fast, he only heard the sound "buzz"... "buzz"... later on, all of Zhang Tie's cells started to hum...

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In cultivation, Zhang Tie forgot about time. When he felt hungry as his stomach sounded like a thunder, he instantly retreated from the state of reciting Great Wilderness endless true words. After that, Zhang Tie got off the bed. After moving his limbs, he opened the door and walked out.

"Argh, boss, you're out?" half-balded counterfeiter Abu let out a sigh immediately the moment he saw Zhang Tie coming out.

"What's wrong?" Zhang Tie asked out of curiosity.

"Boss, we were all concerned about you during the past three days. If you didn't come out today, Hillman would have called the captain to break your door by force!"

"Oh, I've cultivated 3 days?"

"You don't know how long have you cultivated, boss?"

"In cultivation, you would have a different time experience!"

"Oh!" Abu scratched his head. The world of senior fighters was too mysterious for these LV 2 or 3 soldiers.

"Have the airship been attacked by those flying beasts?"

"No!" Abu shook his head.

"Where's the canteen. I want to eat something!"

"Ah, good!"

Although there were too many food in Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie didn't want to use Castle of Black Iron without any emergency.

On the way to the canteen, Zhang Tie found that Figo was dealing with wounds for those wounded soldiers as professionally as a doctor. It seemed that Figo had gained great respect from those wounded soldiers.

Zhang Tie was told that this guy was a surgeon before. Hillman was playing chess with the coxswain. At this moment, Figo and Hillman were the most popular guys on the airship.

When Zhang Tie was eating food, Michel stealthily ran towards here and whispered to Zhang Tie, "Boss, I know where's the code case of the airship. Do you want to see what's inside?"

Zhang Tie almost sprayed out a mouth of soup...

"F\*ck, what the hell are they?"

After hearing Michel's words, Abu also smiled in a bashful way, "Hmm, after observing their certificates these days, I found that it was very easy to counterfeit them!"

Zhang Tie took out of his clan plate and threw it to Abu, "Can you counterfeit this?"

After observing that plate for about half a minute, Abu replied, "I can make one with the same look. However, it's hard to completely counterfeit it. The special alloys on it could not be bought in the market. If they were replaced by other materials, they could be noticed by experts. The grains and fine holes on this plate form a very sophisticated machine three-dimensional identification code. Without the digital decoding formula, I could not pass the identification of difference engine. I need at least 40 parameters to decode this identification code. Additionally, I have to use the core programming card of the difference engine to completely backcast the digital decoding formula."

"You know difference engine?" Zhang Tie glanced at that half-balded guy.

"Doesn't a pig slaughter know how to polish a knife?"

"I forgot to ask you. What was your job before?" Zhang Tie asked the counterfeiter.

"Boss, I was a keypunch operator of a difference engine!"

"A keypunch operator?"

Abu explained for 10 minutes. After finding that Zhang Tie didn't understand what he said, he just looked at Zhang Tie with a helpless expression.

Zhang Tie didn't ask him anymore. He could understand the principle of abacus; however, he was completely confused about the steam calculator which was composed of numerous gears.

However, Zhang Tie also confirmed one thing, these guys were very useful.

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In the later days, Zhang Tie kept cultivating quietly in his cabin. Fortunately, this airship didn't encounter any attack on the way because of its great threat or its better route in the air. As a result, Zhang Tie failed to meet his desire for having one more trouble-reappearance fruit in the travel by trying the glider on the airship.

After entering his 3rd meditation for some time, Zhang Tie felt the All-Spirits Pagoda suddenly started radiating countless golden light in his mind, among which, the shadows of various insects and beasts started to appear on the second storey of the pagoda. Zhang Tie realized that he had activated the second storey of the All-Spirits Pagoda.

Zhang Tie started to inject spiritual energy from the top of the pagoda. An octahedron-shaped Great Wilderness seal slowly formed into the second storey of the All-Spirits Pagoda.

Zhang Tie became thrilled, "Is this the Great Wilderness Seal that could manipulate all the LV 1 living beings?"

After forming all the 5 Great Wilderness Seals on the second storey, Zhang Tie felt a bit tired because of lack of spiritual energy.

Zhang Tie poured in a vial of all-purpose medicament as he heard someone knocking at his door.

"We're arriving at Huaiyuan Prefecture..."

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## Chapter 538: Family Members

Being in the northernmost of Huaiyuan Prefecture, Taian City was adjacent to Shunjiang City of Lan Clan of Jinyun Country. After the 3rd holy war broke out, the entire Taian City became the northernmost military town of Huaiyuan Palace. Most of troops that left Huaiyuan Palace had to pass Taian City, not to mention airship troops. Now, Huaiyuan Palace set its airship base in Taian City. The airship No. 086 landed on a busy large-scaled airship port.

The airship arrived at noon while the sun was hanging high above head. Zhang Tie waited until all the wounded soldiers were carried away. The wounded soldiers bid farewell to Figo. When Hillman left, the coxswain even gifted him a box of collected chess. Because of the two guys, those airship crew's looked towards Zhang Tie while turning milder.

"Brat, remember what you said. Go back to the 1st theater of operations to kill wing demons. Don't be coward if you're a man."

Zhang Tie turned around and found that strong sergeant first class who talked with him a few days ago was shouting towards him while exposing his head out of the safety fence of the deck and waving his fist.

Zhang Tie smiled as he waved his hand towards this guy.

Soon after he passed the hatch door at the bottom of the airship was Zhang Tie stunned.

"Little Fruit..." Zhang Tie's mom rushed to him at once and embraced Zhang Tie. At the same time, she burst out into tears. After half a minute, she separated from Zhang Tie. Like checking a good, she checked Zhang Tie's body from head to toe. She even let Zhang Tie turn around. After that, she stopped sobbing, "It's good to see you safe...it's good to see you safe..."

Zhang Tie's eyes also turned red. When his mom rushed to him and embraced him, he genuinely sensed how his parents were concerned about him during the past 3 years.

His dad also came here. Wiping off his tears, he patted Zhang Tie's shoulders, "Remember to usually...usually send a message to us when you go out next time in case of your mom's concern!"

Zhang Tie wiped off his tears. He just nodded, "I know...this time...it's my mistake. I should not have made you and mom worried about me for such a long time!"

After saying that, Zhang Tie looked at his elder brother, who looked more mature and dignified than that when Zhang Tie left Huaiyuan Prefecture. Zhang Yang had kept a mustache. On his side were standing

some people. Zhang Tie's eldest sister-in-law Huizhen, who was holding a strong 4-5 years old kid in her right hand and a 2-3 years old little girl in her left hand. Both kids were adorable.

Besides the eldest sister-in-law were two women, both of whom looked like fair ladies and were more beautiful and dignified than the eldest sister-in-law. One of the two women was holding a 2-3 years old boy. The other woman who looked a bit plump was cradling a half-year old baby. Zhang Tie found that they were all similar to his elder brother.

"What a great elder brother!" Zhang Tie sighed with emotions inside.

Besides more family members, Zhang Tie found everybody was wearing better, especially his three elder sisters-in-law, who looked noble. It seemed that their living standards had been greatly improved. After a couple of years, Zhang Tie's parents looked even better than before due to the effect of all-purpose medicament. They didn't look old at all. Furthermore, their cheeks were rosy. This made Zhang Tie reassured.

"Cheng'an, do you remember your uncle? Call uncle together with your younger sister!" Wang Huizhen, the eldest sister-in-law touched the head of that 4-5 years old boy while telling him to hold the hand of the little girl on his side. Both kids then called Zhang Tie uncle in a naive voice with curious black eyes.

Zhang Tie then squatted as he touched their head and kissed their tender faces. Being not accustomed to that, the little girl was so scared by Zhang Tie's kiss as she directly hid behind Zhang Tie's mom, "Grandma, grandma..." all the family members then laughed about that...

"Shiyun, Huayin. Come out to greet Zhang Tie!" Zhang Tie's elder brother coughed, telling the two women on his side to greet his younger brother.

Zhang Tie stood up very officially, "Nice to see you, elder sisters-in-law!"

Zhang Yang then introduced the two women to Zhang Tie. The second sister-in-law's son was Zhang Chengxu, who's Zhang Yang's second son while the third sister-in-law's son was Zhang Chengze, who was just 5 months old. The eldest sister-in-law's daughter was Zhang Shiyu. That was to say, Zhang Tie's elder brother already had 3 wives, 3 sons and 1 daughter.

"That's awesome, elder brother. I have some nephews and nieces now. Since I came back in a hurry this time, I've not prepared any gifts for my nephews and nieces. How about this uncle bringing you some gifts next time?" Zhang Tie pinched the petite face of Zhang Chengxu.

"Thanks, uncle..." Zhang Chengxu replied as his mom that is Zhang Tie's second sister-in-law revealed a smile.

"Who are they?" Zhang Yang looked at Hillman and the other three guys on Zhang Tie's side.

"These are my subordinates. Elder brother, arrange someone to lead them to Jinwu Castle and settle them down there!" after saying that to Zhang Yang, Zhang Tie said something to Hillman and the other three guys. After that, they were taken away by a subordinate of Zhang Yang by a car being not far from here.

"Let's talk inside home!" after they all recognized with each other, Zhang Tie's dad suggested on one side as all the others nodded.

"Let's go back home then?" Zhang Yang looked at Zhang Tie.

"Fine. Let's talk inside home. Chengze and the other kids are too young to stand such a heavy wind!" Zhang Tie also nodded, "Oh, how did you come here, elder brother?"

"By airship. Our home has already moved to Yiyang City!" saying this, all of them started to walk in one direction.

Right dozens of meters away from here, there was a very luxurious and beautiful streamlined medium-sized manned airship. After boarding on the airship, Zhang Tie found that this airship was much more comfortable than that he could imagine. There were servicemen, babysitters of Zhang Yang's kids and their bodyguards. It seemed that Zhang Tie's parents and eldest sister-in-law had been used to this living style. Zhang Tie was also amazed by the bodyguards' levels. 3 of the bodyguards were LV 9, 2 of them were LV 10. The level of the rest one was unpredictable as a 50-odd years old man whose existence could almost not be sensed.

They just sat on the cozy sofa in the passenger cabin and chatted for free.

"These bodyguards were employed through special channel when Jinwu Corporation reached a certain scale. They are all members of Zhang Clan from Huaiyuan Palace!" Seeing Zhang Tie glancing at them, Zhang Yang whispered to Zhang Tie.

"Jinwu Corporation?"

"I recruited a team of guards last year. Our firm also developed. Therefore, our Jinwu Firm promoted to Jinwu Corporation!"

Zhang Tie nodded, "Elder brother is really an insightful person. I've predicted about the fast expansion of Jinwu firm with the business of all-purpose medicament."

"Tell me about you. Where have you been these couple of years? Don't you know how much your mom was worried about you?" Zhang Tie's dad glared at Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie scratched his head as he didn't know how to explain to his parents.

"Put down your hands. The moment you scratch your head, it means you're telling a lie. That's a bad habit that you've formed since you were young. I know you well!" Zhang Tie's dad put it straightforwardly.

Under the curious looks of three elder sisters-in-law, Zhang Tie revealed an embarrassed smile as he put his hands on the knees, "Erm...actually, I was cultivating in the wild these years. As it was remote, I didn't even know that the 3rd holy war had broken out until recently."

Zhang Tie expressed his experience in a honest way.

"Cultivate? You're just a teenager. To cultivate what? Tell me, have you been LV 6? Don't think that you papa could be easily cheated by your nonsense!" Zhang Tie's dad condemned him.

"Dad, I'm LV 9 now!" Zhang Tie replied honestly.

After hearing Zhang Tie's reply, both Zhang Tie's dad and his elder brother were shocked.

"What?" Zhang Tie's dad thought he heard it wrong.

"LV 9! As I've already promoted to LV 9, I returned to an inhabited place and found that the holy war had broken out. I've not encountered any dangers these couple of years although I've not returned home. Don't worry about me, dad and mom!" Zhang Tie comforted his parents. After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Zhang Tie's mom looked much more relaxed.

"Then why did you come back by the war airship of Huaiyuan Palace?"

"As demon disasters exist everywhere, I could only come back through Huaiyuan Palace's airship in the Selnes Theater of Operations!"

"Well, it's okay, it's good to see my son back. Don't always talk with him so seriously. We're not interrogating a criminal!" Zhang Tie's mom urged. Zhang Tie's dad then became silent.

Meanwhile, Zhang Tie's mom cradled Zhang Shiyu, who was climbing on the ground, onto her knees as she revealed a benign look, "Little fruit, you're almost 20 years old. I will find a girl to marry you this time. You have to learn from your elder brother and give birth to some kids for the sake of the domestic undertakings. The domestic undertaking is growing too large. Your dad and I are even a bit afraid about that. As long as you have more babies, your dad and I will be reassured..."

#### Chapter 539: The Best Wish

When Zhang Tie's mom spoke, all the family members focused on Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie immediately felt a great stress. Especially facing his parents' desiring eyes, Zhang Tie didn't know what to say at all.

"Get married and give birth to a baby?" To be honest, Zhang Tie had thought about this before. However, it was still too early to consider it now.

"Don't worry, mom. I promise you that I will give birth to more grandsons than my elder brother. You and dad are my idols. As you and dad fell in love freely, you can not force me to accept a stranger. I will also choose a free love and bravely elope with my beloved one. Am I right, dad?" Zhang Tie looked at his dad with a grin.

"Of course, at that time..." the moment Zhang Tie's dad became excited and wanted to say something with a proud look did he become frustrated and smirk under the sharp gaze of Zhang Tie's mom.

Zhang Tie's elder sisters-in-law all giggled while covering their mouth with hand...

At the sight of Zhang Tie's casual look, Zhang Tie's mom sighed...

Zhang Yang hurriedly shifted the topic as he pointed at the layout inside the airship, "Zhang Tie, guess where was this airship produced?"

Zhang Tie looked at it for a while before replying, "It looks nice, is there anything special with it?"

"Do you remember that small airship manufacturing company where our dad worked in Jinhai City?"

"Argh, is this airship produced by that company?"

"Yes!" Zhang Yang revealed a smile, "Two years ago, I bought that company at the cost of over 400,000 gold coins. Now, that company has changed its name into Jinwu Airship Manufacturing Company. Dad became the boss of that company. That is to say, this airship was produced by ourselves. Its type sea swallow was even named by dad. Its endurance could not match large-scale airship. However, It's suitable to medium and short-range flight within 2000 kms. As it's smaller and faster than the fury-level airship produced in Huaiyuan Prefecture, it has good market sales!"

Zhang Tie had not imagined that his elder brother had the same thought as him. Previously, he had thought about purchasing that airship manufacturing company so as to please his dad and himself.

After Zhang Yang finished his words, Zhang Tie picked himself up from the cozy seat and took a visit around the airship. To be honest, this airship was really not bad. Its design and craftsmanship could reach middle and upper class. Additionally, it could move fast. It seemed that they had made it with heart.

"How much does such an airship cost?" Zhang Tie asked Zhang Yang.

"About 14,000 gold coins for an average one. It could be customized and decorated according to the demands of customers!"

"Can we match it with weapons?"

"There's only a small steam ballista in the airship! As it is for civil use, it's not matched with too many weapons; however, it could be extended with some weapon positions. As war demands were considered in advance, additional weapon positions had been left on the power package!" Zhang Tie's dad started to introduce this airship for Zhang Tie with full of excitement ahead of Zhang Yang. Seeing their dad being that spirited, Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang exchanged glances with each other before grinning at the same time—a man should have an undertaking so as to bring spice to his life.

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It took them about 3 hours from Taian City to Yiyang City. After coming back to Yiyang City, Zhang Tie saw more airships in the sky than that a couple of years ago. At this moment, Huaiyuan Prefecture had not been influenced by the holy war; instead, it became more prosperous.

Being far away from demons disaster and being adjacent to the ocean, Yiyang City was the most important traffic hub in the entire Waii Sub-Continent. This place was also the trading center of the continents. From here, people could leave Waii Sub-Continent. With the surging population brought by war and the relevant developed trading and manufacturing, Yiyang City became more magnificent and grand.

The airship of Zhang Tie's family members didn't land in the airship port in Yiyang City; instead, it landed in a magnificent manor of Yiyang City.

After getting off the airship, Zhang Tie took a deep breath at the sight of those servants and babysitters who became busy because of the arrival of the airship and that faintly luxurious and grand building behind the woods.

"Let's go, we always keep your room clean. When you're outside, our mom would clean up your room each week and wait for you to come back!"



The whole manor covered more than 26000 square meters, which was twice that of Zhang's old mansion in Jinhai City. The qi field of this manor was much greater than that of Zhang's old mansion. Of course, this manor in Yiyang City was much more valuable and magnificent than that in Jinhai City.

At the sight of this place, Zhang Tie had understood his elder brother's intention——just for the face of their dad.

Being followed by a lot of servants, Zhang Tie's family members arrived at the front of that building. Before that round pool outside the front door of the building, Zhang Tie caught sight of Miss Daina when a current spread over Zhang Tie's body from his spine, causing him quiver all over for a second.

Miss Daina was still that beautiful with brown hair and blue eyes. Her hair was shorter than before, yet she looked more womanly. Wearing a decent azury female western uniform, she was squatting in front of the pool and applauding towards Zhang Cheng'an and the other kids. With a hurrah, those kids ran towards Miss Daina.

"Miss Daina is now the private teacher employed by us!" Zhang Tie's elder brother threw a deep glance at Zhang Tie before explaining to him, "With the help of all-purpose medicament, his elder brother has been completely cured two years ago. He's now working for Jinwu Corporation!"

Miss Daina stood up as she looked at Zhang Tie with a smile while holding two kids. This scene was like a beautiful picture in Zhang Tie's eyes. After burying his thought in mind, Zhang Tie revealed a smile as he walked over there, "Miss Daina..."

"I always wanted to extend my sincere thanks to you. But I had no chance. Although I didn't have your message these years, I believed that you were safe!" Miss Daina watched Zhang Tie.

Watching the blue mountain, Zhang Tie felt that his mind became pure, "Ha...ha...Miss Daina has taught two generations of Zhang family. That's your greatest thanks to us. I find that Cheng'an and Shiyu like you so much!"

"Actually it's a bit relaxed to teach kids. I'm also happy to stay with them!"

"Miss Daina meant I was naughty at school..."

Miss Daina replied with a smile...

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Before supper, Miss Daina completed today's task and intended to leave. Zhang Tie accompanied her to the outside of the manor.

Walking on the shadowy path, they chatted for a short while at the beginning; however, they both became silent after a while.

They just walked and didn't know what to say.

After a long while, Miss Daina broke the silence, "Zhang Tie, thank you..."

"It's my pleasure, teacher. To transfer you out of Blackhot City is the most meaningful thing that I've done since I was born!"

"You knew that holy war was going to break out at that time?"

"Yes!"

Miss Daina became silent once again. After a few more steps, she suddenly looked at Zhang Tie and asked, "Before you came back to Blackhot City, you didn't know about doctor Bionne, right? Doctor Bionne told me that it was you who taught him to say that."

After being silent for a second, Zhang Tie watched Miss Daina, "Yes!"

They then stopped at the same time, Daina watched Zhang Tie with a sophisticated look. It was Zhang Tie's first time to watch Miss Daina with an unprecedented brave look. He could almost hear his own heart beats.

"Miss Daina...I...am already LV 9!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Miss Daina became a bit amazed. While blinking her eyes, she smiled as she hugged Zhang Tie and kissed his forehead slightly, "Promise me, be my best student, okay? I've met my beloved man in this city. I want to get married. If not, I will be really old. I'm always waiting for this chance to tell you about this!"

The kiss almost made Zhang Tie fly; however, her following words made Zhang Tie hear something breaking in his heart.

After being silent for a few seconds...

"Ha...ha, I'm kidding. How come I become a bloody-scorpion fighter..." Zhang Tie burst out laughter at once with a cynical look. He even made a grimace towards Miss Daina, "All the students at school said that your appointment was fake. It seems that they were right. But I win a kiss at least. I'm so happy to know that you will get married, Miss Daina. That guy must be handsome!"

"Hmm, he's a handsome doctor. He's also considerate!" Miss Daina also smiled.

"Pitifully, I have to leave Huaiyuan Prefecture in a few days. Otherwise, I'd have definitely stayed to attend your wedding ceremony!"

"Do you still want to leave?"

"Hmm, I will go back to Selnes Theater of Operations..." Zhang Tie shrugged.

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After having the driver of the manor send Miss Daina away, Zhang Tie just stood still outside the gate of the manor and seeing her off like a concrete sculpture.

A few minutes' gaze was like a couple of years for Zhang Tie. During this period, Zhang Tie understood that many nice things in one's life could not be gained!

If you got it, you would be happy; if you lost it, you would grow up.

No matter whether it was happiness or growth, it would be a wish!

"I'm not the God. The world would not circle around me. Try your best, man!"

Zhang Tie forcefully rubbed his face, making it as red as his eyes. He wanted his tears back in his eyes. He then took a deep breath and forced a smile before returning to the manor.

"My parents are still waiting for me to eat supper."

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#### Chapter 540: The Fruit of Plunder

Zhang Tie had not eaten supper with his family members for three years. His parents were very happy. The kids were running around the table, making a very boisterous atmosphere. No matter what, those elder sisters-in-law were at least kind with each other superficially. Therefore, they all had a happy meal.

After supper, Zhang Tie's eldest sister-in-law asked Zhang Tie about the current situation of Blackhot City. After hearing that Blackhot City had been deserted by Norman Empire due to demons disaster and all the residents had moved out of the city, she was shocked very much.

Even his dad and mom sighed for that.

When the eldest sister-in-law asked Zhang Tie about the situation in Blackhot city, the other two sisters-in-law only sat aside and listened to their talk. Eldest sister-in-law looked as same as before while the 2nd and the 3rd elder sisters-in-law smiled. Zhang Tie could sense the subtle relationship between three women.

The eldest sister-in-law's family background was very common. Her parents opened a tailor's store. The 2nd and the 3rd wives of Zhang Yang both originated from rich and powerful clans. Zhang Tie's 2nd elder sister-in-law came from an influential clan of Jinhai City, which ran a big ocean fishing company. Because they had business dealings with Jinwu Corporation, Lu Shiyun married Zhang Yang through the introduction of their family members.

Although the eldest sister-in-law and the 3rd elder sister-in-law shared the same surname Wang, their families were completely different from each other. The 3rd elder sister-in-law came from Shude Palace of Wang Clan, one of the 6 top clans in Jinyun Country. Although she was not very noble in Wang Clan, she belonged to the direct line of descent of Wang Clan. Since she was young, she had received a good education and had a broad vision. Her father and brothers were all working as officers in Tianxi City, where the awarded prefecture of Wang Clan belonged to.

In such a case, Zhang Tie's eldest sister-in-law had a sense of crisis. She needed to seek for a chance to consolidate her position in Zhang Yang's family. Zhang Tie could understand it. Besides, he even coordinated with her very well. Zhang Tie always respected this very virtuous eldest sister-in-law who had been following his elder brother since in Blackhot City.

After chatting with each other for a while, as it was too late, Zhang Yang asked his wives and kids to go to bed first. Zhang Tie's parents knew that Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang had a lot to talk with each other after having separated for a couple of years. Therefore, they went to bed too.

Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang then came to Zhang Yang's study room from the parlor.

After entering Zhang Yang's study room, at the sight of the thick carpet and the rows of books on the book shelves, Zhang Tie nodded inside, "That's what a home should look like."

Zhang Tie casually threw himself onto the cozy sofa. Zhang Yang made two cups of tea and sat on Zhang Tie side as he passed one cup to Zhang Tie.

The special, dense fragrance and the glazed liquid in the tea cup were familiar to Zhang Tie, which reminded Zhang Tie of many things at once.

"Top Wild Spring from Eastern Continent!"

"You know that?" Zhang Yang glanced at Zhang Tie with an amazing look before letting out a sigh, "It seems that you lived well in the outside these years!"

"I drunk it once in the clan senior's room!" Zhang Tie smiled. He then added two cubes of sugar from the sugar cup into the tea cup and slightly stirred up.

"It's my first time to see the best drinking method of top Wild Spring! I will also have a try!" watching Zhang Tie's movement, Zhang Yang burst out into laughter as he also added two cubes of sugar into the tea cup. Zhang Tie also burst out into laughter. He finally could enjoy adding sugar into top Wild Spring tea water at home after 4 years.

What was progress? This was progress! The small cup of tea water indicated the power and social position of Zhang Clan.

"I know you have a lot of questions to ask. Go ahead. I will talk after you..." after drinking a mouth of sweet Wild Spring tea water, Zhang Tie's elder brother smacked his lip as he watched Zhang Tie.

"Where are those people that I brought here from Blackhot City?"

"After being told that you were not back together with them, I dispatched some powerhouses to pick you up in Blackhot City. When they arrived, they heard the news that Master Abyan was assassinated. His castle disappeared. Nobody knew what happened. Even you were lost. Closely after that, the holy war broke out. Those people waited for you in Huaiyuan Prefecture for one year. They were not used to living here; mainly because of language problem. Finally, many of them thought you were dead or could not stay in Huaiyuan Prefecture after encountering some accident; therefore, I sent them away from Waii Sub-Continent!"

"Where were they?"

"Eastern Continent!"

After being told that those guys of God Blessing Association and those girls of Rose Association had gone to Eastern Continent, Zhang Tie finally let out a sigh inside. "That's good. They could at least live a steady life. Perhaps some of them thought that they would not see me again. I could only seek for a chance to explain it to them.

Zhang Tie knew that when he would see those girls of Rose Association in the future, most of them would have their own families. The absurd experience between him and them would come to an end.

Waving his head, Zhang Tie forced a smile. "What a special day! It seems that all the familiar female came to bid farewell to me for the by-gones today, including Miss Daina and those girls of Rose Association. My elder brother has increasingly more wives; however, I don't even have one. I'm afraid that I might not have a chance to see those girls of Rose Association anymore. I could only hope for them to live a happy life after leaving this continent."

Watching Zhang Tie's bitter smile, Zhang Yang also smiled, "Hoho, easy; actually, besides Miss Daina who stayed here for his younger brother's treatment, three women are still staying in Huaiyuan Prefecture who said that they would wait for you to come back."

"Three?" Zhang Tie blinked his eyes as he felt something strange.

"Hmm, Linda, Beverly and Fiona. When I went to pick you up, I planned to take all of them; but considering our parents' feelings, I didn't notice them. You can give them a surprise!"

"Where are they?"

"Right in Yiyang City. They learnt Chinese very fast. They even opened a clothing store which has a good business. They are living together and looking after each other. I've already sent Beverly and Fiona's family members to the Eastern Continent and have people help them settle down there." after saying this, Zhang Yang even patted Zhang Tie's shoulders, "Hmm, these women are not bad!"

Zhang Tie drew in a deep breath as he controlled his impulsion to find them. After that, Zhang Tie asked another question, "What about other people. Are they used to the language of Eastern Continent? I'm afraid that many of them couldn't speak Chinese. Is it okay to have them sent to Eastern Continent?"

Zhang Yang replied with a smile, "The size of the Eastern Continent is thousands times that of Waii Sub-Continent. Although it is predominated by Chinese, on the border of Eastern Continent, there are also some agglomerations of minorities who speak Hebrew. Each minority would have millions of people. Therefore, they would not have problem in communication over there."

After hearing Zhang Yang's words, Zhang Tie found that besides reading a travel note written by a foreigner about Eastern Continent when in Blackhot City, he knew very little about Eastern Continent. Therefore, he felt a bit shameful about that.

"How's Eastern Continent?" can you talk with me about that, elder brother. To be shameful, as a Chinese, I only know a bit about that continent." Zhang Tie asked.

"Fine. I started to know about Eastern Continent in business these years as I touched more and more people over there. Let me talk with you about that!" Zhang Yang slightly raised his head with a gleaming look, "There's only one country predominated by Chinese in the entire Eastern Continent, which is called Taixia. The country is very prosperous. It has numerous Chinese people and vacant territory. It has 9 divine provinces, 36 upper provinces, 72 greater provinces and numerous medium- and small-sized provinces and prefectures. It's the most prosperous land of human civilization, the ruling center of Taixia and the sacred land of Chinese. It's called Xuanyuan Hill. It was said that Xuanyuan Hill was the sacred item of the far-ancient Chinese and the jewelry that Chinese excavated from the underground world after the Catastrophe."

"Argh? Isn't Xuanyuan Hill a place? Then why was it excavated from the underground world?"

"Xuanyuan Hill is both a place and is excavated from the underground world. I've not seen it. However, I was told that Xuanyuan Hill was a huge mysterious cube, whose length, width and height was about 100 km respectively. Its greater part is still buried underground!"

Zhang Tie became dumbfounded, "What about the Eastern Continent now? Are they still fighting?"

"The flames of war have not reached the Eastern Continent. If it reached the center of human civilization, Waii Sub-Continent had long been burned into ashes by demons. We would not be sitting and drinking tea here anymore."

Zhang Tie nodded. "Although the Waii Sub-Continent has been covered with flames of war, given its geographical position and its power on the human side, it is just the beginning of the holy war."

However, this had already brought Zhang Tie a great stress. He became a bit worried about the future; especially after witnessing the power of demon corps, Zhang Tie was clear that Waii Sub-Continent could not stand too long in this holy war. It was already 3 years since the beginning of the holy war; however, 1/4 of the territory of Waii Sub-Continent had collapsed. Numerous people had been killed. All the countries on the Waii Sub-Continent were ruined. Who knew what it would be here after 10 years. Zhang Tie was even not sure if humans could sustain 10 years here.

Zhang Tie then told Zhang Yang what he had witnessed in Selnes Theater of Operations and his judgment about the holy war. After that, he watched his elder brother seriously, "If our foundation could not be established here in the future, Waii Sub-Continent would completely collapse sooner or later. Therefore, from now on, elder brother, I hope you to prepare for moving our home to Eastern Continent as soon as possible. We need to take our parents, my elder sisters-in-law and the kids away from here. We have to lose some money for the future of our family!"

"Of course, I know. I've already started to prepare for this a couple of years ago. We have made more than 10 million gold coins by selling all-purpose medicament these years. Plus other incomes, we can restart our business wherever we go!"

"It's too good if you think that way, elder brother. As long as we are alive, we can make ten more times, even 100 times more!"

"I find you are much more confident than before!"

"Haha, no kidding, elder brother. You've doubled the population of our family these years. After two decades, when those kids have babies, our family would be great!" Zhang Tie joked.

Zhang Yang glared at Zhang Tie, "Don't talk nonsense. If not dad and mom worried about you, I wouldn't have so many kids! Have you seen that our mom didn't smile until being surrounded by those kids? She was transferring her attention; otherwise, the moment she thought about you, she would drop tears silently!"

Zhang Tie finally knew why his elder brother gave birth to babies so crazily these years.

"This is an accident. I promise this will not happen again!" Zhang Tie explained with a bashful look.

After picking himself up, Zhang Yang took out of a silver box from a drawer and put it in front of Zhang Tie.

"What's this?" Zhang Tie asked.

"Take a look at it!"

Zhang Tie opened it and saw two fluorescent diamond crystal columns being wrapped with a rune metal structure. Each of them were in the size of three fingers in a bundle. They looked like an hourglass,

"Argh, twin mirror crystals..."

"Since you disappeared, I've started to prepare this item. Later on, I got one set from Eastern Continent through Long Wind Corporation. This set is of top quality among long-distance communication equipment. It's very small. Although being rare, it's not sophisticated in use. You should take this and learn how to use it when you are free. Later on, no matter how far you will walk, you can be in touch with me at any time. Give me a message when you're free for the sake of mom's concern!"

This item could only be available for regimental commander even in Norman Empire's Army. It was really out of Zhang Tie's imagination that his elder brother could fetch one for him. Zhang Tie was not used to luxurious items. However, this time, as long as he could contact with his family members using it, Zhang Tie felt very worthwhile to have it.

Taking up one of them, Zhang Tie found it was linked with a firm metal chain for the sake of convenience. Zhang Tie took a look at it before wearing it over his neck. Zhang Yang wore the other one over his own neck.

"How much does this pair of item cost?"

"This pair of small top-quality item costs more than 300,000 gold coins. They could only be bought from Eastern Continent!" Zhang Yang then took out a brochure from the box and handed it to Zhang Tie, "Here's the user manual of this device. Take a look at it. We'd better make a set of key information or code so as to identify our real status when in communication!"

In the following 10 minutes, the two brothers solved this problem through a careful negotiation.

With the means that they could use to communicate with each other in the future, both Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang let out a deep sigh.

"I remember there was a communication device called mobile among numerous long-distance communication means before the Catastrophe. It only costed a bit more than 10 silver coins to have a mobile. But that mobile could not match my necklace which costs 200,000 gold coins." Zhang Tie thought.

"Oh, elder brother, what's your level now?"

"I'm just LV 6. I don't have a good talent like you. Additionally, I put most of my efforts on business these years; therefore, I didn't spend too much time on cultivation. When money will not work, this home has to rely on you!" Zhang Yang told Zhang Tie seriously.

If the holy war didn't break out, Zhang Yang, as a LV 6 fighter, could serve as a small military officer in the city guards of Blackhot City. If so, he could already make his family members proud and satisfied. However, at this moment, an average LV 6 fighter who had not even awakened his ancestral bloodline was far away from showing off his talent and making others reassured.

Zhang Tie knew that his elder brother must have another more powerful and more respectable status besides being a rich businessman so that Zhang family could tide over difficulties even if Zhang Tie was dead. Their family required a double shelter.

This was the main reason for Zhang Tie to come back to Huaiyuan Prefecture this time.

"Elder brother. As you have gifted me a long-distance crystal; turn around and guess what I will gift you!" Zhang Tie joked.

"Haha, don't joke with me. If you have something, I must have seen it!" Zhang Yang thought that Zhang Tie was kidding him like what he always did in the childhood.

"I will perform a magic. Turn around. Elder brother. Let me keep a bit mystery!"

Watching Zhang Tie's serious look, Zhang Yang then turned around as he warned Zhang Tie, "I tell you, younger brother. Don't scare me with a toad or snake like what you usually did. We're adults now, don't play such a naive game anymore!"

After hearing that, Zhang Tie grinned. After his elder brother turned around, Zhang Tie used some spiritual energy and moved out a crystal red fruit which was much smaller than an apple out of Castle of Black Iron—Fruit of Plunder! That was a reward from the small tree after Zhang Tie killed Abyan.

Zhang Tie held the fruit which was a bit bigger than a plum. A mysterious luster seemed flowing in the fruit, which was eye-catching.

"It's okay, elder brother. The magic is over. You can turn around!" Zhang Tie told Zhang Yang calmly.

Zhang Yang turned around and caught sight of that crystal fruit which radiated a mysterious splendor. He became stunned at once. Closely after that, he grinned, "Ho, you've hidden something with you. Is this your gift? It looks beautiful. Is it made of crystal?"

"This fruit is eatable; I especially brought it here for you, elder brother!"

"Eatable? It's a fruit? What a strange fruit! It's my first time to see such a fruit. Did you find it in the wild? Is it poisonous?" Zhang Yang joked as he held it and looked at it with a calm look.

"Elder brother. Can you promise me two things before eating it. Firstly, don't ask me where did I get this fruit. I don't want to lie to you. It's very complex. It's not a good thing if you know it. Let's take it as my secret. Secondly, don't tell anyone else that you've eaten this fruit!" Zhang Tie watched Zhang Yang with a solemn look.

"Ha, that sounds serious. Well, I promise you. I will not ask where did you get it or tell anyone else about this, even your elder sisters-in-law, how about that?" Zhang Yang still remained very relaxed.

Zhang Tie nodded very seriously.

"Then, let me taste it?"

"You'd better engulf it, including all of its juice!"

Zhang Yang replied with a smile as he didn't doubt that Zhang Tie gave him something bad to eat. Therefore, he engulfed it at once. After chewing it for a while, he swallowed it directly.



"Hmm, it tastes a bit weird..." Zhang Yang smacked his lips, "It's a bit similar too..."

Before Zhang Yang finished his words, he had widely opened his eyes as he started to quiver all over. Right then, he felt numerous knowledge surged in his mind. Like he knew all of them, they became clear all of a sudden, including names of herbal medicines and plants, features and drug properties of animals, manufacturing methods of weird liquids and powders, familiar operating processes, genes sequences, formulas, manufacturing methods of medicament and pills, treatment of diseases and assessment criteria of pharmacists...

Zhang Yang panted and rolled up his eyes as his eyelids quivered. He cramped once and remained in this state for about an hour before he gradually recovered his composure...

He watched Zhang Tie, then his hands with a shocking look. Then, he muttered in an unimaginable and quivering tone, "Argh...what's wrong with me...I now...feel...I'm already an orange-robe pharmacist. I know so many knowledge, I've learnt manufacturing methods of so many medicament at once..."

Zhang Tie took a deep breath, "Elder brother, you're indeed an orange-robe pharmacist now. You've already grasped all the knowledge that should be mastered by an orange-robe pharmacist. With this status, you will be able to protect our home now..."

"That fruit..." Zhang Yang widely opened his eyes and gazed at Zhang Tie. It seemed that he had understood something at once. Zhang Yang felt that all the surprises that he had accumulated since he was born could not match 1/100 of his current surprise.

Zhang Tie slightly nodded.

Zhang Yang was too shocked to utter a word. He wanted to ask where did Zhang Tie get that fruit; however, he stopped at once as he remembered what he had promised to Zhang Tie.

The room became quiet for 3 minutes before Zhang Yang recovered his breath. As he was intense, his voice became a bit trembling and hoarse, "After a few days...I will complete the authentication of herbal medicine apprentice in the Pharmacists Trade Union. This will not arouse others' attention..."

"Hmm, pass the authentication of herbal medicine apprentice first; before leaving here, you'd better promote to knapsack herbal medicine master. After that, you should complete the the authentication of orange-robe pharmacist within 10 years. You're already a top talent in others' eyes if you could make that in 10 years. It's not good if you promote too fast!" Zhang Tie explained calmly.

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2 hours later, when it was later than 11 pm in the midnight, Zhang Tie stood in front of a door on the 3rd floor of an apartment building in a safe high-end community and consecutively pressed the doorbell for three times.

"Fiona, go take a look who's that..." a familiar, tender voice drifted out of the door.

"Argh, who knows..." with a sound caused by slippers moving on the floor, Zhang Tie heard, "That's too boring. We've been tired for the entire day. I've not cooked well my strawberry jam yet..."

Hearing the footsteps drawing nearer, Zhang Tie moved one step back. He then laid out his clothes and revealed a smile in front of the peephole on the door.

After a few seconds, the peephole was opened from inside, closely after a crashing sound caused by a plate falling on the floor.

"Argh, Fiona, what's wrong?" Linda's voice drifted from the inside of the room as she walked towards the door.

The door was opened. Fiona in pajamas burst out into tears. She immediately threw herself into Zhang Tie's chest as she hugged Zhang Tie tightly. When Linda caught sight of Zhang Tie, she also became stunned at once. Covering his mouth with hand, she didn't believe what she saw as her tears also poured out at once.

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