

Black Iron 541

Chapter 541: Family Members II

For many people, time was as cruel as a butcher's knife as it would turn beautiful things into vulgar and meaningful things into insipid. In front of such a butcher's knife, any beauties would grow old and any heroes would fade away.

However, sometimes this butcher's knife also become a brew master. Being fermented by this master, those raw or sweet fruits turned into fragrant, mellow and intoxicating drinks.

Zhang Tie was drunk over night.

The next morning, when Linda, Fiona and Beverly woke up on the bed in a sluggish and slightly fatigued manner, they found nobody else was on their bed. They almost thought that was just a dream. That was too illusory. At the same time, they heard chopping sound from the kitchen and faint aroma of dishes and food. This indicated that it was not a dream. It was real. That man truly came back.

Linda was the eldest and the most bashful one among them. When she woke up and saw Fiona and Beverly's looks, she hurriedly covered her body with the bed sheet and jumped off the bed rapidly to take up the night skirt and put it on.

Fiona and Beverly exchanged glances with each other and giggled. After that, they also got up and put on a skirt casually before walking towards the kitchen together.

When they came to the kitchen, they saw Zhang Tie cutting potatoes into shreds and boiling a fish in the kitchen. The whole kitchen was filled with the aroma of the fish soup.

Watching Zhang Tie cooking in the kitchen, all the three women felt something strange.

Linda walked there first and tightly hugged Zhang Tie's waist from his back. At the same time, she put her face on Zhang Tie's back as she closed her eyes. It seemed that she was not sure that was the real Zhang Tie if she did not do this.

Zhang Tie turned around and slightly kissed Linda's forehead. He then revealed a smile, "We can have breakfast in a few minutes. I've not cooked for many years. Hopefully, my cooking skills didn't regress! After breakfast, you can take me to visit your store. After that, go back home with me!"

"Argh, go back to your home?" Fiona was amazed.

"Of course. Mom was still worried that I did not have a girlfriend when I came back home yesterday. I will take you back home today!" Zhang Tie said in a cynical tone.

All the 3 women got Zhang Tie's meaning from his reply. Fiona and Beverly exclaimed at once. Closely after that, they turned around and cleansed themselves. Zhang Tie felt Linda's body turned slightly stiff.

"Do...do I need to go there? You can just take Fiona and Beverly there..." Linda asked Zhang Tie in a low voice behind his back, "I've already been very satisfied about this!"

After cutting the last potato into shreds, Zhang Tie stopped and washed his hands. After drying his hands with towel, he turned around and pinched Linda's jaw, raising her beautiful and womanly face as he looked in her beautiful eyes, "What are you worried about?"

Linda dodged from Zhang Tie's eyes in a bashful way, "I...I'm much elder than you. According to Chinese customs, I...am a bit improper...!"

"What are you talking about? In Chinese, if woman is 3 years elder than the man, she would bring a gold brick to the man. As you are over 10 years elder than me, you can bring me a gold mountain for sure. I have to marry a mature woman like you. You can bring me wealth and manage the household well." saying this, Zhang Tie put his arm around Linda's waist as he rubbed her plump and soft butts with her silk night skirt in between. After that, he bit Linda's ear slightly, "Woman with such butts could easily deliver a baby. You have plump breasts too. As my mom has sharp eyes, she will know that you can deliver a healthy baby at the sight of your figure. She will like you for sure. Come on, go cleanse yourself and put on a set of beautiful clothes. Baby..."

Hearing the word 'baby', Linda instantly blushed, even her ears turned red. It seemed that this word reminded her of many other things. After glancing at Zhang Tie bashfully, Linda nodded as her face shined. After slightly kissing Zhang Tie, she went to cleanse up and change her clothes.

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Actually, when women dressed up themselves seriously, it would take them a lot of time. After half an hour, Zhang Tie had already cooked the breakfast; however, the three women were still in the room. Therefore, Zhang Tie entered their room.

"Beverly, does this purple skirt fit me? and the shoes? I like this pair of brown high-heeled shoes. However, the deep color of this pair of shoes seemed not matching the deep color of this skirt...It's a bit depressing..." Fiona was standing in front of a dressing mirror in only bra and underwear while holding a skirt in front of her.

The bed was covered with various clothes. All the wardrobes had been opened. Beverly was delving in her casket for something, "Argh, have you seen my crescent earrings that I bought last time?"

"It might be in the 2nd drawer of your dressing table!" Linda replied as she had already put on a red elegant skintight longuette, which displayed all of her beautiful lines. She was sitting on the chair and putting on her silk stockings.

Zhang Tie really enjoyed watching the three women changing clothes in the room. After a couple of years, Fiona and Beverly looked more beautiful and maturer. They had already become fully mature at the age of about 20. Due to the effect of all-purpose medicament, Linda didn't look elder than that three years ago at all. Additionally, benefited from all-purpose medicament, they looked healthy and brilliant inside and outside—brighter eyes, shinier hair, whiter and finer skin without any defects, which even faintly brightened up.

Zhang Tie's elder brother indeed understood Zhang Tie. Even though Zhang Tie was not in Huaiyuan Prefecture these years, Zhang Yang still supplied enough all-purpose medicament, which was favored by noble women across Blackson Humans Corridor as the sacred medicine of youth, to the three women.

Beverly was the first one who found Zhang Tie was leaning against the door and watching them with gleaming eyes, "Argh, don't peep at us!"

"Haha, what are you afraid of? I've already seen everything on your bodies!" Zhang Tie grinned.

"Argh, go out...go out..."

Zhang Tie was then driven out of the room by Linda. Standing out of the door, Zhang Tie patted his head as he shouted, "The breakfast is ready..."

"We will come soon..."

After another half an hour, when Zhang Tie almost cooked the breakfast for the second time did the three women walk out of the room. At the sight of the three women, Zhang Tie's eyes brightened up. How elegant, beautiful, alluring, energetic, mature and charming women!

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In the afternoon, Zhang Tie visited their store in a quiet and tidy avenue of Yiyang City. All the surrounding stores and buildings looked high-end and stylish. The clothing store covered more than 200 square meters, which was much larger than that Linda opened in Blackhot city. However, the commodities were almost the same. Besides the 3 of them, they also employed four saleswomen and two highly skilled tailors and garment makers.

They sold middle-grade female clothes that they designed and processed themselves. Their business was neither too good nor too bad. Besides maintaining the expenditure of running the store, they could survive themselves. What was more was that they found some spice in this business.

Zhang Tie felt it was not bad. Not each woman in this world was like Lan Yunxi, who had brilliant look and overwhelming fighting skills than men; or Olina, who was extremely shrewd and could establish a great undertaking out of nothing. If all women were like them then men would be nothing but a birth machine.

Perhaps this thought was a bit radical which might even arouse the ridicule of those feminists, able women or tough girls. However, Zhang Tie really thought that an average woman only needed to dress herself well, maintain health and take care of her man and her family. If possible, she could also have her own undertaking. Women didn't need to think that much.

After visiting where they worked and knowing how they lived and killed time these years, Zhang Tie took them back home.

The three women became a bit intense. Beverly visited Zhang Tie's home and had already met Zhang Tie's parents in Blackhot City as Zhang Tie's "student". However, her status was different this time.

Additionally, Zhang Tie took three women back home at once. Thankfully, Zhang Tie had already informed his elder brother and his parents in advance. Therefore, Zhang Tie's parents were not surprised at the sight of Beverly, Linda and Fiona.

Instead, Zhang Tie's three elder sisters-in-law were shocked by the three women brought by Zhang Tie like seeing aliens. Whereas, Zhang Tie was shameless, who didn't care about their response at all.

Since Zhang Tie's mom caught of Zhang Tie making love with those girls of Rose Association in Blackhot City, she had been prepared well for Zhang Tie's absurd action in some aspect.

After opening a clothing store and living in Huaiyuan Prefecture for three years, Beverly, Linda and Fiona could speak Chinese very fluently. They spoke Chinese fluently when they talked with Zhang Tie's parents, which satisfied Zhang Tie's parents very much.

What was out of the imagination of Zhang Tie's parents was the age of Linda, who was even elder than Zhang Tie's three elder sisters-in-law. However, Linda's kindness and beautiful look left a very good impression to Zhang Tie's parents; especially after being told that the three women had waited for Zhang Tie for three years in Huaiyuan Prefecture, Zhang Tie's parents didn't know what to say.

This evening, the three women slept in Zhang Tie's home...

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"Are you serious?" Zhang Yang asked Zhang Tie when there were only two of the them in the room.

"How many three years do a woman have in their most beautiful age? I don't want to pursue for any ground-breaking love. I felt that these women had spent too much for me." Zhang Tie looked a bit moved while watching his elder brother, "I only feel that such women deserve my serious treatment. I feel very relaxed to be with them. I don't need to disguise at all. When we move to Taixia, we need to take them; as long as they don't live up to me, I will not live up to them!"

Zhang Yang watched Zhang Tie as he nodded seriously.

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In the midnight, Zhang Tie got up and slipped towards their rooms. Unexpectedly, all of their bed rooms were locked from inside. Even Zhang Tie called their name from outside the door, he still received no response. Finally, Zhang Tie could only return without any achievement. After cultivating for a few hours, he fell asleep.

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The next morning, when Zhang's family members ate breakfast together with Linda, Beverly and Fiona, Zhang Tie's mom, who was drinking porridge, suddenly asked Zhang Tie, "Was there a stray cat in our home last night? I heard a stray cat scratching doors!"

After hearing her words, Zhang Tie's three elder sisters-in-law lowered their heads as they tried to not laugh out. Linda, Beverly and Fiona also glanced at Zhang Tie bashfully. However, Zhang Tie disguised in front of his mom, "Argh, is that true? I didn't notice that!"

"Of course it is!" before Zhang Tie's mom replied, Cheng'an, who slept with his grandma last night had raised his innocent face and said seriously, "Grandma said there was a big stray cat scratching doors last night. She said the cat was going to steal little golden fish. The big stray cat is too bad..."

"Pfhhh..." Zhang Yang almost sprayed out a mouth of porridge after hearing his son's words. He hurriedly covered his mouth with napkin.

"Don't talk nonsense, Cheng'an. Hurry, eat breakfast..." Zhang Tie's eldest sister-in-law hurriedly fed her son although trying her best to not laugh out.

"I'm not talking nonsense. If you don't believe me, you can ask my uncle. My uncle must have heard that last night!" Cheng'an urged innocently before watching Zhang Tie, "Uncle, dad said you were great. Can you help me catch that big stray cat. I don't want it to steal our golden fish!"

Zhang Tie frowned as he nodded solemnly, "Trust me, Cheng'an, this uncle will beat its butt for you!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, all the people at the table burst out into laughter...

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After having breakfast, the steward arrived. Lowering his body, he glanced at Zhang Tie and whispered something in Zhang Yang's ear.

"What's up?" Zhang Tie asked Zhang Yang.

"There's a deacon from Clansmen Pavilion and a vehicle. He wants to take you to Clansmen Pavilion..." Zhang Yang slightly frowned...

The moment they heard that the deacon from Clansmen Pavilion arrived did Zhang Tie's parents change their face. Deacons from Clansmen Pavilion were big figures. If not major events, they would not come here themselves...

"Argh, is there something wrong?" Zhang Tie's dad became worried as he was a bit afraid about the Clansmen Pavilion of Huaiyuan Palace due to his elopement with his wife.

"It's fine, dad. I will take a look out there!" Zhang Tie cleaned his mouth as he stood up.

"Me too!" Zhang Yang also stood up and walked out of the dining room with Zhang Tie...

In the parlor of Zhang Tie's home, Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang caught sight of that deacon from Clansmen Pavilion. That was a 50-odd years old man in a black robe who looked very dignified.

When Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang entered, that man glanced at Zhang Yang immediately before focusing on Zhang Tie. Like seeing a jewelry, he kept gazing at Zhang Tie, making Zhang Tie a bit scared.

"F*ck, is he a psycho?" Zhang Tie swore inside...

"Are you Zhang Tie?" that man asked.

"Yes! Who are you?"

"I'm Zhang Jin, a deacon from Clansmen!" saying this, the man took out of his clan identification plate and showed it to Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang.

After checking the plate, Zhang Yang nodded at Zhang Tie.

"May I know your intention here?"

"The clan elders want to see you..."

"The clan elders want to see me?" Zhang Tie was stunned at once...

Chapter 542: The Immortal Bloodline

The moment Zhang Tie thought that he had to visit the Clansmen Pavilion of Huaiyuan Palace each time he returned to Huaiyuan Prefecture did he feel something strange.

"Why would the clan elders want to meet me this time?" Zhang Tie was always puzzled about this on the way. "If it was because of all-purpose medicament, the one who should contact me would be Long Wind Corporation, instead of the deacon from Clansmen Pavilion. It must be related to internal affairs of Zhang Clan. But why do these Clan elders focus on me, a small figure?"

Zhang Tie was confused. He inquired about the deacon, who just told him that he would know about it in Clansmen Pavilion.

"Is it because of Lan Yunxi? Are those Clan elders warning me that an ugly toad should not dream about eating the flesh of a beautiful wild swan? How gossipy they are! Lan Yunxi's dad has not even cared about that!" Zhang Tie thought.

"Oh, I've not yet seen Count Long Wind, the head of Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace!"

As deacon Zhang said that the Clan elders only wanted to see Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang didn't come with Zhang Tie. Even if he came together with Zhang Tie, it was still useless. In Clansmen Pavilion, which gathered so many Clan powerhouses, nobody could stir up a trouble.

It was the same Clansmen Pavilion and the same lofty, solemn and old-fashioned building. At the sight of the people inside the vehicle, the soldiers outside the gate of Clansmen Pavilion just let them in without even checking it. After getting off the vehicle, deacon Zhang took Zhang Tie around the Clansmen Pavilion and finally arrived at a relatively tranquil independent small building which was called 'Ancestral Bloodline Pavilion'. Deacon Zhang didn't enter it; instead, he just bowed outside the small building.

"Clan elders, Zhang Tie is here!"

"Good, let him in!" a calm voice drifted from the inside of the small building. Deacon Zhang glanced at Zhang Tie and implied that Zhang Tie could enter. After taking a deep breath, Zhang Tie walked in.

The special fragrance of burning sandalwood incenses filled the small building, bringing Zhang Tie a sense of tranquility. Zhang Tie recovered his composure at once.

After crossing the threshold, detouring the screen wall facing the gate and passing a courtyard, Zhang Tie saw some gray-haired old men sitting in a hall. Zhang Tie did not dare to show any disrespect to the Clan elders who had high positions in Huaiyuan Palace and unpredictable fighting strength .

Only after being glanced by them, Zhang Tie had felt being seen through. When they looked at him, the All-Spirits Pagoda in Zhang Tie's mind slightly vibrated while the surrounding spiritual energy gathered around it and covered the All-Spirits Pagoda at once. Zhang Tie had not imagined that All-Spirits Pagoda could have such a marvelous ability. As a result, Zhang Tie's heart slightly pounded.

"Zhang Tie, a descendant of Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace pays a formal visit to Clan elders!" Zhang Tie bowed towards them. After seeing clearly the look of that Clan elder in the main seat, Zhang Tie knelt

down in front of that elder and kowtowed three times loudly, "Zhang Tie wishes sixth grandpa good health on behalf of my father Zhang Ping!"

Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa was the most influential figure of Huaiyuan Palace in Golden Sea City. He was the head of Clansmen Pavilion. When Zhang Tie's family arrived at Huaiyuan Prefecture, without Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa's help, Zhang Tie's father might still be in the prison. Therefore, Zhang Tie's family appreciated this extremely dignified man very much.

Watching Zhang Tie's performance, all the Clan elders exchanged glances with each other before nodding slightly.

"Get up!" Sixth grandpa replied with a tender voice as he slightly raised his hand. Zhang Tie then felt an invisible, irresistible and tender strength lifting himself from his feet.

"Is this a knight's strength?" Zhang Tie was shocked. He wondered when could he have such a great strength.

Zhang Tie just stood there respectfully as he was confused why the Clan elders wanted to see him. He just behaved like a kid with a good discipline silently.

"What do you think, brother Murray?" A Clan elder asked Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa on his side with a smile.

"Just follow the rules in case of loopholes!" Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa said calmly.

"Fine!" that Clan elder nodded as he glanced at this side. Two deacons in robe then walked forward. One of them was carrying a very solemn box. After the other Clan elders nodded, the other deacon opened the box and took out of a crystal which was longer than 30 cm and thicker than 6 cm. The crystal was glittering blurred brilliance. In the middle of the crystal was a rolling drop of red blood.

When this item was taken out, Zhang Tie, who was close to it, instantly felt his qi and blood all over being restless.

The deacon held the crystal carefully in his hand before erecting the sharp topmost part of the crystal and telling Zhang Tie, "Put your finger on the top of the bloodline crystal and pierce it!"

As it was not proper to ask why at this moment, finding that these Clan elders were not malicious about him, Zhang Tie put his finger on the sharpest point of the crystal. After slightly pressing his finger, Zhang Tie forced a drop of fresh blood to flow off his finger. Under Zhang Tie's gaze, the drop of fresh blood started to penetrate into the crystal like how plants rooted in the ground. At the same time, the fresh blood in the crystal also started to be restless. When the two drops of blood touched, the entire crystal glittered red brilliance for over 10 seconds.

"Your excellency, Clan elders, based on the test of the bloodline crystal, his fresh blood resonates the fresh blood of Lord Huaiyuan and glitters brilliance without causing any abnormal phenomena, this man is indeed the descendant of Lord Huaiyuan instead of being disguised by shadow demon!" that deacon being responsible for testing Zhang Tie with the crystal reported.

After hearing this report, Zhang Tie immediately oozed cold sweat all over. He finally understood the purpose of this test. If he could still transform into a shadow demon due to the genes of shadow demons, Zhang Tie did not dare to imagine how the crystal would look.

All the Clan elders nodded. The two deacons then put the crystal back into the box and moved back.

Finding that Zhang Tie slightly changed his face, Zhang Murray and Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa revealed a smile, "Take easy. This is just a rule of Huaiyuan Palace. Almost each apprentice of Huaiyuan Palace entering here has to pass this test. Each Clan has such means to maintain the purity of its Clan bloodline and the reliance of its key figures in case of being violated by outsiders and demons. We're not especially targeting at you."

After hearing the words of his sixth grandpa, Zhang Tie recovered his composure.

"Please forgive me. I've not heard about such a testing method before. Therefore, I was just a bit shocked!" Zhang Tie replied.

"Hmm, take easy. We want to know something about you!" Zhang Murray opened his mouth.

"What do you want to know, your excellency? I will answer honestly!"

"Did you awaken an ancestral bloodline several weeks ago?"

Zhang Tie knew that Huaiyuan Palace was able to know which apprentice of Zhang Clan had awakened an ancestral bloodline recently. Therefore, he was not amazed by this question. After knowing their purpose, Zhang Tie let out a deep sigh at once.

"Yes, I've awakened an ancestral bloodline several weeks ago!"

"What's the function of this bloodline?" before Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa continued, another Clan elder couldn't wait to ask.

"Erm..." Zhang Tie became a bit hesitated as he looked around.

"Don't worry. Nobody else is allowed to enter Ancestral Bloodline Pavilion without our consent. Additionally, there are lots of rune settings here. Nobody could hear your words besides the Clan elders in the hall!" that Clan elder added.

Zhang Tie thought for a while and replied, "How to say, I can transform my look with this ancestral bloodline!"

"Argh, transform your look?" the moment they heard this did the three Clan elders become excited. The quick-tempered one who asked Zhang Tie instantly picked himself up. After glancing at the other two elders, he took a deep breath and sat down.

Zhang Tie didn't know why they were so thrilled.

"Can you show us your ancestral bloodline?" Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa asked kindly.

"Yes, I can!" after saying this, Zhang Tie started to transform his look. His hair gradually turned red; his eyes turned dark green; his skin turned as black as that of Bagdad. It took him over 10 seconds to complete his transformation. After that, Zhang Tie almost became another human race.

All the three Clan elders were shocked. The hand of the one who asked Zhang Tie even quivered on the chair.

After this look was maintained for more than 10 seconds, Zhang Tie's hair started to turn brown; his eyes turned light golden; his skin turned that of Hebrew people. Except for his height and his figure, Zhang Tie changed into another human race.

Finally, Zhang Tie recovered his original look.

"How long can you keep the two looks respectively?" Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa's voice quivered slightly.

"Erm, maybe as long as I want to keep them. I feel natural to transform my look!" Zhang Tie scratched his head.

"Hmm...how many times can you use this ability one day?" another Clan elder asked Zhang Tie while fixing his eyes on him.

"Erm, I've not tried. But I feel it's as easy as breathing. It should be limitless!" Zhang Tie replied while changing his eyes colors alternatively into red, yellow, blue and green easily.

"Immortal bloodline, immortal bloodline, unique immortal bloodline..." that Clan elder who asked Zhang Tie instantly sprung up from his chair as he raised high his hands with an extremely excited look. The other two Clan elders didn't stand up; however, they both looked spirited as their cheeks blushed...

Zhang Tie watched these Clan elders with a confused look, "It's just an ancestral bloodline, why are you so happy?"

Chapter 543: The Origin of Zhang

The excited Clan elders had not noticed Zhang Tie's confused look at all. Until Zhang Tie slightly coughed and asked "Sixth grandpa?" did the other two Clan elders take a deep breath and recovered their composure.

At this moment, Zhang Tie found that the three Clan elders were watching him like watching a gold baby being dug out of the ground, making him a bit uncomfortable.

"Ahem...ahem...did anyone else know that you've awakened this ancestral bloodline?" a Clan elder asked Zhang Tie.

"No, I've just awakened it a few days ago. I've not told others yet!"

"Don't mention it to others in case of troubles, even in Huaiyuan Palace. What you revealed today will be listed as a top secret. Less than 10 people across Huaiyuan Palace would know your secret including the Clan elders in this hall. Therefore, you need to be careful!" that Clan elder warned Zhang Tie.

Although Zhang Tie thought it was unnecessary to show off this talent, after realizing that these Clan elders were so serious, Zhang Tie became a bit surprised, "What's the reason?"

"Do you know what is immortal bloodline?" that most excited Clan elder asked Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie shook his head.

"Do you know the origin of Zhang? Have you ever thought about why the Chinese family name 张 (Zhang) is composed of '弓' and '长'?" Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa asked.

Zhang Tie became confused as he shook his head once again. Although the three questions looked simple, it was hard to answer.

"The family name '张 (Zhang)' is an influential Chinese family name. Zhang people is the direct descendant of Xuanyuan Emperor. When gods and demons fought, the ancestor of Zhang clan produced the most powerful crossbow in the world with his great strength and made a meritorious deed by sweeping all the demons. In order to commend him, Xuanyuan Emperor awarded him with the family name Zhang (张), namely the one who was excel at using crossbow in the war between gods and demons. Our family name contains the honor of our bloodline!"

Speaking of the history of the family name Zhang, Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa and the other two Clan elders all looked proud and honorable.

"Is this why the most powerful ancestral bloodline of Huaiyuan Palace is related to archery and rune equipment methods?" Zhang Tie was shocked inside as he understood it at once.

"Right!" Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa nodded, "Besides Zhang, Xuanyuan Emperor had many other descendants with distinctive abilities, who also made meritorious deeds in the war between gods and demons. Therefore, numerous ancestral bloodlines were inherited. After Xuanyuan Emperor, many Chinese emperors were also awarded new surnames. It could be said that each Chinese surname has its brilliant history and contained at least one powerful ancestral bloodline at the beginning! For instance, Ouye (欧冶) Clan is famous for its sword casting skill; Dong (董) Clan originated from Quanlong (拳龙), who was good at taming dragons in the war between gods and demons. Therefore, Dong Clan's animal taming skill is unrivaled."

Zhang Tie became stunned. "There are so many Chinese surnames. If one surname contains one ancestral bloodline, there will be over one thousand Chinese ancestral bloodlines." Zhang Tie asked.

Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa nodded, "Right, actually more than that. Honestly, we cannot count them even in three days. The knowledge about various ancestral bloodlines of surnames was very extensive and profound. It's called the Learning about Ancestral Bloodlines. It's a secret knowledge which could not be easily touched by commoners! Ancestral bloodlines are closely related to the prosperity and fate of a powerful clan. It has to be treated seriously."

"What is immortal bloodline then?"

"There are numerous Chinese ancestral bloodlines which could be divided into eight ranks; heaven, earth, black, yellow, space, time, flood and wilderness. Your precise throwing ability belongs to wilderness. Immortal bloodline is out of the above eight ranks, which has not appeared before!"

"Erm, I feel this immortal bloodline is useless. Its effect could be achieved by common disguising medicament!" Zhang Tie shrugged.

"You know what?" the most excited Clan elder glared at Zhang Tie like watching an idiot who treated gold as common pyrite, "How can you match the effect of this immortal bloodline with that of external forces? No matter how much do you make with your all-purpose medicament, it's nothing to do with Zhang Clan. Zhang Clan will not interfere with your business even if you are the top rich in the country. However, do you think your immortal bloodline is just your private affair? Those clans without awakening ancestral bloodlines would finally disappear in the long river course of history no matter how brilliant they were. However, if an immortal bloodline is awakened in a clan, it indicates that this clan has a very excellent bloodline. The clan with an immortal bloodline might awaken a unique ancestral bloodline and have a distinctive ability. This would bring a great cohesiveness and influence to the clan. The clan's social status would rise. Do you think that could be brought by disguising medicament at the cost of a few gold coins? You will know about it sooner or later that the true valuable things could not be measured by money!"

Zhang Tie hurriedly behaved modestly.

After giving Zhang Tie a lesson, that elder turned around and asked Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa, "Brother Murray, has Zhang Tie gotten married?"

"Not yet!" touching his gray mustache, Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa smiled.

"How about arranging him to leave Huaiyuan Prefecture for the Eastern Continent with the next batch of clan apprentices?" another Clan elder suggested.

"Hmm, not bad. It's really a bit dangerous to for him to stay here." Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa nodded.

"When he arrives there, we'd better arrange his marriage. He needs to give birth to babies as soon as possible!"

"That's reasonable!"

Zhang Tie finally could not wait to interrupt them as his heart pounded.

"Hmm, your excellency...I want to say something!"

"Hahahaha, don't worry. We know that. The Clan will not interfere with your marriage too much. You will have a great autonomy. The Clan will provide you with some proper girls. You can choose at your will. After that, the Clan will host a wedding ceremony for you. It is obligatory for you to do that for the Clan. Additionally, the Clan will not stop you from marrying other women. You can marry as many as possible if you like." Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa explained.

After hearing his words, the other two Clan elders laughed.

"Erm...I...I cannot leave Waii Sub-Continent now!" Zhang Tie plucked up his courage.

"You cannot leave Waii Sub-Continent?" all the Clan elders frowned slightly, "Why?"

"I've promised others...to not leave Waii Sub-Continent until it's completely collapsed!" Zhang Tie gritted his teeth.

"Fart!" the most excited Clan elder smacked onto the table in front of him, crushing it into powders at once...

The atmosphere in the hall froze immediately...

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Chapter 544: Being Imprisoned

After leaving the Ancestral Bloodline Pavilion, Zhang Tie was escorted into an underground prison of Clansmen Pavilion by two serious deacons.

The two deacons looked as stiff as a piece of iron in front of Zhang Tie who dared to disobey the order of Clan elders. Zhang Tie had thought about refusing by force; however, given his current ability, he would definitely struggle in vain if he dared to stir up trouble in Clansmen Pavilion. Therefore, he just entered the prison with a glassy-eyed look.

"Bang..." after the door of the prison was shut up, Zhang Tie was left alone inside.

Until then did Zhang Tie start to look around this prison. It was a small room which covered over 10 square meters. The walls were made of caesious stones. There was a plank bed, a toilet bowl and a water pipe. There was a row of pores on a wall which were used to ventilate. As some sunlight penetrated through the pores, the room didn't look too dim. However, it was impossible for Zhang Tie to escape unless he turned into a mouse.

Every nation has its own laws and every family has its own rules. Huaiyuan Palace was now executing family rules on Zhang Tie. Being capricious and disobeyed the order of Clan elders at the cost of the benefit of the Clan. Zhang Tie knew that he had made a very severe crime. However, he really could not make it if he was forced to leave Waii Sub-Continent. Because Zhang Tie had promised those people in the Ice and Snow Wilderness who had a great hope on him that as long as one Slav fighter was still defending the Ice and Snow Wilderness, he would not abandon them.

What irritated the Clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace most was Zhang Tie's stubbornness. Two Clan elders were so infuriated that they directly left with a flick of their sleeves. Even Zhang Tie's sixth grandpa's face turned green. Finally, he had to have Zhang Tie imprisoned.

If not considering Ice and Snow Wilderness, Zhang Tie felt that Huaiyuan Palace truly had considered well for him. The Clan's arrangement was human friendly. As long as he agreed to leave Waii Sub-Continent, he would immediately have women, money, safety and an influential status in Zhang Clan. This was a special 'Panda-type' treatment given by the Clan after he awakened the immortal bloodline. Commoners could not even have it. Therefore, Zhang Tie became capricious in the eyes of the Clan elders.

"Should I make a choice?" at this moment, Zhang Tie could only make a choice between his promise and the expectation of Zhang Clan.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could have such trouble by awakening the bloodline called transformation.

Zhang Tie forced a bitter smile as he knew that his relationship with Huaiyuan Palace would break for sure if he didn't compromise this time. When in Heavens Cold City, his relationship with Huaiyuan Palace

had become stiff, this time, he would be marginalized for sure in Huaiyuan Palace. Zhang Tie didn't know whether he could remedy this relationship. Of course, Zhang Tie didn't think that Huaiyuan Palace could implement any mandatory measures on him. Perhaps these Clan elders were a bit old-fashioned and prioritized the interest of Zhang Clan too much, they should have a high morality. They would not treat him too bad.

After standing there for a short while, Zhang Tie threw himself onto the plank bed and started to cultivate. It would be too boring if he just stared at the icy walls.

As Zhang Tie didn't know how long would he be imprisoned there, he could only kill time by cultivating.

Shadow Demon Backroom—Mental Arithmetic—the 3rd floor of All-Spirits Pagoda—as Zhang Tie didn't know how to light surging points after LV 9, he could only cultivate himself between the three sides alternatively.

The narrow cell was too quiet. Nobody came to see him. Each day, only a cold steamed bun was put inside through the window of the door, by which Zhang Tie could keep alive and identify how many days have passed.

When the 7th cold steamed bun was put inside through the window, Zhang Tie had recited the sutra of the 3rd floor of All-Spirits Pagoda for over 400,000 times. Zhang Tie could still stand less than 6 seconds in the Shadow Demon Backroom; however, it was about 0.2 second longer than before. Through practicing mental arithmetic, Zhang Tie also improved his spiritual energy a bit.

When Zhang Tie thought that he would get his 8th steam bun here, the door was opened with a crashing sound. Someone entered. Zhang Tie opened his eyes and saw his 6th grandpa was standing in front of him. Zhang Tie hurriedly got off the bed and bowed towards him.

"Have you thought through these days?" Zhang Tie's 6th grandpa asked Zhang Tie with a calm voice.

"I'm sorry, 6th grandpa, I could not accept the Clan's arrangement. I will not leave Waii Sub-Continent until the continent collapse. I know what does this mean. I also understand the hope and concern from the Clan. Whereas, each one has his own persistence. I think that even Lord Huaiyuan doesn't expect that one of his descendants eats his words!" Zhang Tie replied frankly.

Zhang Tie's 6th grandpa moved his eyebrows as he glanced at Zhang Tie with a sophisticated look. He then sighed, "Alright, I know, you can leave now!"

Zhang Tie was so happy that he had not imagined that he could pass it so easily, "Thank you, 6th grandpa!"

"You're welcome. Now that you have your own choice, you should shoulder the corresponding responsibilities. Before leaving this place, hand out your clan identification plate. Hidden Dragon Palace doesn't fit you anymore. A person who has awakened his ancestral bloodline yet doesn't wish to contribute to the Clan is not suitable to stay in Hidden Dragon Palace anymore!"

Zhang Tie felt sad inside. He knew that Zhang Clan was driving him out of Hidden Dragon Palace. From today on, he would be nobody but a commoner. His future in Huaiyuan Palace also came to an end.

In this world, you could not make a choice at no price.

Zhang Tie took out his clan identification plate of Huaiyuan Palace and submitted it to his 6th grandpa. Holding it, his 6th grandpa forcefully pinched it into ashes.

"Take care of yourself. Do not do evil things in the name of Huaiyuan Palace. Otherwise, I will let you know the taste of home rules!" after warning Zhang Tie, he left.

"Let's go!" a scowling deacon of Clansmen Pavilion watched Zhang Tie, implying him to leave.

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After walking out of the gate of the Clansmen Pavilion, Zhang Tie felt a bit dazzling by the sunlight. Therefore, he put his hand on his eyes for a few seconds. After being adapted to the sunlight, Zhang Tie looked back at the Clansmen Pavilion. He knew that he probably had no chance to come here again in the future while many Zhang commoners would have no chance to visit here in their whole lives.

Zhang Yang strode towards Zhang Tie and tightly hugged him. He then checked Zhang Tie from his head to toe, "Is everything okay?"

"It's okay!" Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "How do you know that I would be released today?"

"Let's talk about it in the vehicle!" Zhang Tie muffled.

Zhang Tie nodded before getting on the vehicle.

Sitting in the back seats of the sedan and watching the suddenly strange streets and the crowd on the streets, Zhang Tie told his elder brother about his current situation. He was told that his elder brother ordered Jinwu Castle to suspend its cooperation with Long Wind Corporation during these days when he was imprisoned. During the 7 days, Jinwu Castle didn't provide even one vial of all-purpose medication for Long Wind Corporation.

Hearing his elder brother's words, Zhang Tie felt so moved inside. He knew that his elder brother had to bear a great risk and stress by delivering such an order. If not his elder brother's decisive attitude in the outside, this event could not be solved so easily.

"As long as you're safe, the undertaking is nothing serious. Our family could even survive that tough living environment in Blackhot City, I don't think that we cannot survive without all-purpose medicament. The worst scenario is to sell rice brew again! To the final analysis, Zhang Clan need all-purpose medicament more than us."

Zhang Yang said this with a smile like talking something trivial. After talking about that, the two brothers looked at each other with a big smile. Compared to the lives of their family members, this small frustration was nothing serious at all.

"Oh, if the Clan drives you out of Hidden Dragon Palace, will it pose any influence to you?"

"Although I've been LV 9, I don't know how to light surging points in the next. Previously I planned to exchange for some secret knowledge about promoting from LV 9 to LV 10 in the Hidden Dragon Palace, I also wanted to inquire something about cultivation. After being driven out of Hidden Dragon Palace, I have to abandon this plan!" Zhang Tie forced a bitter smile.

"Can we buy the secret knowledge about cultivation after LV 9?" Zhang Yang asked.

"It's hard!" Zhang Tie shook his head, "I attended some auctions; yet I didn't see any cultivation methods after LV 9. It seems to be a taboo, which is strongly restrictive in humans. Nobody dare to break it easily!"

Zhang Tie believed that Zhang Yuan, his master, could help him. However, he had completely lost his contact with that old man. Zhao Yuan might have thought that he was dead. It was as difficult as finding a needle in the ocean if Zhang Tie wanted to find such a superb powerhouse.

Seeing his elder brother frowning, Zhang Tie laughed, "Elder brother, don't worry about this, it's just a small problem. I have other methods. It was just a matter of a few days!"

Zhang Tie remembered the Huge Bear Tribe, the most powerful tribe in Ice and Snow Wilderness. He didn't believe that a tribe that could cultivate knights didn't have the cultivation methods after LV 9. His puzzle would be solved as long as he returned to Ice and Snow Wilderness.

After hearing Zhang Tie's reply, Zhang Yang relieved his frown, "These days, dad and mom were worried about you so much. After knowing that you're safe, they will be reassured!"

"Elder brother, you'd better arrange our family members to leave out of here as soon as possible!"

"I'm preparing for that. We will leave out of here in 2 months!"

"When you arrive at the Eastern Continent, remember to find Donder and root in a proper place. The world is growing more and more chaotic. Our parents are old; they could not stand too much tortures anymore. My nieces and nephews are still young. They need a good growth environment. My elder sisters-in-law could not stand too many difficulties in the chaotic world. We have to take care of them!"

Zhang Yang nodded, "I know, don't worry. I will treat it seriously!"

"Oh, elder brother. I have to trouble you to purchase an airship for me. After a few days, I will go to the 1st theater of operations. It'd better be a fury-level battle airship. It should be matched with some gliders and a batch of experienced volunteers who would like to fight demons in the 1st theater of operations with me!"

"When do you need them?"

"The faster the better!"

Zhang Yang forcefully nodded, "No problem!"

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Zhang Tie had actually a very sophisticated mood at this moment. He didn't know whether he should feel lucky or worried about being driven out of Hidden Dragon Palace. He felt lucky because he got rid of the restriction of the Clan and felt relaxed; on the other hand, he started to worry about something.

He was worried more about Lan Yunxi than the cultivation methods after LV 9 or his future. After being driven out of Hidden Dragon Palace, Zhang Tie was clear that the development of the relationship between him and Lan Yunxi would be greatly impeded by Huaiyuan Palace. Zhang Tie wondered what Lan Yunxi would think after knowing that he was driven out of Hidden Dragon Palace.

A deserted young man who was driven out of Hidden Dragon Palace wanted to marry a princess of Huaiyuan Palace. If this really happened, many people's faces would be slapped. Of course those people didn't want this event to happen.

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Watching the vehicle returning to home, Zhang Tie hid his concern as he revealed a sunny smile in case of his parents' concern.

When Zhang Tie was imprisoned, Linda, Beverly and Fiona just accompanied his mom at home which made his mom a bit reassured. After this event, Zhang Tie found that the relationship between Linda, Beverly and Fiona and his family members furthered developed. It seemed that he didn't need to worry about something anymore.

When Zhang Tie returned home, the entire home was filled with joy again.

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When it was late, they all went to bed. After returning to his bedroom, Zhang Tie took a bath and slept on the bed in dark. He just waited there silently with his hands crossed on his head, leaving his door unlocked. The door could be opened from outside by slightly pressing the handle.

In less than 10 minutes, Zhang Tie heard a low sound as someone pushed open the door and slipped in. It was Fiona.

After entering in the bedroom, Fiona immediately drilled into Zhang Tie's quilt with a grin.

In another 10 more minutes, Beverly slipped in. Being quiet, he fumbled all the way to Zhang Tie's bed before drilling in his quilt too, where an exclamation sounded when the two women saw each other...

What a cool experience! Zhang Tie still laid on the bed with his hands crossed under his head, waiting for the arrival of the 3rd woman.

In 5-6 minutes, the door opened for the 3rd time when Linda with a faint blush slipped in with her fascinating body fragrance as a mature woman.

When the 3 women met and exclaimed in Zhang Tie's quilt in unison, Zhang Tie finally burst out into laughter...

Chapter 545: Zhang's Osmanthus Tree

On the next day, Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang and their dad went to visit grandpa. They previously planned to do that on the 3rd day since Zhang Tie returned home; however, Zhang Tie was suddenly called away by Clansmen Pavilion. Therefore, they could only visit him.

As the old saying went, if one was poor, even if he was in the boisterous city, he would be ignored; however, if one was rich, even if he was in the deep mountain, he would still have frequent visits from distant relatives. Similarly, as Jinwu Company gradually developed, the relationship between Zhang Tie's family and his uncles and aunts became much better.

With a prosperous domestic undertaking and two successful sons, Zhang Tie's parents became less concerned. As a result, they got along well with Zhang Tie's uncles and aunts.

During the couple of years when Zhang Tie disappeared, the grandpa always asked about Zhang Tie and had dispatched people to Norman Empire to search Zhang Tie. Therefore, Zhang Tie had to pay a visit to him.

When they arrived at the old mansion of Zhang family, although there were fewer people compared to the last time, Zhang Tie felt a much better atmosphere in the old mansion. Not only those Zhang family members, even those servants smiled more sincerely towards Zhang Ping, Zhang Yang and Zhang Tie.

Even grandpa's first wife treated Zhang Tie as her direct grandson as she pulled Zhang Tie's hands and cared about him casually. She even started to concern about Zhang Tie's marriage.

It was not proper to describe it with the word 'utilitarianism'. Because even when Zhang Tie's family returned to Huaiyuan Prefecture with an extremely poor look several years ago, these family members in the old mansion also took care of them a lot; even though someone didn't like them, they didn't show it on their face at least.

However, as they were in the real society, if they could cooperate with each other to maintain the honor of this big family, they would share a greater energy. At the critical moment, if they could have more human relationships to use, they could always gain more respect and smiles from outsiders. Facing such an overall benefit, what happened was not important. When in emergencies, Zhang Tie's family could only rely on the family members of Zhang Tie's uncles and aunts. After all, they had ties of kinship. Some things were decisive.

Zhang Tie's elder brother managed Jinwu Corporation with the help of Zhang Tie's two uncles' family members. After these years, Zhang Yang genuinely felt that it was much easier with the help of family members.

Huaiyuan Palace was really too big for Zhang Tie, which contained complex human relationships. Zhang Tie's family only had a feeling on the relatives on the grandpa's side.

Zhang Tie's family came here in the daytime without any notice. Therefore, they just saw grandpa and his wives in the old mansion.

After a meal in the old mansion, grandpa led them in a tranquil pavilion in the backyard garden and chatted with them.

Being covered with osmanthus, this pavilion was a good place for taking rest and chatting.

Zhang Tie's dad then talked with grandpa that his family members were going to migrate to the Eastern Continent in the recent couple of months. This was also one of their targets here today. As it was a major event, they had to notice grandpa's side in advance.

After hearing Zhang Ping's words, grandpa slightly closed his eyes for awhile before opening his eyes, "It's fine. After all, Waii Sub-Continent is a remote place. It could not match the prosperity and stability of the Eastern Continent. We need to find another way to survive ourselves. Last year, I told Zesheng to pave a way for our family in the Eastern Continent with some juniors. When you arrive at the Eastern Continent, you can contact Zesheng first. He will give you a hand. I will give you Zesheng's address after

awhile. Zesheng is now in Yingzhou Province, one of the 72 major provinces in Taixia. Many years ago, Huaiyuan Palace had been rooted in Yingzhou Province. We have a city there called Huaiyuan City. All the family members could seek for shelter in Huaiyuan City."

Zesheng was one of grandpa's sons and a brother of Zhang Tie's dad, who had different mothers. Therefore, he was Zhang Tie's uncle. They had met each other last time, although not being very impressive. After being told about Huaiyuan Palace's undertaking in Yingzhou Province of Eastern Continent, Zhang Tie was shocked as he had not imagined that Huaiyuan Palace could have a private city in Eastern Continent.

Zhang Yang was also very surprised as he put it straightforwardly, "Argh, I've not imagined that Huaiyuan Palace could have a city in the Eastern Continent."

"Huaiyuan Palace originated from Zhang Clan in Taixia Country. It's nothing strange for it to have a city in Eastern Continent. In case of your fickleness, we don't reveal it to the outside. Therefore, average people don't know about that. Not only Huaiyuan Palace, even the other influential clans in Jinyun Country had their own territory in Eastern Continent. Eastern Continent is the root of all the big clans and the sacred land of Chinese. Everything here is just twigs and leaves which takes in sunshine and rain dew. When the holy war breaks out, the autumn wind blows, the fallen leaves would finally come back to its root." Grandpa signed with full moods while he made a pun.

After hearing about that fallen leaves would finally come back to its root, Zhang Ping and his sons became confused. Grandpa watched Zhang Tie and smiled, "Life or death, it depends. If I die, my ash would also be carried back to the Eastern Continent and buried there. As a Chinese, I have to go back for my root. I've been managing shipyards for my whole life and busy working for business every day. However, I have no achievement in cultivation. Therefore, I could only live for about 100 years. I'm 70 years old now. There are 2 or 3 decades left. As you and your cousins have entered the Hidden Dragon Palace and would have a great achievement in the future and Zhang family's undertaking develops well, our family gradually looks like a big clan. We might have a shrine later on. Therefore, I will have no regrets anymore."

After hearing grandpa's words, Zhang Tie became bashful at once. He thought that grandpa would know about this sooner or later. Therefore, he'd better tell him now, "Hmm...I am not a member of Hidden Dragon Palace anymore since yesterday."

Grandpa asked Zhang Tie while slightly changing his face, "What's wrong?"

Zhang Tie briefed the reason. Additionally, he said that he had awakened another ancestral bloodline. However, he didn't tell grandpa about the concrete ability of this ancestral bloodline.

Actually, the Clan elders had considered well for Zhang Tie. Even though Zhang Tie wanted to stay in Waii Sub-Continent for some reason, the Clan elders suggested to dispatch a powerhouse to protect him. When Zhang Tie finished his thing on Waii Sub-Continent, that powerhouse would escort him back to the Eastern Continent. However, Zhang Tie finally refused this suggestion.

As long as the Zhang Clan dispatched a powerhouse to protect him, Zhang Tie's secret would be exposed. That powerhouse who was confident to take him away even when the entire Waii Sub-Continent was collapsed by demons was undoubtedly much more powerful than Zhang Tie. He probably

be a battle demon or a battle spirit. In front of such a sharp person, Zhang Tie would have no chance to play any tricks. He might be under the gaze of that person around the clock. In such a situation, he would have no chance to disappear in front of that person and enter Castle of Black Iron to eat fruits. This was a great obstacle for Zhang Tie, which even completely blocked his way of cultivation.

Additionally, as long as he returned to Ice and Snow Wilderness, more secrets would be exposed to those big figures of Huaiyuan Palace. If so, how could he interpret what he has done in Ice and Snow Wilderness such as the so-called God's manifestation and those exotic seeds? If so, he would fall into a deeper mire. Zhang Tie didn't want to expose all of his secrets to the the members of Huaiyuan Palace.

Therefore, Zhang Tie finally infuriated those Clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace...

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, grandpa didn't look disappointed like what Zhang Tie had imagined. Instead, he just watched Zhang Tie with a weird look. After a long while, he smiled casually and said, "It's okay. After all, there are so many Zhang members in Hidden Dragon Palace. The greater the Clan is, the more rules there will be. Sometimes, big clan would be too utilitarianism. As long as you're enough talented, those clan rules will be as nothing but waste papers. You can crumple them into a ball and throw them into a toilet bowl. Some people would even applaud for you. Therefore, you don't need to care about this!"

Grandpa comforted Zhang Tie with intelligent words, which shocked Zhang Tie inside. At this moment, Zhang Tie remembered Lan Yunxi as he understood it at once. "Yes. If I'm an alchemist master and as talented as my master, the conversion demon, as well as a knight who has the three-in-one power mentioned by my master, will anyone of Huaiyuan Palace dare to say that I'm not qualified to marry Lan Yunxi?"

"To the final analysis, if I'm enough powerful, all the problems and obstacles would disappear."

Zhang Tie became open-minded at once...

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After chatting with grandpa, Zhang Tie's family left. Grandpa then started to drink tea leisurely in the pavilion. The eldest grandma took here a plate of fruits and sat besides the grandpa. She started to flap a fan for him.

Grandma felt that grandpa was very happy today through his look. Therefore, she also aroused a topic.

"It's good to know Zhang Tie is safe. He's already 20 years old. He should get married. You've met Liangying before. Her dad took her here last time. She's my granddaughter and looks beautiful and virtuous. How do you think about them? It will be great if they can get married."

Grandpa glanced at his first wife with a smile, "Don't worry about Zhang Tie. He has his own plans!"

Grandma also replied with a smile, "Well, at the sight of Zhang Tie today, I find he's different than that last time. Which one is better; Su'er or Zhang Tie in your eyes?"

"Su'er is steady and bold. As he has experience in Hidden Dragon Palace, he has both human relationship and ability. As the eldest grandson of my eldest son, he could carry forward this undertaking and have a great achievement for sure!" grandpa touched his mustache with a smile.

After hearing the comment of his husband about his grandson, grandma revealed a satisfied smile, "What about Zhang Tie?"

"Zhang Tie..." grandpa suspended for a second before watching his first wife with a solemn look, "This grandson will be the pillar of Zhang Clan for sure. After my death, he might be able to build a shrine for Zhang Clan!"

After hearing his husband's comment about Zhang Tie, grandma became shocked as she had not imagined that her husband could give such a high confirmative comment about Zhang Tie, "Argh, how can that be?"

"Zhang Tie has been expelled out of Hidden Dragon Palace by the Clan elder yesterday!" grandpa replied calmly.

"Why do you comment about him in this way then?" grandma could understand the comment about her eldest grandson of her eldest son who was famous in Hidden Dragon Palace; however, it was out of her imagination that a person who was expelled out of Hidden Dragon Palace could gain a better comment from the grandpa.

Grandpa didn't explain. Women could not understand some domestic affairs. He just watched the grandma, "I will not tell you why. But remember, Su'er and Zhang Tie are cousins. If they treat each other kindly, it would be a happiness for Zhang Clan. The undertaking of Milky Way Shipyard belongs to us. Zhang Ping's sons are not interested in this undertaking at all. As an elder, you need to keep the family in harmony. Am I clear?"

Grandma lowered her head respectfully in front of the dignified look of grandpa, "I know."

"Hmm, go and take a rest then. I will sit here for awhile!"

Grandma then left...

Sitting in the pavilion, grandpa drank tea and watched the tall osmanthus trees which shivered their twigs and leaves in the wind. He entered meditation. Not a single young man at his 20s dared to say no to the Clan elders over hundreds of years. Even grandpa dared not do that at the age of Zhang Tie; his sons dared not do that at the age of Zhang Tie; his eldest grandson of his eldest son dared not to do that. However, Zhang Tie dared.

Zhang Tie truly had a reason to be thought highly of by the Clan as he was also bold and responsible enough to refuse the Clan's order. If grandpa could not see the potential of his grandson, he must be blind.

"Is anyone going to establish shrine for Zhang Clan in the future? There really seems to be an osmanthus tree^[1] that could brighten up the Zhang ancestors in Zhang Tie's generation..." grandpa thought.

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Translator's Thoughts

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[1] Osmanthus tree, Zhang Tie was compared to a osmanthus tree with fragrant osmanthus blossoms.

Chapter 546: Coming to Hidden Dragon Island Once Again

After leaving Zhang's old mansion, under the guidance of Zhang Ping, Zhang Tie paid visit to his elder uncle's home. As he didn't see him before, he needed to pay an official visit to him out of courtesy.

Zhang Tie's elder uncle's family lived in Xince City. Previously they had difficulties in living; with the help of Zhang Tie's family these years, their living standards had been greatly improved. Zhang Tie's mom suggested to take Zhang Tie's elder uncle's family away from Xince City to the Eastern Continent after negotiating with them.

Of course, Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang had no objection about that as it could please their mother.

The group of three ate supper at Zhang Tie's elder uncle's home. Even if they traveled by airship, when they arrived at home in Yiyang City, it was already dark.

Zhang Tie estimated that 11 days had passed since he returned to Huaiyuan Prefecture on March 15th from Selnes theater of operations. Time flew. In a wink, it was already the beginning of April.

"I have to return to the Selnes theater of operations before April; otherwise, the bet between I and those guys in the airship would become a laughing stock. I have to go back there for both Lan Yunxi and myself." Zhang Tie thought.

As Linda, Beverly and Fiona felt inconvenient to live in Zhang Tie's home for long time, they returned to the apartment which they rented on the second day since Zhang Tie returned home from Clansmen Pavilion when Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang and Zhang Ping was paying a visit to Zhang's old mansion. Of course, after returning home from Xince City in the evening, Zhang Tie told his mom about his schedule in the next two days before going to the three women's apartment. Zhang Tie's dad and mom just pretended to not know about that.

In the apartment of the three women, Zhang Tie had fewer constraints. Of course, he was indulged in making love with them over night. Zhang Tie would like to spend more time with them during the rest days in Huaiyuan Prefecture. He didn't know how long could he spend with them after he left Huaiyuan Prefecture.

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On the next early morning, Zhang Tie came to the wharf of Yiyang City with the three women. When they arrived there, they started to sense the influence of the holy war. Their vehicle could not move in the crowded place.

Right outside the wharf, those who queued up to purchase tickets were sleeping in simple tents on the streets. The line was miles in length. Many more people were wandering outside the wharf and were seeking for chance to leave here.

Besides Chinese, most of them were Hebrews. Many women and kids were standing on the roadside while raising all sort of brands with Chinese or Hebrew on them — —

"I'd like to be a slave, only for a boat ticket"

"Please take me away, my master!"

"I will be your best servant!"

"I wish to be a slave, please take me away!"

These people were all refugees who escaped to Yiyang City due to demon disasters. Many of them were unable to purchase boat ticket to leave Waii Sub-Continent; therefore, they sold themselves as a slave for a chance to leave out of here!

After staying in Huaiyuan Prefecture for a few days, Zhang Tie felt that Huaiyuan Prefecture became more crowded than before. Some refugees poured in. However, it was really out of Zhang Tie's imagination that the wharf could be so crowded. After seeing an old woman and a 5-6 year old girl raising a board and selling themselves as slaves, Zhang Tie's heart pounded.

"Argh..." Fiona exclaimed out of scare as she drilled into Zhang Tie's chest when a wrinkled face pasted on the window and watched them who were in nice dress in the car. At the same time, she kept patting the glass. As she was so close to Fiona, her grubby brown hair scared Fiona a lot.

"Mr...Mr...please take my daughter away. As long as you take her away, you can let her do whatever you want...my daughter is very docile..." a man shouted as he drew a 13-14 year old girl to the window side forcefully, enabling Zhang Tie to see clearly that girl's face.

That girl just stared at Zhang Tie with a flurried look. At this moment, that man on her side shouted, "Tess, hurry up, say some Chinese...you've just learned it..."

However, the little girl was so scared that she could not even utter a word.

Before Zhang Tie spoke, all the windows of his vehicle had been covered with numerous faces and palms. They were shouting outside the vehicle and would not like to leave no matter how much the driver pressed the trumpet. Many people were surging over here. As the vehicle slowly moved, the man and his daughter were pushed to one side by others at once.

"Please take away my daughter..."

"Please take us away..."

"Please take me away, lord, I can do whatever you like..."

"Please take away my sisters. We can serve you on bed..."

Linda, Beverly and Fiona were so scared by this that their faces turned pale. Holding Zhang Tie, their hands kept quivering. They had not seen such a scene before.

Zhang Tie hurriedly drew the curtains. The driver kept pressing the trumpet. At the same time, Zhang Tie saw some policemen running over here while blowing whistles and waving sticks to drive away those who stuck to the window side.

It took them half an hour to finish the 2 km's travel in the wharf. On the way, Zhang Tie found that a fat guy on the vehicle in front of his vehicle picked four women and drew them into his vehicle like picking vegetables in the market without even spending one gold coin.

Seeing this, Linda's hand became icy although holding Zhang Tie tightly. All the three women on Zhang Tie's vehicle looked bad. Zhang Tie also became a bit regretful. If he knew the current situation in the wharf, he would have chosen to go to Hidden Dragon Island by airship for the sake of convenience. Previously, he thought that the three women had not traveled by sea after arriving at Huaiyuan Prefecture, he planned to travel with them by sea. However, it was out of his imagination that the situation in the harbor could be so worse.

Zhang Tie was also greatly shocked. If it became so worse in the territory of Huaiyuan Palace, he could imagine how worse the other places in Waii Sub-Continent would be.

The vehicle parked beside a 3000-ton private luxury yacht of Zhang's family. Zhang Tie, Beverly, Fiona and Linda then got off the vehicle and boarded on the yacht.

This yacht was produced by Milky Way Shipyard. It was gifted to Zhang Yang by grandpa when Zhang Yang married Lu Shiyun, his second wife. Although it cost hundreds of thousands of gold coins, given the relationship between Zhang Tie's family and Zhang Tie's uncles and aunts, it was worthwhile.

After Zhang Tie and the three women reached the rest room on the top of the yacht, standing on the deck outside the rest room and watching Yiyang Harbor disappearing in their eyes, the three women slowly looked better.

Linda leaned against Zhang Tie's shoulder in a tender manner, "Those people were really frightening. I wonder whether I would also look like them without you. Perhaps I would be more miserable than them. Promise me, do not leave me, okay?"

"Idiot, what are you thinking about? Even if I'm not with you, I will not let you suffer like that!" Zhang Tie kissed Linda's face.

"Those people are really poor!" Beverly also let out a slightly sigh.

"Don't think too much, we should not waste time!" Fiona said with a naive look and plump breasts, "How long will it take us from here to Hidden Dragon Island?"

"About 7 hours?" Zhang Tie answered.

"You only belong to us in the 7 hours!" Fiona yelled as she rolled her eyes and watched Linda's charming and sexy figure with a mischievous smile, "Sister Linda is still a bit shameful each night. She's not mastered some skills yet. Let Beverly and I teach you this time, how about that, Beverly..."

"Nice!" Beverly also grinned...

"Argh, now?" Linda blushed right now as she looked around shamefully.

"What are you afraid of? There are only four of us. Nobody else!" Fiona urged as she pushed Zhang Tie onto a lunge beside the swimming pool. After that, Fiona sat on Zhang Tie's lower abdomen and showed a pair of snow-white legs as she looked at Zhang Tie in a womanly way. She then bit Zhang Tie's ear as she drilled her tongue into Zhang Tie's ear, "My Lord Magical Beast. Can I borrow some of your organs as sister Linda's props in these hours?"

Zhang Tie said righteously, "No problem. Just take it. I like to help others. You don't even have to pay if you break them."

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, the three women burst into out laughter's as they forgot all their sorrows...

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7 hours later, Zhang Tie caught sight of Hidden Dragon Island...

Although a few years had passed, the Hidden Dragon Island remained unchanged.

After landing on the wharf of Hidden Dragon Island and passing by the White Dragon Town, Zhang Tie was frightened by the boisterous scene in Jinwu Castle...

Chapter 547: Encountering an Old Friend

When Zhang Tie and the three women caught sight of Jinwu Castle, it was a bit later than 3 pm. It was the most boisterous time in Hidden Dragon Island, especially in Jinwu Castle.

At the foot of Yunju Mountain, the road from Jinwu Castle to White Dragon Town was crowded with sorts of peddles on both sides. The entire road was crowded with people. The closer it was to Jinwu Castle, the more people there would be and the more advanced the commodities would be.

Zhang Tie remembered that the land covering hundreds of thousands of square meters being close to Jinwu Castle was bald when he left Hidden Dragon Island previously. However, it was now covered with buildings, hotels, shops, workshops and markets with unified styles, just like a downtown in the city.

Jinwu Castle was located in the center of those buildings like landmark. What surrounded Jinwu Castle was a beautiful fountain square.

If not the two brilliant words 'Jinwu Castle', Zhang Tie even dared not believe that this was the exact place he had been familiar with.

"Wow, I've not imagined that there's such a beautiful place in Hidden Dragon Island. I thought this was the wilderness where fighters would cultivate." Fiona exclaimed at the sight of all of this.

The three women were always living in downtown, where they could touch beautiful clothes, cosmetics, yummy food and daily commodities. However, the sorts of medicament, medicine, potions, armors, weapons, special ornaments, survival tools and items that were made of special body parts of underground demon beasts widely broaden their vision, making them feel like entering another world.

All the three women became thrilled.

At the sight of this, Zhang Tie didn't enter Jinwu Castle; instead, he just wandered through those shops and booths outside Jinwu Castle with the three women.

"Argh, what's this?" Beverly saw a string of brilliant necklace with decorative patterns as her eyes glittered at once. Fiona and Linda also stopped to look at it.

"Lady, you really have a good taste. This is the fire-dragon crystal necklace that we've just polished. It must fit you very well!" a female clerk of 16-17 years old hurriedly walked here and introduced it to the three women.

When that female clerk walked over here, Zhang Tie threw a glance at her. Her age and personality immediately reminded Zhang Tie of those junior sister apprentices who worked in Zhixing Department.

The female clerk also glanced at Zhang Tie, a 16-17 year old teenager who was embracing three foreign beauties. Additionally, Fiona, Beverly and Linda didn't look like fighters who came here for promoting their fighting skills. Very few commoners dared to come here for a travel.

After sleeping in Castle of Black Iron for three years, Zhang Tie's look remained unchanged. However, Fiona, Beverly and Linda looked maturer. Therefore, Zhang Tie looked too young compared to the three beauties on his sides. He was completely like their younger brother. Linda could even be Zhang Tie's aunt. However, all the three women behaved like Zhang Tie's lovers, creating a powerful qi field for Zhang Tie.

"Argh, what's fire-dragon crystal?" Although the three women could speak Chinese very fluently after staying in Huaiyuan Prefecture for three years, they were still strange about some special terms.

Before that female clerk opened her mouth, Zhang Tie had already walked to their side and started to explain it to them with a smile, "This fire-dragon crystal is just a crystal formed by a special species in larva after condensation in the underground world. It's not very precious; however, the LV 8 king snake had always engulfed it. After a long time, it became fire-dragon crystal in the king snake's stomach, which is precious."

"Why would the snake engulf it?" Linda asked out of curiosity.

"King snake is a cold-blooded demon beast. Like other snakes on the ground which could drill out of dark place for sunshine so as to supply heat with them. As king snake could not get sunshine in the underground world, it would engulf this crystal. It's said that this crystal would make king snake feel warm like basking in the sun. While some people said that king snake used crystal to gather energy as a form of cultivation. After hunting the king snake, people would obtain this crystal from its stomach. With this crystal, you would feel calm. After wearing it, you would feel cool in the daytime and warm in the evening. After sensing the qi of this crystal, those insects on the ground dared not to touch the wearer at all!"

"Wow. Is it something in the body of the king snake? Why is it called dragon?"

Zhang Tie smiled, "This is a traditional Chinese culture. Some times, snake is called small dragon in Chinese. In Chinese legends, dragon could be evolved from snake!"

The three women became clear at once. Watching the three women's looks, Zhang Tie knew that they like it. Therefore, without asking the price, Zhang Tie directly told the clerk, "I want three top-class fire-dragon necklaces. Don't take out of the necklaces in the counter. I know that you always keep the good fire-dragon crystal necklaces for the insiders!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, that clerk threw another amazing glance at him before turning around to the inside of the counter and whispering something to another clerk in the shop. After that, she walked in and took out of a tray with three bloody, brilliant fire-dragon necklaces on it in half a minute.

Compared to those fire-dragon crystal necklaces in the counter, the new fire-dragon crystal necklaces looked much more advanced.

Zhang Tie directly picked up the fire-dragon crystal necklaces for the three women and then asked, "How much?"

"200 gold coins for each, 600 gold coins in total!"

Zhang Tie put his hand into his pocket and took out a gold note that was worth 1000 gold coins in Golden Roc Bank and passed it to the clerk.

That clerk carefully took over the gold note as she said, "Please wait for a second!"

"Fine!"

The clerk then asked another little girl to invite someone to authenticate the gold note from outside.

Linda, Beverly and Fiona then watched the other items in the store.

After waiting for less than 1 minute, a 30-year old man walked in. After taking over the gold note, he carefully authenticated it before nodding towards the clerk. After that, he exchanged ten gold notes for her, 100 gold coins for each before leaving.

The clerk then gave Zhang Tie four gold notes, 100 gold coins for each, which was the minimal par value of gold note. Soon after Zhang Tie took the gold notes and walked out of the store with the 3 women did they encounter a woman outside the door.

"Argh, younger sister Guo, what a coincidence..." Zhang Tie blinked his eyes as he greeted that woman.

"Zhang Tie!" Guo Miaolu widely opened her eyes like seeing ghosts in the daytime.

"Hahahaha, long time no see. Junior sister Guo, you look more beautiful!"

Guo Miaolu was much taller and more plumper than that four years ago. In beautiful black female warrior's uniform, she had short hair, lifted breasts, slim waist and long legs. She looked healthy and shrewd. Guo Miaolu was the head of a group of girls four years ago; now, she looked more like an able woman, which was far from that innocent look when she was in Zhixing Department.

"Is that you?" at the sight of Zhang Tie, Guo Miaolu was really shocked, especially by the same look and his bad smile. She then stretched out her hand and pinched Zhang Tie's face.

Zhang Tie didn't move.

"Haha, long time no see, you became much bolder. Previously, you even did not dare to touch me. Now, you dare to pinch my face. Are you falling in love with me?"

Guo Miaolu blushed at once as she hurriedly drew her hand back. She finally confirmed that he was Zhang Tie, the one who disappeared three years ago. She wanted to say something; however, after noticing the three beauties beside Zhang Tie, she swallowed what she wanted to say about the gossips and changed it right away, "D**chebag, you're still so nasty!"

Zhang Tie waved his hand, "Well, I know you all want to beat me. Just keep this chance until this evening. Sorry to trouble you, junior sister Guo, you can call all those who want to beat me in Hidden Dragon Palace. I'm waiting for you in Jinwu Castle tonight!"

"You want me to do that for you? Why not call them yourself?" Guo Miaolu glared at Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie rubbed his nose with an embarrassed look, "Erm...I will tell you in the evening. In one word, I will not enter Hidden Dragon Palace now! I have to enter Jinwu Castle and have them prepare it for you..."

"Okay then!"

Zhang Tie then waved his hand towards her before taking Linda, Beverly and Fiona away. Before Fiona left, she even looked back at Guo Miaolu.

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Chapter 548: My Castle

After Zhang Tie left with Beverly, Fiona and Linda, that clerk who sold them fire-dragon crystal necklaces greeted Guo Miaolu sweetly, "Senior sister apprentice Guo!"

"Hmm, junior sister Song, why were they here?" Guo Miaolu watched Zhang Tie's back with a sophisticated look.

"That man bought one top-quality fire-dragon crystal necklace for each of the three women..."

After hearing that, Guo Miaolu forced a bitter smile.

"Aww, senior sister Guo, you called that man senior brother apprentice. Is he from Hidden Dragon Palace? But I've not seen him before!"

"Of course you've not seen him. That asshole has left Hidden Dragon Palace for almost 4 years!" Guo Miaolu replied with a complex look.

"Arggh, no way! Given his look, he's just 16-17 years old like me. Did he join Hidden Dragon Island at the age of 12? That sounds great. He should be very famous in Hidden Dragon Palace!"

"Humph, that guy does not look old at all!" Guo Miaolu said as she touched her own face, "Didn't you always want to see the top one on the Hidden Dragon Wealth List? You saw him!"

"Arggh, it's him..." junior sister apprentice Song's eyes soon glittered, "He's too great. I've not imagined that the senior brother is so young and so handsome..."

"Hmm, junior sister Song, you've forgotten one point. This guy is the most lascivious one in the world! You junior sisters have to take care of yourself in case of being cheated by this guy's look. Do you know how many girlfriends does he have?" Guo Miaolu asked full of fury.

"Three?"

"More than 40. This guy is the idol of many people in the Hidden Dragon Palace!"

"Wow!" the junior sister apprentice exclaimed as she kept watching towards the leaving direction of Zhang Tie with a curious look...

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Zhang Tie walked towards Jinwu Castle together with Linda, Beverly and Fiona.

"Is that beautiful Chinese girl your junior sister apprentice?" Fiona asked Zhang Tie in a low voice.

"Hmm! She's a junior sister apprentice that I met here before!" Zhang Tie nodded.

"Your junior sister apprentice really has a nice figure. She's also beautiful and special!" Fiona continued. At the same time, she silently drew a circle in Zhang Tie's palm as she whispered to Zhang Tie, "Have you f*cked her, like how you did to those girls of Rose Association?"

"What are you talking about?" Zhang Tie blushed as he glared at Fiona, "Am I that kind of a person? Am I just a lady killer in your eyes? Do you think that I have to make love with all the beautiful women around me?"

"Why don't you ask Beverly and Linda whether you're a lady killer or not?" Fiona urged.

"What do you think?" Zhang Tie then watched Beverly and Linda.

After exchanging glances with each other, Beverly and Linda giggled and replied in unison, "Yes!"

Zhang Tie stared at them with his widely opened eyes before bursting out into laughter...

After passing by the suspension bridge and entering Jinwu Castle, Zhang Tie found the barbican of Jinwu Castle which was more boisterous. Additionally, the commodities being sold in the barbican were more advanced. The rows of stores in the barbican made it as prosperous as the Bright Avenue in Blackhot City. What Zhang Tie conceived about Jinwu Castle had completely become a reality.

"Castle Lord..." a loud voice sounded in front of Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie looked front and found Runo, the captain of the guards of Jinwu Castle was looking at him with a thrilled look.

Runo was tall and wearing a set of excellent full-body armor while a double-hand long sword was hanging over his waist. He looked very dignified. After a few years, this Spirit soldier had become far from slave and grown more confident and powerful.

After feeling Runo's qi, Zhang Tie revealed a smile, "Fine, you're already a LV 6 fighter now. I'm very happy to have you with me!"

According to the appointment between Zhang Tie and those Spirit soldiers, as long as these people reached LV 6 in Jinwu Castle, they could have their freedom back. Additionally, Zhang Tie would present them 200 gold coins. Runo was a free man for sure at this moment. Compared to the amazing promotion speed from LV 2 to LV 6 in 4 years, Zhang Tie became more reassured about Runo's choice.

"Welcome back, Castle Lord!" under the leadership of Runo, a team of patrol guards knelt down in front of Zhang Tie on their knees and waited for Zhang Tie's return.

At the sight of this, all the onlookers watched Zhang Tie with an amazing look. As a result, this place became quiet at once. They had not imagined that Zhang Tie was the castle lord of Jinwu Castle.

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Zhang Tie's return aroused a great shock in Jinwu Castle at once. Since Zhang Tie entered the internal castle of Jinwu Castle being escorted by a team of Spirit guards, the entire castle had become boisterous.

The moment Zhang Tie entered the castle, a humpbacked old man had already rushed in front of Zhang Tie in a nimble way and kissed Zhang Tie's shoes, "Thank god, you're back, my lord. I knew that you would come back safe and sound..."

Zhang Tie almost forgot about this humpbacked old man. It was the scar on his face that reminded Zhang Tie of him. He was that miserable, poor old slave. He looked much better now.

"Get up. As you're old. Don't show such a great etiquette to me from now on!" Zhang Tie replied in a tender voice as he lifted up the old man, "Are you used to staying here these years?"

"Yes, yes; thanks to your mercy. I could have food and drinks here everyday. I could even have new clothes to wear. I'm so glad to be a watchdog for you..." as he said this, the old man started to drop off tears.

Zhang Tie was also a bit moved as he didn't know what to say. Instead, he just patted the old man's shoulder before entering with Linda, Beverly and Fiona.

In the hall of the internal castle, the moment Zhang Tie sat in the main seat, those people whom Zhang Tie kept in Jinwu Castle at the beginning, the two female stewards dispatched to Jinwu Castle by Zhang Yang and Hillman and Figo whom were just sent to Jinwu Castle a few days ago hurriedly came here to greet Zhang Tie. The etiquettes that they executed were solemn as those chancellors welcomed their lord back from the battle field. Zhang Tie received them one batch after another. After encouraging them and acknowledging about the current situation of Jinwu Castle, he dispatched some missions to them, and let them leave.

Until now did Linda, Beverly and Fiona on Zhang Tie's side know that Zhang Tie have a private castle. Before they arrived at Hidden Dragon Island, Zhang Tie just told them that he wanted to take them to travel two days in Hidden Dragon Island and show them how he cultivated in the clan at the beginning. He didn't tell them that he had such a magnificent castle and so many subordinates and servants here.

Watching Zhang Tie sitting in the chair and receiving those people calmly and confidently, the three women's eyes glittered. Such a man was indeed attractive to women. Additionally, he could give them a strong sense of safety and an unspoken pride or vanity.

Jinwu Castle had changed a lot in the past 4 years.

Most of the Spirit guards had become LV 4 or 5 warriors. Runo and another guard called Buffet had promoted to LV 6 successfully. Runo might be promoted to LV 7 this year.

Because of the cozy living environment in Jinwu Castle, those female slaves from Varner Empire had changed completely. They all had good looks before; but after 4 years, Zhang Tie could not even recognize them.

At this moment, the internal castle of Jinwu Castle had already become a country full of 20-30 beauties.

When Sonia who looked like a noble beauty and the other 52 women stood in front of Zhang Tie, even Zhang Tie felt stressed about their plump breasts and butts and their increasingly hot eyes. Zhang Tie then introduced his female servants to Linda, Beverly and Fiona.

"The three women would be your female master from then on. You should follow what they order. Am I clear?"

"Clear!" those 50-odd women glanced at Linda, Beverly and Fiona before moving their eyes away. In front of those women, Linda, Beverly and Fiona were sitting elegantly as they raised high their breasts.

"Hmm, prepare a night banquet for me at the roof of the castle like how I held last time!" Zhang Tie told Sonia, "I have friends here tonight!"

"Fine, master, what else can I do for you!"

"Nothing more, you can leave!"

"Yes, sir!"

After those female servants left, seeing nobody entering anymore, Fiona started to lean against Zhang Tie as she pouted, "You're not a lady killer? I've not imagined that you have so many more women here besides those girls of Rose Association!"

Zhang Tie pinched her petite face as he replied, "They were female slaves from Varner Empire that I bought in Stars Viewing City. What are you thinking about? From then on, you three will be their female masters, how could you envy your servants?"

"Female slaves from Varner Empire? I've not imagined that they could be so beautiful. They look more like those women who'd like to wander in Bright Avenue in Blackhot City..." Fiona blinked her eyes. She had heard about female slaves from Varner Empire, "You mean they were virgins when you bought them?"

"Hmm...erm, should be, but I've not checked that!" Zhang Tie bought them in the price of virgins. However, Zhang Tie felt bashful to check them. Therefore, he was not sure about that. As most female slaves didn't have a good experience, Zhang Tie didn't know what other troubles had met them. However, according to Davinci, the slave trading agent, those slave traders had a good reputation.

Noticing that Fiona was rolling her eyes once again, Zhang Tie patted her elastic butts, "Don't think too much about that. As we've been on the sea for the whole day, you might be tired. You can take some rest first. I will introduce my friends to you in the evening!"

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Watching the three women leaving out of here under the guidance of a female servant, Zhang Tie started to meditate while sitting in the chair. At this moment, the scene that an old grandma and a little girl raising a brand and wishing to sell themselves reappeared in his mind, making him upset.

After thinking about for over 10 minutes on the chair, Zhang Tie finally made a decision. After gritting his teeth, he took up an iron bell and rang it. Iron bell's sound was muffled while copper bell's sound was silvery which was always used as a musical instrument. Iron bell was used to call people who were waiting to serve him outside the hall in the castle.

A guard entered the hall and bowed towards Zhang Tie.

"What can I do for you, my majesty!"

"Go to Stars Viewing City and bring Davinci here!"

"Yes, sir..." the guard then left.

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Chapter 549: One Night Dance

When Zhang Tie met his old friends in the same party in the same place, he finally knew that men were no more the same ones.

How a lot of teenagers and partners celebrated party here last time was still deeply imprinted in Zhang Tie's mind. Zhang Tie had not imagined that it was already impossible for him to gather those people only after 4 years.

"Yang Yuankang, Zhu Wenqiang had been promoted to LV 9 last year. After completing the cultivation in Hidden Dragon Palace, they were recruited by the Clan and had long left Hidden Dragon Island. Senior sisters Gu Caiyun and Ma Aiyun also left Hidden Dragon Island in the latter half of the last year after completing the cultivation in Hidden Dragon Palace. It's said that these senior sisters have been dispatched to the Eastern Continent. Before leaving Hidden Dragon Island, senior sister Gu even came here for you. She wanted to have a talk with you; however, as nobody knew where you were, she could only give it up!"

"What about Zhang Kelian, Zhang Yunfei, Wei Wu and Zhang Hongsheng? They should not have reached LV 9 yet. Are they also going to leave Hidden Dragon Island?"

"They're already LV 8. After accepting the missions dispatched by Hidden Dragon Palace, they are cracking down demon disasters on the Waii Sub-Continent with other corps in Jinyun Country. Besides those who have completed the cultivation in Hidden Dragon Palace, most of the male clan apprentices above LV 7 have participated in cracking down demon disasters. They are directly cultivating themselves on the battle field; therefore, they could barely come back one time a year. The ones left in Hidden Dragon Island are mostly female apprentices below LV 9 like us!" Guo Miaolu put it straight.

Zhang Tie glanced at those girls at present. Those coy junior sister apprentices had grown into beautiful young ladies. At this moment, Zhang Tie found one person less. There should be 12 junior sister apprentices here.

"Where's junior sister apprentice Zhang Ya?" Zhang Tie asked.

After hearing Zhang Tie's question, all the girls looked gloomy.

"Junior sister apprentice Zhang Ya met an accident when she gathered soul fire in the underground world at LV 7. After chopping a huge centipede into two halves, junior sister apprentice Zhang Ya thought that the huge centipede had died. However, it sudden sprung up. Junior sister apprentice Zhang Ya then..." when Lv Shasha explained it, she started to drop off tears together with the other girls.

Zhang Tie's heart raced, "What an adorable and coy petite girl! When she smiled, she had two beautiful dimples on her face. What a pity..."

Without saying anything, Zhang Tie directly forced the lid of a jar of liquor to pop out of the jar by forcefully patting the jar. Closely after that, he raised his head and bottomed it up...

This evening, Zhang Tie was drunk, so were those girls. As nobody knew when could they gather here like this the next time or whether all of them could come here by then...

Guo Miaolu stumbled towards Zhang Tie with blushed face. She forcefully patted on Zhang Tie's shoulder as she put her arm over Zhang Tie's neck. After that, she pushed Fiona aside from Zhang Tie's chest before sitting on Zhang Tie's thigh.

"Junior...junior brother apprentice Zhang Tie...you...they...all say...you...you have a lot of women...you tell me...whe...whether our junior sister apprentices are...are your women..." Guo Miaolu stammered.

"O...of course...you...you're all my women...for the rest of your lives..." Zhang Tie stared at Guo Miaolu with drunk eyes.

"You...you...asshole..." Guo Miaolu swore before bursting out into laughter, "You gifted...your women fire-dragon crystal necklaces...do you know...that you...have a share with that store...you gifted your women with those items...then what...what do you...gift us..."

Zhang Tie became a bit dizzy, "I...will also gift you fire-dragon crystal...necklace..."

"No..." Guo Miaolu shook her head...

"I present Jinwu Castle...to you...all of it..."

"Junior sisters...do you want that..." Guo Miaolu turned around and shouted towards the other girls.

"No...you have to...gift us...unique things..." the girls jeered.

"Right, if you gift us with the same item...we will not take it..."

"You have...to gift...unique items..."

"I will gift myself to...to you..." Zhang Tie burst out into laughter...

"No...who cares about you lady killer..." Du Yuhan started to cry.

"Yeah, who cares about you lady killer..." Qu Liangying, who sat on Du Yuhan's side also cried. These two girls were the most drunk tonight.

"Gift us...what others could not...take away forever!" Zhang Wanjun shouted...

"Now that junior sisters...don't like items...this senior brother will...will perform a set of fist for you!" after saying this, Zhang Tie stumbled to the open land from the back of the table. He then gradually stood steadily.

A generous qi upsurged in Zhang Tie's chest. With the drunk feeling, Zhang Tie felt a bit sad as he remembered the strange song that Donder usually sang when he was drunk. Each time Donder sang it, he would burst out into tears. Zhang Tie suddenly felt like singing it loudly...

"Gloomy, my departed friend! Long distance between Qin state and Wu; 1000 km between Yan state and Zhao state; We depart when spring moss appear; we depart when autumn wind blow..."

In the strange song, a fiery-blood banner surged into the sky like a milky way and reached over 200 m in height. In the battle-qi totem, a huge king snake swam like a furious dragon started to hover above the entire Jinwu Castle...

Zhang Tie boomed his unrivaled iron-blood fist, which looked like brilliant flower of life...

"Thus vagrants are miserable; wuthering wind, exotic clouds; boat at the riverside, vehicles beside mountain road; how could I leave? how could horse stop neighing; covering the gold cup, who would like to drink? putting aside the zither, my tears wet the horizontal bar of vehicle. Friends at home lying on bed, feeling like losing something..."

In the song, Zhang Tie's fists swayed the girls' hair and skirts with a strong wind...

At this moment, from the bartizan of Jinwu Castle to White Dragon Town and Hidden Dragon Palace, numerous people raised their heads and watched the huge king snake that was swimming like a huge dragon above Jinwu Castle. Everybody was shocked and fascinated by the iron-blood battle qi, which rolled the west wind...

"The sunshine gradually fade away from the wall, the moonlight gradually spray over the corridor. Red orchid is holding the autumn dew; green catalpa is covered with frost. Entering the old rooms, I half close the door and touch the brilliant bed; a grief rose; vagrants stop in his dream, imagining about the souls swaying behind him."

With the great force of Iron-Blood Fist, the water in the pool on the rooftop of the castle rose and flew towards the skyline like a reversed waterfall. After spraying over the pool, it jumped up once again. Water drops turned into fog, causing a dreamland over the rooftop of Jinwu Castle.

"Thus departure feels different in different situations. Tall, handsome horse matches silver-inlaid saddle; red vehicle matches colorfully-painted wheels; I build a tent outside the gate of capital and bid a farewell to my old friends in Golden Valley Park. Strings of harp, flute and drum produce music; sad songs of Yan State and Zhao State make beauties weep; pearls and jades are brilliant in the late autumn; silks and brocades are fascinating in the early spring. Being shocked by the song, horses raise their heads and chew; fish jumped out of the deep water. When in departure, with tears in eyes, I feel lonely and gloomy."

By then, Zhang Tie's Iron-Blood Fist suddenly changed its feature as the wind of his fist contained the sound of zither and drum. It sounded like thousands of pearls falling into the jade plate. Sometimes, it was like horse's neigh; sometimes, it was like fish swimming freely in the abyss. The wind along with his fist blew over their faces which felt like desolate wind in autumn. All the girls were fascinated by that...

"There are swordsmen who feel shameful about having not appreciated their masters and young righteous men who targeted their masters, such as Nie Zheng assassinated Xia Lei, the prime minister of Han State, Yu Rang intended to assassinate Zhao Xiangzi in the toilet of the imperial palace, Zhuan Zhu assassinated the emperor of Wu State, Jing Ke assassinated the first emperor of Qin Dynasty. All of them abandoned the warmth of their mother and wife. They left their homeland and bid farewell to their family members. Before leaving, they wiped off their tears and blood and gazed at each other. After

riding on the battle horse, they didn't look back anymore, leaving dust on the way. They paid gratitude to their masters at the cost of their own lives. When bells rang, cowards turned faces while their parents and wives wailed to death."

Zhang Tie jumped in the air while he released his golden-carp sword and silver-carp sword from his waist. He released sword qi for over 100 times and punched 100 times at the same time. The sword qi surged towards the sky. Zhang Tie's fist intention incarnated into the shape of dragon while the golden and silver carps flew out of his sword qi vividly and reached the skyline directly. Under the shiny skyline, they danced with the king snake. Dotted by red, golden and silver, the stars in the sky were even dwarfed. It was absolutely a legendary scene...

Watching this, a 50-year old wrinkled man widely opened his mouth as the bowl of night snacklate fell on the ground, causing a "cracking" sound.

Many people in the inn raised their heads and watched the direction of Jinwu Castle silently.

"...the frost in the deep autumn is like pearls; the bright moon in the autumn night is like jade chip; the bright moonlight and the pearl-like frost, come and go. After departure, I miss you so much.

Therefore, although the departing parties and reasons are uncertain, I will always be sad about that. Being upset, I lose my awareness and suffer a great trauma and shock mentally and spiritually. Although there are marvelous poems of Wang Bao and Yang Xiong and the profound narrations of Yan An and Xu Le; although there are many handsome people in the examination hall and numerous talented people in the national library whose poems are known as having a powerful qi surging into the heavens like that of Sima Xiangru, whose texts are known as profound and extensive like that of Zou Shi, who could describe the scene of departure!"

After the song, the sword qi disappeared, the fist intention was buried and the dancing king snake remained dormant as Zhang Tie's figure reappeared in the water curtain. The water curtain turned into water drops once again and fell onto the girls' faces and skirts.

Zhang Tie then stared at his double-carp swords and forced the two thin sword blades out. He then forcefully collided the golden carp sword with the silver carp sword, breaking them into pieces at once.

"Does this set of fist position...look good...I've broken my double-carp swords...especially...for you...the gift that I present to you...could not be grabbed away by...anyone else"

All the junior sister apprentices of Zhang Tie had burst out into tears...

After asking this, Zhang Tie laughed as he lay down, facing the sky at once. With an exclamation, Linda, Beverly, Fiona who had long recovered her consciousness and all of Zhang Tie's junior sister apprentices surged up towards him immediately.

After checking him carefully, Guo Miaolu wiped off her tears. Looking at Zhang Tie who was leaning against her breasts, she smiled at the other sisters, "Senior brother apprentice...is just drunk...he's fallen asleep!"

That night, Zhang Tie's dance became legendary.

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At the peak of the mountain where Hidden Dragon Palace rested, a group of elites who were holding a meeting in Heavens Breaking Pavilion were also gazing at that marvelous scene in Jinwu Castle. Until the marvelous scene disappeared did everyone become speechless.

"The one who could break the heavens is not here, isn't it hilarious for us to break heavens here? I will leave Hidden Dragon Island for the theater of operations in Qilan State tonight. I hope to further improve my cultivation. See you..." after a long sigh, a youth crossed his hands towards his partners before directly jumping off the Heavens Breaking Pavilion.

"See you next year then, hope you'll be alive then! after saying this, another youth also jumped off the Heavens Breaking Pavilion.

In a wink, all the elites of Hidden Dragon Palace had left. Before the final one left, he stared at the three words "Heavens Breaking Pavilion" and frowned. He then jumped up and punched that board into pieces. Closely after that, he left without looking back—from today on, there's Heavens Breaking Department in Hidden Dragon Palace; yet no Heavens Breaking Pavilion in the Heavens Breaking Department...

Chapter 550: Arrangements

When Zhang woke up late the next morning, he felt spirited all over and was in his best state. After one night, Zhang Tie had a better recognition of fighting skills. He suddenly felt that he could apply Iron-Blood Fist, swordsmanship and his battle qi as well as the 'One Step, One Scene' smoothly. That one night dance was Zhang Tie's best performance since he was born.

When Zhang Tie woke up, he found that he was resting his head on Linda's plump and snow-white thigh. Linda was massaging his dimples kindly by hands. The fragrance of the plant essential oil in her hands smelt very comfortable. Seeing Zhang Tie opening his eyes, Linda stopped.

"Ah, you woke up..."

"Where are Fiona and Beverly?" after looking around, Zhang Tie found nobody else in the bedroom, including Fiona.

"Fiona said she wanted to see how those female servants worked in the castle. She went with Beverly!"

Zhang Tie smiled. As Fiona and Beverly had not lived in the castle before, it was normal for them to be curious about that. To the final analysis, they were still childish.

Zhang Tie and Linda then got up. After pulling the rope of the bell in the room, after a few seconds, the female servants had entered with Zhang Tie's clothes and cleansing tools one after another.

In only 5-6 minutes, Zhang Tie had already cleansed himself and dressed well. Noticing those women glancing at his thing, Zhang Tie blushed although being shameless. Whispering something to Linda, he hurriedly left the bedroom.

After coming to the outside, Zhang Tie let out a deep sigh inside.

"Where are my junior sister apprentices?" Zhang Tie asked Sonia who followed him.

"Those guests have left this early morning. You were still sleeping at that moment, your excellency!" the servant of Jinwu Castle answered while her blush did not completely fade away.

Zhang Tie drew in a long breath as he didn't know when would they gather again. However, that was how life went. Banquets would always come to an end. After acknowledging his friends' information, Zhang Tie had solved half of his concerns in Hidden Dragon Island. After lighting the soul fire of bloody scorpion as a LV 9 fighter, Zhang Tie would leave out of here.

"There's one more thing!"

"What?"

"Many people wanted to see you outside the Jinwu Castle this early morning, my lord!" Sonia reported.

Zhang Tie knew these people must be attracted by the fist position that he performed last night. Zhang Tie really had no time to care about these people. Whether they were here for fame or benefit or out of pure curiosity, Zhang Tie didn't plan to waste time on them.

Additionally, Zhang Tie didn't know whether there were killers of Three-Eye Association among those people. If Three-Eye Association intended to deal with him by arranging moles in Hidden Dragon Island, they might want to slip in Jinwu Castle by this chance. It was unnecessary for him to find trouble for himself.

"I will not see any of them!" Zhang Tie ordered as he walked, "Oh, I have sent someone to bring Davinci here from Stars Viewing City yesterday, has he arrived here?"

"Yes, he has. He's waiting for you, castle lord!"

"Let him wait for me in the lobby!"

"As you will!"

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In a few minutes, Davinci, whom Zhang Tie met a few years ago, stood in front of Zhang Tie politely. He even did not dare to look at other women in the castle. Since he entered the lobby, he had been gazing at his feet.

"Take a seat!" Zhang Tie pointed at a chair on his side. Davinci then sat down carefully.

Zhang Tie put it straightforwardly, "I want you to give me a favor."

"Argh, it's my pleasure...just let me know your demand!" Davinci picked himself up in a flurried manner before sitting down hurriedly.

"How's the slave trade in Stars Viewing City?"

"Alas, just so so. After the holy war broke out, human life had become worthless. Not only Stars Viewing City, even the slave trade across the entire Waii Sub-Continent could hardly sustain. Honestly, I've not had a business for a long time!" Davinci replied with a bitter look.

"I have a business for you!" Zhang Tie directly passed an envelope and 5 gold notes to Davinci, each note was worth 10,000 gold coins. At the sight of the par value of the gold notes, Davinci's face started to cramp as his eyes turned bloody. He started to pant like an old ox. In a split second, a powerful qi aroused from him.

"What...what do you want me to do?"

"I have a friend. He wants me to transport some slaves to Ice and Snow Wilderness for him!"

"Are you kidding me?" Davinci watched Zhang Tie with an amazed look, "So many people are striving for a stock certificate of Ice and Snow Wilderness. This year, each share of stock delivered by the tribal axis of Ice and Snow Wilderness has reached 100 gold coins. Even so, you could barely get one. Many rich people could not get one, not to mention those worthless slaves!"

"Mind your own business. You only need to bring those people, who wish to be slaves and seek shelter in Ice and Snow Wilderness. These 50,000 gold coins are your budget!"

"I want to help you, but I cannot make that without the admittance certificate of Ice and Snow Wilderness..." Davinci forcefully swallowed his saliva while gazing at the gold notes; he decisively shook his head, "As to those ferries which want to steal in Ice and Snow Wilderness, even though they have arrived at Eschyle City, all the passengers have to pass the check there. Only those who have admittance certificates are allowed to land in Ice and Snow Wilderness. Those having no admittance certificates would have to go back where they came from!"

Zhang Tie smiled as he pointed at that sealed envelope, "My friend handed this letter to me. You only need to have your man hand this letter to the ruler of Eschyle City. They will take over those slaves."

"Ah, does that work?" Davinci watched Zhang Tie with an unbelievable look.

"My friend has a great power in Ice and Snow Wilderness. Don't worry about that. As long as you could deal with it well, I promise you will have a bright future. Gold coins will not tell a lie, right? It's unnecessary for me to play a joke with you with 50,000 gold coins!"

Davinci finally made his decision as he gritted his teeth, "Fine, I will do that!"

"I have to warn you. Those who would like to be slaves are poor. Many of them are orphans and lonely old women. Don't play tricks with me. Just bring those people to Ice and Snow Wilderness safe and sound. If you don't understand this point, I'm sure that as long as I hear some bad news about you, you won't try how I review my wrongdoings. Am I clear?"

Davinci quivered all over before nodding solemnly, "Don't worry. I'm clear. I won't do that stupid thing!"

"That's what I want. I will have someone accompany you there as your bodyguards and assistants..." after saying that, Zhang Tie sent someone to bring here Hillman, Figo, Michael and the 'manager' and told them about their job.

As it was their first time to serve Zhang Tie, they all treated it as a test of their loyalty; therefore, they all agreed instantly...

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Closely after that, they left Jinwu Castle. Seeing them off, Zhang Tie sat still for a short while before telling the other servants that he wanted to enter meditation in the backroom. After that, he entered the basement of Jinwu Castle.

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After changing a look in 20 minutes, Zhang Tie walked out of a private residence in White Dragon Town and rapidly surged towards the Dragon Cave...

After 7 hours, Zhang Tie finally caught sight of a LV 9 bloody scorpion which was higher than 10 m in the deep underground space of Dragon Cave. The bloody scorpion walked towards him like a mountain. Zhang Tie responded with a smile...

When Zhang Tie walked out of the basement of Jinwu Castle in the evening, nobody knew that Zhang Tie had become an official LV 9 fighter. After being lit by the soul-fire of the LV 9 bloody scorpion, Zhang Tie's iron-blood battle qi gradually improved qualitatively. Zhang Tie tried the trouble-reappearance situation of the shadow demon backroom once again. With the help of the LV 9 iron-blood battle qi, he survived 6 seconds under the attack of the shadow demon for the first time. 6,6,10—the latest data of Zhang Tie's fighting force.

The biggest problem facing Zhang Tie now was how to promote to LV 10. As long as he reached LV 10, he would be able to release his battle qi through the air. As a result, he could kill his enemy using his iron-blood fist over 10 m away. By then, he would reveal the real power of iron-blood fist which was the secret knowledge of the imperial household of Norman Empire.

At dinner, Zhang Tie fetched all the female servants. After that, he took out a contract and handed it to Sonia.

"Sonia, given what you've done for Jinwu Castle and your loyalty to me these years, you're free now. If you wish to stay in Jinwu Castle and serve me loyally, you will become my home chancellor and enjoy the treatment of home chancellor. Do you like to stay?"

Being thrilled, Sonia took that contract as her eyes turned wet at once. She stammered, "I...I wish to stay and serve you, my lord!"

All the other female servants watched Sonia with an admirable look. This contract brought hope to all the female servants.

That was what Zhang Tie pursued. Zhang Tie pointed at Linda, Beverly and Fiona and told those female servants, "After a few days, you will follow them to the Eastern Continent. From then on, the three women will be your masters. I will hand your contracts to them. They will control your fate, am I clear?"

All the female servants nodded as they showed their etiquette to Linda, Beverly and Fiona solemnly.

After the female servants left, Zhang Tie called in the team of Spirit soldiers and introduced their female masters to them.

The last one entering was Paul, the candidate muling of Sun Dynasty, who was almost the most humble person in Jinwu Castle. Although he was low-key, he also showed his loyalty to Zhang Tie in his own way. Zhang Tie also paid him for his loyalty—several years ago, when those girls of Rose Association and

those brothers of God Blessing Brotherhood returned to Huaiyuan Prefecture before the holy war broke out, Zhang Tie fulfilled his promise. He told his elder brother to dispatch someone to kill that head muling named Keehn who had killed all the family members of Paul in Sun Dynasty.

From then on, Paul sincerely accomplished the task of setting free sand-scale fish requested by Zhang Tie in Jinwu Castle everyday. It seemed that he treated this as his only task and work in the world.

When Zhang Tie came back yesterday, Paul was not back from the wharf yet. Therefore, it was Zhang Tie's first time to meet Paul in the past 4 years. The fruit of redemption on the small tree in Castle of Black Iron witnessed this man's diligent work everyday.

When Zhang Tie met Paul once again, he was a bit shocked by Paul's qi. This slave looked more tranquil and profound. Average people could not observe that except Zhang Tie.

"Have you broken through it?" Zhang Tie asked with a slightly amazed look.

"Yes, my lord. Watching those maritime lives returning to the ocean freely and happily everyday, I feel very tranquil and comfortable inside. Therefore, I have finally broken through!" Paul's calm face slightly revealed a bit excitement. As he replied, he knelt down in front of Zhang Tie and touched the ground with his forehead, his shoulders and his knees, which was the highest etiquette that followers used in front of their leaders of the school God of Brilliance, "Thank you, you're my lord of brilliance. It's you who had wiped off hatred from my heart and silently pointed out a bright road towards sacredness for me. Please allow me to follow you and be loyal to you. It's my great honor to be your home chancellor, even servants!"

Zhang Tie opened his mouth as he had not imagined that this man could make the breakthrough in cultivation only by watching sand-scale fish returning to the ocean. After a short while, Zhang Tie finally asked him, "What's your rank now?"

"According to the standards of the school of the God of Brilliance, I'm a 5-star battle priest now!"

"5-star battle priest?"

"Hmm, my fighting strength is equal to that of a LV 9 fighter!"

"F*ck" Zhang Tie almost shouted out. "This guy was just a candidate muling of the school of God of Brilliance over one decade ago. Such a breakthrough must be a result of long-time accumulation. But it's too weird to make breakthrough in this pattern. Is there any secret inside?" as Zhang Tie thought about it, he gradually recovered his composure. He glanced at Paul and finally nodded, "From today on, you will be my home chancellor. When I'm not in the castle, you should serve them; this is Linda, this is Beverly, this is Fiona!"

Paul then gave his salute to Linda, Beverly and Fiona respectively...

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On the next day, after arranging the affairs in Hidden Dragon Island, Zhang Tie returned to Yiyang City with Linda, Beverly and Fiona by airship.

As he had finished what he wanted to do, he would prepare for returning to the Selnes Theater of Operations...

Zhang Tie sensed that he could find a chance to breakthrough LV 10 in Selnes Theater of Operations...