

## **Black Iron 761**

### Chapter 761: Tianfang City

After having a sound sleep last night, the bit of fatigue caused by over 1 month's journey outside was cleared. Zhang Tie became spirited once again.

Knights could not just cultivate and fight. With proper relaxation, they could even maintain a greater vitality and more sensitive thinking.

So did Zhang Tie. As it was still far away from the formation of his earth chakra, Zhang Tie became relaxed. He just kept the regular rhythm. Many black iron knights could not break their realm for 100-200 years.

The morning air in Yiyang Mountain was as fresh as the crystal being cleansed by the thawed ice from the Elzida Mountain. After taking a breath of the refreshing air, Zhang Tie felt spirited all over.

After getting up, Zhang Tie took a bath. He then put on a new set of clothes before leaving the elder's pavilion on Long Sight Peak for the Shrine Palace.

There were all sorts of items in the elder's pavilion, including hundreds of clothes, hats, shoes and socks in different styles. All the daily goods provided for the clan elders by Huaiyuan Palace were real, top customized items. Take the black robe on Zhang Tie as an instance, although it looked similar to common silk robes, Deacon Yu told him that it was made of a special python silk in Eastern Continent. Python silk was a rarity. It was said that 50 g of python silk was worth 5 kgs of gold. In Waii Sub-continent, as python silk products were imported from Eastern Continent, they were more expensive and rarer.

Python silk could not be attacked by dust. Due to its special, dense flexibility, it could not be penetrated through by powerful bolts. It looked nice, clean and tidy like a piece of natural soft armor. In Huaiyuan Palace, python silk products were special provisions. Only the clan elders and some big figures in Zhang Clan could use them.

Besides the robe, even the upper outer garment, lining and trousers were made of top raw materials in excellent workmanship. Even Zhang Tie's pair of cloud-ascending shoes was customized artificially, which was very delicate all over.

Since he came to Yiyang Mountain last night, only after half a day, Zhang Tie already had a feeling—How good it is to be a clan elder!

It was just the beginning. Zhang Tie knew that the privilege of elders of Huaiyuan Palace would not just be such a small material treatment and some beauties...

As he kept breathing the fresh air on Yiyang Mountain, Zhang Tie strode off the Long Sight Peak leisurely. When he arrived at the Shrine Palace, it was not 6 am yet. After waiting there a couple of minutes, Elder Muray arrived on time.

Realizing that Zhang Tie arrived here a couple of times earlier, Elder Muray nodded faintly as he appreciated Zhang Tie a bit more. Although it was a trivial thing, it indicated the importance of Huaiyuan Palace in Zhang Tie's heart.

Although he was satisfied, Elder Muray didn't show it on his face. After greeting Zhang Tie, he put it straight, "Let's go!" Closely after that, he rose in the air, followed by Zhang Tie.

Elder Muray kept flying ahead of Zhang Tie. After rising above the clouds tens of thousands of meters high, the two people rushed towards north like meteors.

Xian Prefecture of Lan Clan was neighboring Huaiyuan Prefecture. Taian City in the northernmost part of Huaiyuan Prefecture was adjacent to Shunjiang City of Lan Clan with Yuanjiang River between them. However, Taian City had been sold to Norman Empire by Huaiyuan Palace.

Over the past 1 month, with the evacuation of a lot of Hua people, besides Taian City, Yunzhou City, Xince City and Qihai City were also sold by Huaiyuan Palace to Norman Empire. Norman Empire had connected Taian City, Yunzhou City and Qihai City and formed a firm base on the north bank of Yuan Jiang River.

Xince City was sold to the Mercenary Union of Blackson Humans Corridor. After selling the above 4 cities, Huaiyuan Palace only had 3 coastal cities, respectively Yiyang City, Golden Sea City and Stars Viewing City. Among them, Yiyang City was the core region of Huaiyuan Palace and Zhang Clan. Golden Sea City was the significant industrial and manufacturing base of Huaiyuan Palace. Stars Viewing City was the northernmost portal and the encampment of the Hurricane Corps of Huaiyuan Palace. Like a firm steel tripod, the three cities became Huaiyuan Palace's final base on Blackson Humans Corridor.

Elder Muray moved as fast as 800 miles per hour which was higher than Zhang Tie's "cruising speed". After thinking for a second, Zhang Tie had realized that Elder Muray was testing his flying ability. This speed had already been much faster than the average speed of most of the black iron knights. 'As the Mountain of Brightness is not far away, Elder Muray doesn't need to fly so fast at the cost of his vigor.'

It might work if Elder Muray tested other new knights with this high speed; however, it was like testing whether a fish could swim for Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie's "cruising speed" would reach above 700 miles per hour, it was very easy for him to increase by a bit more than 10%.

It only took the two knights more than half an hour from Yiyang City to Taian City.

From their perspectives in the air, airships landed in Taian City from north one after another, unloading passengers.

At this moment, over 70% of fury-level airships produced by Huaiyuan Palace were sold to Norman Empire and were used for the evacuation of the population in the entire empire.

Anything, once reaching a scale, would be splendid just like the airships below Zhang Tie's feet at this moment.

Watching those airships, Zhang Tie couldn't help but imagine how he would shoot down these airships rapidly if they belonged to demons.

They soon flew over Yuanjiang River. After that, Elder Muray realized that Zhang Tie was not flying hard. Therefore, it refreshed his opinion about Zhang Tie's ability. He then decelerated to 600 miles per hour.

"You're cultivating Five-elements Earth-look Sutra?" Elder Muray talked to Zhang Tie in a secret soul-transmitting manner.

"Hmm, yes!" Zhang Tie replied calmly.

Elder Muray then watched the white protective battle qi over Zhang Tie with a dubious look, "Could Five-elements Earth-look Sutra improve one's flying ability?"

"I don't know. Perhaps, my physique has improved after being struck by that lightning bolt. I also feel the difference between this "Five-elements Earth-look Sutra and the contents in the secret book!" Zhang Tie replied as he started to convert his battle qi. In a split second, the protective battle qi became as flexible as water as the white light which represented gold turned into purple-black which represented water. Closely after that, it turned into green which represented wood. Then, it turned into red like fire. Finally, it turned into yellow which represented earth.

Each level higher the cultivator reached, he would have a power of the five elements. After promoting to the knight, the cultivator could freely convert his battle qi among the five elements and advance his battle qi to five-elements battle qi. Zhang Tie was displaying this ability.

Watching Zhang Tie's performance, Elder Muray didn't doubt him anymore; instead, he let out a sigh, "You'd better not reveal the secret that you were struck by a lightning bolt in the future. Otherwise, I'm afraid that many disciples of Huaiyuan Palace would like to be struck by the lightning bolt on purpose!"

"Haha, fine!" Zhang Tie replied with a smile.

King roc could be a fish in the water, a bird in the sky; King roc could go deep into the abyss and suppress all the evils or fly as fast as wind and thunders in the sky so as to devour the stars. It had numerous, mysterious changes. After promoting to the knight, Zhang Tie was granted with a special "knight's consciousness" by the "King Roc Sutra". He could almost imitate all kinds of battle qi below emperor-level secret knowledge that he was familiar with. As long as he read that secret knowledge of any battle qi, he would be able to imitate it easily. According to the difficulty of the secret knowledge, he could at least imitate 60% of them.

It was Zhang Tie's first time to display the powerful ability of "King Roc Sutra" in front of an elder of Huaiyuan Palace.

Real powerhouses usually hid their true talent. Therefore, Zhang Tie just imitated the "Five-elements Earth-Looking Sutra" by the "King Roc Sutra".

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After flying over 700 miles towards northeast along Shunjiang City, Zhang Tie saw a city being surrounded by green mountains. It was not large but was featured by the nonchalant elegance of Lan cities.

Elder Muray landed on the top of a mountain outside the city, followed by Zhang Tie. After that, they went downhill and entered the city from a gate in the south.

The moment Zhang Tie stepped onto the cyan stony road in the city, he had sniffed a rich fragrance of flowers. All sorts of exotic flowers were on both sides of the urban roads. The entire city was like a big garden as was indicated by its name Tianfang City.

'Is the Human Knights Union Mountain of Brightness on Waii Sub-continent located here?'

Zhang Tie had a limitless curiosity about the Mountain of Brightness as he imagined about the magnificent scenery on Mountain of Brightness.

After walking through the roads for over 20 minutes, Elder Muray stopped in a remote lane, "Here we are!"

Zhang Tie looked around with a vacant expression...

Elder Muray pointed at a medium-sized pawnshop in front of them...

There were three Hua characters on the signboard outside the pawnshop——在人间. Almost half of its primer faded away. It seemed a bit miserable.

Zhang Tie became stunned for quite a while...

'Is this...the Mountain of Brightness? The most powerful Human Knights Union on Waii Sub-continent?'

'My God, even the Sacred Golden Orchid Empire's embassy in Jinyun Country looks much more advanced than this place.'

If not the solemn look of Elder Muray, which reminded Zhang Tie that it was not a joke, he had long turned around and left...

Chapter 762: Pushing Open the Door of Knight's World (I)

After entering the pawnshop, Zhang Tie saw a lad in cyan clothes and a hat dozing off behind the counter, leaving a puddle of saliva on the counter.

All the furnishings in the pawnshop seemed to have been old as they lost their gloss. The entire pawnshop was still filled with looming smoke and tea fragrance.

Besides some cheap items scattering in the containers behind the counter, nothing else could be found in the pawnshop.

After comparing the formidable term Mountain of Brightness to such a broken pawnshop, Zhang Tie threw a glance at Elder Muray.

"Ahem...ahem..." Elder Muray coughed.

But the lad still did not wake up.

Elder Muray looked a bit embarrassed as he coughed twice forcefully once again. This time, the lad finally woke up. When the arm that supported his head slid away, his head instantly pounded on the counter while his face fell into the puddle of saliva.

"Who...who's spraying me with water?" The lad shouted as he waved his limbs. When he saw Zhang Tie and Elder Muray clearly and noticed his saliva on the counter, he wiped it away from his face and tidied his sleeve.

'This is really...really...amazing' Zhang Tie was so shocked that he became silent.

"Where's your boss?" Elder Muray asked politely.

"6 new virgins arrived in Yihong Pavilion last night. The old thing has not come back yet!" The lad seemingly complained that the "old thing" didn't take him there. After losing his temper for a short while, he looked Zhang Tie and Elder Muray up and down. When he gazed at Zhang Tie, his eyes gleamed, "Ze...ze...I've not imagined seeing a knight in Waii Sub-continent!"

Zhang Tie was doubting that this place had nothing to do with that Mountain Brightness. However, the latter words of that lad wavered his mind.

When Zhang Tie concealed his qi, even a knight could not recognize his status as a knight. How did this lad know?

Zhang Tie instantly cleared his suspicion.

"You are lucky. Now that a big deal came, the old thing would definitely know it. He will come back soon!"

Soon after the lad's words, Zhang Tie heard footsteps outside the pawnshop. Closely after that, an old, thin guy rushed in with white mustache in a scarlet robe with floral patterns on it. Besides, there was a faint mark of lipstick on his face...

What a shameless old thing!

"Ahh, who's that? Why did you come here at such a critical moment? What a killjoy..." The old guy kept swearing when he entered.

Even Elder Muray, the worst-tempered elder in Huaiyuan Palace was silent with a big smile in front of this old guy.

After throwing a glance at Elder Muray and Zhang Tie, the old guy muttered. After that, he told the lad to open a narrow burglarproof door beside the counter and entered.

The moment he entered the counter, the old guy knocked the lad's head with his finger, causing the lad to spring up due to a sharp pain, "You sleepyhead, whether you were speaking ill of me just now?"

"Ahh, never!" The lad touched his head with a pair of gleaming eyes like an innocent rabbit.

"Work hard. Don't always think about women. Look at you. You do not even have your pubic hair. As it's chaotic now, I will increase your salary by 2 silver coins next month. When you have 20 gold coins, I will find a class A virgin for you..."

After saying that, the old guy chased away the lad before sitting on the seat behind the counter and watching Zhang Tie and Elder Muray.

After this old thing entered, Zhang Tie realized through his knight's consciousness that the entire space of the pawnshop had been sealed. Although the door was open, all the sounds inside the door could not be leaked.

Elder Muray threw a glance at Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie then walked to the counter.

The old thing threw a serious glance at Zhang Tie before asking with an impatient look, "Name?"

"Zhang Tie!"

"Age?"

"22!"

"Your nominal age?" The old guy glared at Zhang Tie like watching an illiterate, "How could you not count the 10 months in your mom's womb? You, young men, who grew up in remote areas such as Waii Sub-continent are fickle. You know sh\*t! How do you not learn the essence of Hua culture? Again, age..."

This time, Zhang Tie was completely conquered by this old thing, "23!"

"Which clan were you born in?"

"Huaiyuan Palace, Jinyun Country!"

"Put out your right hand horizontally..."

Zhang Tie put out his right hand. The old thing then pinched each finger of Zhang Tie's right hand like touching his bones. After that, he took out a needle from below the counter and rapidly injected into Zhang Tie's one finger. After squeezing out some blood, he took out a white dragon-shaped crystal plate from below the counter and dropped that blood onto the two eyes of the dragon-shaped crystal. After being immersed in Zhang Tie's blood, the white crystal instantly turned as blue as a sapphire.

"Inject your spiritual energy into the dragon-shaped crystal!"

Zhang Tie then injected his spiritual energy into the dragon-shaped crystal plate from his finger. The crystal then started to illuminate. Finally, dragon-shaped totem halos appeared above the crystal. After flying around the crystal for one circle, the halos finally entered the crystal and turned into a shiny dragon scale on the crystal. What a marvel!

After doing all this, the old thing fumbled out a bright yellow crystal from the counter and gave it together with the dragon-shaped crystal plate to Zhang Tie, "It's okay!"

Watching the bright yellow crystal, Elder Muray faintly frowned, "Why there's only one earth-element crystal? Shouldn't it be two?"

"The earth-element realm is breaking out a fierce war. Bless the God that you can have one earth-element crystal. It's just a benefit being used to encourage human knights. It's normal even if you could not get one. How many do you want, a crate?" The old thing rolled his eyes, which choked Elder Muray so much, "Well, where's the money?"

Elder Muray took out some gold checks and put them on the counter.

At the sight of the par value, Zhang Tie was dumbfounded, 'Each of 4 gold checks is 1 million gold coins. It's the largest par value that Golden Roc Bank could issue!'

'Are such trivial items worth 4 million gold coins? 100 tons of gold?'

Zhang Tie watched the two items which weighed less than 250 g in total with an unbelievable look. He could not connect the two items with the 4 million gold coins for the time being.

Even though Zhang Tie had a wealth of 500 million gold coins, as he lived a tough life when he was young, he knew clearly about the value of 4 million gold coins.

Even so-called major clans in many small countries could not afford 4 million gold coins. Even the major clans in Blackhot City could barely afford 4 million gold coins.

After putting away the gold checks, the old thing seemingly knew what Zhang Tie was thinking about. He then threw a glance at Zhang Tie before explaining unsatisfactorily, "Do you think that knight's crystal plate is common? You can never find the second one across the world except for the Mountain of Brightness. It's already deducted given that you're a human knight. This item is your access to the knight's word. After injecting your spiritual energy in it, you will see whether it's worth 4 million gold coins or not."

After hearing this, Zhang Tie directly injected his spiritual energy into the knight's crystal plate.

After entering the knight's crystal plate once again, Zhang Tie saw a paragraph of words in his mind sea. It introduced the significance and usage of this knight's crystal plate to Zhang Tie.

Due to his powerful spiritual energy, it only took Zhang Tie less than 1 second to figure out the entire paragraph. He then widened his mouth.

Generally, this knight's crystal plate had three functions.

First, this knight's crystal plate indicated Zhang Tie's status as a knight. Now, the knight's crystal plate had been completely bundled with Zhang Tie. Only Zhang Tie could use and activate some special functions of this crystal plate. Only people with human's knight's crystal plates could access to many mysterious human regions in the underground world. It was like each human knight's legit certificate. Additionally, this knight's crystal plate had established a certain mysterious contact with Zhang Tie. If Zhang Tie died, the Mountain of Brightness would know that first.

The second function of this knight's crystal plate was more marvelous...

Chapter 763: Pushing Open the Door of the Knight's World (II)

Although being a knight, Zhang Tie only had an obscure feeling about his cultivation progress. However, he could see his cultivation progress and level clearly on the knight's crystal plate.

Black iron knight's crystal plate was blue. When the knight was going to form his earth chakra, the shape of the chakra would be displayed as a round pattern on a plane. Due to different cultivation methods, some round patterns were simple, some were complex. Now that they were round, they were composed of 360 degrees. That was to say, generally, all the chakras could be divided into 360 smaller

parts equally. After lighting the 360 parts, it meant that the knight had formed a new chakra and promoted to the next level.

The 360 parts of a round pattern referred to a concrete division of ranks and cultivation progress.

In knight's word, 360 units of a chakra were called scales, dragon's scales. 360 scales referred to the number of stages that a black iron knight needed to go up before promoting to an earth knight.

The forming progress of the chakra could be sensed and reflected on the knight's crystal plate.

On the dragon-shaped crystal plate, there was a dragon relief which had 360 fine dragon scales. When Zhang Tie activated the knight's crystal plate just now, one dragon scale turned into bright yellow. It indicated that Zhang Tie had just lit 1 of the 360 scales which were required to form the earth chakra.

If Zhang Tie formed the second chakra, all the 360 dragon scales on the dragon-shaped crystal plate would turn into bright yellow. The moment the earth chakra started to run, the entire knight's crystal plate would turn into bright yellow from blue.

After water chakra, the third chakra was formed, all the dragon scales on the knight's crystal plate would turn into black...and so on.

By displaying the cultivation progress to the knight, the knight's crystal plate could urge each knight to continue their cultivation and fix the target of each knight in the distant cultivation process.

What an exceptional function! However, after figuring out the third function of the knight's crystal plate, Zhang Tie became more dumbfounded.

The third function of the knight's crystal plate reminded Zhang Tie of the description about the information network that humans established in technological means before the Catastrophe that he read in the library. Before touching the knight's crystal plate, Zhang Tie had not imagined that there could be such an item in this age. He thought that the remote-sensing mirror crystal was already high-tech.

The remote-sensing crystal that could be used for one-to-one information transfer was already rare. By contrast, this knight's crystal plate was more powerful with more specialized functions. Especially after combining with the super powerful spiritual energy of knight, this knight's crystal plate had some exceptional functions that Zhang Tie had not even heard about before.

After being shocked for 2 seconds, Zhang Tie injected his spiritual energy into the mirror space of the knight's crystal plate in front of Elder Muray and that old guy.

The moment his spiritual energy entered the mirror space of the knight's crystal plate, Zhang Tie had sensed his spiritual energy being linked to a special information sea through the mirror space inside the crystal plate after being elongated as slim as a noodle. His spiritual energy then turned into a special wave.

That information sea was filled with a special brightness, which seemed to be billions of miles away from Zhang Tie but felt like it was right in front of Zhang Tie.

"Welcome to the Mountain of Brightness, human knight!"



A masculine, dignified voice drifted in Zhang Tie's mind through the feedback of his spiritual energy.

After the voice disappeared, a paragraph of words about Zhang Tie appeared in the astronomical information sea. The words were radiating faint, blue light.

Owner of the knight's crystal plate——Zhang Tie

Race——Hua

Clan——Huaiyuan Palace

Current Level——Black Iron Knight

Cultivation progress——1 scale

Byname in Mountain of Brightness——Chakra's tiger

Personal account——100,000 gold coins.

This information appeared in Zhang Tie's mind sea in blue words.

Zhang Tie knew that only he could see his individual information.

The byname in the Mountain of Brightness was fixed with each knight's crystal plate. Instead of being selected by individuals, it's completely optional. This byname was one each human knight's secret. They could not even expose it to their parents, wives or children. More than one human knight had been killed after leaking their byname in Mountain of Brightness.

The personal account was Zhang Tie's individual account in the organization of Mountain of Brightness. Needless to say, the 100,000 gold coins was spared from the 4 million gold coins that Elder Muray had just paid for him. He had to pay to activate some functions of this knight's crystal plate.

Each human knight's personal account in Mountain of Brightness could freely flow. They could deposit in or withdraw from it. Four banks were available for human knights in Mountain of Brightness, namely Golden Roc Bank, Xuanyuan Bank and Pangu Bank in Taixia Country and Intercontinental Bank in Western Continent. With their own knight's crystal plate, human knights could deposit in or withdraw out money from their exclusive personal account in any of the above banks.

After this information faded away, with the constant injection of his spiritual energy, Zhang Tie opened a wholly new paper's front page.

On the top of the front page, there were 4 Hua characters which radiated golden light——光明之山 1 .

There were some notices in the scarlet letter right in the most eye-catching place below the 4 Hua characters "光明之山".

The first notice was——"Lion Fortress in Earth-element Realm wants No. 1 knights"

The second notice was——"Knights who head for the 3rd abyss for capturing underground dragons, attention, please. Bronze-class far-ancient demon beasts are discovered in the 3rd abyss.

The third notice was—"Severe demonized puppets disaster broke out in Blackhot Sub-continent. 180 million people turned into demonized puppets. Mountain of Brightness and 37 human countries across Blackhot Sub-continent off a reward to suppress it"

Zhang Tie didn't know what earth-element realm was.

He didn't know where was the 3rd abyss either.

He knew that Blackhot Sub-continent was far away from Waii Sub-continent. It was much larger than Waii Sub-continent. However, Zhang Tie just read it on the map. As for the terrifying demonized puppets disaster being involved with 180 million people, Zhang Tie felt goosebumps all over.

Zhang Tie injected a bit of spiritual energy into the first notice while some new lines of words gradually appeared in Zhang Tie's mind sea.

It was a very fine map, which led people from the world above ground to the Lion Fortress in the Earth-element Realm. Right below the map was the treatment for No. 1 knights.

Black iron knight—2 earth-element crystals per month; keep all the booties; only after staying in Lion Fortress for 5 years, you will be qualified to leave your name on the Heavens Fortune Namelist and be awarded as a lord.

Earth knight—1 water-element crystal per month; keep all the booties; only after staying in Lion Fortress for 2 years, you will be qualified to leave your name on the Heavens Fortune Namelist and be awarded as a lord.

The map was valuable. After glancing over it, Zhang Tie bore those details in mind. Closely after that, he retreated from the first notice and returned to the front page.

Below these notices were three green words, respectively reward for hunting; goods trade; information exchange.

Zhang Tie skimmed all of them by his spiritual energy.

As for Zhang Tie, everything in the knight's world was strange. It seemed that he had entered a new world.

In the section "reward for hunting", Zhang Tie saw a live, grim image of a demon knight, below which was an introduction in two lines and some photos. The background of those photos was an urban relic and numerous human corpses...

—Daruba, a black iron demon knight raided the capital city of Filin Kingdom, a state of the Saint Dias Humans Countries Alliance on September 27th, the 895th year of Black Iron Calendar and exterminated the royal members of Filin Kingdom. Besides, it killed over 267,000 innocent humans in total.

—Daruba, who cultivates Black Demon Sutra, is powerful. It's estimated that he has lit at least 200 scales on its earth chakra.

—Amount of reward—45 million gold coins.

After promoting to a knight, people could issue and receive reward tasks.

Of course, if you really didn't like someone, you could add 10 million more gold coins under that guy's reward for hunting notice so as to have him killed as fast as possible.

Under this demon knight was a long name-list of demon knights or knights of Three-eye Association. The minimal amount of reward for them was 10 million gold coins.

When in Waii Sub-continent, Zhang Tie saw less than 10 demon knights and knights of Three-eye Association in total. However, the name-list for hunting contained at least 300 demon knights and knights of Three-eye Association...

Watching this name-list, Zhang Tie indeed sensed the sheer terror of the holy war and great threat facing humans. The over 300 knights were just identified at the beginning of the holy war. However, many demon knights were unidentified among the super demon corps. Many demon corps were still on the way. For instance, Zhang Tie didn't know the name of that demon knight whom he killed in the underground world where he discovered the tower of time. Additionally, many human knights who had surrendered to demons were not unveiled yet.

'The key point is that I can only see this name-list as a black iron knight. I cannot see those names which could be seen by earth knights.'

As for any black iron demon knight whose name was not recorded on the name-list, as long as you could kill it or had a certificate of killing it and brought its head to any branch of Mountain of Brightness, you would be able to get 5 million gold coins as a reward.

After reading this introduction under the name-list, Zhang Tie realized that he had wasted 5 million gold coins when he killed that demon knight in the underground world.

In the section of "goods trade", Zhang Tie saw all sorts of demands and ads for rare materials and equipment. Each ad was involved with an amazing trading volume.

These ads, or posts before the Catastrophe could not be issued for free. According to the service regulations, each ad should be verified by Mountain of Brightness at the cost of 50,000 gold coins before being displayed in this section and be available to all the knights through the spiritual ties with their crystal plates.

This section contained many pages, which was more similar to that information stored in crystal books. The difference was that the contents in the crystal books always remained unchanged, however, the contents in this section kept updating around the clock.

It would cost a reader 1000 gold coins to leave any comment behind any post. Additionally, that reply could not be displayed under that post without the consent of the administrator of the Mountain of Brightness.

All the human knights could contact other human knights through the Mountain of Brightness. However, this contact had to go through the Mountain of Brightness. Each message would cost 1000 gold coins too. Additionally, it would have a time lag.

All the knights issued messages and joined all the activities in Mountain of Brightness by their bynames.

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As for the section "information exchange", Zhang Tie saw the notices on the top of the section that No. 1 knights were needed by over 100 countries on all continents and subcontinents. Those black iron knights who wanted to enjoy a respected life could select a country to serve.

There were all sorts of posts in the latter. Only by skimming over those posts' topics, Zhang Tie had felt like widening his vision.

Among the posts, the most remarkable one was called "The Comparative Analysis about the Battle Forces of the Knights in the Seven Major Clans of Taixia Country"...

This was a paid read. A great part of posts was paid read in the entire section "Information Exchange". Some of these posts were passages, some were photos, some were sections of scenes that knights kept by secret methods. Such sections of scenes could also be transferred to Mountain of Brightness by knight's crystal plates through remote spiritual links, the price of which varied from thousands to tens of thousands of gold coins.

The byname of the author of the famous post "Comparative Analysis about the Battle Forces of Knights in Seven Major Clans of Taixia Country" was ——Student Informed Black Iron. Its price was 10,000 gold coins. Its overall rating was 87 points. At the sight of the viewing times of paid read, Zhang Tie's eye corners twitched——13614.

'A passage is worth above 100 million gold coins?'

When Zhang Tie retreated from the knight's crystal plate, he was still shocked by the value of the passage.

'Is this the knight's world?'

Although that passage was eye-catching in the section Information Exchange, not all the paid reads could be marked at such a high price. Some posts even had no view. However, Zhang Tie was still shocked.

Zhang Tie finally understood why a knight's crystal plate was worth 4 million gold coins. Because the only crystal information network was established in Mountain of Brightness, the exclusive circle of the top figures in this age.

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After half an hour, Zhang Tie and Elder Muray left Tianfang City. After walking out of the city, they blasted off and flew towards Huaiyuan Palace.

"Elder Muray, I will have Golden Roc Bank transfer 4 million gold coins to you when I come back!" Zhang Tie told Elder Muray after recovering his composure.

"No need. It's paid by Huaiyuan Palace out of respect. If Huaiyuan Palace couldn't afford such a payment, it's destined to be exterminated!" Elder Muray recovered his bad-tempered personality. After replying to Zhang Tie, he sighed, "But there's only one earth-element crystal!"

"Ahh, what's this crystal used for?" Zhang Tie took out that golden crystal and asked Elder Muray.

"Whether you could only get earth element from elements realm now?"

"Yes!"

"Earth-element crystal is a rarity exploited from the earth-element realm. It contains a large number of pure earth elements. It's the best tunic for black iron knights. When you enter meditation next time, you can hold this crystal by hand so as to extract the pure earth elements from it. After that, you can inject it into the earth chakra. In this way, you could accelerate your cultivation speed greatly!"

"Oh, I see!" Zhang Tie tightly held that earth-element crystal.

"As a clan elder of Huaiyuan Palace, you can get 4 earth-element crystals per year. They could accelerate your cultivation speed greatly, although being less!"

"Can we buy it from somewhere?"

"As such crystals contained pure elements, no knights would sell them; instead, they will all keep them for themselves. Therefore, you can not buy them no matter how rich you are!"

"Mountain of Brightness is generous!"

"Ha...ha...if you want more earth-element crystals to accelerate your cultivation speed, you have to fight in the earth-element realm. It's also an incentive!"

"Earth-element realm?"

Zhang Tie recalled this name while the map that he saw through his knight's crystal plate reappeared in his mind. Zhang Tie remembered that there was an underground cave in Lanzhou Province, Taixia Country that led to the Lion Fortress in Earth-element Realm...

When he thought about Taixia Country, Zhang Tie waved his head once again. 'Based on my current situation, even though I want to go to the Earth-element Realm, I would not make it in a short period. Step by step. Just handle the current things first.'

The passage which was worth over 100 million gold coins reappeared in Zhang Tie's mind...

'What an interesting knight's world...'

Chapter 764: Decision

Zhang Tie rubbed his eyes as he raised his head from the pile of books.

He was occupied in books for a whole day.

All the books were about human lives and network before the Catastrophe. Besides, there were some gnosis about cultivation and notes of clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace. Those books were collected in the library of Hidden Dragon Island while those gnosis and notes were collected in Yiyang Mountain; especially the gnosis and notes which contained many secrets of Huaiyuan Palace and various knowledge of the knight's world and could only be read by elders of Huaiyuan Palace.

Although it took Zhang Tie one day to read them, it was worthy.

Mountain of Brightness was human knights' union and the most powerful human organization. Additionally, the Mountain of Brightness could be described as a web server in the network term before the Catastrophe. The knight's crystal plate was the information access of this web server. Each knight could connect their spiritual energy with the web server of Mountain of Brightness through their own knight's crystal plate and shared the resources inside it.

Each knight was the registrant of this network forum. Each one's byname in Mountain of Brightness was their username or web name. Based on their levels, they could have different accesses. All the resources were open freely to the knights with higher levels; namely, knights with lower levels could not access to higher-level resources.

Earth knights could browse all the resources about the section of black iron knights; however, black iron knights could not access the resources which were open to earth knights.

That was a network!

The information network before the Catastrophe was electrical network; however, this network constructed by crystals was a quantum network.

Knights' strong spiritual energy, knights' wealth and purchasing power and knights' importance to humans determined that only knights could access to Mountain of Brightness.

Those with weak spiritual energy could not access to it; those lacking money could not afford it. What a reality!

This network could not be built by humans in this age. According to the notes of those clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace, Mountain of Brightness was actually a prehistorical secret treasure excavated from the underground world together with Xuanyuan Hill. It was a product of crystal civilization that humans developed by crystals numerous years ago. According to the legend, this Mountain of Brightness was an extremely huge piece of crystal right in Xuanyuan Hill of Taixia Country. Since the Mountain of Brightness was discovered, numerous elites in Taixia Country had been studying about its usage.

The main component of the crystal was silicon, which was the best carrier for information storage and transfer. Silicon was the most abundant element in this world. Actually, the entire land was mainly composed of silicon. Therefore, according to the opinion of an academism which was obsessed with the study about the functions of crystal, this world could be treated as a huge crystal in the universe. The pieces of this huge crystal were not independent; instead, they were exchanging information around the clock. These pieces of crystal could form a huge crystal information network in the unified energy field of the universe through intercommunication. In a certain period of human history, people used special functions of crystal to develop a brilliant civilization.

In black iron age, humans excavated and inherited some functions of crystal such as lighting surging points, making long-distance communications and building the only information network.

In black iron age, human civilizations vanished and gained rebirth.

Zhang Tie's byname in Mountain of Brightness was Chakra's Tiger. Zhang Tie was curious about the bynames of the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace.

However, this question was forbidden in the knight's world. All the information about a knight in the Mountain of Brightness were confidential.

Those materials left by the elders benefited Zhang Tie a lot. Until then did Zhang Tie realize that he had entered the Knight's world completely.

Zhang Tie looked outside and found a golden sun glow hanging over the skyline, illuminating the windows of the study room on the entire second storey of the attic.

Zhang Tie picked himself up and leisurely went off the attic.

Deacon Yu and two beautiful servants of Long Sight Peak were waiting outside the attic. Watching Zhang Tie coming downstairs, the three women put their crossed hands on the left waists. After that, they lowered their bodies and faintly bowed towards Zhang Tie.

"Elder!"

Besides beautiful looks, their etiquette also made Zhang Tie comfortable.

When they lowered their bodies and faintly bowed towards Zhang Tie, they were displaying their delicate curves and special, enchanting feminine temperament. Each time Zhang Tie saw the greeting etiquette of Hua women, he would feel very special and polite.

All the women on Long Sight Peak had excellent figures, white skin and black hair, which fit the aesthetic standard of Hua people very much. Deacon Yu made a peony-shaped bun while the other two made a double conch-shaped bun and a flying fairy-shaped bun respectively. The peony-shaped bun was mature and elegant, the double conch-shaped bun was naive and witty, the flying fairy-shaped bun was brilliant and flexible. The three women's hairstyle matched with each other. Additionally, all of them were wearing fluttering long skirts while faintly exposing their plump breasts. Zhang Tie glanced over their bulged chests and curved butts as he stealthily swallowed his saliva faintly.

Honestly, Zhang Tie was impulsive to raise the three women's jaws by his finger.

"Ahem...ahem...get up!" Zhang Tie issued the order as he moved his eyes from their bodies. Meanwhile, he exclaimed inside, 'How sharp is the beauty trick of the elders! No man could bear not opening up and sowing on the 'fertile land' 1 while facing them all the year round.'

The three women got up with a faint blush. Due to the sharp instinct, they had sensed Zhang Tie's glance although they didn't raise heads.

"Elder, you've not eaten food for a whole day. Do you want to eat some?" Deacon Yu asked with a faint blush.

Zhang Tie touched his belly as he replied, "I will have some then. And, put away those books and secret gnosis and send them back to Hidden Dragon Island!"

Closely after Zhang Tie's order, someone had collected the books.

"Hmm, fine, are you going out now, Elder?"

"No, I'm just going to take a walk on the Long Sight Peak and breathe some fresh air!" Zhang Tie explained as he walked out of the attic.

Seeing Zhang Tie walking out, Deacon Yu threw a glance at the two women on her side. With a faint blush, the two women lowered their heads and followed Zhang Tie out.

When Zhang Tie came to a lookout pavilion in the courtyard, he looked at the beautiful mountainscape and the shimmering sea level at the foot of the mountain in the distance and let out a long sigh.

Standing on the Long Sight Peak, the scenery was pretty good with an open vision. Besides the scenery on Yiyang Mountain, the ocean in the distance could also be enjoyed. All in all, Zhang Tie felt pretty open-minded and relaxed here.

Zhang Tie felt that he had gotten rid of the pile of books and secret gnosis spiritually.

At this moment, Zhang Tie heard faint footsteps from his back. He looked back and found he was followed by 2 beautiful girls.

"Elder, as you've read books for a whole day, you must be tired. Ziyun and Ruxuan wish to help you relax yourself..." The beautiful girl in the flying fairy-shaped bun asked bravely with a blush.

"Fine!" Zhang Tie nodded.

After hearing Zhang Tie's reply, the two girls moved into the lookout pavilion in an enchanting way. After that, one of them took out a jade flute from the wall of the lookout pavilion while the other took out a qin, a seven-stringed plucked instrument in some ways similar to a zither. In a split second, the flute and the qin sounded while a distant music reverberated around the lookout pavilion. The music was as melodious and soothing as white clouds in the air and as natural and elegant as pines in the breeze which matched with the scenery pretty well. Watching the golden sunglow in the distance and listening to the melodious rhythm, Zhang Tie was immersed in the nice realm.

'Knight is just the first step for me to climb towards my peak. It's just a beginning. For the rest of my life, I will never live up to this body. I will definitely reach the highest mountain peak and see the scenery under it.' Zhang Tie muttered to himself.

After making this decision, Zhang Tie felt that he became spirited at once while an ecstasy filled his body.

After a while, the sun set off while the golden sunglow gradually faded away. The night breeze felt a bit cold. After hearing a pause in the music, Zhang Tie turned around while the two women stopped too.

The woman who was playing the qin was that with the flying fairy-shaped bun. Facing the cold night breeze, her movement slowed down a bit, causing a musical note to lose its agility faintly. However, she had not imagined that Zhang Tie could observe it. Watching Zhang Tie turning around, the woman's face became completely red. She had not imagined that this young elder was so proficient in music. Of course, she didn't know how Zhang Tie lived for 15 years in the tower of time with the imitating bloodline.

Zhang Tie came to the front of the woman. After that, he pressed down a string with one finger and plucked it by another hand, causing an agile, nice note from the long qin, leaving an elegant sound curl.



Both girls blushed. Only after hearing the very musical note, the two girls had already known that they met the real music master. They had not imagined that Zhang Tie was proficient in music besides having promoted to the knight at such a young age.

"Please forgive us!" The two girls exchanged a glance with each other before hurriedly getting up and asking for Zhang Tie's punishment by bowing their body.

"Ha...ha...ha, nice scenery, nice music and better people. How innocent you are!" Zhang Tie burst into laughter, "Get up!"

When the two women got up, Zhang Tie couldn't help but pat their curved butts...

"Ahh..." They exclaimed at the same time as they almost sprung up.

"Hmm, it's getting cold. Remember to put on warm clothes later on. Although your skirts are nice, they are a bit thin. I'm enjoying such a good scenery, but I cannot make you catch a cold!" Zhang Tie joked as he left.

The two women blushed at once as they exchanged a glance with each other. As they realized that Zhang Tie was so fickle, they silently reminded each other.

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In the dining hall, Deacon Yu had prepared well the supper for Zhang Tie.

When Zhang Tie ate, Deacon Yu just served him on one side.

"Have you eaten? Come on, let's have it together!" Zhang Tie asked casually.

"Youlan has finished supper!" Deacon Yu shook her head as she explained, "As we're going to hold the rotating chakra ceremony tomorrow, this supper should be made of vegetables according to the regulation. Are you accustomed to it, elder?"

Zhang Tie watched the over 10 assorted vegetable dishes and revealed a smile, "It doesn't matter. From today on, just prepare 3 dishes and 1 soup for me in each meal. No need to be so wasteful!"

"Yes, sir!"

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After dinner, Zhang Tie took a bath and changed his clothes. He then entered meditation with closed eyes in the elder's pavilion and waited for the rotating chakra ceremony...

Incenses were burning in the elder's pavilion.

Chapter 765: The Rotating Chakra Ceremony

Entering the void realm without any desire!

Zhang Tie entered meditation overnight with a clear mind. He became relaxed all over in a special state. Gradually, the day broke.

When the sound of footsteps drifted from outside the attic, Zhang Tie was muttering——The law of the heavens is mysterious; the law of the earth is stable. If the heaven was not extremely mysterious, the spirits of all things would not exist; if the earth was not extremely stable, all things would not be carried out. Due to the mystery of the heavens and the stability of the earth, all sorts of mysterious phenomena of sun, moons and stars appeared in the sky and elements of water, fire, soil and rocks formed on the earth. Due to the changing phenomena in the sky, all things were nourished. Due to all things' mysterious responses to the phenomena in the sky, they finally showed themselves to us. Therefore, the mysterious and stable abstruseness led to everything, accepted everything and contained everything.

"Elder, the blessed moment has arrived!" Deacon Yu's voice sounded outside the room.

After opening his eyes, Zhang Tie saw two teams led by Deacon Yu and Yiyang Mountain and those women in the elder's pavilion of the Long Sight Peak cupping all sorts of clothes and tools and watching him with a respectful look.

Zhang Tie had been familiar with today's procedure. At the sight of this scene, Zhang Tie just stood up silently while stretching out his arms.

Those women swarmed up at once and started to dress up Zhang Tie as soon as possible.

After a few minutes, those women left. A deacon then passed a mirror to Zhang Tie to let him watch himself.

A crown made of violet gold which symbolized the good fortune of a fighter, a robe with a python pattern, a jade belt and gold hooks on it; a double-colored jade pendant, a pair of shoes with auspicious clouds and a unicorn pattern on it, a demon-killing sword on his waist. Watching such an image in the mirror, Zhang Tie, aged just 16, was shocked by his majesty.

All the women in the elder's pavilion were obsessed with Zhang Tie's new image.

As the old saying went, "People became dignified by high-end clothes while horse became excellent by its saddle. Even Zhang Tie felt that he looked pretty handsome at this moment."

Zhang Tie nodded, "It's fine!"

After that, Zhang Tie followed the two teams of deacons out of the elder's pavilion on the top of Long Sight Peak.

When Zhang Tie walked out of the elder's pavilion on Long Sight Peak, the first ray of sunshine reached the Shrine Palace of Yiyang Mountain.

"Dong..."

A distant yet vigorous and firm bell ring drifted from the highest peak of Yiyang Mountain and reverberated around the entire Yiyang Mountain. Even residents in Yiyang City heard the sound.

When the bell rang reached the foot of the mountain, it sounded across Huaiyuan Prefecture at the same time.

At that moment, both sides of the square outside the Shrine Palace of Yiyang Mountain had been crowded with people. However, nobody uttered any sound. They were just waiting for the major character.

When the first bell rang, Zhang Tie, on the mountain path, started to release his battle-qi totem.

Even though it was daytime, a brilliant battle-qi totem could still be seen above Yiyang Mountain. Just like wanting to match with the sun's brilliance, it could be seen from 100 miles away.

It was a five-element battle qi that Zhang Tie imitated according to the "Five-element Ground-look Sutra". The "Five-element Ground-look Sutra" was just a viscount-level secret knowledge. Although it was not the most powerful one, it was extremely brilliant.

At the sight of the battle-qi totem rising in the sky from the mountain, all the onlookers on both sides of the square outside the Shrine Palace became faintly excited. Although so many people came to attend the chakra rotating ceremony, not every one of them had a chance to watch the knight's battle-qi totem rising in the air from such a short distance.

Watching the rising battle-qi totem, many people's eyes became eager.

"Dong..."

With another bell ring from Yiyang Mountain, everybody across Yiyang Mountain felt like their hearts were pounding.

With the constant bell rings, Zhang Tie walked frankly towards the Shrine Palace one stage by another on the golden carpet which extended from the Long Sight Peak. At every few meters, there was a disciple of Huaiyuan Palace in a ceremonial robe on one side of the mountain path, who would give a salute to Zhang Tie when Zhang Tie passed by them.

Under the guidance of the two rows of deacons, when Zhang Tie reached the outside of the Shrine Palace, the bell had rung 27 times as was scheduled.

Zhang Tie saw all sorts of onlookers on both sides of the square of the Shrine Palace, male or female, old or young, familiar or strange.

Zhang Tie instantly caught sight of those family members from the old mansion in Golden Sea City. They were in a special location. Zhang Haitian, the head of Zhang family, Zhang Haitian's wives, Zhang Tie's uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces, 50-60 people in total.

Zhang Tie was so thrilled that his face turned completely red. Even his mustache was quivering. All the other members of Zhang family were chinning up and chesting out and watching Zhang Tie with enthusiastic looks. Zhang Su was also watching Zhang Tie with an intricate and awe-stricken look.

Zhang Tie's powerful knight's battle-qi totem was oppressive to everybody below the knight. Those cultivators could sense Zhang Tie's power especially.

Zhang Tie faintly nodded towards those people from Zhang's old mansion, which made many of them excited.

What a clan's honor! From today on, Zhang family in Golden Sea City would be dignified and respected.

Actually, the family members in the old mansion of Zhang Clan had already sensed the honor from the number of onlookers.

Zhang Tie noticed familiar faces one after another from the crowd.

Zhang Tie caught sight of Zerom and Captain Kerlin standing in the stand area below the banner of Armes, the empire of mercenary. Zerom looked more mature than before with a mustache, who was able to control his facial expression at the sight of Zhang Tie. Captain Kerlin the cyclops widely opened his mouth which could even hold an ostrich's egg as he constantly rubbed his eyes.

"Zerom, it's truly that little jerk. Do I see the wrong person?" Captain Kerlin whispered to Zerom.

"You jerk. Shut up if you don't want to die. Do you want Huaiyuan Palace to chop us and feed our meat to sharks?" Zerom maintained a faint smile as he stomped onto the Cyclop's foot, causing him to show his teeth in pain.

Zhang Tie sniggered inside. How could the two guys' little tricks and whispers escape from his senses?

Zhang Tie still revealed a smile towards them. Many people in the area of Armes revealed a shocked expression like being favored.

In the stand area for Norman Empire's onlookers, Zhang Tie saw some familiar faces too—Reinhardt, Leibnitz, Guderian of No. 39 Regiment of Iron-horn Corps were standing on the side of a 40-year old blonde man in a royal dress. Watching Zhang Tie passing by them, they all gazed at Zhang Tie with widely opened eyes. It seemed that they wanted to identify whether Zhang Tie was the same person that they were familiar with.

The 40-year old blonde man moved his eyes from Zhang Tie to the 3 people who were familiar with Zhang Tie. The three guys exchanged a glance with each other before faintly nodding. It seemed that they had confirmed Zhang Tie's status at the same time. The 40-year old blonde man then revealed a brilliant smile towards Zhang Tie.

After the stand area of Norman Empire's onlookers, Zhang Tie noticed Princess Candis of Raymlan Empire. Seeing Zhang Tie walking in front of her, dignified Princess Candis even ogled Zhang Tie.

Then, he saw an old friend, Taishi Ci, whom he met in Heavens Cold City with a slim-leg beauty on his side. A purple-faced old man who looked similar to Taishi Ci was standing in front of them. At the sight of the old man, Zhang Tie knew that he was the head of Taishi Clan.

Zhang Tie nodded towards Taishi Ci, who immediately became excited as he whispered to that beauty on his side, "Look, I've told you that my brother Zhang Tie is very loyal. He still remembers me!"

"Who knows whether he's greeting you or not?" That beauty argued in a low voice as she gazed at Zhang Tie like being drawn by a magnet on Zhang Tie's body.

"Brother Zhang Tie..." Taishi Ci wanted to argue...

"Shut up, Zhang Tie is now an elder of Huaiyuan Palace. Who's your brother?" That purple-faced old man turned around and swore. Taishi Ci instantly shut up; however, he still made a grimace towards Zhang Tie.

After that, Zhang Tie noticed the representatives of elders and young men from the other major clans of Jinyun Country. The only one that Zhang Tie was familiar with among those elders was the Lan elder whom he met in Selnes Theater of Operations. However, Zhang Tie also saw some familiar faces that he had ever met in Selnes Theatre of Operations among those young men.

Besides the Lan elder who maintained a smile towards Zhang Tie, all the others revealed intricate expressions. With one more young knight and a clan elder at 20 years of age, Huaiyuan Palace immediately overwhelmed the young generation of all the other clans, causing a great stress to all the other clans...

#### Chapter 766: Elder Mushen

The four elders of Huaiyuan Palace were all standing outside the Shrine Palace in auspicious clothes today

According to the strict procedure of the rotating chakra ceremony, Zhang Tie burned incenses in the Shrine Palace in the solemn atmosphere. After that, Elder Muen as a ritual officer shouted, "Lower your body!"; Zhang Tie then started to bow towards the heavens and the earth. Finally, he inserted the burning incense into the copper cauldron which was placed right outside the gate of the Shrine Palace. After that, he walked into the Shrine Palace.

The entire Shrine Palace was extremely brilliant.

The ground was paved with gold bricks with a pattern of auspicious clouds. All sorts of ceremonial banners and prayer flags were hanging on the pillars inside the palace. Expensive heaven-star sandalwood was burning in the copper cauldron, which did not only light the entire palace, but also covered the entire palace with a special fragrance. The entire Shrine Palace was magnificent and looked more like an imperial palace.

Zhang Tie was the first one who strode into the palace from the front gate. The moment he entered the palace had Zhang Tie put away his battle-qi totem.

The 4 elders of Huaiyuan Palace followed Zhang Tie in; then the other deacons and clan members of Huaiyuan Palace. The others entered in the end. However, except for Zhang Tie and the other four elders, all the others were forbidden to enter from the front gate; instead, they could only enter from the two side doors in an orderly and rigorous way.

Nobody else was allowed to enter the front gate of the Shrine Palace except for the clan head and elders.

Zhang Tie slowly walked on those gold bricks with full emotions. At this moment, Zhang Tie expected that his parents were watching him from aside.

After entering the palace and passing a long way, Zhang Tie came to the statue of Lord Huaiyuan and the memorial tablets of the ancestors and martyrs of Huaiyuan Palace. With the assistance of the clan deacons, he started to light incenses and offer sacrifice to all the ancestors and martyrs step by step.

When Zhang Tie was offering sacrifice, Elder Muen took out a gold brochure and started to read an elegiac address loudly on Zhang Tie's side.

"The god's descendant in Taixia Country benefits the world. Xuanyuan bloodline the unrivaled, we're majestic and vigorous; Long Bow grants us the surname..."

It took Zhang Tie 3 minutes to finish offering the sacrifice to all the ancestors and martyrs in a solemn and strict way.

After Zhang Tie finished it, the elegiac address also almost came to an end...

"We have an offspring called Zhang Tie. He could swim as fast as a fish in the water and fly as fast as a dragon in the sky. He could rotate his chakra and protect the country and its countrymen. As ancestor Huaiyuan Lord is at present, the righteousness will exist forever. Wish it prosperous forever!"

Soon after the word "forever", Zhang Tie rightly finished the last bow and inserted the final 3 incenses into the censer which represented the memorial plates of Zhang's bloodline in Golden Sea City. Some new memorial plates had been put there, which were the memorial plates of Zhang Haitian's father, grandfather and grand-grandfather.

When one person rotated the chakra, he would bring honor to his three elder generations. His ancestors' memorial plates would also enter the Shrine Palace and enjoy the burning incenses.

Watching this scene, Zhang Haitian was so excited that his eyes were even filled with tears.

Zhang Tie stood up and turned to the big cauldron in the middle of the palace. Deacons then carried gold basins of milk, grease, grains and sesame from both sides and walked towards the cauldron in the middle of the palace.

Zhang Tie grabbed the grains and sesame from the gold basins and scattered them into the fiery flames in the big cauldron one handful after another.

Each time he scattered them into the cauldron, the fiery flames would grow higher while the top flames turned golden and surged out of the cauldron as fantastic as a dragon. Sparkles constantly flew out of the cauldron, causing flowing light and cracking sound.

It was a ritual for blessing.

Seeing the flames growing fiercely in the shape of a dragon and sparkles surging out of the cauldron, the elders and deacons of Huaiyuan Palace became so excited as it was a rare auspicious sign. At least it didn't appear when the earlier elders of Huaiyuan Palace held the rotating chakra ceremonies.

All the elders of major clans from Jinyun Country were shocked by such a rare, auspicious phenomenon.

Zhang Tie didn't know what was an auspicious phenomenon. He just completed the rotating chakra ceremony step by step.

After scattering all the grains and sesame into the cauldron, Zhang Tie started to wash his hands in a silver basin of water.

"The blessing ritual is over. Carry out the gold chakra!" Elder Muen said as a huge sacrificial vessel was carried to the middle of the palace by 30 tough men.

Being over 6 m in height and over 2 m in width, the sacrificial vessel looked like a huge round metal barrel with all sorts of flowers, birds, insects and fishes and characters on it. On two sides of the barrel, there were two huge Hua characters "穆 1". Its weight could be imagined from the number of carriers.

Zhang Tie knew that an important step in the entire rotating chakra ceremony was to select a character by rotating the chakra.

This word "chakra" in the rotating chakra ceremony referred to both knight's chakra and this rotating gold barrel which was used for selecting a Hua character for the very knight.

As a Hua tradition, it was a great honor for knights to rotate a gold barrel so as to fix their characters.

For instance, the name Zhang Tie was very average. There were billions of people surnamed Zhang in this world. There were at least 1000 living people who were called Zhang Tie. If you said Zhang Tie was a knight, nobody would know which one did you refer to.

Therefore, knights had to rotate the gold barrel to select a character for themselves. As long as they selected the very character, nobody else was allowed to use this name in 1000 years unless humans were exterminated.

When wild geese flew over, they left their quacks; when knights died, they had to leave their names, which was the paramount glory of knights.

Of course, Elder Muen 2, Elder Muray 3 and Elder Muyu 4 were not their raw names. The character "穆" was "grabbed" by Lord Huaiyuan for knights of Huaiyuan Palace. Besides the knights of Huaiyuan Palace, no Hua people surnamed Zhang in this world could use the character "穆" as the second character in their names. Each elder would also "grab" the last character for their name in the rotating chakra ceremony. When the last character combined with the character "穆", it would form the unique name of knights of Huaiyuan Palace. As Elder Muray, Elder Muray and Elder Muyu had promoted to knights for so long, everybody just called their formal names. As a result, their raw names were rarely mentioned.

There were 999 Hua characters left on the gold barrel. It depended on which one would Zhang Tie select.

Everyone wondered which Hua character could the youngest knight of Zhang Clan would select.

After slowly walking to the gold barrel, Zhang Tie raised his head and watched this gold sacrificial vessel. He then took a deep breath and put one hand on the gold barrel.

Zhang Tie also wondered which Hua character could he select.

Zhang Tie then released his battle qi to rotate the gold barrel rapidly.

When it rotated, clattering sounds drifted from inside the gold barrel like numerous metal balls being stirred up. Zhang Tie just waited on one side silently together with all the others.

Only the clattering sounds could be heard in the entire Shrine Palace.

Only when the gold barrel rotated above 36 circles could a Hua character be "selected". Nobody could see through the gold barrel. It depended.

After 2 minutes, the gold barrel slowed down. When it finally stopped, with a click, a silver round ball was spat out of the mouth of the gold barrel.

Elder Muen walked forward and took out that silver ball. At the sight of that golden character, he raised high the silver ball and showed it to all the onlookers at present.

At the sight of that character, all the onlookers widened their eyes, 'No way!'

It was the character " 神 5 ", which was majestic.

" 穆神 6 "——the formal name of Zhang Tie as a knight. From then on, Zhang Mushen would be a unique name in the world.

Zhang Tie also felt a bit surprised, 'Did the gold barrel know that I've long been a jerk god in Ice and Snow Wilderness?'

'Zhang Tie...Zhang Mushen...Zhang Tie...Zhang Mushen...' Zhang Tie muttered twice inside as he still felt the name Zhang Tie was easy to read aloud. Now that it was a tradition, Zhang Tie didn't mean to be bizarre; instead, he just accepted it frankly.

"Please take a seat, Elder Mushen!" Elder Muen cupped his hands towards Zhang Tie, followed by all the elders of all the other clans at present.

From then on, Zhang Tie was on the equal footing with all the other elders of Zhang Clan.

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The seat was a black, steel high-back chair, a sacrificial vessel which was specially designed for the rotating chakra ceremony. It was square and straight without any surplus decoration. It was called the black iron throne. Being put on the three-stage high platform which was paved with gold bricks, it looked pretty dignified.

With a gold tray in hand, a deacon was standing in front of the gold-stage platform respectfully. Zhang Tie walked over there. Elder Muray then unveiled the red silky cover and put a tiger-shaped seal 7 into Zhang Tie's hand.

"From now on, you are the commander of Hurricane Corps!"

Zhang Tie received the tiger-shaped seal of Hurricane Corps and nodded towards Elder Muray. After that, he walked onto the stages one step after another and sat on the black iron throne steadily.

"Congrats!" Elder Muen shouted loudly while his voice drifted in the entire Shrine Palace.

Zhang Taibai, Lan Yunxi's 4th uncle solemnly walked out of the crowd and bowed deeply towards Zhang Tie.

"Zhang Taibai wishes Elder Mushen a good fortune in battle force and hopes that your chakra rotates forever on behalf of Huaiyuan Palace. In order to congratulate for the rotating chakra ceremony of Elder



Mushen, we especially present 500 tons of gold, 200 crates of pearls, 100 crates of gems, 30,000 m python silk cloth, 1 manor in Yiyang City, Golden Sea City and Stars Viewing City respectively."

Watching those big figures of Long Wind Business Group and Huaiyuan Palace bowing and presenting gifts to him respectfully, Zhang Tie had an unspeakable feeling...

After saying this, Zhang Taibai passed the list of gifts to Deacon Yu before moving to one side silently while another 40-year old man walked forward and bowed towards Zhang Tie...

"Wang Juan wishes Elder Mushen a good fortune in battle force and hopes that your chakra rotates forever on behalf of Wang Clan of Shuyu Palace, Jinyun Country. We especially present 100 tons of gold, 100 pairs of flat round jade wares with a hole in the center and 100 rhinoceros dragons."

After saying that, Wang Juan passed the list of gifts to Deacon Yu.

Another person walked out and bowed towards Zhang Tie...

"Lan Xiuchuan wishes Elder Mushen a good fortune in battle force and hopes that your chakra rotates forever on behalf of Lan Clan, Banxin Palace, Jinyun Country. We especially present 100 tons of gold, 1,000 high-end crystals and 100 kg's god-favored incenses."

After Lan Clan, Ou Clan of Chuixue Palace, Dantai Clan of Tuisi Palace, Li Clan of Qingmu Palace and Dongfang Clan of Qilan Country presented their wishes and gifts respectively...

Those congratulators passed by Zhang Tie one after another while the list of gifts in the hand of Deacon Yu grew thicker. She had to put them into a gold plate...

Zhang Tie was shocked inside, 'What the hell! This is more like a plunder ceremony than a rotating chakra ceremony. Zhang Tie was familiar with some of the items on the list of presents, as for others, they had not heard about them at all...

When it was Norman Empire's turn, the congratulator was that middle-aged blonde man who was in front of Reinhardt and Leibnitz just now.

"Filis, the crown prince of Norman Empire wishes Elder Mushen a good fortune in battle force and hopes your chakra rotates forever on behalf of the royal household of Norman Empire. We especially present a small gift for Elder Mushen, 200 tons of gold, 20 earth-element crystals, 100 crates of all sorts of jewelry and 100 beauties!"

The crown prince spoke Hua language very fluently. His gifts could even match that of Huaiyuan Palace, especially the earth-element crystals. Everybody else was shocked by the 20 earth-element crystals. They wondered why Norman Empire would establish a relationship with this young elder of Huaiyuan Palace, especially with the 100 beauties. In such a case, if not having known the temperament of Zhang Tie, nobody dared present women to him at the risk of aggravating him...

When he heard "100 beauties", Zhang Tie threw a helpless glance at Leibnitz and Reinhardt in the distance. Colonel Leibnitz even revealed a humble smile to Zhang Tie. Needless to say, Zhang Tie realized that his "romantic affairs" must have been known well by them. Therefore, they catered to his pleasure...

After the words of the crown prince of Norman Empire, Zhang Tie sensed a resentful look. He chased after the look to its owner and found Princess Candis was faintly pouting her petite mouth towards him...

## Chapter 767: Bidding a Farewell

On November 9th, an airship base outside Yiyang City...

Before boarding the airship, Princess Candis turned around and ran into Zhang Tie's arms and gave him a deep kiss.

"Darling, I miss you so much, will you come back for me?"

"I will!" Zhang Tie patted her butt with a smile.

Watching the two people embracing each other, all the other representatives of Raymlan Empire disappeared.

Princess Candis was a stunner. In the past one week in Huaiyuan Prefecture, this woman brought Zhang Tie a lot of pleasure. As a result, Zhang Tie had a deeper understanding of the word princess. In one word—all the princesses in fairy tales were deceptive!

"You promise me..." Princess Candis urged.

"I promise!"

Princess Candis instantly held the thing in Zhang Tie's crotch in an audacious way. Like shaking hands, she started to wave it as she licked Zhang Tie's earlobe faintly and held it in her mouth. She then faintly bit it and slid her tongue on it. The hot and sweet air was exhaled directly onto Zhang Tie's ear, "Darling, you can accompany me for another distance, when the airship leaves Huaiyuan Prefecture, you can fly back. We've got 3 hours left..."

Princess Candis' audacity made Zhang Tie embarrassed in the public.

Thank god, this woman in a brilliant princess' longuette and sable shawl finally boarded the airship. Watching the airship setting off, Zhang Tie let out a deep sigh.

Only after less than a week since the rotating chakra ceremony, the wind coming from northwest had become abruptly cold in Yiyang City, especially in the open airship base.

Princess Candis was the last one who left Yiyang City among all the guests. On November 5th, Zerom and Captain Kerlin had already left Yiyang City. On the same day, Zhang Tie invited them for dinner. Finally, Zhang Tie saw them off in the airship base. Due to this reason, the two people instantly became stars among the representatives of Armes, the mercenary empire.

Due to the all-purpose medicament, the exchange between Armes and Huaiyuan Palace grew more intimate these years. Armes required more help from Huaiyuan Palace; therefore, the major mercenary groups in Armes brought Zhang Tie a big gift.

Due to the sparse demonized puppets disasters across Waii Sub-continent and the demand of rich men and business groups for safety brought the heyday of mercenaries and mercenary groups at the beginning of the holy war. Mercenaries and mercenary groups might be the only human professions and organizations that would appreciate the arrival of the holy war and chaotic world. In the former holy wars, many fierce and powerful people appeared in mercenaries and mercenary groups. After each holy war, there would always be a lot of mercenary groups or excellent figures in mercenary groups who registered their ambitions to be kings by establishing countries.

Zerom was now the head of the logistics department of Thor Mercenary Group, who had already established his position in Thor's Mercenary Group. Captain Kerlin who went to seek refuge with Zerom after "being crossed in love" had become a battalion chief in Thor's Mercenary Group.

Actually, Zhang Tie always felt that Captain Kerlin would not feel comfortable in school or regular army based on his temperament. Perhaps, he would feel freer in a mercenary group. After thinking for a short while, Zhang Tie really felt that he was destined to share some feeling with Captain Kerlin. After Miss Daina married a doctor, Zhang Tie and Captain Kerlin were both disappointed.

After meeting Captain Kerlin and Zerom, Zhang Tie understood many things. All the successes and growths needed to be paid. Some could be seen, some could not. Some could be kept after you made efforts; however, some could not be kept even if you made efforts.

Previously, he was their students; now, he was the knight elder of Huaiyuan Palace. What a sharp difference between their positions! Therefore, Zerom and Captain Kerlin both looked a bit restrained in front of Zhang Tie. Actually, Zhang Tie preferred that former Captain Kerlin who was always careless in front of him. Pitifully, Captain Kerlin could never be careless in front of a knight, especially when the knight was his student.

Perhaps, the only thing that Zhang Tie felt unchanged was the trust and friendship between them which was established in Blackhot City. Even though such a trust and friendship was inevitable and utilitarian, it was better than nothing.

The representatives of Norman Empire left Yiyang City on November 6th. Before they left, Zhang Tie held an independent meeting with Filis, the crown prince of Norman Empire, which made the relationship between Zhang Tie and the royal household represented by Filis much closer.

Filis didn't leave Yiyang City by an airship, but by a train.

Filis was responsible for Taian City on behalf of the royal household of Norman Empire. The area combining Taian City, Yunzhou City and Qihai City that Norman Empire bought from Huaiyuan Palace was called Bennolisburg, which meant the fortress of hope in the language of Norman Empire.

Norman Empire's royal household took Bennolisburg as a hope to stabilize people's heart domestically and seek for rejuvenation in the future.

Colonel Leibniz was left in Yiyang City by Filis and became the head of an agency of liaison of Norman Empire in Yiyang City. It was needless to say whom this agency of liaison was going to contact. In 2 months, with the evacuation of the forces of Huaiyuan Palace and elders, Zhang Tie, the head of Hurricane Corps and a clan elder of Huaiyuan Palace would become the most powerful figure of

Huaiyuan Palace in Waii Sub-continent. Although Norman Empire didn't have to flatter Zhang Tie, they had to establish a good relationship with him at least.

Although Colonel Leibnitz was left in Yiyang City, the 100 beauties whom Zhang Tie had not seen was returned to Filis. Zhang Tie was even thinking about returning those women on Long Sight Peak to the elders of Huaiyuan Palace, not to mention those women gifted by Norman Empire. Zhang Tie thought free love was the best. Additionally, Zhang Tie was sure that if he took these beauties from Norman Empire, Lan Yunxi would never marry him in the future. On this aspect, it was nothing different between Lan Yunxi and the other women as they were all possessive, 'My love affairs in Blackhot City had made Lan Yunxi very unhappy. If I remained unchanged, Lan Yunxi might be disappointed with me.'

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Taishi Clan's representatives also left Yiyang City on November 6th. This time, Taishi Clan gifted 25 tons of gold and a top-class rune longsword with double attributes to Zhang Tie. It was already a big gift for small clans like Taishi Clan in Jinyun Country. Therefore, before they returned, Zhang Tie asked Jinwu Business Group to load 50,000 vials of all-purpose medicament on the airship of Taishi Clan as a gift.

Taishi Ci's eyes turned a bit red before he boarded on the airship. His dad also had a good impression of Zhang Tie. However, Zhang Tie felt a bit embarrassed by Taishi Ci's long-leg younger sister Taishi Nichang, who looked back at him a couple of times before leaving...

#### Chapter 768: Responsibilities

After seeing off Princess Candis, Zhang Tie saw a black sedan parking on his side silently.

This was an exclusive vehicle for the elder of Huaiyuan Palace, a super luxurious sedan imported from Taixia Country, Eastern Continent.

This sedan shared the same brand with the super sports car Faire Dragon T9 that Zhang Tie once drove. However, they had utterly different styles. If Faire Dragon T9 with sharp lines belonged to those rebellious youngsters, this square, stable vehicle was definitely the favorite of elders.

Being lowkey, its 5 m-long and 2 m-wide body and the square silver and crystal grates of its head made it dignified. However, what made this car more majestic was its license plate. Compared to the other license plates in Huaiyuan Prefecture, this one only had a golden bow instead of any number on it. Across Huaiyuan Prefecture, only the license plate of elders' sedans was the symbol of power and majesty.

After the car parked, the driver hurriedly got off and pulled open the door for Zhang Tie.

This driver was not a commoner, but a LV 12 great battle master who had accepted strict training. The driver himself was enough to handle many troubles.

The driver's name was Zhang Long, the offspring of Zhang Clan in Huaiyuan Palace. He was definitely loyal to Zhang Clan.

After Zhang Tie entered the car, Zhang Long closed the door from outside. After that, he returned to the driver's seat and drove the car out of the airship base.

"Elder Mushen, where are you heading for?" Zhang Long asked respectfully.

"Take me to Yiyang Mountain first!" Zhang Tie replied as he leaned against the comfortable pillow on the backseat and gradually relaxed himself.

Zhang Long then drove towards Yiyang Mountain. Meanwhile, the double glass between the cab and the backseats silently rose up, enabling Zhang Tie to have a good rest.

Until he saw Candis off did Zhang Tie feel like truly completing the rotating chakra ceremony, which had actually come to an end one week ago, though.

The Faerie-dragon vehicle had very luxurious trim——bright platinum and ceramic decorative sheets, dark purple sandalwood grains and comfortable crocodile-skin seats. As for commoners, over 5,000 gold coins was already a high price; however, it was trivial to Zhang Tie. In this rotating chakra ceremony, Zhang Tie had received over 1500 tons of gold, which were worth at least 60 million gold coins. Plus all the other gifts, he had received over 100 million gold coins for sure.

However, not each knight could receive so many gifts when holding the rotating chakra ceremony. Zhang Tie understood that most of his achievements were benefited from the brand "Huaiyuan Palace". Like celebrating babies' birthday, the gifts that he received on his birthday could never match that of those babies in Gregory Clan. This displayed the different influences of different clans.

With the license plate of golden bow, the vehicle "Faerie-dragon-Elder" went through Yiyang City without hindrance. On the way, many vehicles in front of this vehicle gave way to it voluntarily. At the cross, traffic policemen would even block the other vehicles from the roads on the left and on the right, allowing this sedan to access to it in advance. Zhang Tie watched the flow of people on the streets.

He could sense the change in Yiyang City——the number of Hua people on the streets was decreasing while the number of people coming from outside was increasing. A lot of Hua people would leave Yiyang City by passenger liners every day for Eastern Continent. Meanwhile, a lot of people would pour in this city from the north of Blackson Humans Corridor each day. Some were seeking for a shelter, some were seeking for a chance to move their whole families away.

The housing price in Yiyang City had already increased 3 times compared to that 5 years ago when the holy war broke out. It was even hotter than cooking oil by fire.

A large number of properties and industries of Huaiyuan Palace in this city had been sold out constantly in the past couple of years at high prices. Due to the abnormal prosperity brought by war, most of Hua people in Huaiyuan Palace and Huaiyuan Prefecture realized a nice evacuation.

Those who first bought industries and properties of Huaiyuan Palace and the other Hua clans had sold them at higher prices. However, many people were still craving for that, which indicated a thriving market demand.

Nobody knew when demons could reach here. Therefore, nobody knew who would pick up the last plate. It was like beating the drum to pass the parcel. Until the one stopped beating the drum would someone else be the final idiot.

Watching the prosperous scene in Yiyang City, Zhang Tie faintly narrowed his eyes. He knew that the prosperity here would not stagnate until the demonized puppets corps climbed over Kalay Mountain

Range. As the final protector of Huaiyuan Palace in Waii Sub-continent and the leader of Hurricane Corps, Zhang Tie was actually not responsible for fighting demons at the risk of his life; neither would he be the savior. Instead, he preferred that these cities could maintain prosperity as long as possible and Huaiyuan Palace could extract the value of these cities to the utmost. In a euphemistic and noble expression, his responsibility was to keep smooth the southernmost tunnel in Waii Sub-continent, it might be the last maritime escape tunnel for many people to have a chance to leave out of here before the arrival of demons.

The other clans of Jinyun Country almost adopted the similar strategies.

Zhang Tie was clear about his responsibility.

A knight was enough to safeguard 3 cities.

After arriving at the foot of Yiyang Mountain, Zhang Tie got off the car and came to the Shrine Palace of Huaiyuan Palace.

Compared to the extreme, brilliant Shrine Palace 6 days ago, the Shrine Palace at this moment looked completely different. Dense steel frames and a ceiling were put up outside the entire palace like a bird's nestle. A lot of craftsmen in Huaiyuan Palace were busy disassembling the entire Shrine Palace in a very high efficiency.

As Huaiyuan Palace would leave Waii Sub-continent, all the items of this Shrine Palace would be disassembled, marked with serial numbers, packaged and transported away by the sea. After they reached Youzhou Province, Taixia Country, the entire Shrine would be restored vividly.

As one of the elders left on Yiyang Mountain, Elder Muen was standing out of the Shrine Palace with hands on his back. Raising his head, he faintly narrowed his eyes and watched the Shrine Palace of Huaiyuan Palace with a reminiscent look.

The dusk almost fell, Elder Muen was bathing the sunshine, showing a longer yet lonely shadow on the ground. He was watching workers dismantling the Shrine Palace with an intricate feeling.

Until Zhang Tie walked to his side did Elder Muen move his eyes away from the Shrine Palace to Zhang Tie. He sighed, "When we built the Shrine Palace, even Lord Huaiyuan had not imagined that this Shrine Palace would be dismantled. This palace witnessed the vicissitudes of Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace over the past two centuries. I really feel a bit sorry about it being dismantled!"

Zhang Tie could understand Elder Muen's mood faintly. After all, there were so many guests in such a brilliant palace a few days ago; but now it was going to be dismantled and taken away, leaving nothing else. Such a sharp change from prosperity and brilliance to tranquility would indeed bring people a sense of vicissitude.

"I think Huaiyuan Palace and this Shrine Palace would definitely root in Taixia Country and have a bright future. More and more knights of Huaiyuan Palace would hold their rotating chakra ceremonies here!" Zhang Tie smiled.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Elder Muen instantly got rid of the sentimental state with a smile on his face. As elders of Zhang Clan, their mentalities were much more mature than commoners. Few of them

would be mired in such a poetic, sentimental state. Elder Muen was just sighing due to the scenery. After hearing Zhang Tie's word, Elder Muen recovered his composure at once.

"It's already a perfection that this Shrine Palace had witnessed another knight of Huaiyuan Palace before leaving Huaiyuan Prefecture!" Elder Muen said as he touched his long mustache. After that, he threw a glance at Zhang Tie, "Has that princess from Raymlan Empire left?"

"Yup!" Zhang Tie answered frankly. He knew that the romantic affair between him and Princess Candis could not escape the eyes of the other elders. As that woman always stayed with him these days, he didn't mean to disguise to be innocent in front of the other elders. Additionally, such an affair could not ruin his image at all, "I'm back to bid farewell to Deacon Yu and the other girls on Long Sight Peak. I will go to Stars Viewing City tomorrow. Besides cultivation outside the city, I would always stay in the encampment of the Hurricane Corps. Later on, I will have less time to visit here. Elder Muen, can you take those beautiful girls away? As they are at such a nice age, I don't want to harm them. Please take them back and give them a rearrangement in Taixia!"

Elder Muen became silent. He knew that Zhang Tie had stuck to his limit when in the elder's pavilion on Long Sight Peak these days. Besides, Zhang Tie even returned the 100 beauties gifted by Norman Empire without even looking at them. Although Zhang Tie liked beauties, he also had his bottom line. Although being a bit romantic, he was far from lady killers.

'As Zhang Tie is on the equal footing with the other elders, if he dislikes it, nobody else can force him to do that. Now that this way doesn't work, just call it an end. Anyway, after promoting to a knight, he has a greater longevity. If he wants to have a baby, he will have no problem for 200-300 years. Just consider it later. Additionally, Zhang Tie has already got 3 babies, which is a contribution to Huaiyuan Palace. Take it easy!'

Elder Muen nodded.

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After handling the affair on Long Sight Peak, Zhang Tie directly had Zhang Long drive him back to the old mansion of Zhang's family in Golden Sea City.

It was Zhang Tie's first time to go back to the old mansion after becoming a clan elder...

When he arrived there, it was already dark. Even though, the guards of the old mansion became spirited at once at the sight of the golden bow-shaped license plate. Two people hurriedly opened the gate for Zhang Tie. After that, one of them hurriedly went to report to the family members in the old mansion.

When Zhang Long parked the car and opened the door for Zhang Tie. All the family members of the old mansion had been waiting for Zhang Tie in the courtyard, some of them were Zhang's guests.

"Elder Mushen..." Watching Zhang Tie getting off the sedan, everybody hurriedly bowed towards Zhang Tie except for Zhang Tie's grandpa.

Zhang Tie sighed inside at the sight of their movements as he revealed a genial smile, "Ahh, I've just come from Yiyang City. I'm expecting to have a meal at home. Just prepare a couple of dishes for me. No waste..."

The words "I'm expecting to have a meal at home" made everybody hyper.

The grand madam walked out of the crowd first. She went to take a look in the kitchen and had the cooks prepare supper for Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie's two aunts also hurriedly went to help grand madam.

After Zhang Tie posed his requirement, it became a major event in the old mansion.

Under the excited look of Zhang Haitian the old man, Zhang Tie walked to his front and called grandpa. After that, he supported the old man by his arm and returned to the main hall which was crowded with all the other family members.

Even the guards and servants became spirited, not to mention those family members in the old mansion.

The two guests in the old mansion found a chance to introduce themselves to Zhang Tie. After that, they left satisfactorily.

What an intricate feeling for Zhang Tie!

Chapter 769: I'm the Leader of the Hurricane Corps

At 10 am, October 10th, Zhang Tie came to the encampment of Hurricane Corps outside Stars Viewing City after holding the rotating chakra ceremony.

The moment Zhang Tie's vehicle arrived at the gate of the encampment of Hurricane Corps, he had seen two rows of senior commissioned officers standing outside the gate, waiting for him.

Zhang Tie let Zhang Long park at the gate. After that, he got off the vehicle.

"Corps Leader Mushen!" All the senior commissioned officers gave a salute to Zhang Tie at the same time.

In the corps, all the commissioned officers would call Zhang Tie corps leader, instead of elder regardless of their titles and ranks.

After glancing at them, Zhang Tie nodded. As he had seen some of them at the rotating chakra ceremony, he didn't feel strange about them.

Zhang Su, Zhang Tie's cousin was also in the greeting crowd in a military uniform of lieutenant colonel. According to his rank, Zhang Su was standing behind the team as a lot of colonels, senior colonels and major generals were in front of Zhang Su.

Zhang Tie knew that this Hurricane Corps must know the relation between him and Zhang Su. Watching Zhang Su didn't come out to flatter him, Zhang Tie nodded inside. Through such a small detail, Zhang Tie could see the strict discipline and style of Hurricane Corps.

Half of them were Hua commissioned officer, the other half were of other human races.

Hurricane Corps was composed of slaves when it was established by Huaiyuan Palace. Therefore, many commissioned officers in the corps were slaves originally. Therefore, Zhang Tie was not surprised at the



sight of these commissioned officers with colorful skins. The Breaking Sun Corps composed of the disciples of Huaiyuan Palace and other Hua disciples had long been dispatched to the Eastern Continent by Huaiyuan Palace as the trump card of Huaiyuan Palace to safeguard the undertaking of Huaiyuan Palace in Youzhou Province, Taixia Country.

Zhang Tie also saw some other familiar faces among these commissioned officers who were greeting him. They were all influential figures on the Hidden Dragon List in Hidden Dragon Island. Although Zhang Tie didn't make an exchange with them, he could remember their looks. He could even remember the name of that tall and robust guy——Zhang Wumu 1 .

When Zhang Tie was in Selnes Theater of Operations, this guy was also there. However, Zhang Tie was in the airship troop. This guy was in the demon-hunting squads on the ground. Although they were fellow apprentices, they didn't have a chance to see each other after staying in Selnes Theater of Operations for over one year. They could only see each other's name on the Military Exploits Namelist.

This time, their statuses were utterly different.

Zhang Wumu watched that former "junior fellow apprentice" in Hidden Dragon Palace with an intricate look.

Zhang Tie watched these commissioned officers; these commissioned officers also watched the youngest knight clan elder in Huaiyuan Palace. After all, only a few senior commissioned officers were qualified to attend the rotating chakra ceremony; therefore, most of these commissioned officers had not seen Zhang Tie.

In the eyes of these commissioned officers, Zhang Tie was excessively young. According to the legend, Zhang Tie was 23 years old. However, everyone thought this new corps leader was just 16-17 years old. He was completely a handsome boy. At such a young age, commoners were not even allowed to join the army, not to mention taking the position of the leader of Hurricane Corps.

Zhang Tie knew what these commissioned officers were thinking about. However, he didn't care about that. After promoting to a real knight, Zhang Tie had understood the first law in knight's world——just ignore the thoughts of all those below LV 15. Because that was meaningless to knights.

"As it's my first time to see Hurricane Corps, you can show me around the camp first!" Zhang Tie directly walked into the camp. After exchanging a glance with each other, those commissioned officers hurriedly followed up.

Many people were a bit amazed as they had not imagined that the new corps leader could have such a strong qi field. 'It's far from the innocence that should be owned by a young man at his age. Even though this new corps leader had stayed in Selnes Theater of Operations, he was just a common soldier, how could he form such a strong qi field and confident attitude?'

If they knew what Zhang Tie had experienced these years, they would not have thought this way.

What Zhang Tie had experienced could overwhelm everybody else at present, whether in Ice and Snow Wilderness, Selnes Theater of Operations or in trouble-reappearance situations. This explained why Zhang Tie was so confident.

Wouldn't a guy who had killed 3 knights be able to overwhelm these commissioned officers?

The encampment of Hurricane Corps covered over 30 sq miles. Over 400,000 soldiers gathered here. All the living and training facilities were well matched here. The entire encampment was like a base and a fortress. It was full of killing qi everywhere. On the way here, Zhang Tie saw numerous soldiers of Hurricane Corps training themselves to the utmost. Looking in the distance, Zhang Tie saw battle-qi totems rising from the training ground. The fierce battle calls and collisions kept going.

Zhang Tie just looked around as he listened to the introduction of the commissioned officers on his side.

If it was not compared to that super demon corps, Hurricane Corps was a powerful force among all the human corps across Waii Sub-continent. The comprehensive quality and battle force of its commissioned officers and soldiers could definitely match the trump card of Norman Empire which had been dispatched to Selnes Theater of Operations.

Zhang Tie felt pretty satisfied.

They soon came to the training field of armored forces. This training field was below the hillside. Hundreds of armored vehicles and steaming tanks were running on the training field, causing the dust to cover the entire training field. There was a discarded armored vehicle in the middle of the training field which was taken as the target. When those armored vehicles and tanks rushed towards here, they all aimed and fired at the targeted vehicle...

A broken-down steaming tank was parked on one side of the training field while the members of that tank were trying to repair it intensely. Zhang Tie then walked towards that broken-down tank, followed by all the commissioned officers of Hurricane Corps.

"Stand at attention..." At the sight of so many commissioned officers, the captain with the rank of the second lieutenant who was repairing the tank with a sweaty face hurriedly issued an order to all the other members of that tank. Closely after that, he stopped what he was doing and stood at attention, causing a sound "Pah".

"What's the matter with the tank?" Zhang Tie asked.

That second-lieutenant platoon leader didn't know who was this young man. However, watching no other commissioned officers dared to speak, he knew that this young man had a great background.

"Sir, something is wrong with the steam pressure-limit lock inside the turret of the tank. We're repairing it!" The second lieutenant looked a bit elder than 30. Although he was a white, short man, he had a loud voice.

Zhang Tie nodded as something was wrong with the steam pressure-limit lock inside the turret of the tank. Therefore, the javelin-shaped ballistas were taken out of the tank and put on the ground beside the tank tidily.

Zhang Tie picked one and weighed it in hand, "Can you penetrate through that targeted tank with this?"

'Alright, just a newbie with some background who wants to take a visit to the camp of Hurricane Corps...'

The second-lieutenant platoon leader complained inside; however, he dared not show his mood on his face; instead, he replied loudly, "No, sir, if we want to attack the armored target of the enemy, common

steam ballistas are a bit weak. We can disable the maneuverability of the enemy's armored vehicles with customized gel flame ballistas."

"Actually, as long as we've got enough strength and speed, even a common ballista could destroy an armored vehicle!" Zhang Tie said as he threw the ballista towards that abandoned armored vehicle over 1 mile away.

With a thunder above the training field, it took the ballista less than 1 second to tear apart that target armored vehicle like a terrifying lightning bolt falling from the sky after flying over 1,000 m. Besides, that target flew dozens of meters away like a toy being kicked by a kid and turned into pieces completely...

Besides, a big hole of over 3 m in width and over 2 m in depth formed at the ground where the armored vehicle had just stayed.

After hearing the loud sound, all the armored vehicles and tanks which were training, scattered right away as their drivers thought the camp was suffering an attack. Watching them from afar, those armored vehicles were like tadpoles being scared away by a shark which suddenly intruded in the fish tank...

The common ballista became destructive by Zhang Tie's hand.

Those commissioned officers behind Zhang Tie and that second-lieutenant platoon both who had just answered Zhang Tie's question became dumbfounded as they trembled and felt breathless.

With such a terrifying bow, even a LV 15 battle spirit would be killed right away.

Elder Muray, the former corps leader of Hurricane Corps, also had such a great battle force. However, nobody could do it so easily.

'Is this man the new corps leader?'

Until then did all the commissioned officers of Hurricane Corps refresh their recognition of Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie patted the dust off his hands as he smiled towards those commissioned officers, "Well, I've almost looked around the entire camp. Show me the conference room. Let's have a meeting. I will declare some decisions!"

Chapter 770: Three Lines

In a large conference room of Hurricane Corps, hundreds of commissioned officers were sitting still, chesting out and gazing at Zhang Tie.

Many of them were guessing about the decisions that the new corps leader would make.

Until then were many commissioned officers still immersed in Zhang Tie's lightning bolt-strike.

There was a huge military battle map on the wall behind Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie watched that map with his back against the commissioned officers. After a short while, he took three colorful marker pens and drew three lines, one in red, one in yellow and one in green...

The red line cut through the Kalay Mountain Range in the middle of Blackson Humans Corridor.

The yellow line cut through the boundary between Jinyun Country and the north of Qilan Country.

The green line cut through Yuanjiang River in the north of Huaiyuan Prefecture.

Watching the 3 lines, all the commissioned officers became silent. Many of them even faintly frowned as they had no idea about the three lines.

After dropping the colorful marker pens, Zhang Tie turned around and watched those commissioned officers of Hurricane Corps, "Two months later, the main force of Huaiyuan Palace will complete its evacuation from Waii Sub-continent. By then, our Hurricane Corps will become the last remaining force of Huaiyuan Palace on Waii Sub-continent. Many among you might wonder about the tasks of Hurricane Corps in the future. I will explain it to you in the simplest way!"

After saying that, Zhang Tie turned around and pointed at that red line, "Kalay Mountain Range is the watershed of Waii Sub-continent and will be the first battlefield of Hurricane Corps. In the future, when demons completely occupy the north of Waii Sub-continent, Kalay Mountain Range will be the last natural barrier for the demonized puppets corps to move southward. That was to say, countries in the south of Waii Sub-continent would definitely encounter a sharp collision with demonized puppets corps. Kalay Mountain Range would be the second Selnes Theater of Operations. However, due to its special terrain, few human troops could enter this region. My first requirement is that fighters above LV 9 across Hurricane Corps should divide into 3 batches. Each batch will enter Kalay Mountain Range in every 4 months so as to be familiar with the combat environment in Kalay Mountain Range. They could make preparations for the battle in the future. Kalay Mountain Range is the guerrilla battlefield of the fighters above LV 9 of Hurricane Corps. I authorize all the commanders of the 3 batches entering Kalay Mountain Range the right to make decisions at his will. In this region, you're absolutely free and don't have to listen to anyone's guidance. Everything on the battlefield will be determined by the commander according to the situation."

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, all the commissioned officers at present were shocked. It meant that all the fighters above LV 9 entering Kalay Mountain Range could have a great freedom. What a right!

"As for the region from the north of Jinyun Country to Kalay Mountain Range!" Zhang Tie said as he pointed at that region between the yellow line and the red line, "This is the second battlefield of Hurricane Corps. Demonized puppets corps have not been completely suppressed in this region. Sparse demonized puppets disasters still break out here and there. This region is the battlefield of the airship troop and maneuverability troop of Hurricane Corps. You only need to stick to one principle in this region——Hurricane Corps don't need to pay for the battle in this region. You can refer to how those mercenary groups adopt tasks or directly cooperate with those mercenary groups. I'm not interfering with the details!"

After hearing this, a major general couldn't help but raise his hand. Zhang Tie nodded towards him. That major general stood up and asked, "Corps Leader Mushen, did you mean that our Hurricane Corps could take risks like those mercenary groups?"

"Why not?" Zhang Tie had the commissioned officer take a seat before saying, "How could Hurricane Corps fight without money? What would fighters eat and drink without money? How would our

equipment be maintained and updated without money? Huaiyuan Palace is not a charity that can save the entire Blackson Humans Corridor. If you can exterminate demonized puppets and save humans, you deserve to make money! Why couldn't we do that like mercenary groups? As a human corps, we will definitely dispatch elite troops to kill demonized puppets for humans so as to safeguard the human barrier Kalay Mountain Range. I, on behalf of Huaiyuan Palace, declare that all the copper coins that Hurricane Corps make on the battlefield from today on will be kept and distributed freely in Hurricane Corps. You don't need to submit them to the clan."

At the beginning, those commissioned officers thought that Zhang Tie was just a merciless clan knight. After hearing Zhang Tie's declaration, most of them exchanged a glance with each other before becoming excited. Nobody disliked money, emperors, pedlars or soldiers. 'If the corps leader really issued this order, Hurricane Corps will have a "bright" future.' As for the ability to exterminate demonized puppets, of course, Hurricane Corps was much powerful than those mercenary groups. Additionally, the honor of Hurricane Corps could not be matched by common mercenary groups.

Speaking of money, the atmosphere across the conference room became different.

Zhang Tie then pointed at the red line, "This area in the south of Yuanjiang River is the base that Hurricane Corps need to safeguard now as the 3rd battlefield of Hurricane Corps. On the 3rd battlefield, Hurricane Corps should maintain the security and order of the three cities. In the adjustment of the establishment of the corps, the troops that safeguard the three cities should strengthen their fielding ability and the ability to handle emergencies!" Zhang Tie then pointed at that red line on Yuanjiang River forcefully, "This red line on Yuanjiang River is the lifeline of our corps, Huaiyuan Palace will not have Hurricane Corps be their cannon fodder. Therefore, when the vanguard of demons arrives at Yuanjiang River, it will be time for the entire Hurricane Corps to leave Waii Sub-continent for Eastern Continent by sea. Hurricane Corps will not fight demons to the end on Waii Sub-continent. Whereas, we should also try our best to fight demons. If that day really arrives, I expect to see such a scene——Over 90% of commissioned officers and fighters in the corps are still alive. Additionally, as men, none of you is regretful as you've done what you should do. Some of you grow stronger, some have more money. We all stand on ships and erect our middle fingers towards those demon b\*stards and shout loudly, 'The war has just come to a start, we've not been defeated yet!'"

All the commissioned officers of Hurricane Corps immediately understood what they should do in the future.

After figuring out the three lines which were drawn by their new corps leader, everybody in Hurricane Corps knew what they should do in the future. Each commissioned officer could see the future of Hurricane Corps. Due to the holy war, Hurricane Corps would be more powerful and more cohesive. Perhaps, they would have troubles, they would not lose their lives. This was rightly what each commissioned officer and soldier of Hurricane Corps looked forward to.

With three lines, three battlefields and three tasks, the man had fixed the tone of this adjustment in the establishment of Hurricane Corps, namely, to be practical, free and intelligent.

By then, all the commissioned officers of Hurricane Corps were conquered by this new corps leader.

It was really Hurricane Corps' fortune to have such a nice corps leader from the battle force, means, intelligence and styles.

After glancing over all the commissioned officers in the conference room, Zhang Tie asked, "Is there any more question?"

All the commissioned officers then shook their heads at the same time.

"Alright, you can go to work now!" Zhang Tie waved his hands like a class monitor who had just assigned the homework, "From today on, I will always cultivate in the moving palace of corps leader. You can handle the remaining things yourselves. Remember to give me a brief report about the corps in each half months. Don't report trivial things to me!"

Of course, Hurricane Corps had its own running mechanism. Zhang Tie didn't want to waste time caring about those details. He only needed to determine the overall strategy for the corps. As a knight, the key was to improve his battle force. If he could promote to earth knight, it would be more powerful than having 10 corps. Of course, Zhang Tie would not lose the substance.

After exchanging a glance with each other, the commissioned officers of Hurricane Corps stood up and gave a solemn salute to Zhang Tie. After that, all of them left the conference room except for a major general director and a senior colonel counselor of the moving palace of the corps leader. The two commissioned officers were both chief commanders in the moving palace of the corps leader of Hurricane Corps who were directly responsible for Zhang Tie.

"Cousin, wait a second!" Zhang Tie uttered.

After throwing a glimpse at Zhang Su, all the other commissioned officers left, including the major general director and the senior colonel counselor.

Watching all the commissioned officers leaving the conference room, Zhang Su came to Zhang Tie's front in a bashful way. He didn't know what to call Zhang Tie, elder, corps leader or cousin...

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter as he patted Zhang Su's shoulder, "Do you believe that I could still steal food from the table before our family members start to eat at home? Do you believe that my mom could still pinch my ears and my nephew could still have a sh\*t or pee on my head? Although being a knight, I'm also a human; I've also got my family members and brothers. If you keep acting in this way, I will complain to the other clan elders that you're discriminating elder!"

With a faint smile, Zhang Su finally took off his cap in a bashful way as he scratched his hair, "Honestly, if you don't utter, I will not dare speak to you!"

Zhang Tie replied with a big smile, "I returned to the old mansion last night. I had a supper and a good sleep there. After knowing that I would come to Hurricane Corps today and stay with you, the old man and all the other family members were reassured!"

Zhang Su revealed a bitter smile, "My mom must have requested you to dispatch me out of the frontline troop. She was always worried about that before. With such a good chance, she would not give it up!"

"Hahaha, son knows his mom well. Aunt has already told me about that. But I did not agree with her!"

Zhang Su became faintly stunned as Zhang Tie's reply was out of his imagination.

"I told aunt last night—— my elder brother is a righteous man, who's arrogant and unyielding. If you did this, you would destroy him. He would definitely be unhappy about what you did. However, If I did that,

I was not taking care of him; instead, I was looking down upon him and would not be his brother from then on. Therefore, I can't promise you. As I'm his brother and idol and I want to continue to be his brother and idol, I won't interfere with his life in the camp, whether he was to be promoted or punished. If he fought to the death, as his brother, I will revenge for him by chopping off one demon knight's head and take it to sacrifice him!"

Zhang Su's eyes turned red at once. However, he didn't drop off tears; instead, his smile became more brilliant. He patted Zhang Tie's shoulder forcefully for three times and said, "That's my good bro!"

Zhang Tie then took out a medicament container and passed it to Zhang Su, "Take it!"

"What's this?" Zhang Su asked out of curiosity.

"I've made a lot in this rotating chakra ceremony. It contains some vials of high-performance medicament, which might be useful on the battlefield!" Zhang Tie found that Zhang Su was a bit hesitated. Zhang Tie then revealed an exaggerated look, "Are you expecting me to fight demons to death?"

"Hahaha..." Zhang Su burst out laughing as he instantly grabbed that medicament container...

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After half an hour, being accompanied by the major general director and the senior colonel counselor, Zhang Tie came to the moving palace and took a look around there.

As the moving palace of corps leader was where clan elders always lived and worked. Of course, it was not bad.

The moving palace had a very good environment. Being located in a valley, it was like a park in the encampment of Hurricane Corps.

The front part of this moving palace was where the corps leader worked while its latter part was where elders lived.

The cultivation center of elders was in an underground palace below the residence of elders. The underground palace was designed as a strict military facility, which could prevent from alchemist's bombs.

Zhang Tie was very satisfied with this environment.

After saying something to the major general director and the senior colonel counselor, Zhang Tie entered the underground palace alone.

When elders cultivated in the underground palace, the gate of the underground palace could only be opened from inside. Additionally, there was an emergency escape passage in the underground palace, which only elders knew about.

This underground palace was over 100 m in depth. It was pretty hidden. If clan elders were cultivating here, nobody could wake them up unless through the special communication means from outside during an emergency.

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With a muffled sound "bang...", Zhang Tie closed the gate of the underground palace and locked the thick alloy gate from inside. After that, he started to look around this place carefully.

This underground palace looked very strange in a very special structure. It was a colossal round space which covered tens of thousands of sqm. It looked like the Taichi diagram of Hua people. The yang part referred to the artificial building while the yin part maintained the look of a natural underground cave. The two parts felt pretty coordinated.

On the side of the artificial building, there were a lot of rooms with different living functions. The space here was illuminated by many senior fluorescent stones on the walls. By contrast, the other side maintained a pitch-dark natural look.

There were a lot of 1.7 m-high high-end crystal columns, which were placed here from outside. Due to the crystal generators, this underground palace contained a very active energy which felt pretty comfortable. Undoubtedly, one would maintain his best state when cultivating in such an environment.

Besides those crystal columns, the ground of the other half of this underground palace was covered with sorts of plants which produced fresh oxygen without natural light. Due to the existence of those plants, the air in the underground palace was very fresh.

Two brooks with different sources and flowing directions flew by those plants. There was a shoal of red petite fish swimming in each brook jubilantly while those plants' black pine nut-shaped fruits and exotic pedals which fell into the brook became their food.

The water sources came from subterranean streams, which was drinkable. The fish was also special which was extremely picky and sensitive about their living environment. If something was wrong with the water, the fish would die firstly, sending a warning to the people who wanted to drink water. As there were two brooks, when one had a problem, the other one could be used as a substitute.

When the underground gate was closed, the living materials here was available for a clan elder to cultivate up to 50 years here.

Zhang Tie sensed the privilege as a clan elder of Huaiyuan Palace once again. Such a place was luxurious for anyone who wanted to enter meditation here. Such a delicate, distinctive underground palace without any loophole in 100 m depth could not be made by common clans.

After taking a round in the underground space, Zhang Tie became completely reassured.

Zhang Tie saw 21 earth-element crystals shining a golden light on a stony table in a room of the artificial complex.

After taking one, Zhang Tie revealed a smile. He waved his hand and transferred all the earth-element crystals into Castle of Black Iron. After that, he also entered Castle of Black Iron...

Since he left for Ice and Snow Wilderness, Zhang Tie had not entered Castle of Black Iron for a long time.

'It has been over 50 days. It's time for me to enjoy the fruits of the small tree...' Zhang Tie thought.