

## **Black Iron 811**

### Chapter 811: Bounty Hunters

An isolated island, blue sky, white clouds, blue ocean, beach and chirping seabirds...

The sea waves were petting the beach. Numerous finger-nail sized sea crabs were climbing out of the dense thumb-sized caves and rushed towards the sea waves at the fastest speed.

As for these sea crabs, the distance from the caves to the sea waves was the first survival test in their lives. If they could reach the sea waves after climbing over dozens of meters, they would survive themselves; if not, they would die.

When the tide came in, these tiny sea crabs would hurriedly climb out of their caves and rushed towards the ocean and the sea waves with snow-white ripples.

A lot of red-mouth seamews were chirping out of excitement and peaking those tiny sea crabs on the beach. As for these red-mouth seamews, these tiny sea crabs were their most bumper food.

Many tiny sea crabs even didn't touch a drop of seawater from their birth to death.

When a sea wave arrived, one more person appeared on the beach.

After climbing out of the sea water, that person, being wet all over with disheveled hair, picked up a shell from the beach.

When someone appeared, the red-mouth seamews who were chasing after tiny sea crabs flew off while chirping.

The person threw the shell at one red-mouth seamew. With a plaintive whine, the red-mouth seamew dropped off right in front of that person. He then caught it and brutally broke its head. Closely after that, he raised his head and started to drink its blood.

After drinking up the blood of the red-mouth seamew, that person seemingly recovered some strength. He then plucked out the plumes from its chest and legs and started to eat the seabird alive like how savages usually did.

After a short while, he had eaten half of that red-mouth seamew.

All of a sudden, that person stopped and turned around with a ferocious look. After looking at the sea level for a short while, he instantly sprung up like a big bird and reached over 20 m away. In two movements, he had disappeared in the coconut woods.

Only after half an hour, another person showed up from the sea waves and gradually went ashore.

Compared to the former guy, who looked a bit embarrassed, this one looked much more graceful. Although being wet all over, this one wore a suit of water-proof clothes. The moment he left the seawater had he looked to dry up. What was more impressive was his eyebrows, which were dense, black, shiny and were like two longwords, making him very dignified.

When he went ashore, he lowered his head and noticed some faint bloodstains and footprints on the beach. His eyes shot out a shrewd light at once.

He just waited there for over 10 seconds before another person, in the same water-proof clothes, appeared and walked towards him.

"Elder brother, where's that b\*stard?" The new arriver asked in a muffled voice.

"That b\*stard had already gone ashore. He's right on this island!" The one with two dense eyebrows replied, "It seems that the b\*stard wants to fight us to the death here!"

"That son of b\*tch, we brothers have chased him for over 80,000 miles from Yongzhou Province to Qiongzhou Province in the past half a year after climbing over mountains and crossing seas. If not elder brother's top tracing skill, that son of b\*tch might have escaped this time!" The new arriver swore as he pulled out his waistband. Only with a shake, the waistband had turned into a shiny soft sword full of killing intent together with a hum. He continued, "Just kill that son of b\*tch; we only need to take his head back for the bounty!"

"Second brother, we have to be careful. Zhu Liang, the Ferocious Wolf, has killed and robbed so many people and raped women so many times. However, he could still stay alive after being wanted by the Ministry of Penalty for so many years. Besides being good at disguising, he must have other talents. He could never be matched by common LV 11 battle masters. We'd better watch out; otherwise, we might fail our task!"

"You're right, elder brother. Our reputation that has been gained through so many years' hard work as bounty hunters could not be ruined on this uninhabited island. We have to prevent from being bitten by the Ferocious Wolf. I will follow your order, elder brother!" That tough guy who had pulled out his waistband put it straight.

"Fine, we will take a rest here first!" The guy with dense eyebrows said as he took out a sealed vial. After opening it, he took out two pills and threw one of them to his partner, "Take one qi and blood recovery pill first before going to seek for Zhu Liang, the Ferocious Wolf. I estimate that he has killed a seabird and taken some blood and flesh. He must be hiding somewhere to recover his strength. If we spent physical and spiritual strength to look for him at this moment, we might be trapped by him. The qi and blood recovery pill is more effective than raw and cold blood and flesh. We can go for him after recovering our strength. By then, we will not be afraid of his tricks anymore!"

"Elder brother is really considerate!" That guy with a longsword in hand praised as he took the qi and blood recovery pill.

They then quietly recovered their spiritual and physical strength on the beach.

"Elder brother, when I was in Bright Road Pavilion of Blue Jades City in Qiongzhou Province last time, I saw an item called all-purpose medicament. Some lads in Bright Road Pavilion bragged that this medicament was much more effective and could work faster than qi and blood recovery pill. Additionally, it could detoxify and recover wounds. I didn't pay too much attention to it last time. How about we go and get some after finishing this task? It might be useful in the emergency!"

"Really? If it's true, we will definitely buy some. Compared to our lives, money is secondary!"

"Elder brother, why do you think the Ministry of Penalty raised the bounty so much on the wanted list? Besides Ferocious Wolf, the bounty on the top 10,000 wanted criminals increased by at least 3 times. Those after top 10,000 wanted criminals increased by 2 times. When I returned to Iron Sword Sect last time, I was told that it was a profitable job to be bounty hunters; some fellow apprentices of Iron Sword Sect even wanted to be bounty hunters!"

"As the holy war has broken out, battle flames spread everywhere. Except for Taixia Country, nowhere else is peaceful. I was told that Waii Sub-continent and Blackhot sub-continent had been exterminated by demons. We have to rest the domestic unstable factors before fighting demons. If not eliminate these bandits and criminals in Taixia Country, they might cooperate with demons and Three-eye Association and cause big troubles in Taixia Country in the future. In the last few years, although Taixia had not broken out any war, it had been troubled by some hidden, evil forces. In order to make the overall national situation clear and stabilize local areas, the Ministry of Penalty had to sharply raise the amount of bounty for hunting the criminals on the wanted list. Therefore, the bounty hunter had become the most profitable and hot profession in the last few years. Although we could not kill demons on the battlefield for the time being, if we could do a good job as bounty hunters and protect the local citizens by hunting evil criminals and scaring small evil forces, we're also making a contribution to the holy war. One day, if we have to go to the battlefield, we will join a powerful army and strive for honors on the battlefield, even at the risk of our lives. We might even be awarded noble wives and have babies. Our ancestors might be honorable for us!"

The tough man with dense eyebrows said as the one with longsword felt excited.

After resting on the beach for over 10 minutes, the two people became spirited as they slid in the coconut woods and prepared to hunt Zhu Liang, the Ferocious Wolf.

Zhu Liang, the Ferocious Wolf, ranked below the 9000th place on the wanted list as posted by the Ministry of Penalty in Taixia Country. He had killed more than one bounty hunter who wanted to kill him so as to be well-known over these years. Therefore, the two bounty hunters were very meticulous. They were preparing for a fierce battle.

The tough guy with dense eyebrows was proficient in tracing skill. Based on the faint traces on the ground, the two guys meticulously deepened into the island.

It was a huge island. The verdant and crisscrossed coconut woods seemed to contain endless killing intents.

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Zhu Liang the Ferocious Wolf was very smart. After identifying Zhu Liang's few tricks on the island, the two bounty hunters finally arrived at a mountain cave in the coconut woods based on the traces of Zhu Liang.

Watching the mountain cave, that tough guy with dense eyebrows exchanged a glance with that guy who used a longsword before making two hand gestures. The guy with longsword nodded towards him. Closely after that, the tough guy with dense eyebrows took out something and threw it towards the entrance of the cave. They followed the object in.

The object that was thrown in was called a phosphorous smoke bomb. It was a special equipment. Although being trivial, it worked well in such cases.

When the phosphorous smoke bomb fell at the entrance, it aroused a wisp of white smoke and light at once. In a split second, the two bounty hunters rushed inside shoulder to shoulder.

"Go die..." The tough man with longsword roared as he protected his body with numerous sword qi. The tough guy with dense eyebrows then sprung up like a furious eagle and charged down from the air.

However, the imagined attack didn't arrive, which shocked the two guys so much. The moment they entered the cave had they turned around and leaned against the cliff inside the cave. One in a defensive state, the other in an attacking state. Closely after that, they looked around the cave.

They then widely opened their mouths at once.

They had not imagined such a scene in the mountain cave.

An innocent 17-18-year-old juvenile was sitting beside a bonfire with a longsword in hand. However, the longsword was covered with flesh which was being roasted above the fire. However, Zhu Liang the Ferocious Wolf that they were chasing after was lying on the ground over several meters away whose neck had been twisted with a dumbfounded look. Watching his back, he had been dead...

That juvenile turned around and watched the two bounty hunters with an interested look. Under the gaze of that juvenile, the two tough men felt like idiots who had just jumped onto the stage. They felt embarrassed right away as they didn't know whether they should put down their postures or not...

Chapter 812: The Notorious Alchemist Demon

After staying still over there in an embarrassed way, the two bounty hunters found that the juvenile was not dangerous at all. He was still roasting his kebab using his sword. After exchanging a glance with each other, they put down their battle postures.

However, the two bounty hunters dared not move closer to the juvenile in case of any misunderstanding. Anyone would feel a bit vigilant if they met such a stranger on the isolated island.

"Ahem...ahem..." The tough man with dense eyebrows pretended to disguise twice as he pointed at the corpse on the ground and asked, "Little brother, did you kill this man?"

"Hmm, yes. Is there anything wrong?" The juvenile answered frankly.

Watching him answer so easily, the two bounty hunters became faintly shocked inside.

"Little brother, do you know the man you killed?"

After hearing this question, the juvenile rolled his eyes as he shrugged, "I don't care, I was roasting meat in the cave. However, this guy rushed inside and wanted to kill me. As I found he was not a good person, I just killed him!"

'Just? Just killed him?'

Watching Zhu Liang's broken neck and shocked look once again, the eye corners of the tough man with dense eyebrows jumped a couple of times.

"This guy is Zhu Liang. His nickname is Ferocious Wolf. He's the criminal being wanted by the Ministry of Penalty. As he's lascivious, he has raped many women. We two are bounty hunters in Yongzhou Province. I'm Li Butian. This is Yang Zhigang, my brother. We have been chasing after Zhu Liang for a long while. We followed him to this island. We've not imagined that he had been killed by you, little brother. He deserved that!"

The juvenile rotated his longsword as he blinked his eyes, "Is it okay for me to do that?"

"Of course. According to the regulations of bounty hunters, as we've chased him for half a year, though he was finally killed by you. If we give his head to the Ministry of Penalty, we can get a reward of 100,000 gold coins. You can have half of it!" Li Butian said while being neither humble nor pushy.

After hearing Li Butian's words, the juvenile revealed a smile. He seemed to feel okay with it. Waving his hand, he said, "Since you've chased after him for half a year and I've just met him for less than half a minute so it's just an accident. I won't take the money. You can just take away his head. I just find pleasure in helping others, getting rid of the cruel...and pacifying the good people."

The juvenile felt a bit strange while speaking such a phrase which was full of Hua characteristics.

"You really don't want to take the money?" Yang Zhigang moved one step forward with a happy look. When he saw Li Butian's solemn look, Yang Zhigang smirked as he scratched his head and moved back.

It was Li Butian and Yang Zhigang's first time to hear someone who could present 50,000 gold coins without any hesitation. For most of the bounty hunters, 50,000 gold coins was not a small figure. Many LV 6-7 bounty hunters could not even make 50,000 gold coins after many years of work.

"Little brother, may I know your name? If you feel troublesome to take the 50,000 gold coins, you can tell us your address. After taking the reward, we will remit the 50,000 gold coins to you through the bank. Although it's a dangerous job, we've not taken any ill-gotten gains over the past years." Li Butian asked while cupping his hands with a much more solemn look.

"I'm Zhang Tie! As Zhu Liang escaped here, he only had a small part of strength left like an arrow at the end of its flight; therefore, I killed him accidentally. I could barely take the 50,000 gold coins." Zhang Tie also stood up and cupped his hands with a solemn look as he watched Li Butian cupping his hands towards him. Although this bounty hunter was just a LV 11 battle master, he had an awe-inspiring righteousness. Zhang Tie would treat such a person politely even if he was just a lad in a store. Zhang Tie would not grab the jobs of these guys who risked their lives every day even when he served as a human-flesh bag in Blackhot city, not to mention now.

After listening to Zhang Tie's modest words and seeing his polite movements, Li Butian and Yang Zhigang relieved their vigilance about Zhang Tie greatly. They just felt that this juvenile was very righteous.

"Hahahaha, now that little brother says so, we will take the money. Honestly, we've been chasing after Zhu Liang over the past half a year. We planned to purchase some equipment and pills with the reward of this task so that we could have a higher probability to survive ourselves in an emergency. This time,

we almost suffered a great loss from Zhu Liang at the cost of many pills and equipment..." Li Butian said generously.

After Li Butian said that, Yang Zhigang's stomach uttered "gulugulu". Although they became spirited after taking the qi and blood recovery pills, as they had not eaten food for so long, Yang Zhigang's stomach finally protested.

At the same time, the flesh on Zhang Tie's sword was turning golden and spitting oil, which started to drop off the roasted flesh onto the bonfire. The entire mountain cave was filled with a special rich aroma. Sniffing it, Yang Zhigang had silently swallowed his saliva for many times.

Zhang Tie revealed a smile as he raised his longsword, "Why not eat together with me, two elder brothers?"

"Haha, what a nice day..." Li Butian replied as he walked over there and sat opposite to Zhang Tie, followed by Yang Zhigang.

Zhang Tie divided the flesh into 3 parts and wrapped them with coconut leaves. He then gave two parts of them to Li Butian and Yang Zhigang. After that, 3 of them started to enjoy the food.

Li Butian and Yang Zhigang thought that the roasted flesh was just common sea fish; however, they had not imagined that the flesh was so tasty. It was hard to describe the taste. Although they had eaten too many exotic food from the mountains and seas, they had not eaten such delicious food before. Not only that, the moment the flesh entered their stomach, a warm current had started to spread across their bodies. They soon felt being fully energetic.

The well-roasted flesh had been eaten up by the 3 people in only 5-6 minutes.

"Brother Zhang, what's this flesh of? How could it be so tasty?" Yang Zhigang asked as he glanced at Zhang Tie with shiny eyes as if he wanted to find another piece of roasted flesh, he even wanted to lick off the oil on the coconut leaves.

"It's a mutated octopus that I caught by the sea!" Zhang Tie fabricated. Actually, it was the flesh of the huge deep-sea monster that he got from the refrigerator of Castle of Black Iron. Of course, it was tasty.

"Oh, no wonder my elder brother and I have not eaten it before. Mutated octopus is indeed a rarity!" Yang Zhigang just believed in Zhang Tie's benign lie.

Yang Zhigang didn't notice that Li Butian's eyes turned bright as the latter watched Zhang Tie wiping off the oil from his longsword using coconut leaves.

After cleaning his longsword, Zhang Tie inserted that sword into the ground beside him and revealed a smile.

"Does brother Zhang Tie belong to one of the 7 major sects?" Li Butian suddenly asked.

After hearing Li Butian's question, not only Zhang Tie became faintly stunned, even Yang Zhigang widely opened his eyes and gazed at Zhang Tie with his shocked eyes.

"Ahh, why do think so, brother Li?" Zhang Tie asked out of curiosity.

Li Butian shook his head with a bitter smile, "I finally know why brother Zhang Tie doesn't treasure tens of thousands of gold coins. I think his longsword would be worth at least 200,000 gold coins."

Yang Zhigang widely opened his mouth as he watched Zhang Tie with a dumbfounded look. Even though he had just eaten the roasted flesh on the longsword, he still could not believe that Zhang Tie's longsword was worth over 200,000 gold coins. Such a rune weapon was far out of their imagination.

"Hoho, you really have a good eye, elder brother Li!" Zhang Tie revealed a modest smile. The longsword was indeed a top-quality rune weapon. It was plundered from the warehouse of a Three-eye Association clan. Zhang Tie had plundered over 100 swords like this one. After their shapes were slightly changed by Edward, they were just put in Castle of Black Iron. Such weapons were competitive products for those who were not above the battle spirit. However, they were a bit useless for knights, even though it was priceless. Zhang Tie just took one for free. Among his weapons, only the autumn-frost gold sword could play a great role for him. All the other swords were a bit worse than the autumn-frost gold sword.

"Given the top-quality rune weapon which is worth hundreds of thousands of gold coins, the great battle force that you could kill Zhu Liang the Ferocious Wolf so easily and be alone in this isolated island, you must be practicing outside here. Across Taixia Country, only the 7 major sects could have such young elites!"

"Elder brother Li, why not think that I'm a disciple of a clan?"

"The major clans across Taixia Country have very strict requirements on their disciples. Before clan disciples could undertake tasks alone, they would barely be such indulgent. Young disciples of major clans at your age would always be very low-key. Even if their weapons were exquisite, they would not be as extravagant as you. Generally, only disciples of the 7 major sects would practice alone with such top-quality rune weapons which were rewarded by their sects. Although being very luxurious for commoners, such rune weapons were average for the 7 major clans. After staying in their sects for so long, those disciples get used to carrying such top-quality rune weapons; instead of showing off them! Such rune weapons indicate the background of those young powerhouses above LV 11 and pose a deterrence to those with a good taste."

Li Butian was really an experienced bounty hunter as his analysis was very rigorous. His analysis probably fitted others very well, except for Zhang Tie.

Actually, Li Butian had mistaken Zhang Tie's age, which was actually about 10 years elder than Zhang Tie's look. As a result, all the other speculations about him were wrong.

"Pitifully, elder brother Li guessed wrong. I'm not coming from any of the 7 major sects; instead, I just came from a common clan!" Zhang Tie shook his head as he said with a smile. Huaiyuan Palace which was well-known across Waii Sub-continent also became common in Taixia Country; therefore, Zhang Tie was not modest.

"Ah, which clan does brother Zhang Tie come from? Tianlu Palace, Guanying Palace or Bairen Palace?" Yang Zhigang interrupted.

Zhang Tie knew that Tianlu Palace, Guanying Palace and Bairen Palace were the top major Zhang clans in Taixia Country. Zhang Tie had heard the names of the three palaces in Waii Sub-continent. The elders of Huaiyuan Palace also took the above three palaces as their idols. The three major Zhang clans were

much more powerful than Huaiyuan Palace. Based on the current development speed of Huaiyuan Palace, it could never match the three major Zhang palaces in 100 years even after 10 times' expansion on the premise that everything was developing smoothly at a higher speed.

There was one point that could indicate the power of the three major Zhang palaces: Huaiyuan Palace had elders; however, the three major Zhang palaces had House of Lords.

"I am from Huaiyuan Palace!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's background, Li Butian and Yang Zhigang exchanged a glance with each other in an embarrassed way. Because they had not heard about Huaiyuan Palace before. In Taixia Country, besides those who studied the learning of ancestral bloodlines, nobody could clarify the tens of thousands of palaces in Taixia Country.

"Huaiyuan Palace was once on Waii Sub-continent. After the holy war broke out, it transferred to Taixia Country for further development. It's not strange even if two elder brothers have not heard about it!"

After listening to Zhang Tie's explanation, the two bounty hunters both let out a sigh at the same time. Now that Huaiyuan Palace was once on Waii Sub-continent, it was not discourteous for them to be confused about that name.

Later on, the three guys started to chat freely and learned more about each other.

Li Butian and Yang Zhigang learned more "experiences" about Zhang Tie. In Zhang Tie's mouth, he was amongst the people on Waii Sub-continent, who didn't leave Waii Sub-continent with the fleet until the arrival of the demons. As Zhang Tie could not bear the distant travel on the ocean, he just left the fleet and swam in the ocean. Previously, Zhang Tie wanted to come back alone; however, after swimming for 8-9 months in the ocean, he almost got lost. Two days ago, he came to this isolated island. He didn't know how far was this place to Eastern Continent. Just now, when Zhu Liang came in, Zhang Tie even felt happy instead of being afraid because he thought that he could finally have someone to talk to. However, it was out of his imagination that Zhu Liang directly rushed towards him with vicious eye light and wanted to kill him. Therefore, he had to kill Zhu Liang.

Li Butian and Yang Zhigang were both speechless about Zhang Tie's experience.

Through Li Butian and Yang Zhigang, Zhang Tie learned about the specialty of the profession "bounty hunter". In the beginning, Zhang Tie thought that bounty hunters were official employees of Taixia Country. Whereas, through the two guys' explanation, Zhang Tie understood that bounty hunter was like a private detective on Waii Sub-continent. In Taixia Country, any innocent warriors above LV 6 could become bounty hunters after going through approval and confirmation. This was also an employment channel for warriors in Taixia Country. The Ministry of Penalty was in charge of the penalty judiciary of Taixia Country. The chief officer of Ministry of Penalty was one of the 9 chancellors of Taixia Country, who was a high-ranked official in Taixia Country. All the bounty hunters were registered in and managed by the Ministry of Penalty to a certain degree.

Zhang Tie was very interested in the episode about how they chased after Zhu Liang the Ferocious Wolf and the wanted list of the Ministry of Penalty.



Later on, a question occurred to Zhang Tie's mind, "Zhu Liang ranks below the 9000th place on the wanted list of the Ministry of Penalty in Taixia Country, who ranks first on the wanted list of the Ministry of Penalty?"

"Zhao Yuan the alchemist demon!"

When Zhang Tie heard this name, his heart almost stopped beating.

Although being shocked inside, Zhang Tie kept his look unchanged. He continued to ask, "What's this guy's talent? How could he rank first on the wanted list of the Ministry of Penalty?"

"Zhao Yuan the alchemist demon is a ground-breaking figure. 87 years ago, he made a killing spree in Mojiang City of Songzhou Province and killed 7 knights including the deputy head of Taiyi Fantasy Sect and the young master of the Heavens Holding Pavilion. His crime shocked the entire world. From then on, Zhao Yuan the alchemist demon had been ranked on the 1st place on the wanted list of the Ministry of Penalty and started a feud with Taiyi Fantasy Sect and Heavens Holding Pavilion. Anyone who could kill Zhao Yuan the alchemist demon would be rewarded with 100 cities!"

One person for 100 cities. Such a reward was able to drive everybody mad. Li Butian's tone turned ethereal when he mentioned the reward for killing Zhao Yuan.

However, Zhang Tie was more shocked inside.

'Taiyi Fantasy Sect?'

It sounded a bit familiar. After thinking about it for a few seconds, he suddenly remembered that it was the very sect that Lan Yunxi had joined in Taixia Country.

Zhang Tie's heart pounded.

'What the hell!'

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Chapter 813: Arriving at Youzhou Province

Covering over 10 square miles, this isolated island was located in the open waters in the southeast part of Qiongzhou Province of Taixia Country. It belonged to the offshore area of the Eastern Continent as it was only over 1,000 miles away from the land.

Being in the east of Taixia Country, Qiongzhou Province was one of the medium-sized provinces in Taixia Country. In Taixia Country, Qiongzhou Province was known as the Province of Tens of Thousands of Islands. The open waters of the entire Qiongzhou Province contained tens of thousands of islands and reefs in various types, big or small. Those isles of Ewentra Archipelago were sharply dwarfed by such islands in the open waters of Qiongzhou Province.

On the map, those islands in the open waters of Qiongzhou Province were spreading over the vast waters like a broken small sub-continent. Such an open waters was called Qionghai Ocean. Li Butian and

Yang Zhigang had chased after Zhu Liang the Ferocious Wolf on these isolated islands in Qionghai Ocean like playing hide-and-seek game for over 2 months.

If he kept going northwards from Qiongzhou Province, he would arrive at Youzhou Province after passing Mozhou Province and Gaozhou Province.

Mozhou Province and Qingzhou Province were both medium-sized provinces of the same level. Gaozhou Province was a lower province. Of course, Youzhou Province, which was in the north of Gaozhou Province, was also a lower province.

After knowing that his general orientation was not incorrect, Zhang Tie finally recovered his composure. It was only a distance of a bit more than 17,000 miles between the two provinces in the middle though.

Zhang Tie, Li Butian and Yang Zhigang talked overnight. Through Li Butian and Yang Zhigang, Zhang Tie knew a lot of information about Taixia Country. Li Butian and Yang Zhigang were also interested in the exotic situation about Waii Sub-continent.

Before the day broke, they took a nap. After that, they became spirited once again.

When the sun rose, Yang Zhigang chopped off Zhu Liang's head and immersed it in a medicament. After that, he put it in a waterproof bag. Li Butian ignited a cracker in an open land outside the mountain cave.

With a shrill sound, the cracker flew into the sky and exploded at over 300 m above the ground. The red smoke formed a red longsword, which remained unchanged for a long time in the sky.

In order to catch Zhu Liang the Ferocious Wolf, Li Butian and Yang Zhigang had employed a mini airship which kept circling around the neighboring airspace.

As was predicted, a mini airship had appeared in the distant airspace and flown towards here in less than half an hour.

"Brother Zhang Tie, aren't you leaving with us? When you arrive at Qionghai City, you can reach Youzhou Province by train in a few days." Li Butian turned around and asked Zhang Tie who was watching them at the entrance of the mountain cave after releasing the cloud-penetrating cracker.

Li Butian and Yang Zhigang would exchange their booty for the bounty in Qionghai City. However, Zhang Tie insisted on moving northwards so as to unite with his family members. The three people would separate from each other soon.

"No, I've got some enlightenment about the cultivation after these days of practice. As Qionghai Ocean has so many islands, its environment is very good and tranquil. I want to meditate and cultivate a few more days!" Zhang Tie fabricated a benign lie.

Although Zhang Tie had long been expecting to reunite with his family members, he had to refuse the suggestion of Li Butian and Yang Zhigang. Because it would take him longer time to return by train. Additionally, if he told them he was going to "swim" back to Youzhou Province from here, he was afraid of scaring them. In this age, even black iron knights who were good at swimming could barely swim 2,000-3,000 miles not to mention Zhang Tie who treated the ocean as a Broadway and a highway.

Until then did Li Butian and Yang Zhigang think that Zhang Tie crossed the ocean alone by a canoe or a sailing boat. Such a "heroic deed" already made the two guys admire Zhang Tie too much; if they were told that Zhang Tie was going to "swim" across the surging ocean alone from another sub-continent, they might be scared stiff.

In order to not be that shocking and not expose his trump card, Zhang Tie could only fabricate a lie.

"It's a rare chance to have insight about cultivation. As this waters is tranquil, it may be a good place for insight. It could not be bought by 10,000 gold coins for each cultivator. Now that brother Zhang Tie wants to continue to meditate here, we will not bother you anymore. We two are a bit famous among the bounty hunters in Yongzhou Province. If brother Zhang Tie needs us in the future, you only need to send a message to the Bright Road Pavilion in Youzhou Province, we will arrive there as soon as possible!"

Zhang Tie felt that the so-called Bright Road Pavilion was similar to the union and industrial organization of bounty hunters in Taixia Country, which was responsible for the identity management, task distribution and information dissemination among bounty hunters. This was a semi-official organization, on the back of which was the Ministry of Penalty of Taixia Country. In Taixia Country, any city of scale would have Bright Road Pavilion.

Zhang Tie didn't take the 50,000 gold coins, which made Li Butian and Yang Zhigang admire him so much. Additionally, through one night's talk, they felt that Zhang Tie was a reliable friend. Therefore, they said that before departure.

"If two elder brothers need my financial assistance, just tell Golden Roc Bank!" Zhang Tie also cupped his hands towards Li Butian with a solemn look. There was an old Hua saying, 'Give a plum in return for a peach.' As Li Butian and Yang Zhigang were sincere, Zhang Tie also treated them faithfully.

Li Butian and Yang Zhigang then revealed a smile at the same time...

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After over 10 minutes, the mini airship arrived above the isolated island. After confirming the identities of Li Butian and Yang Zhigang, the crew threw off a rope ladder from the airship. The moment Li Butian and Yang Zhigang boarded the airship had they waved their hands towards Zhang Tie. Closely after that, the mini airship left towards the land.

Zhang Tie didn't move away his eyes until the airship disappeared in his vision.

When Zhang Tie remembered the information about his master Zhao Yuan the Alchemist Demon that Li Butian and Yang Zhigang told him last night, Zhang Tie forced a bitter smile.

If his master fought his wife, Zhang Tie didn't even know whom to help.

'According to the introduction of Li Butian and Yang Zhigang, my master's killing spree in Mojiang City of Songzhou Province was ground-breaking and lunatic. Besides the 7 knights, over 170,000 civilians were killed by my master. 10 generations of over 20,000 people of Han Clan in Mojiang City of Songzhou Province were exterminated by Zhao Yuan.'

In Zhang Tie's impression, although Zhao Yuan's behavior was inconsiderate, he didn't look like a cold-blooded guy, not to mention that he could kill tens of thousands of civilians. Zhang Tie remembered that Zhao Yuan was almost beaten on the street by some servants of a mansion in Hidden Dragon Island as he broke in their mansion by mistake. However, he didn't kill those servants. Those servants also lived well after that. How could such a man kill over 100,000 innocent people?

'As to what happened in Mojiang City of Songzhou Province, I could only figure it out slowly. If my status as the disciple of Alchemist Demon was exposed, I would definitely be chased by those super sects in Taixia Country. Even Li Buttian and Yang Zhigang had not heard about Huaiyuan Palace, not to mention those super sects in Taixia Country.'

'Alright, forget about that. I will go back home first!'

When he recalled his parents whom he had not seen for many years and his 3 sons whom he had not seen since they were born, Zhang Tie's heart raced.

As a sea wave arrived at the bank, Zhang Tie disappeared...

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In the ocean, it only took Zhang Tie a few seconds to accelerate to about 650 m per second, which was about 10% higher than when he headed for Ice and Snow Wilderness by sea for the second time.

In each split second, numerous tiny bubbles would come into being and break over Zhang Tie's protective battle qi. The powerful cavitation effect started to present while numerous tiny shock waves, jet flows, high heat and corrosion started to beat and shock Zhang Tie's body and protective battle qi...

As Zhang Tie moved forward, he started to taste the formation and disappearance of each tiny bubble...

With his powerful knight's consciousness, Zhang Tie immediately entered an exotic world by the forming and vanishing tiny bubbles. In this world, all the formation and disappearance were calculated in milliseconds...

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After 7 hours, Zhang Tie rushed into the sky from the ocean and reached a high altitude in a split second...

"Ah, I saw something fly out of the sea and disappear in the sky..." A young sailor who was arranging the wire cables on the deck of a huge liner suddenly screamed when he raised his head. The liner was driving on the shimmering sea when the sun moved to the west.

"Gangzi, are you blinded? You've just not f\*cked a woman for a few days!" Another sailor teased him as they found nothing abnormal in the sky.

"No, I really saw something fly out of the sea ahead of us. It even aroused a spray. It moved so fast that it immediately disappeared the moment it entered the sky..."

"Like how you did on the Hebrew beauty?" Another sailor winked before bursting out into laughter...

The young sailor blushed at once.

"Quiet, no more kidding. We're arriving at Youzhou Province. Cheer up. After delivering the Fuxi Type-1 difference engine to them, we can rest a few days. By the end of this year, your bonus would increase by at least 1/3 than that of the last year!" A steward with whiskers walked out of the cabin as he told those sailors. These sailors were all members of the same business group, therefore, the steward revealed a message to them when they almost finished their task.

"Steward Liu, Youzhou Province is just a lower province. Which business group is so ambitious? Fuxi Type-1 difference engine has over 200,000 calculating gears. It's more powerful than Xuanyuan Type-7. Is there any business group in Youzhou which could use such a big machine?" A shrewd sailor asked.

"It's ordered by Jinwu Business Group!"

"Jinwu Business Group? I've not even heard about that. It does not seem to be that famous. I only heard about Long Wind Business Group in Youzhou Province." That sailor doubted.

"The two business groups are closely related with each other as they belong to the same clan" The steward smiled, "Have you heard about the all-purpose medicament?"

"Yup!"

"After delivering this big machine to them and doing a preliminary test to it, we will carry back 100,000 vials of all-purpose medicament. It's a big deal that has been signed by our CEO, we'd better not ruin it..."

All the sailors on the deck became spirited...

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Although Zhang Tie concealed his battle-qi luster, his speed was also very amazing in the sky.

After a short while, he had already seen a coastal city and a prosperous harbor. The harbor was located between two mountains, which was an advantageous geographic location. Watching the two mountain ranges that surrounded the harbor and extended from the land to the ocean like two sharp claws, Zhang Tie knew that his destination finally arrived.

Huaiyuan Palace bought over 1 million square miles in the southeast of Youzhou Province and built that harbor, which was called Embracing Tiger Harbor or Embracing Tiger Mountain. As a clan elder, Zhang Tie once saw its photo when he was in Huaiyuan Prefecture.

The city behind Embracing Tiger Harbor was called Embracing Tiger City, which was the undertaking that Huaiyuan Palace had gained in Youzhou Province from the scratch.

At present, 8 branches of Huaiyuan Palace had built 8 cities on the 1 million square miles of land in the southeast of Youzhou Province, which was linked with each other and formed a prefecture called Yanghe Prefecture.

According to the Hua tradition, Yanghe Prefecture became the private prefecture of Huaiyuan Palace and the forever foundation of Zhang Clan. According to the strict regulation of Taixia Country, the land that Huaiyuan Palace occupied in Waii Sub-continent was not Huaiyuan Palace's prefecture. Hua clan's prefecture could only be in Taixia Country on the Eastern Continent, instead of in wild places.

In Taixia Country, the so-called major clans and young members of families holding official ranks for generations would always call the name of their prefectures and families, which indicated the foundation of a person or a clan.

Later on, Zhang's offsprings of Huaiyuan Palace could call themselves Zhang's branch in Yanghe Prefecture.

As his family members didn't live in Embracing Tiger City, Zhang Tie didn't mean to stay here; instead, after throwing a couple of more glances at the city, Zhang Tie continued flying towards the northwest of Embracing Tiger City...

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#### Chapter 814: A Reunion

Zhang Tie looked down and saw the vast, sparsely populated land and mountain forest. There was a large area of tidy farmlands outside Embracing Tiger City. So many docks and shipyards were in the north of Embracing Tiger Harbor. It was a well-planned industrial area over 30 miles away from Embracing Tiger City which was linked to other places through railways and highways. One could even see some sparse villages and towns along the railways, highways and farmlands.

As it was daytime, many people were still doing farming work in the farmlands.

The scenery of Yanghe Prefecture in Youzhou Province under his foot reminded Zhang Tie of the former Andaman Alliance. They had too many similarities, except for some obvious differences.

The first difference was that the farmlands under his foot evidently had a higher mechanization than that of the former Andaman Alliance. Even though he was in the sky, Zhang Tie could still see many steam tractors and agricultural equipment running in the farmlands. The second difference was that the urban and rural buildings here had a rich Hua feature.

Of course, the largest difference could not be identified by eyes—There were so many knights in Yanghe Prefecture; however, there was no knight across Andaman Alliance.

Zhang Tie was thrilled more or less. Because he was flying above the homeland of Hua people—Taixia Country, the most powerful country in this age.

Zhang Tie kept flying northwest. Only after flying over 400 miles in half an hour, another city had appeared in front of Zhang Tie.

This city was not large. Looking down from the sky, it was only of about 60 square miles. The city wall was divided into 8 parts like pedals, making it especially exquisite.

At the sight of this city, Zhang Tie knew that he had arrived at home.

This city was called Golden Light City, the foundation that Golden Sea City branch of Huaiyuan Palace built in Yanghe Prefecture.

When in Waii Sub-continent, the 8 branches of Huaiyuan Palace prepared to use the former names such as Yiyang, Xince, Stars Viewing, Qihai in Huaiyuan Prefecture for the new cities in Yanghe Prefecture. However, someone in Youzhou Province said that this might cause a bad influence for Lord Long Wind who was competing for the governor of Youzhou Province. Therefore, Huaiyuan Palace decided to use the new names for the new cities.

Zhang Tie felt good about using new names, which symbolized new start-ups. When in Waii Sub-continent, Huaiyuan Palace had advantages in both timing and geographic locations. As Golden Sea City, Yiyang City and Qihai City were on the coast, Huaiyuan Palace could enjoy the benefits of sea trade by building harbors in these cities. However, in Youzhou Province of Taixia Country, it was already a great achievement for Huaiyuan Palace to gain almost 1 million square miles in the southeast of Youzhou Province. All the other cities of Huaiyuan Palace in Youzhou Province were not coastal cities except for Embracing Bear Harbor. Therefore if they kept using the former names, it would feel a bit strange. Additionally, these new cities' locations were carefully selected so that Huaiyuan Palace could better control the entire Yanghe Prefecture.

Flying in the sky, the entire Golden Light City was in Zhang Tie's eyes.

There was a brilliant mansion covering over 130,000 square meters in the east of Golden Light City, which contained a huge garden of over 30,000 square meters. Many fiery plants formed a huge attractive circle in that garden.

At the sight of that garden, Zhang Tie felt like crying as he knew that he finally arrived home.

Although it was his first time to be here, Zhang Tie knew that there was a kind of red maple in the garden of his home. The maples were red all the year round and formed an obvious circle. They were especially planted by Zhang Tie's parents so that Zhang Tie would spot his home from the sky when he came back.

"I've already arrived at my home in Golden Light City. Everything went smooth!" Before Zhang Tie descended, he sent a message to Huaiyuan Palace through his elder's finger ring.

'As I've arrived at the gate of my home, I had better notify Huaiyuan Palace in advance.'

After sending the message, Zhang Tie directly darted downwards from over 10,000 m high without covering his qi.

When he was 3,000-4,000 m away from his home, Zhang Tie felt that he was locked by a knight's consciousness in the mansion downside there. Closely after that, a figure shot into the sky and accelerated towards him.

Zhang Tie just stopped there and waited for that figure.

Elder Muyuan the 6th granduncle appeared in front of Zhang Tie in a split second.

"6th granduncle!" At the sight of the 6th granduncle's solemn look, Zhang Tie bowed towards him deeply.

Zhang Tie had been a clan elder of Huaiyuan Palace, he didn't need to bow towards his 6th granduncle according to the regulations; however, as Zhang Tie appreciated his 6th granduncle's care about his

family over these years, he insisted on bowing deeply towards his 6th granduncle out of the etiquette as a junior.

"You're...Zhang Tie!" Elder Muyuan looked extremely shocked when he drew closer and identified Zhang Tie.

When Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony was held, Elder Muyuan was in Taixia Country; therefore, he didn't see how Zhang Tie looked after promoting to a knight. Watching Zhang Tie bowing towards him in the sky which indicated his cultivation base as a knight, Elder Muyuan felt complex. After only such a few years, the juvenile who knelt down and kowtowed for appreciating him at the beginning had already become a clan elder like him. What an amazing change! What was more shocking was that Zhang Tie's look remained unchanged after these years. He still looked like a 16-17-year-old.

"Yes, I'm Zhang Tie!" Zhang Tie revealed a smile towards his 6th granduncle, "I really appreciate 6th granduncle for taking care of my family members over these years. Zhang Tie will definitely repay you for your kindness!"

Elder Muyuan glanced at Zhang Tie's face with his sharp eyes. Finally, he noticed the elder's finger ring of Huaiyuan Palace and confirmed Zhang Tie's status.

Elder Muyuan then recovered his composure as he looked calm.

"Do other elders know that you're back?" Elder Muyuan asked.

During the past almost one year since Zhang Tie left Hurricane Corps, Zhang Tie just contacted Huaiyuan Palace occasionally and told them about his schedule and that he was safe. Nobody in Huaiyuan Palace could imagine that Zhang Tie would come back at this moment.

"I've just notified them!"

After getting that answer, Elder Muyuan realized that Zhang Tie was good at handling human relations. Therefore, he didn't ask anymore; instead, he let out a deep sigh, "Since you left Huaiyuan Prefecture for Selnes Theater of Operations last time, you've not come back home for over 5 years. You'd better go back home for a reunion as soon as possible. As for the affairs in Yanghe Prefecture, Huaiyuan Palace and the key factors in Youzhou Province and Taixia Country, we will talk about them later!"

After saying these words, Elder Muyuan directly turned around and flew away; instead of returning to Zhang Tie's home.

Zhang Tie deeply bowed towards his 6th granduncle's back once again. He knew that Elder Muyuan didn't want him to be restrained at home.

Zhang Tie didn't come back home until he saw off his 6th granduncle.

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"Who're you?" Some guards instantly sprung up and watched Zhang Tie with vigilant looks as they tightly held the handles of their swords and sabers the moment Zhang Tie landed in the courtyard of his home. If they did not find that Zhang Tie was talking with Elder Muyuan just now, these guards might have charged at him.



After looking around, Zhang Tie found these guards were all Hua people. Although being strange, they were all above LV 9 and very capable. Therefore, Zhang Tie nodded inside.

"I'm Zhang Tie!" Zhang Tie replied frankly.

After hearing this reply, all the guards changed their faces at once out of amazement...

However, before those guards continued to ask him, 3 boys of 4-5 years of age had rushed out of the porch.

"Ah, master has flown off like a bird; master has flown off like a bird; I will also learn to fly; I will also learn to fly..."

The 3 boys looked so cute with black hair, black eyes and jade-like white skins. With a special qi, they looked like half-breeds more or less.

The moment the 3 boys appeared had Zhang Tie focused on them without a blink.

Zhang Tie felt a bit mysterious resonance between his bloodline and that of the 3 boys.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, the 3 boys became stunned for a second.

"Uncle. Have you seen our master?" The boy in the front asked dauntlessly.

Although those guards who surrounded Zhang Tie wanted to say something, after seeing Zhang Tie's undeniable dignified look, they shut up at once.

The 3 boys looked a bit like Linda, especially their eyes.

When he heard what they called him, Zhang Tie didn't know what to say.

With a genial smile, Zhang Tie squatted down in front of the 3 boys, "Who's your master?"

"Our master is Grandgranduncle Muyuan!" The boy in the front replied without any fear.

'Grandgranduncle Muyuan?' Zhang Tie almost laughed at such a naive appellation about Elder Muyuan. Such an appellation included Elder Muyuan's name and seniority in Zhang clan. Perhaps, only these little guys could call him in this way.

"Isn't your Grandgranduncle Muyuan an old man with white hair and beard?" Zhang Tie asked with the same naive tone as that of the kid.

"Ahh, yes, yes, Grandgranduncle Muyuan gave us a lesson today. However, don't know why but Grandgranduncle Muyuan suddenly flew off the courtyard just now!"

"What did you learn today?"

"Grandgranduncle Muyuan brought us a jar of ants. He showed us how small ants caught big insects and taught us how to breathe like a tortoise. That's too funny!" The 3 kids clapped happily as they replied.

"Let me guess, are you Zhang Chenglei?" Zhang Tie watched the 3 kids and asked, "You're Zhang Chengting, you're Zhang Chengpei!"

As the 3 kids had the traits of their moms, Zhang Tie immediately identified them.

"Yes, how do you know our names? We've not seen you before!" Zhang Chengting asked with a vigilant look. Meanwhile, he stealthily drew Zhang Chenglei's clothes' corner and whispered to him, "Elder brother, mom doesn't want us to talk with strangers!"

"It's fine. Don't you see the guards here? If this man could enter our home and tell our names, he must be our relative or a friend of our elder uncle!" Zhang Chenglei also turned around and whispered to Zhang Chengting.

Hearing the two little guys whispering in front of him, Zhang Tie almost burst out into laughter.

"Ahh, you've not even told us whether you've seen our Grandgranduncle Muyuan." Zhang Chengpei asked as he raised his petite face. Even though they've chatted for a short while, the little guy still insisted on figuring out the first question.

Before Zhang Tie replied, a familiar sound and footstep had drifted behind the porch.

"Chenglei, why did you take two younger brothers out?"

With this voice, a grande dame in light green languette and elegant and exquisite make-up appeared.

The moment that person moved out of the porch, she had caught sight of Zhang Tie. Closely after that, she was fixed...

After touching Zhang Chenglei's head, Zhang Tie stood up and watched Linda in front of him.

Since he left Huaiyuan Prefecture on the 894th year of Black Iron Calendar, they had departed for almost 6 years. During this period, Linda, after giving birth to a baby, looked a bit plumper due to a noble living style. She looked more like an elegant, mature wife and mother.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, Linda instantly covered her mouth with hands. In a few seconds, she burst out into tears...

Zhang Tie just walked forward and lightly embraced Linda.

"Bad man, you made my mom cry, let go of my mom..."

In such a warm moment, an inharmonious voice sounded on Zhang Tie's side. Zhang Tie felt being kicked by someone. Lowering his head, he saw Zhang Chenglei watching him with a furious red face. Meanwhile, Zhang Chenglei was clutching Zhang Tie's clothes and kicking Zhang Tie forcefully. Zhang Chengting and Zhang Chengpei also rushed towards here to give Zhang Chenglei a favor as they started to attack Zhang Tie at the same time, "Let go of Aunt Linda!"

Linda hurriedly wiped off her tears as she squatted down and prevented the three kids from attacking Zhang Tie furiously, "Chenglei, Chengting, Chengpei, this is your papa; hurry, call papa..."

The three little guys were shocked at once. Watching Zhang Tie, they seemed to have not imagined that the "big hero" who was fighting demons in their minds could appear in front of him at this moment...

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Only after a few minutes, the entire Zhang's mansion had become as boisterous as celebrating the new year's festival...

## Chapter 815: An Enchanting Night

At night, in the dining hall of Zhang Tie's mansion, all the family members gathered at a huge round table. This dinner lasted from 7 pm to 11 pm. Many dishes had been heated more than once. However, the atmosphere remained extremely fervent...

At 10 pm, Zhang's next generation was taken to bed by babysitters and servants, leaving Zhang Tie's parents, Zhang Yang who had just arrived at home hurriedly and the wives of the two brothers in the dining hall.

During the past few years, Zhang Yang added two more nephews and one more niece for Zhang Tie. The three kids were both born in Taixia Country. The two new nephews were named Zhang Chengtai and Zhang Chengxia respectively while the new niece was named Zhang Shiqing. As of now, Zhang Tie's elder brother already had 5 sons and 2 daughters; plus Zhang Tie's 3 sons, Zhang family already had 10 juniors.

Zhang Chengtai was delivered by Zhang Tie's eldest aunt Wang Huizhen; Zhang Chengxia was delivered by Zhang Tie's second aunt Lu Shixun; Zhang Shiqing was delivered by Zhang Tie's third aunt Wang Huayin.

Over the past few years, Zhang Yang had been busy running Jinwu Business Group in Taixia Country. Therefore, he didn't marry any more wife.

With the 10 kids at home, Zhang Tie's parents felt less lonely.

As for Zhang Tie, everybody wondered how could Zhang Tie promoted to a knight at such a young age.

When Zhang Tie's dad asked him about this, all the family members watched Zhang Tie with curious looks including Linda, Beverly, Fiona, Zhang Tie's elder brother and eldest aunt.

As no outsider was at home, Zhang Tie talked about the overall process of Upton Battle.

Of course, Zhang Tie briefed those dangerous experiences. As for the extremely dangerous experience of being chased after by a demon knight, Zhang Tie just briefed it with one sentence——I wrestled with a demon powerhouse and fell into a subterranean stream with it. Speaking of the tower of time, Zhang Tie emphasized its marvel instead of mentioning the loneliness that he felt when he cultivated in it.

Everybody felt like listening to an interesting knight novel.

"You mean...you alone...floated over hundreds of miles in the subterranean stream and stayed in the tower of time for...15 years?" Zhang Tie's mom asked him with a faintly trembled voice.

Watching his mom's shocked look, Zhang Tie purposefully raised his voice, "Ahh, almost like that, it's interesting to float in the subterranean stream. I cultivated in the tower of time every day. Therefore, time flew past quickly. I don't remember how many years did I stay inside!"

After listening to Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie's mom burst out into tears at once, making Zhang Tie a bit flurried.

"Mom, don't worry about me, I'm fine..." Zhang Tie hurriedly comforted his mom.

Zhang Tie's mom hurriedly wiped off her tears and revealed a smile, "I'm fine. It's too late. I'm a bit tired. You'd better go to bed earlier!"

Zhang Yang wanted to say something. However, Zhang Tie's eldest aunt drew his clothes and threw a glance at Zhang Yang. After glancing at Linda, Beverly and Fiona, Zhang Yang realized something at once, "Yes, it's too late. Younger brother, as you have just come back, you must be tired. You'd better go to bed now!"

Linda, Beverly and Fiona faintly blushed.

"Ahem..ahem..." Zhang Tie's dad coughed twice in a dignified way as he looked around, "Hmm, your mom and I are a bit tired. If you have any story, talk about it tomorrow!"

After watching the bashful looks and alluring figures of Linda, Beverly and Fiona, Zhang Tie's heart pounded...

Therefore, all the family members went to bed.

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In Zhang's mansion, in order to avoid troubles, especially as Zhang Tie was not at home all year round, they lived separately. Zhang Tie's parents lived in the main courtyard where all the family members always held parties and various activities; Zhang Yang's family lived in the courtyard on the left of the main courtyard which was matched with an independent gate; Linda, Beverly and Fiona lived in the courtyard on the right of the main courtyard. All the female servants and guards in the courtyard on the right once served Zhang Tie in Jinwu Castle such as Sonia, Runo and Paul, etc..

Only 21 of the former 52 female servants from Varner Empire who once served Zhang Tie in Jinwu Castle were with Zhang Tie now. All the others had been set free by Linda, Beverly and Fiona. Many female servants married the Spirits guards of Zhang Tie and settled down in Jinyang City.

Sonia served as the head of servants in Zhang Tie's inner chamber; Runo served as the head of guards while Paul served as the steward.

Zhang Tie's inner chamber covered over 6,000 square meters including the courtyard, which was as same as the size of Zhang Yang's inner chamber. It could hold 100-200 people easily.

Over the past years, although Zhang Tie was not at home, he knew pretty well about what happened at home, especially everything about Linda, Beverly and Fiona through Zhang Yang.

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When Zhang Tie left the main room, it was already dark while the two crescents were hanging high in the sky. The courtyard outside the main parlor had been lit up by lamps. Insect chirps were drifted from the grasses in the garden. Some teams of guards were patrolling in the courtyard. Linda, Beverly and Fiona led Zhang Tie across the winding corridor towards Zhang Tie's inner chamber. Zhang Tie had not come to his inner chamber since he arrived home.

At night, the fluorite lamps turned dim. Zhang Tie then put his right arm around Linda's neck while pulling Fiona's hand by his left hand, with Beverly in the middle of them. Zhang Tie felt complex.

"Thanks to your hard work for these years!"

Zhang Tie finally spared a chance to appreciate his wives since he met them in the main parlor.

Linda, Beverly and Fiona had not imagined that Zhang Tie would say such warm words to them. Hearing this, they were deeply moved inside.

Although this man fought demons on the battlefield with millions of corpses at the risk of his life so many times, when he came back home, he firstly appreciated his women's hard work at home.

When the three women were deeply moved, Zhang Tie's next sentence exposed his nature as a rogue.

"I will compensate you well tonight. You can eat as long as you want!"

When he said this, Zhang Tie started to move his hands on the three women's plump butts, making them flurried at once.

"Let's talk about it back in the room. We...might be seen by others here!" Linda twisted her waist bashfully.

'We might be seen by others?' Zhang Tie looked around the winding corridor which was featured with Hua buildings and burst out into laughter...

Winding corridors of Hua people were zigzag. On both sides of the winding corridors, there were always garden buildings such as rockeries, pines and bamboos. Although being winding corridors, they were implicit with lingering charm. Outside people could only see the figures in the winding corridors through the crisscrossed pedal-shaped and diamond-shaped corridor windows. Those corridor windows were all higher than 1.5 m. Watching it in the distance, outsiders would feel people walking in the photo, which was fully aesthetic.

'As a knight, won't I know if I'm followed?'

Linda's mature, beautiful, elegant feminine taste made Zhang Tie fascinated.

"I've told you that he must have other women outside. Look at his stroking skill. It's much more proficient than before. Are all knights good at flirting with women?" Fiona threw a glance at Zhang Tie as she whispered to Beverly, faintly panting. Her sound could rightly be heard by Zhang Tie and Linda.

Zhang Tie's hands became slightly stiff. The three women exchanged a glance with each other before giggling at the same time...

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Although it was a deep night, all the servants and guards were still waiting for Zhang Tie and his wives in the inner chamber. Watching Zhang Tie walking out of the winding corridor and entering the gate of the inner chamber, all of them knelt down on one knee towards them.

Zhang Tie glanced at Paul, Runo and Sonia in the front of the team.

Paul looked calmer and deeper. After glancing at Paul, Zhang Tie realized that he would soon promote to LV 12. Zhang Tie was really amazed by such a high cultivation speed.

Compared to Paul, all the other Spirits guards' cultivation situations were within Zhang Tie's expectation. Runo had promoted to LV 8 while the other guards were between LV 5 and LV 7.

Sonia was still very sexy. Her younger sister had been set free and married a man, who was still serving Jinwu Business Group though.

"I'm very satisfied with your performances these years. Get up!" Zhang Tie said calmly.

All of them then stood up and watched Zhang Tie with excited looks. The news that Zhang Tie had promoted to a knight was remarkably meaningful to them.

Linda, Beverly and Fiona returned to their bedrooms ahead of Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie controlled his impulsion to make love with them as he let all the female servants and guards go back to their posts or take a rest except for Sonia, Runo and Paul.

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Sonia took Zhang Tie to the study of the inner chamber, where Zhang Tie was going to call them in alone. The first one entering the study was Runo.

Of course, Runo was very excited as the first one being called in by Zhang Tie.

After encouraging Runo for a short moment, Zhang Tie picked up a pen and a piece of paper and started to write something on the desk.

"These are my friends' names and their addresses in Taixia Country. Take some subordinates to contact them according to these addresses. Over these years, they might have moved; however, you should be able to find them if you ask others about their whereabouts. When you find them, tell them I've been back to Taixia Country!" Zhang Tie passed a slip of paper to Runo, which included the names of the other members of God Blessing Brotherhood and their addresses——Twilight City, Anping Prefecture, Guizhou Province, Taixia Country.

Guizhou Province was the largest medium-sized province in Taixia Country, which was over 100,000 miles away from Youzhou Province. It gathered most of the foreigners, who immigrated to Taixia Country from all the other continents or sub-continents due to various reasons. Many exiled royals and nobles would like to live in Guizhou Province. In a Hua phrase before the Catastrophe, Guizhou Province was the biggest China Town in Taixia Country. Guizhou Province contained over 10 billion people, almost half of which were foreigners.

Zhang Tie wondered whether Barley and the other members of God Blessing Brotherhood were still in Guizhou Province and how were they doing. Zhang Tie wanted to contact them first and tell them he was back.

Many things would change as time went by, but some things wouldn't. Zhang Tie believed that those guys of God Blessing Brotherhood would definitely come here to meet him if they knew that he was back.

Zhang Tie had some plans and thoughts which he would tell them when they came here to meet him.

'Although being young and frivolous at that time, as time goes by, it becomes our unforgettable memory. If they have been used to their average lives, I will not ruin their tranquil lives; instead, I will bless them; however, if they are still unwilling to be mediocre, the God Blessing Brotherhood will be the first force and helper of me that I am going to support in Taixia Country.'

'As a clan elder of Huaiyuan Palace, I have to rely on the Zhang clan in many cases. However, I cannot fully depend on my clan. Not only myself, all the other clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace have their own forces and connections, the most powerful force and connection among which is the background of the clan elders in Huaiyuan Palace. The 8 branches of Huaiyuan Palace left by Lord Huaiyuan are the natural stigma on the elders. Before I promoted to a knight, the Golden Sea branch, also the current Golden Light branch of Huaiyuan Palace always followed the rule of Elder Muyuan. The major of Golden Sea City, also the current Golden Light City was always assumed by the direct descendants of Elder Muyuan. As to others, Elder Muen comes from Yiyang branch, also the branch of the eldest wife of the clan head; Elder Muray comes from Stars Viewing branch; Elder Muan comes from Taian branch; Elder Muyu comes from Qihai branch. All the majors of those cities were assumed by the descendants of the elders respectively. Besides, the elders' own clans also run many business groups. They all have their own needs for interests. The other branches of Huaiyuan Palace which don't have any knights have to depend on the branch of the eldest wife of clan head.'

'After promoting to a knight, if I want to make a further progress in cultivation, I cannot only depend on the cultivation resources provided by the clan, which is equal to each elder. Elders have to seek for cultivation resources themselves. They have to establish and develop their own forces and compete for more resources outside with other knights. Objectively, this makes the clan full of vigor, innovation and ambition, which is the basic driving force for a clan to sustain and further develop. Even clan elders and clan head are expanding their clan forces for more resources, of course, the others are not qualified to live off their past glory.'

'All the other major clans in Jinyun Country and Taixia Country are facing the similar situation as Huaiyuan Palace. Even though I have become a clan elder and a knight of noble status, I should not just wait for everything provided by the clan. The so-called knights are the trump cards that a clan uses to compete with the other major clans.'

Zhang Tie knew that he had increased the influence of Golden Sea branch in Huaiyuan Palace after promoting to a knight. Meanwhile, he formed a competitive relation with Elder Muyuan in Golden Sea City.

'It was definitely not a hasty decision for Elder Muyuan to teach my three sons given their talents and bloodlines. What was more, it indicated my compromise in Golden Sea City.'

After becoming a clan elder, Zhang Tie never cared about the affairs in Golden Sea City. He didn't even care about how his family became the shareholder of Golden Light City. He entrusted his elder brother to handle it.

After promoting to a knight, with his increasingly deep understanding about Huaiyuan Palace and his clan, Zhang Tie had deeper opinions about many problems from more perspectives.

As he had returned to Taixia Country, it was time for Zhang Tie to establish his own force and expand his own influence in Taixia Country.

'Sacred Iceland Kingdom is one of my cards. However, as it's too far away from Taixia Country, it's almost useless. Additionally, I don't mean to show it to the public. Even though this secret is known by Gold and Power Law, I could only be a dark gold CEO in Gold and Power Law.'

Therefore, Zhang Tie considered this return as a new start. He had to establish his own force from the scratch step by step.

Feeling being valued by Zhang Tie, Runo made a bow towards Zhang Tie before leaving the study while chesting out.

After Runo left, Sonia entered. With crossed hands below her lower abdomen, she stood gracefully in front of Zhang Tie.

"Master!" The beautiful head of female slaves of Varner Empire still maintained the same appellation of Zhang Tie.

After a few years, Sonia had become more beautiful and maturer. She looked tranquil and bright. Due to different human species, women from Varner Empire had especially outstanding hipbone and slim waist. Therefore, they looked pretty charming. Due to the plump butt, Sonia looked concave-convex. In the black and white longuette of the head of female servants, Sonia looked very womanly.

After sizing this woman up in an appreciative way from a pure man's perspective, Zhang Tie said, "I appreciate your loyalty these years. As a compensation, I can fulfill one of your requests!"

"I have no request. I only want to stay on your side and serve you forever, my master!" Sonia lowered her eyes as she said calmly.

Sonia's words made Zhang Tie faintly stunned. 'If she sticks to be my domestic chancellor, it means that she gives up the chances to change her own fate and promote to higher positions. Over the past years, as I became a clan elder and the business of Jinwu Business Group grew better, she could have a better platform and development chances; however, Sonia gave them up so decisively.'

"Are you sure?"

"This is my only request. If my master has no more request, I will go back to work in case of wasting your time!"

Watching Sonia stealthily moving her eyes away from him and sensing her intense heartbeat since she entered the study, Zhang Tie immediately understood something. After touching so many women, Zhang Tie had understood women so well.

He had not imagined that Sonia could fall in love with him.

After being silent for a second, Zhang Tie stood up from behind the desk and slowly walked towards Sonia.

As he moved closer to Sonia, Zhang Tie could sense her tension under her calm look.

Zhang Tie slightly raised Sonia's jaw and watched her beautiful, pure and amber eyes with faint jumping flames.



After being touched by Zhang Tie's finger, Sonia quivered all over as her raised breasts started to undulate due to the quick breathing rhythm.

Zhang Tie gently moved his finger from her delicate jaw onto her lips and started to stroke them...

Sonia's eyes turned blurred. She faintly opened her mouth and held Zhang Tie's finger. She then started to suck Zhang Tie's finger in a very skilled way. Her soft and wet tongue slipped between Zhang Tie's fingers in a dexterous way with the sweetness of her lips. It kept rapidly rubbing and rotating in a piquant way. Zhang Tie felt like getting an electrical shock.

In a split second, Zhang Tie felt that a part of his body became extremely bulgy. After taking in a deep breath, he drew back his finger, "When did you fall in love with me?"

"I don't know...maybe when you let me put on my clothes in slaves market and not show my naked body to others; since you took me away from the slaves market, you have started to appear in my dreams...It's my happiest moment whenever I meet you in my dream..." Sonia's eyes started to turn wet, "Because I'm more beautiful than others since I became a slave, I had been learning to please men. In order to sell me at a high price, although I've not been touched by any man, my fertility has been destroyed by medicines. I'm a hapless and dirty woman. I was destined to be men's plaything and the container of their sperm. It's you my master who helped me find my dignity back. It's you my master who changed my younger sister's fate. Therefore, I'm already very satisfied now. As long as I could serve you, my master, my life would be meaningful. Please don't chase me away."

Sonia's tears streamed down her cheeks.

Watching this woman's watery eyes, Zhang Tie held her face and gently wiped off her tears. What a poor woman!

"Sonia, you're hapless but you're not dirty. You're very pure. Those who made you hapless are really dirty ones. Your haplessness was not your fault. If you want to stay, just stay on my side forever!" After saying that, Zhang Tie gently kissed her face.

Being immersed in Zhang Tie's kiss, Sonia started to quiver all over once again due to the excitement.

Such a kiss only appeared in her dreams. When Zhang Tie kissed her, she couldn't help but tightly embrace Zhang Tie as she laid her head on Zhang Tie's chest.

Zhang Tie didn't move. Until one minute later, he gently patted Sonia's butt and said, "Alright, go to bed now. It's too late. Call in Paul by the way!"

Sonia opened her eyes as she moved one step back. She seemed to have absorbed a strong energy from the embrace as she recovered her composure.

After wiping off her tears and making herself look good, Sonia revealed a smile at Zhang Tie before pushing open the door.

With the enchanting feeling from his finger lingering in his mind and the residue of tears on his chest, Zhang Tie watched Sonia's graceful and sexy back as he became a bit puzzled. He didn't know whether the kiss was right or not.

'This woman lives in a face mask. Others could only see her one side; however, I could see both sides of her.'

Zhang Tie shook his head...

Paul entered...

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After talking with Paul for over 10 minutes, Zhang Tie finally left the study.

Nobody else knew what did they talk in those 10 or more minutes.

When Zhang Tie left his study, all the others had left, except for Sonia, who was still waiting outside the study quietly, sticking to her final responsibility—leading Zhang Tie to the bedrooms of Linda, Beverly and Fiona.

There were over 70 rooms in the three-storey building of the inner chamber. If not being led by someone, Zhang Tie might not be able to find the right bedroom.

After throwing a glance at Sonia, Zhang Tie found that she had already recovered her tranquility.

The study was on the 1st floor while the bedrooms of Linda, Beverly and Fiona were on the 2nd floor. Holding a brass lantern, Sonia led Zhang Tie all the way from the 1st floor to the 2nd. They didn't speak on the way. However, a special qi seemed to flow between them.

In the inner chamber, the bedrooms of Linda, Beverly and Fiona were interlinked with each other. When Zhang Tie came to the 2nd floor and pushed open the door of the bedroom, he heard someone playing water in the bathroom.

After closing the door from inside, Zhang Tie revealed a smile. As he walked towards the bathroom, he started to take off his clothes. When he arrived at the door of the bathroom, Zhang Tie had been naked all over...

Soon after Zhang Tie entered the bathtub for less than 2 minutes, an extremely "enchanting" voice had drifted from the bathtub...

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## Chapter 816: Mother's Disease

Zhang Tie returned home on September 13th; however, his mom fell sick on September 15th.

Her disease occurred without any symptom.

On September 14th, in case of being teased by the family members, Linda, Beverly and Fiona, who had made love with Zhang Tie overnight, got up early as usual and greeted their parents-in-law. After that, they had breakfast together. In the morning, Zhang Tie's mom looked good. However, when they had supper at night, Zhang Tie's mom had a poor appetite. She ate lesser than before. The family members didn't think it was abnormal as Zhang Tie's mom was always healthy. However, they could never believe

that Zhang Tie's mom would fall sick on the morning of September 15th. When she ate breakfast, she suddenly felt giddy. Soon after that, she sat on the ground.

Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang were both startled as the mansion became chaotic at once.

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On the noon of September 15th, Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang and their wives were waiting quietly outside the bedroom of their parents.

The best doctor in Huaiyuan Palace was diagnosing Zhang Tie's mom by touching her pulse. In order to not disturb the doctor, all the family members exited the bedroom for the time being, except for Zhang Tie's dad.

Although Zhang Tie had promoted to a knight, he was not a doctor. Therefore, he was not proficient in diagnosis. Zhang Yang, as a pharmacist, knew something about medicine; however, he could not confirm the cause of his mother's disease either; therefore, they could only invite the best doctor.

"How's mom lately?" Zhang Tie asked Zhang Yang.

Zhang Yang forced a bitter smile, "You know, mom has always been in good health; plus mom and dad always ate all-purpose medicament these years; neither do they have to care about the affairs about the family, I don't know how mom fell sick!"

When the two brothers talked with each other, the bedroom's door was pushed open as Zhang Tie's dad walked out with a grey-hair doctor and his female assistant.

"Elder Mushen..." The doctor and his assistant hurriedly cupped their hands towards Zhang Tie the moment they saw Zhang Tie. The status of clan elder could already make people suffocate.

"Mr. Sun, how's my mom?" Zhang Tie hurriedly moved one step forward and asked anxiously.

"Hmm, erm..." The doctor stopped as he looked around.

"Let's talk about it in the small parlor!" Zhang Yang exchanged a glance with Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie then nodded and told Linda, Beverly and Fiona, "Go inside with my eldest sister-in-law to talk with my mom, I will be back soon!"

After exchanging a glance with each other, the 4 women entered the bedroom.

Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang, their dad Zhang Ping and Dr. Sun then came to a small parlor. Under the guidance of Zhang's servant, Dr. Sun's assistant was arranged to take a rest in another room for the time being.

After entering the small parlor, Dr. Sun told them the truth.

"Old madam's disease is not physical but mental!" Dr. Sun said with a solemn look.

Dr. Sun was elder than Zhang Tie's parents. However, as Zhang Tie was a Clan elder, who was very honorable, Dr. Sun could only call Zhang Tie's mom old madam.

'Mental disease?' Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang and Zhang Ping exchanged a confused glance with each other.

"Dr. Sun, can you tell me the details?" Zhang Ping asked.

"After touching old madam's pulse, I found that her guts were healthy, except for her heart meridian, which felt sorrow. She must be worried about something all the year round!"

"Ahh? No way!" Zhang Yang's eyebrows raised as he sprung up. Dr. Sun was evidently indicating that his mom was unhappy while being together with him. Therefore, Zhang Yang could not accept it like having been extremely insulted. He almost lost his temper, "Dr. Sun, you know about our living conditions, my mom doesn't need to worry about anything at home. All the daughters-in-law and grandchildren are obedient and filial to her. Nobody dares violate her intention. My mom was always smiling in front of her grandchildren in normal times. She looked very happy. How could she feel sorrowful about anything?"

"Old madam's disease has nothing to do with living conditions because she was always worried about somebody or something. Therefore, after so many years, she finally fell sick. As a result, old madam feels weak all over and is in low spirits. Additionally, old madam's blood meridian felt sorrow, which was not formed in a couple of years; instead, in almost 10 years. In the decade, old madam was always worried about someone or something and finally fell sick."

After hearing this cause, Zhang Tie felt like getting a thunder strike as he became frozen at once. '10 years? Isn't it 10 years since I joined the Iron-Blood Camp of Norman Empire and fought in Kalur Theater of Operations on the 889th year to the present?'

Dr. Sun explained carefully. However, he didn't notice that Zhang Tie's face turned pale abruptly. He even turned around to ask Zhang Ping, "Wasn't old madam always worried about someone or something in the evening during the past 10 years? Mental disease has to be cured with mental medicine. As the heart is the master of the body, if the heart meridian was not smooth, one would be affected by many diseases. If old madam's mental disease was not cured from the root, she might feel better in a short period due to medicine; however, her disease might aggravate in the future."

Zhang Ping wanted to say something; however, after exchanging a glance with Zhang Tie, he let out a sigh, "Thanks, Mr. Sun, I got it. Please leave a prescription. We will take care of her for a few days. If there's any problem, we will invite Dr. Sun once again!"

Dr. Sun nodded as he wrote a prescription on a swab on the desk. Zhang Yang took it and glanced at the prescription. Closely after that, he nodded.

"Zhang Yang, send Dr. Sun back!" Zhang Ping said.

After throwing a glance at Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang nodded as he sent Dr. Sun away politely.

Leaving Zhang Tie and Zhang Ping alone in the small parlor. Zhang Tie then moved his eyes on his dad as he asked in a trembled voice, "Dad...whether...mom was always worried about me these years?"

Zhang Ping's face changed at once, "Although your mom doesn't say it at ordinary times, she would always call your pet name guoguo in dreams. Sometimes, she would wake up suddenly. As you always fought outside, since you left Blackhot City and joined the war between Norman Empire and Sun Dynasty, your mom has started to be a vegetarian and bless you day by day. As it was risky on the battlefield, your mom didn't let me tell you about that in case you got distracted. Over the past years,

only when you came back home, your mom would sleep well. Last time, you had Linda, Beverly and Fiona to Huaiyuan Prefecture and got lost a few years, during that period, your mom's pillow was always wet each morning. When you returned home two days ago and spoke of your experience in Selnes Theater of Operations and outside Upton City, your mom dropped tears once again when she went back to the bedroom. She said that if this family's wealth had to be exchanged for your life, she preferred to sell rice brew..."

Hearing his dad's words, Zhang Tie's eyes turned red as tears coursed down his cheeks. Zhang Tie had not imagined that his mom was so worried about him that she didn't even sleep well during the past decade when he left home.

'With Castle of Black Iron, I have been drawn back from the hell and dancing on the blades for so many times these years; however, I've not imagined about my mom's concern about me. What a jerk!'

'My parents treat me so well; however, I'm not a qualified son.'

'As mom has lost one son, I can feel how she was worried about me and hoped me to go back to her side once again.'

'Even though I have promoted to a knight, if I could not keep the most important people in my life happy, it's meaningless for me to fight and kill outside every day.'

At this moment, Zhang Yang's footsteps sounded outside the door. Zhang Tie wiped off his tears and smiled towards his dad, "Dad, don't worry, I know what to do next. I will cure mom's mental disease!"

Zhang Yang pushed open the door and entered. At the sight of the remaining tears on Zhang Tie's face, he had understood what happened, "Dr. Sun has been sent away!"

"Have you handled the affairs in the business group?" Like all the other common parents, Zhang Tie's dad also asked Zhang Yang out of concern.

"Hmm, there's nothing special in Jinwu Business Group today. A difference engine that we ordered a few days ago had arrived at Embracing Tiger Harbor yesterday!"

It was definitely a milestone for a business group to use a senior difference engine to help handle the complex trades and all the other information. If not being large enough, a business group would never use an expensive difference engine which required a lot of professionals to take care of.

"Elder brother. Give me the prescription. I will cook medicine for mom. Dad and I will take care of the domestic affairs, you can go handle the affairs of the business group!"

After being silent for a second, Zhang Yang gave the prescription to Zhang Tie, "Well, you can get all the medicines in the medicine storage. As you're home, I'm reassured. The business group that transported this difference engine here is a business group of Fan Clan in Yingzhou Province. It was escorted by a CEO of the business group. Fan Clan might be our relative in the future. Therefore, I'd better go greet them!"

"Relative?" Zhang Tie threw a glance at Zhang Yang, "Elder brother, you're marrying other girls?"

"It's you, not me!" Zhang Yang smiled.

"Me?" Zhang Tie became surprised.

"Ahem...ahem..." Zhang Tie's dad coughed twice in a bit bashful way, "It's preset by your mom and I in Fuhai City a few years ago. We planned to tell you in a few days. When your mom gets better, ask your mom about that. Go cook medicine now!"

As marriage was always arranged in that age, Zhang Tie didn't ask too much about that. He then left the small parlor with the prescription.

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Zhang Tie found the medicine and cooked them himself. Finally, he held a kettle of cooked medicine which had cooled down and served it to his mom.

"I'm always good. Don't know why, when I got up this morning, I felt sick. I'm getting old!" Zhang Tie's mom smiled towards Zhang Tie with a benign look after drinking up the medicine.

"Mom, why do you say that? I was told that only with some ailment occasionally could one not be affected by a disease. The doc said you're okay. You just had a poor sleep quality lately. You must be thinking too much. Just take a rest for a few days at home, you will recover!" Zhang Tie said with a relaxed look as he put away the wares, "As I've been back, I will not leave soon. I will have a lot of free time to accompany you at home. I'm waiting for your rice brew when you recover. As I was outside these years, I was always dreaming about your rice brew! Previously, I would not eat rice brew in case of cost; however, now, as a clan elder, I cannot buy one bowl of rice brew that could match with that made by my mom even at the cost of hundreds of gold coins. How poor I am!"

Zhang Tie pretended to let out a sigh with a sorrowful look.

Zhang Tie's elder sisters-in-law all burst out into laughter after hearing Zhang Tie's words, making the atmosphere in the room much more relaxed.

Zhang Tie's mom also smiled with a brilliance in her eyes. She sat up and gazed at Zhang Tie, "You won't leave this time?"

"Unless mom chases me away, I will not leave. I will definitely eat up your rice brew for the compensation that I wandered outside these years!" Zhang Tie grinned.

"Are you cheating me?" Zhang Tie's mom asked seriously.

Zhang Tie shrugged, "As Taixia is as solid as rocks, the entire country is safe without any warfare. Waii Sub-continent has long become a deserted land. Where else am I going to? I've been fed up with fighting outside these years. If anyone wants to fight demons, just let them go there, I will not go there anymore. The world doesn't belong to me. I don't need to worry about it so much. If the heavens collapse, taller guys will be the pillars. It's none of my business. After all, we don't lack anything now. I will just be a leisure clan elder in Huaiyuan Palace. When I'm free, I will help my elder brother take care of Jinwu Business Group, what do you think, mom?"

"Fine, fine, of course fine, of course fine..." Zhang Tie's mom revealed a smile. Perhaps due to the effect of the medicine, her face had turned a bit red only after a few minutes. She looked a bit spirited, "You

and Linda are both young, you can give birth to more babies. Look at your elder brother's family, how boisterous it is with so many babies!"

"Mom, trust me, you will definitely be the head of Zhang's kindergarten. Elder brother has 7 babies now. I swear to catch up with him; otherwise, I will lose my face. Isn't it? Darling? Don't be lazy at night!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Linda, Beverly and Fiona turned red. Over the past two nights, they were too diligent instead of being lazy. They didn't let Zhang Tie's mummy be free at all.

The mating affair on the bed was always a secret in the public. Linda, Beverly and Fiona had not imagined that Zhang Tie the bad thing could expose it in the public; since they could not explain, they could only blush.

After hearing Zhang Tie's blue joke, even Zhang Tie's three elder sisters-in-law blushed a bit; however, they all forgot about Zhang Tie's supreme status as a clan elder and felt him being an intimate younger brother-in-law.

Zhang Tie's mom flicked at Zhang Tie's head with one finger before throwing a tragicomical glance at him, "Thankfully, the kids were not here. Otherwise, even the kids would be spoiled in such a way!"

"Yes, yes, yes. I will watch out later on. Mom, you're flicking at a knight's head; however, speaking of the battle force, you could not even match a demon general!" Zhang Tie grinned cheekily for forgiveness.

Zhang Tie's mom might not remember Zhang Tie's another status until then. After being quiet for a second, all the women in the room burst into laughter...

As the medicine calmed the nerves. After taking it a few more minutes and chatting with Zhang Tie for a while, his mom had felt sleepy and gradually closed her eyes.

"Elder sisters-in-law. You can go back with Linda, Beverly and Fiona for a rest. Don't call me at supper time. I will just stay here with mom..." Zhang Tie turned around and told those women after covering the blanket for his mom.

After exchanging a glance with each other, those women then walked out of the bedroom quietly.

Zhang Tie then held his mom's hands which were still coarse even now after working hard for dozens of years. Watching the silver hair at her mom's ears, Zhang Tie dropped off tears...

Zhang Tie felt that it was more meaningful than anything else to hold his mom's hand and watch her sleep safe and sound...

'Holy war, earth-element realm, demons, Three-eye Association, f\*ck you...'

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Although Taixia Country was still as solid as rocks, it was definitely not peaceful as there were all sorts of hidden evil forces across the country. As Youzhou Province was far away from the prosperous heartland of Taixia Country, it was not peaceful either...

On 17th September, a majestic dragon-shaped golden airboat over 500 m in length flew by Gaozhou Province and arrived at Youzhou Province...

## Chapter 817: A Grand Show

The dragon-shaped airboat flew over the border between Gaozhou Province and Youzhou Province as swiftly as a bolt like a majestic golden dragon...

The mouth of the airboat was a huge, top-quality crystal cover which was made up of natural polished crystals. Although it could prevent wind, rain and airflow, it could not block one's vision.

Two people were standing in the crystal cover and looking down at the mountains, rivers and white clouds with glasses in their hand...

"We've already passed Yangui Mountain Range. We must be in Youzhou Province now!" A young man at his 20s with sword-shaped eyebrows and sparkling eyes in white clothes with a longsword at his waist overlooked the land and uttered with a calm and arrogant look.

"Brother Cangwu, have you been here before?" the other man of the similar age with narrow and long blue eyes turned around and asked with a smile. Although this man looked young, his narrow and long eyes looked very scheming.

"It is my first time!" That young man in white clothes replied, "This lower province could barely have any splendid figure. Besides the 10,000 miles' mountains and rivers, all the other things are really boring."

"As Brother Cangwu is very ambitious, few commoners could be favored by you! However, there may be someone splendid in this lower province. As Youzhou province is established, some splendid figures in the local major clans of Youzhou Province may compete for the governorship of Youzhou Province!"

With a shrewd light in eyes, the youth in white clothes asked, "Brother Tianqi, what do you mean?"

"I was told that Zhang Taixuan the Count Longwind had made a lot of military exploits in the earth-elements realm in order to compete for the governorship of Youzhou Province. He had awakened many powerful ancestral bloodlines. His rune equipment craftsmanship and "Breaking-sun Sutra" also reached an unrivaled level. Isn't such a person splendid?"

The youth in white clothes sneered, "As for the branch of Count Longwind, only Lord Huaiyuan is an influential figure. After Lord Huaiyuan, the branch of Count Longwind has vanished in the public. Although Huaiyuan Palace has rooted in Waii Sub-continent so many years, they only occupied a corner; they didn't even take a half of the sub-continent. Although this holy war has broken out for less than 10 years, Huaiyuan Palace has already retreated to Taixia Country. Although the clever rabbit has three burrows, plus he founded Yanghe Prefecture in a short period, which is admirable; he still lacks the arrogance of Lord Huaiyuan. Lord Huaiyuan could be promoted to General West Expedition in the God's Will Army, one of the top four imperial armies in Taixia Country. Look at his offspring, who could only compete for the governorship of a lower province, which is even lower than Class 5. Even though Zhang Taixuan had tried his best, he still could not promote to an earth knight. His achievements are too common. Although being talented and ambitious, he is only limited to one province. He might be splendid; however, it's just like a flash in the pan!"

"How about Lu Dingzhi in Spiritualmaple Prefecture? This guy has promoted to a knight before 30. He served as the coin-casting commissioner of Ministry of Finance of Taixia Country in Gold Rock Sub-



continent. He has made a lot of achievements. I was told that Lord Hong of the Ministry of Finance favored him so much. Spiritualsea Prefecture is also a deep-rooted local major clan in Youzhou Province. He also intends to compete for the governorship of Youzhou Province. Isn't this guy splendid?"

"I was told that Lu Dingzhi had awakened his ancestral bloodline the moment he came to this world. As he was born with the fragrance of irises, he was named Dingzhi by elders. When he was young, Lu Dingzhi had a great potential to make military exploits in the earth-elements realm. Pitifully, he only served as a coin-casting commissioner in the Ministry of Finance. Gold Roc Sub-continent is just a remote area with barbarous people. They could barely have a knight. They admired the majesty of the Hua people in Taixia Country and became very docile and peaceful. Lu Dingzhi was like an emperor in Gold Roc Sub-continent. After becoming a coin-casting commissioner there for so many years, his arrogance had weakened greatly. He's just a guard. Lu Clan in Spiritualsea Prefecture has run business in Youzhou Province for so many years, they might be more powerful than Zhang Clan in Yanghe Prefecture. However, Lu Dingzhi has lost his masculinity. Splendid what?" The youth in white clothes said.

"What about Gu Qingyun in the Gu's Valley of Eastriver Prefecture? Gu Qingyun is very famous across Youzhou Province. He has promoted to battle spirit at the age of 16 and is regarded as a genius who appears once in a 100 years. He was taken as a disciple by an elder of Heavens Holding Pavilion. It shocked the entire Youzhou Province when Gu Qingyun entered Heavens Holding Pavilion. There were always messages about Gu Qingyun these years, all of them were amazing. It was said that Gu Qingyun had promoted to a knight. Isn't this guy splendid?"

"Just because he was talented at a young age doesn't mean that he will become great when he grows old. It's never too late to judge him when he chops off over 10 heads of demon knights!"

The youth in blue clothes let out a sigh, "After listening to your analysis, brother Changwu, our journey to Youzhou Province became meaningless!"

"Yes, even I think so!" The youth in white clothes shook his head as he continued pitifully, "I was told that the black-robe knight Gorath who had exterminated all the demons across Waii Sub-continent with the terrifying ptomaine miasma reappeared in Blackhot Sub-continent and devastated the demonized puppets corps there with the same terrifying ptomaine miasma once again. He even killed a demon knight in Blackhot Sub-continent and exterminated two Three-eye Association clans. I was preparing to look for Gorath in Blackhot Sub-continent; however, I received the command of my master; therefore, I have to escort the Heavens Ball to Youzhou Province!"

"It turns out that brother Cangwu thinks that the black-robe knight Gorath is the very splendid person!" The youth in blue clothes was suddenly enlightened, "Gorath is indeed an able man. His terrifying ptomaine miasma shocked the world and scared all the demonized puppets and demons away. Besides the Eastern Continent, there are so many exotic talents in this world. However, voodoo pharmacists who have promoted to knights like Gorath are rarely seen in Taixia Country. I really wonder where does this guy come from. As he came to Blackhot Sub-continent this time, all the Three-eye Association clans in sub-continents might not sleep and eat well. They will feel like being on tenterhooks. This guy might have become the eyesore of demons. Demons must hate him very much and want to kill him as soon as possible!"

"How do you know that Gorath is not a Hua man in Taixia Country? Why do you think the so-called Gorath is just a fake one who confuses others?" The young knight in white clothes asked suddenly.

With a shrewd light in his narrow and long eyes, the youth in blue clothes replied, "You mean..."

"There's an old man in my sect, who once traveled in Western Continent for many years. He's proficient in voodoo skills and knows about the voodoo pharmacists and their sects in Western Continent. A few months ago, he went to Waii Sub-continent alone and collected the Full Moons Demon Miasma in Waii Sub-continent for study. After studying the Full Moons Demon Miasma, the elder asserted that no voodoo pharmacist or sect in Western Continent could cultivate such a terrifying ptomaine miasma. Gorath is definitely a master-level hermit among the voodoo pharmacists!"

"Ahh, I see!"

"Topple over an entire subcontinent with his own ability; drive demons and numerous voodoo pharmacists mad for him; scare Three-eye Association; curb the puppet worms of demons with a Full Moons Demon Miasma. Such a person, although we don't know whether he's righteous or evil, is undoubtedly splendid. What a hero!" The youth in white clothes praised in a heroic way.

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When the two young men stood on the head of the dragon-shaped airboat, the other two elders were drinking playing the game of go in a room of the airboat. They were leisurely immersed in the world between black and white.

"Young men..." An elder smiled as he shook his head. At the same time, he put a white piece on the checkerboard.

"Didn't we also belittle the bigwigs at such a young age?" Another old man with a swarthy face revealed a tolerant smile. After thinking for a second, he put a black piece on the checkerboard, "Without these ambitious young men, our Taixia Country would be lifeless. Whatever, we could not perform on the stage. I like Cangwu among the new elites of your Heavens Fortune Sect. This boy will be an able man in the future. How about lending him to me for some years? I will give you back a governorship of a medium-level province!"

"Too insolent, he needs more practice!" The old man put down a white piece as he replied.

"If he needs practice in the earth-elements realm, why don't you let him escort the Heavens Ball to Youzhou Province? This Youzhou Province is just a lower province. Even if I want to select a governor for Youzhou Province from some local rascals and want to borrow the treasure of your Heavens Fortune Sect, the best candidate has nothing to do with you motherf\*cking Heavens Fortune Sect. How dare you Heavens Fortune Sect interfere with my domestic affair? Do you believe that I will lead my army to destroy your nestle?" The old man who was using the black piece suddenly goggled his eyes, which looked as threatening as the king of hell.

The old man using the white piece just stroked his mustache and smiled. He didn't care about the other old man with a swarthy face at all.

Watching the smiling old man for a few seconds, the old man using the black piece finally let out a sigh. At the same time, his "threatening" look faded away; instead, he started to roll his eyes in a cunning

way, "Alright, all the things in the world have been guessed by your Heavens Fortune Sect. You will never suffer a loss. I will see what you have come with to Youzhou, where, even birds would not like to take a shit in!"

Only after 10 more minutes, the black dragon on the checkerboard was going to be chopped. Pinching the black piece, the old man with a swarthy face frowned and formed a character "Ji" on his forehead. Suddenly he pointed at the window and said, "Ahh, look, Yang Feiqing the old woman is coming for you..."

After hearing his words, the old man using a white piece faintly turned his face. He turned around only to see nobody. When he realized that something was wrong, he had heard a thunder-like sneeze, which almost caused the entire airship to shake. After turning back, he found all the crystal pieces on the checkerboard had been shattered. Rubbing his nose, the old man using the black piece revealed an embarrassed smile, "Erm...it's too windy. I caught a cold. My sneeze has destroyed all the pieces on the checkerboard. How about having another round..."

The old man using the white piece was so angry that he even started to quiver all over. He pointed at the old man using the black piece and swore, "You timid old Cheng, you're too impudent. You've formed 3 chakras, you tell me you caught a cold? You've already lost the game. Hurry! 5 kgs' imperial falling frost tea leaves. If it's one bit less, I will fight you to death..."

"We did not come to the end. My dragon was still on the checkerboard. Why do you say so?" The old man who held black pieces justified while straightening up his neck.

"I remember the former battle situation, how about reappearing them on the checkerboard and continuing it?"

"Haha, I don't remember it. I have a bad memory. What if you fabricate a false battle situation for your benefit..." The old man with a swarthy face insisted on his opinion.

A powerful, dangerous qi appeared over the old man using the white piece, "Do you believe that I can stomp your ugly airboat into pieces?"

"Just do that. It's just an airboat. I have too many such airboats at home. But, as your Heavens Ball is in the airboat. If this airboat was destroyed, it would drop off. I will not care about the loss!"

The old man using white pieces couldn't stand the opponent anymore as he punched the other old man's eye socket...

With this punch, the eye socket of the old man with a swarthy face became as swollen as that of a giant panda. However, he was not angry at all; instead, he burst out into laughter, "Well, one punch for 10 imperial falling frost tea leaves. If you don't agree, I will gift you 5 kgs' falling frost tea leaves. You owe me a punch now. I will punch you back whenever I want...how about...continuing..."

The old man using white pieces glared at the old man with a swarthy face for quite a while. Finally, he took a seat. The old man with a swarthy face moved his lip faintly. The door was then opened while someone carried in a new checkerboard and two jars of pieces. The two old men started a new round.

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The airboat moved almost 700 miles per hour in the sky. After entering the territory of Youzhou Province, it flew 2 hours before arriving at a plain with beautiful landscape, lush water resources and grasses. A magnificent city appeared on the plain.

It was a big city, a genuinely magnificent city. It was the only Class A city in Youzhou Province as of far and the capital city of Youzhou Province——Youzhou Province.

The entire Youzhou city was as square as a square imperial jade seal. The length and width of the city wall lasted over 25 miles respectively. The inner area of the city covered 1,000 square miles. The city wall was higher than 70 m while being matched with powerful city-defense weapons. Even large-scale airships could directly take off from and land on the city wall. Such a magnificent city was very overwhelming on the plain.

Youzhou City had just been founded for less than 5 years. The founding of this city also symbolized that Youzhou Province was promoted to an official lower province of Taixia from a wild province.

If in Waii Sub-continent or other remote places, this city would definitely make any country and clan proud of. However, in Taixia Country, as was commented by the old man with a swarthy face, even birds would not take a shit in Youzhou Province.

The over 500-m long dragon-shaped airboat landed in a location of Youzhou City quietly. All the officers of the city had been long waiting for them on both sides of the hatch of the airboat and dared not even breathe smoothly.

When the hatch was opened, the black-face old man appeared while an extremely powerful qi covered the entire Youzhou City at once.

He wore a fiery costume with a Kylin on it in a 10 cm-wide purple-gold rune jade waistband. His current majestic look could never be matched by that when he played the game of go with the old man who held white pieces.

The old man looked around with his shrewd eyes while all the officers in Youzhou City hurriedly bowed deeply towards him.

"Commander, Your Majesty!"

Chapter 818: Killing Time

"In Taixia Country, the supreme officer of a province is a provincial governor; a province includes prefectures, the supreme officer of which is a prefectural governor. A prefecture includes cities, the supreme officer of which is a municipal major; a city includes countries, the supreme officer of which is a county magistrate."

"A country includes towns, the supreme officer of which is a town mayor; a town includes villages, the supreme officer of which is a village chief, which, as the smallest officer in Taixia Country is usually selected by the villagers themselves. It's an exiled class 7 official position!"

"Above provinces are military regions, the supreme officer of which is a military commander! The military commander is an influential supreme chancellor in Taixia Country. A military region always

includes 4-9 provinces. Youzhou Province, Gaozhou Province, Mozhou Province, Tongzhou Province, Qiongzhou Province, Yanzhou Province, Huizhou Province and Chaozhou Province in the northeast of Taixia Country are under the jurisdiction of Northeast Military Region of Taixia Country!"

Zhang Tie was leaning against a deck chair in a pavilion of the garden of the inner chamber in Golden Light City. He was listening to the chapter "establishments" in the book "Regulations about Taixia Country" read by Beverly while eating the fruits which had been peeled by Linda. Fiona was standing behind Zhang Tie so as to let him rest on her half-exposed raised plump breasts by his head; meanwhile, she was gently massaging Zhang Tie's shoulders.

It was daytime in September. The hot sun was suspending high above their heads while the cicadas were chirping in the garden. Although the dog days of summer had passed, it was still almost 30 degrees Celsius in Yanghe River as it was at the end of the sultry summer. It would not turn cold in Yanghe Prefecture until October.

The pavilion, where Zhang Tie and his wives were, was a hidden and tranquil place in the garden of their inner chamber, which was surrounded by rockeries, streams, springs, verdant bamboos and willows. They could only access to this pavilion through a path that was led to the place behind the rockeries.

Zhang Tie's mom had recovered a bit lately. Just now, after serving his mom with medicine and watching her fall asleep, Zhang Tie left the main room and returned to his inner chamber. He was killing time with his three wives in the pavilion in case of heat stroke. His three energetic sons had been taken away by some children education experts, who played various games with Zhang Tie's nephews and nieces in the playground of the backyard. By playing games, they learned happily.

With the knight's consciousness, Zhang Tie could hear children laughing and playing in the backyard although he was in the inner chamber.

When he stayed with his three sons at home these couple of days, only after half an hour, Zhang Tie would ooze sweat all over. As for Zhang Tie, it was more difficult than handling some Three-eye Association knights. The three little guys even felt that this man called papa was boring as he could tell few stories and play few games. Therefore, Zhang Tie realized that he was not good at playing with kids. In normal times, besides teaching them about martial arts, he mainly let his mother or babysitters or teachers play with them.

Elder Muyuan had not been here for a few days. It seemed that he wanted Zhang Tie to relax himself for a few days at home.

After living in Taixia Country for so many years, Fiona, Beverly and Linda had learned to speak as fluently as Hua people. Besides, they knew "Regulations about Taixia Country" much better than Zhang Tie. After knowing that Zhang Tie wanted to learn about the contents in the "Regulations about Taixia Country", Beverly took one version and interpreted it for Zhang Tie.

When he heard the Northeast Military Region Headquarters, Zhang Tie, whose mouth had been foisted with a watery lychee by Linda, became faintly dumbfounded as he widely opened his eyes. He even forgot to chew, "F\*ck, you mean, a commander of a military region in Taixia could govern many provinces. Isn't it similar to govern some sub-continents? How powerful it is!"

"Of course. Taixia is the most powerful human country!" Beverly threw a pleasant look at Zhang Tie before saying, "Don't interrupt me!"

"Alright, alright, go ahead, go ahead..." Zhang Tie replied with a smile as he realized that he might not see the shy look of Beverly who had become a mother until now.

As it was hot and they were in the inner chamber, Linda, Fiona and Beverly just wore a thin, one-piece short-arm skirt with rich Hua characteristics, which had a narrow upper part and a wide lower part. There was a tiny boob tube top inside the skirt. Their waists were lightly tied with two waistbands. Besides half-exposed plump breasts, their milk-like delicate skins were looming under the thin skirt yarn. Although being not coquettish, they were definitely super hot moms before the Catastrophe.

Zhang Tie sighed with full moods inside, 'That's what I always dreamed of.'

"The officials in Taixia Country are divided into 10 classes and 19 ranks. Class 10 is immortal which is usually conferred to the three top chancellors of Taixia Country, namely, the Dasima who's responsible for the army and warfares of the country, the Dasitu who's responsible for the political affairs of the country and the Dasikong who's responsible for national supervision, education, rituals and sacrifice. Those officials from class 9 to class 1 are further divided into 18 ranks; each class contains two ranks, namely, \*\*\* or deputy\*\*\*. Besides the 19 ranks of the 10 classes, there were additional exiled 9 ranks, which were conferred to civil servants on all levels in Taixia Country. In Taixia Country, besides officials and civil servants who could be granted with classes and ranks, all the other technicians who have special abilities and made excellent contradictions to Taixia Country in one industry would also be awarded with classes and ranks..."

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After 2 hours, the sun started to move towards the west. When Beverly was reading the "Chapter of City Construction", Zhang Tie's ears moved as he instantly sprung up from the comfortable deck chair and rapidly kissed his three young and beautiful wives, "Mom is going to wake up. I have to prepare the medicine before the supper for her!" Zhang Tie said as he threw a glance at the three women with a lascivious look, "Hmm, your dress looks nice. I've not imagined that you could look so nice in Hua clothes. Remember to wear these sets of clothes when you work tonight. Don't be lazy..."

"You're disgusting..." The three hot moms uttered a womanly voice in unison. Zhang Tie then burst out into laughter and trotted away from this pavilion towards the kitchen of the main courtyard.

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Within half an hour since Zhang Tie left his inner chamber, two black limos had driven into the gate of the Zhang's mansion.

When the two limos parked outside the gate of the mansion, Zhang Yang and a gentle 50-year old man with three strips of mustache got off the first limo.

"Mr. Fan, please come in!" Zhang Yang invited the old man into the main courtyard politely.

The moment they entered the main courtyard, CEO Fan had already seen a handsome juvenile at the age of 16 or so walking out of the parlor on one side with a bowl of medicine soup in hand.

The medicine soup seemed to have just been cooked as it was still steaming. The juvenile blew off the medicine soup so as to cool it down as he walked forward.

"Elder brother, you're back!" The juvenile greeted Zhang Yang casually before throwing a glance at CEO Fan and nodding towards him, "I've just cooked mom's medicine soup, I will send it to her right now!"

"Fine, how's mom today?"

"She's much better. After taking medicine in the morning, she took a walk in the garden for a while. She was spirited in the afternoon and felt much more powerful than yesterday!" Zhang Tie replied as he went upstairs with the medicine soup, causing a sound "Dong dong dong dong".

Hearing the dialogue between Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang, CEO Fan became stunned as he watched Zhang Yang with a dubious look, "This is..."

"This is Zhang Tie, my younger brother!" Zhang Yang smiled.

CEO Fan was shocked inside. He could never imagine that the juvenile who served medicine soup upstairs just now was Zhang Tie, the very one who would marry Fan's rich young lady.

Zhang Tie's look and what he was doing was out of CEO Fan's imagination greatly.

According to Zhang Tie's parents, Zhang Tie should have been 26 or 27 years old; however, given Zhang Tie's look, he was absolutely a juvenile; instead of a youth.

What made CEO Fan more shocked was that Zhang Tie was still doing what should be done by servants although having promoted to a knight.

"My mother feels not good lately. Coincidentally, my elder brother is back. Therefore, Zhang Tie serves my mom at home these days. He selects medicine in the drug storage and cooks it himself!" Zhang Yang explained.

Hearing Zhang Yang's words, CEO's eyes gleamed...

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The chief household register officer of Fuhai City who urged to marry his daughter to one of Zhang Tie's three sons when he found Zhang Tie's sons were especially talented was a member of Fan Clan in Heavenly Water Prefecture of Yingzhou Province. Fan Clan was not a common clan in Yingzhou Province; instead, it was a local major clan. Fan Clan had 4 cities in Heavenly Water Prefecture. Although Fan Clan could not match Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace, it was deeply rooted in Taixia Country. In some aspect, Fan Clan was a bit more powerful than Zhang Clan.

Due to this marriage relationship between Fan Clan and Zhang Clan, Fan Clan's Darun Business Group had established trade ties with Zhang Clan's Jinwu Business Group. It was a win-win situation.

By the chance that Darun Business Group traded with Jinwu Business Group, Fan Clan dispatched a CEO to Zhang Clan. Besides completing the trade, they intended to fix the marriage between Zhang Tie and the rich young lady of Fan Clan. Although the male party could postpone a marriage, the female party could not. When ladies turned older, they would hardly marry a man.

At supper, although being gentle and graceful at the table, CEO Fan spent 20 minutes of half an hour in stealthily sizing up Zhang Tie.

As it was his first time to visit Zhang Clan, CEO Fan felt a bit weird as he found Zhang Tie being just a 16-17-year-old juvenile with 3 beautiful foreign wives on his side. Linda, although being coquettish, looked 2 times elder than Zhang Tie; she was more like Zhang Tie's elder than his wife. However, Linda always watched Zhang Tie with a sweet expression.

Zhang's family members had been used to all of this; however, CEO Fan felt especially weird.

Almost the moment they finished the supper, Zhang Tie had become still for a second as he received the call-up through his elder's finger ring from Huaiyuan Palace.

"What happened?" Zhang Tie's mom asked out of concern when she noticed Zhang Tie's sudden changing face, although feeling much better.

"Huaiyuan Palace is calling up elders back in the Shrine Palace for something important. I've just received the call-up!"

"Now that Huaiyuan Palace is calling up, you can leave now!" Zhang Tie's dad immediately uttered with a sense of pride.

"Do you need your elder brother to arrange an airship or a vehicle for you?" Zhang Tie's mom asked out of concern.

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "No need, I will fly, it's a bit faster!"

After saying that, Zhang Tie threw a glance at his elder brother, CEO Fan, Linda, Beverly and Fiona before walking out of the mansion. His family members saw him off.

After Zhang Tie promoted to a knight, none of his family members had seen him showing off his amazing flying talent, even when Zhang Tie returned home. After hearing that Zhang Tie was going to fly off himself, all of his family members and CEO Fan came out to see how he would fly off.

Linda, Beverly and Fiona came out of the mansion while cradling their kids. Zhang Tie's nephews and nieces also kept their widely opened eyes on him as they wanted to see their uncle "flying off".

After coming out of the mansion, Zhang Tie reminded his mom to not forget to take the bowl of medicine soup before going to bed. After that, he pinched Zhang Chenglei's petite face and smiled. He then flew off immediately with a sparkling light in front of all of them.

"Look, uncle is over there!" Zhang Chengan said as he pointed at the sky.

All of them raised their heads and saw Zhang Tie waving his hand towards them from hundreds of meters high. Closely after that, with a lightning bolt, he flew towards Embracing Tiger City like a meteor.

Zhang Tie's family members were all shocked by the meteor; especially Zhang Tie's three sons, who were watching their dad performing "magic" in front of them with widely opened eyes.

"Is this a knight's strength?" Zhang Tie's dad watched the sky with a shocked look. He was stunned for a while, "Is this guy my son?"



'...Is this guy my younger brother?'

'...Is this guy my uncle?'

'...Is this guy my husband?'

Zhang Tie's family members were thinking the same thing. When Zhang Tie was at home, he was always easy-going. As a result, his family members usually forgot about his status as a clan elder; additionally, the status of clan elder was really a bit abstract for them. Until they saw Zhang Tie flying off in front of them, Zhang Tie's status and image as clan elder became vivid in their minds.

#### Chapter 819: Call-up

Zhang Tie slightly accelerated his flying speed. It took him a bit more than 20 minutes to arrive at Embracing Tiger City from Golden Light City.

Among the former 8 cities of Huaiyuan Palace in Waii Sub-continent, Yiyang branch built a new city in Yanghe Prefecture—Embracing Tiger City.

Geographically, Embracing Tiger City looked a bit similar to the former Yiyang City as they were both coastal cities and depended on marine trade. Yiyang City leaned against Yiyang Mountain while Embracing Tiger City cradled Embracing Tiger Mountain. Although Embracing Tiger City had just been established, its potential was greater than that of Yiyang City. The environment of Embracing Tiger Harbor was better than that of Yiyang Harbor. All this indicated that Huaiyuan Palace had spent a lot here.

The coastal area of Youzhou Province in the east was mountainous. Embracing Tiger Harbor was one of the two big harbors of Youzhou Province. Besides being used to develop marine trade with the other coastal provinces in the territory of Taixia Country, Embracing Tiger Harbor was also an important harbor hub that linked the Chaosang Sub-continent in the northeast of Eastern Continent to Taixia Country. It had a distinctive geographical strength, namely, exchanging south with the north in Taixia Country and link Chaosang Sub-continent, which was the real description of Embracing Tiger Harbor and the foundation of its prosperity.

During the period when he was in Golden Light City, Zhang Tie gradually learned about Youzhou Province and Taixia Country.

On the land, Youzhou faced a vast wild province in the north. Having not been established, the wild province only included some sparse small cities and human inhabited areas. The borders of the wild province had not been clearly marked in the north, east and west. There were vast grey and black regions which had not been explored or developed in the wild province on the map. As the largest city in the wild province was called Liao Cheng City, according to the customs of Taixia Country, the wild province was called Liaozhou Province for the time being.

The policy that Taixia Country adopted about wild provinces completely followed the thoughts of Taoism—take actionless action that had been carried on since ancient times. Taixia Country didn't dispatch any officer to wild provinces or levy a single copper coin from wild provinces. Wild provinces had to maintain the social orders themselves or depend on the bounty hunters of the local Bright Road

Pavilion. With this policy, all the wild provinces across Taixia Country would develop at the fastest speed and display a great vitality. Wild provinces in Taixia Country always gathered various talents. Besides Gold and Power Law, all the other 6 of the top 7 major sects in Taixia Country occupied one wild province like the local emperors. Taixia's ruling power also made a compromise to the 6 major sects in this way.

Taixia Country treated lower provinces such as Youzhou Province with slightly stricter policies. However, it was still too loose compared to that of medium-sized or upper provinces. The imperial court of Taixia Country barely interfered with the underdeveloped regions and granted them with greater freedom than that of medium-sized or upper provinces. Take selecting provincial governor for Youzhou Province as an instance, only lower provinces could enjoy such a special treatment. In medium-sized or upper provinces, provincial governors were usually appointed by the imperial court, although there were also competitive relations between the candidates. The opinions of the imperial court were critical in appointing provincial governors for medium-sized provinces or upper provinces. As the 9 major immortal provinces of Taixia Country were directly affiliated to the imperial households of Taixia Country, their provincial governors, namely imperial chancellors were directly appointed by Emperor Xuanhuan.

Chaosang Sub-continent was bizarre. After coming to Youzhou Province, Zhang Tie was told that Chaosang Sub-continent admired the prosperity and profound culture of Taixia Country so much that they would dispatch diplomatic corps to Taixia Country every year and requested to merge in the territory of Taixia Country. They expected Taixia Country to dispatch a provincial governor to Chaosang Sub-continent so that citizens in Chaosang Sub-continent could call themselves citizens of Taixia Country. In Zhang Tie's opinion, Taixia Country had no reason to refuse such a request. However, Zhang Tie was shocked by Taixia Country's response—all the imperial chancellors in the imperial court of Taixia Country directly ignored their request.

'Even Taixia Country was picky about benefits!' Zhang Tie finally learned about Hua people's honor and pride after arriving at Taixia Country.

The Embracing Tiger City at the foot was brightly lit and very boisterous at night. Even though other sub-continents were troubled with battle flames, Youzhou Province, as a remote lower province in Taixia Country, was still as prosperous as usual. The so-called holy war could not influence this place even a bit.

Zhang Tie was shocked by the greatness of Taixia Country.

Someone might have noticed Zhang Tie's arrival as a knight's qi loomed in the Embracing Tiger Mountain as if it was greeting Zhang Tie. After sensing that qi, Zhang Tie directly flew towards Embracing Tiger Mountain like having received a cruise signal.

A complex of pavilions and palaces with cyan tiles and flying eaves were seated in the most magnificent place of Embracing Tiger Mountain. Among the buildings, Zhang Tie caught sight of the Shrine Palace of Huaiyuan Palace at once, which remained unchanged.

Elder Muen was waiting on the stage outside the gate of the Shrine Palace. Zhang Tie landed on the terrace outside the gate.

"Elder Muen!" Zhang Tie cupped his hands towards Elder Muen.

"Elder Mushen!" Elder Muen replied with a smile as he also cupped his hands towards Zhang Tie, "Congratulations! After a few years, given the momentum of Elder Mushen in the sky, I know that you've already made a great progress in cultivation base!"

"Thanks, Elder Muen!" Zhang Tie smiled modestly, "I wonder about the reason for calling us here."

"As Elder Mushen had just returned to Yanghe Prefecture from Waii Sub-continent and reunited with family members, Huaiyuan Palace would not call you up if not a major event. This event is about competing for the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province; it's related to the development of Huaiyuan Palace in the next 100 years; therefore, we needed to call up all the elders of Huaiyuan Palace to negotiate with the next plan after receiving the message!"

Zhang Tie was shocked inside, "Have other elders arrived?"

"Elder Muray is in Liyuan City, which is a bit far from here. Besides Elder Muray, all the other elders have arrived!" Elder Muen replied.

Liyuan City was established by Huaiyuan Palace's Stars Viewing branch in the westernmost part of Yanghe Prefecture. After moving to Youzhou Province, the former Stars Viewing branch which ran the largest slave-trading center in Huaiyuan Prefecture restarted their slave trade in the Yanghe Prefecture. Non-Hua slaves also existed in Taixia Country. Additionally, the slave trade was legal here. Youzhou Province and Liaozhou Province were both vast but sparsely populated; especially Liaozhou Province, which had a high demand on slaves. Non-Hua people who sold themselves as slaves in the territory of Taixia Country and those slaves from Chaosang Sub-continent and the other sub-continent even people in border regions of Taixia Country were greatly demanded in the slave trading market of Liaozhou Province and Youzhou Province.

After hearing Elder Muen's words, Zhang Tie nodded before entering the Shrine Palace.

After entering the Shrine Palace, Zhang Tie gasped in admiration. This Shrine Palace remained as same as before. When he entered it, Zhang Tie thought that he had returned to Yiyang Mountain.

"Elder Mushen..."

Elder Muyuan, Elder Muan and Elder Muyu had already arrived. Watching Zhang Tie coming in, they all moved their eyes on Zhang Tie and greeted him.

After greeting the three elders, Zhang Tie sat on his seat.

Those elders gasped in admiration about Zhang Tie's mediocre and majestic look, 'All knights are top elites!'

"Before Elder Mushen arrived, we were discussing the event in Waii Sub-continent. During those years when Elder Mushen guarded in Huaiyuan Prefecture, Hurricane Corps made a great progress; Huaiyuan Palace's interests in Waii Sub-continent were also guaranteed to the largest degree. In the holy war, Huaiyuan Prefecture ran in good order under the rule of Elder Mushen; our forces also evacuated from Huaiyuan Prefecture with the least losses among those major clans in Jinyun Country. Those border Hebrew people in Youzhou Province are eulogizing the majesty and mercy of Elder Mushen. Because Elder Mushen handled Huaiyuan Prefecture properly, those people are very docile; they settled down here soon. Elder Mushen has made the greatest contribution for Huaiyuan palace to settle down in

Youzhou Province!" Elder Muan watched Zhang Tie and said seriously. The other two elders nodded at the same time.

Honestly, Zhang Tie's achievements were completely out of the elders' imaginations during those years when Zhang Tie guarded in Huaiyuan Prefecture; especially after making a contrast with that of the other major clans in Jinyun Country. In the later phase before Waii Sub-continent was collapsed by demons, after realizing that the methods adopted by Huaiyuan Palace were very effective, all the garrison elders and corps of the other major clans in Jinyun Country almost copied Zhang Tie's methods in Huaiyuan Prefecture, including the mode that he divided Hurricane Corps into three levels, the special military administration and circuit military courts that he adopted in garrison cities, even stabilizing refugees' heart by providing free porridge to them. They made the same nice achievements. After his rotating chakra ceremony, Zhang Tie's reputation spread over the major Hua clans in Jinyun Country and Qilan Country once again, making Huaiyuan Palace extremely outstanding.

"In the battle, you defended demons and strengthened forces; in defense, you stabilized commoner's hearts and created wealth. Elder Mushen, you indeed made great achievements during the period when you guarded Waii Sub-continent!" Elder Muyu praised as he stroked his mustache.

"I was just lazy. All the achievements that I made were benefited from the forever majesty of Huaiyuan Palace and the dauntless commissioned officers and soldiers of Hurricane Corps. I believe that you would have done it better if you guarded it!" Zhang Tie replied with a smile.

Watching Zhang Tie being so humble and easy-going, the other elders liked him more. They started to approve Zhang Tie's position as a clan elder deep in their hearts. To be honest, even though Zhang Tie had promoted to a clan elder after the rotating chakra ceremony, the other elders still felt a bit uncomfortable to see him being on the equal footing with them. The achievements that Zhang Tie made during the period that he guarded Waii Sub-continent helped him completely consolidate his place in Huaiyuan Palace.

"We heard that Waii Sub-continent had been turned into a hell by a black-robe knight Gorath. As Elder Mushen returned to Waii Sub-continent recently, can you tell us about the situation over there?" Elder Muyuan uttered while the 3 elders moved their eyes onto Zhang Tie once again.

After thinking for a short while, Zhang Tie exposed all the information that he heard about Waii Sub-continent from Sacred Iceland Kingdom.

After hearing such a miserable situation facing Waii Sub-continent, Elder Muyuan became speechless, Elder Muan let out a sigh of relief while Elder Muyu let out a deep sigh.

Closely after that, with two light beams outside the Shrine Palace, Elder Muray and Elder Muen entered with the familiar qis...

## Chapter 820: The Conference

Knights could hear a sound clearly from hundreds of meters away with the powerful perception of knight's consciousness as long as the sound was not intentionally covered. Some knights who cultivated special secret methods could even hear farther. Therefore, Elder Muen had almost heard the talk about

what happened in Waii Sub-continent between Zhang Tie and Elder Muyuan before entering the Shrine Palace. Even Elder Muray who came in the end also heard a part of their talk.

At this moment, besides the head of Zhang Clan, all the other 6 clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace had arrived at the Shrine Palace.

"I did not imagine that Waii Sub-continent would deteriorate into such a lifeless land being covered with Full Moons Demon Miasma only after we left Waii Sub-continent for a few years. I wonder whether Sacred Iceland Kingdom has been influenced by the miasma over Waii Sub-continent." Elder Muen asked Zhang Tie.

"As there is an ocean between Sacred Iceland Kingdom and Waii Sub-continent, the terrifying Full Moons Demon Misama didn't extend to Sacred Iceland Kingdom. Before I came back from Sacred Iceland Kingdom, I had issued an order to forbid people to land on Waii Sub-continent once again except for soldiers and other special forces who had to execute their tasks!" Zhang Tie answered.

"It seems that Sacred Iceland Kingdom don't need to worry about being attacked by demons in a short period. The accident in Waii Sub-continent makes Ice and Snow Wilderness a Shargri-la. Misfortune may be a blessing in disguise."

"If not the threat facing the Sacred Iceland Kingdom had been cleaned off for the time being, I might still be in Sacred Iceland Kingdom! I promised those guys in Ice and Snow Wilderness that I would fight demons to the death with them shoulder to shoulder. Trust is the coin of the realm. I was also worried about their safety when I came to Sacred Iceland Kingdom. However, I had not imagined that the black-robe knight Gorath could have such a trump card. Benefited from that, I could return to Taixia Country without eating my words!" Zhang Tie gasped with admiration as he felt lucky. He performed his disguising ability to the utmost. Nevertheless, none of the elders at present could imagine that Zhang Tie was the very Gorath.

"Have you handled the affairs in Sacred Iceland Kingdom?" Elder Muray asked.

"Sacred Iceland Kingdom is just a combination of tribes and Ewentra Archipelago. The clan elders of those tribes and the major clans in Ewentra Archipelago are still managing the affairs in their own territory. I don't need to worry about that at all!"

Honestly, Zhang Tie felt a bit pleasant when he became the tsar of Sacred Iceland Kingdom. However, when he came to Youzhou Province, he found that a province of Taixia Country was almost as large as a sub-continent and a provincial governor governed the region as large as a subcontinent with military region commander who had extremely great power above them. After that, Zhang Tie's pleasure eased. Taixia even ignored the Chaosang Sub-continent who hoped to merge in Taixia Country and pay tax to Taixia Country, not to speak of a tiny Sacred Iceland Kingdom. 'Sacred Iceland Kingdom could only be a wild province in Taixia Country at most and I could only serve as a Class 6 Prefectural province in Taixia Country at most with the foundation of Sacred Iceland Kingdom, not to mention that Sacred Iceland Kingdom was in the north of the remote Waii Sub-continent.'

"Sacred Iceland Kingdom could serve as a trading center and connection between Eastern Continent and Western Continent and grow increasingly prosperous. It could also trade with Huaiyuan Palace and

benefit both parties!" Elder Muan suggested while the other elders nodded at the same time. Zhang Tie also nodded.

Elder Muen let out a sigh, "There are so many unexpectations in this holy war. The super demon corps which swept over Waii Sub-continent; the black-robe knight Gorath who exterminated so many Three-eye Association clans and released the terrifying ptomaine miasma over Waii Sub-continent; either the hundreds of millions of demonized puppets or the terrifying ptomaine miasma could topple over a sub continent. Whenever I thought about the current situation facing Waii Sub-continent, I would feel both lucky and worried. I feel lucky that Huaiyuan Palace left the lifeless land in advance and laid our foundation in Youzhou Province of Taixia Country; I'm worried that we cannot predict the progress of the holy war. We cannot see clearly the future of Huaiyuan Palace. In the holy war, numerous clans would be exterminated; numerous clans would grow prosperous at the same time. All the elders at present are shouldering responsibility for the prosperity of Huaiyuan Palace. There's a major event that could determine the future of Huaiyuan Palace, which Huaiyuan Palace have planned for a long time. We, as Clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace, should negotiate about it."

"Have the Northeast Military Region Headquarter of Taixia Country set the regulations about the selection of the provincial governor of Youzhou Province?" Elder Muyu asked.

"Yea, I've just received the message that Lord Cheng Honglie, the commander of Northeast Military Region Headquarter, had already arrived at Youzhou City, the capital city of Youzhou Province by an airship yesterday. He had already set the regulations about the selection of the provincial governor of Youzhou Province!" Elder Muen said.

Hearing Elder Muen's reply, all the others at present straightened up, including Zhang Tie. After throwing a glance over the other elders, Elder Muen continued, "Lord Cheng borrowed a special object from Heavens Fortune Sect—Heavens Ball. He will use this Heavens Ball to select the provincial governor of Youzhou Province."

"Heavens Ball? What's that?" Elder Muray asked while widely opening his eyes.

Elder Muen forced a bitter smile, "I don't know. I was just told that it was a treasure that Heavens Fortune Sect got from the earth-elements realm. A marvelous world and many eccentric objects could be imitated in this Heavens Ball. People could enter it by their spirits and souls and do whatever they want in the Heavens Ball just like how they do in the outside world. It's told that Heavens Ball was like a senior training field in Heavens Ball Sect, which was used for elders and disciples of Heavens Fortune Sect to compete in military skills or practice their battle skills. They could exert their utmost efforts in the Heavens Balls without concerning about losing their lives."

After hearing the introduction of the Heavens Ball, all the elders exchanged glances with each other. As they were in Waii Sub-continent, although they might have heard about the secret treasures of the 7 major sects of Taixia Country, they had not seen that beofre. Therefore, they all became stunned by this treasure.

This time, Zhang Tie was really shocked. Because he realized that the Heavens Ball was completely like the trouble-reappearance situations in trouble-reappearance fruits.

When Zhang Tie felt complex, he abruptly realized that one object of Heavens Fortune Sect, one of the seven major sects on Eastern Continent, was somewhat related to his biggest secret.

"Does Lord Cheng want all the candidate clans to fight in the Heavens Ball?" Elder Muyuan asked with a solemn look.

"Yes, I'm afraid so. As the holy war has broken out, it's the right time to select talents, especially in military skills. I was told that Lord Cheng was bold and dauntless. I'm afraid that he would have us fight the other Clan elders in the Heavens Ball. We will know the details when we arrive at Youzhou Province. According to the message from Youzhou Province, the powerhouses of candidate clans who want to compete for the provincial governor of Youzhou Province have to arrive at Youzhou Province before 5th of October. The head of Zhang Clan has received the notice in advance. He has left the earth-elements realm for Youzhou Province. He would come back to Youzhou Province before 5th October. We will have to converge with our head before that date and help our head to ascend to the provincial governor of Youzhou Province. After that, our Huaiyuan Palace would be able to officially take over Youzhou City, the most magnificent city in Youzhou Province and control the surrounding hundreds of thousands of square miles of land; meanwhile, Huaiyuan Palace would become a clan with provincial governor in Taixia Country. Huaiyuan Palace's offsprings would be awarded as officials with certain classes and ranks by the head of Huaiyuan Palace..."

According to the explanation of Elder Muen, Zhang Tie gradually realized the importance of this competition for Huaiyuan Palace. It could be said that if Huaiyuan Palace won this competition, Huaiyuan Palace would have a great influence in Youzhou Province, even Taixia Country. As for a clan which had just rooted in a lower province of Taixia Country, the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province was of great significance.

If they won the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province, they would have the entire Youzhou City, which meant that they would have the most prosperous region in Youzhou Province. Meanwhile, they would open a shortcut for their offsprings to promote to higher-class officials in Taixia Country and help Huaiyuan Palace root in Youzhou Province, even Taixia Country more deeply. The power, honor and interests being related to the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province really made people drool.

Besides Huaiyuan Palace, at least 7 powerful clans cast greedy eyes on the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province, some of them had deep roots in Youzhou Province just like that of Huaiyuan Palace. They were even a bit more powerful than Huaiyuan Palace.

As the first provincial governor of a lower province which had just been established, the first session would last 20 years, during which period, the provincial governor would have enough opportunities to lay a solid foundation for his clan and himself in a lower province. To put it straight, if any clan could take the position provincial governor of Youzhou Province, it would be the first clan in Youzhou Province for sure. The competition for the provincial governor of Youzhou Province was actually the competition for the number one clan in Youzhou Province in the future.

As it was a major event for Huaiyuan Palace, of course, Zhang Tie had to be the vanguard.

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After Elder Muen introduced it, a question occurred to Zhang Tie's mind, "How many chakras have Commander Cheng formed?"

"Commander Cheng have already formed both earth chakra and water chakra. He's a shadow knight for sure!" Elder Muen answered with an admiration.

Zhang Tie's heart pounded as he took in a cold breath.

After black iron knights formed their earth-elements chakra, they would promote to earth knights; after forming their water-element chakra, they would promote to shadow knights, whose name originated from the changing feature of water. Water could form ocean, river, stream, dew, ice, mist, cloud, even disappear in the air. Water was colorless and variable. Therefore, those who had formed water-element chakra were called shadow knights.

Even the demon general who had almost promoted to an earth knight was unrivaled across Waii Sub-continent, Zhang Tie could not imagine how powerful was a knight who had formed his water-element chakra.

After recalling his "weirdo" master Zhao Yuan and this Commander Cheng, Zhang Tie gasped with admiration inside, 'How many talents are there in Taixia Country...'

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Elder Mushen, now that you could promote to a black iron knight at such a young age, as long as you could practice hard, Elder Mushen would definitely form the second chakra. You might even form the third chakra!" Elder Muan comforted Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie smiled, "Thank you for your auspicious words, Elder Muan. As for the cultivation road forward, it's a distant way, I could only explore it at my full efforts. As there are all sorts of scenery on the roadside, the cultivation road is not the only one which could lead me to a wonderful scenery in my life. It depends!"

All the other elders had not imagined that Zhang Tie could be so open-minded. Only a sorrowful look flashed by Elder Muyuan's face after hearing Zhang Tie's words...