

Black Iron 831

Chapter 831: The Lion in Youzhou Province (II)

Zhang Tie chose spears as they were the sharpest and most effective weapon for him to handle demon battle spirits.

To be honest, if anyone among the knights entering the Heavens Ball really wanted to use these spears, Zhang Tie could give them to him if that knight asked him politely. Because the pass of demon battle-spirits was just the appetizer of this competition, Zhang Tie could handle them even in other means. However, this knight was very rude and wanted to rob it away from Zhang Tie's hands. Zhang Tie hated such kind of a person the most.

Zhang Tie could be persuaded by reason but not be cowed by force. At the sight of that hand stretching out towards his spear container, Zhang Tie immediately punched towards him.

With a loud sound "Bang", Zhang Tie slightly flew backward while that man who wanted to rob away the spear container from Zhang Tie responded with a muffled harrumph and flew backward at the same time. The powerful qi, which spilled out of this collision, blew off those weapons at this corner in a split second.

A knight with gray hair, thick eyebrows and leopard's eyes stretched his beard and hair while standing in the air and watched Zhang Tie with a furious look. Zhang Tie also watched him with a cold look.

Zhang Tie had a bit impression about this man——a knight in Gu Clan.

"Hmm, Elder Gu Qingyun is really majestic. You dare even rob other's weapon in the Heavens Ball. Gu Dashou is not the provincial governor of Youzhou Province yet!" Guo Hongyi ironized as she stood on Zhang Tie's side.

Zhang Tie faintly felt something special about Guo Hongyi's cold harrumph.

When Gu Qinglong heard Guo Hongyi's words, he faintly changed his face. Closely after that, he watched Zhang Tie with a sneer, "Zhang Clan in Yanghe Prefecture is really insidious. You know that my nickname is 1,000-step Immortal Spear; however, you still grabbed spears ahead of me. Don't you think it shameful to do that?"

Zhang Tie picked his ears by his hand and flicked his fingernail, making Gu Qinglong's eyebrows keep jumping, "What a coincidence. I've also got a nickname Demon-killing Immortal Spear. I excel at using spears. As I got it ahead of you, of course, it should belong to me. Do you think that you're too arbitrary?"

"How could it be so fortuitous?" Gu Qinglong felt Zhang Tie was fabricating a lie.

With a sparkling light in the eyes, Zhang Tie asked, "You don't believe that, Elder Gu Qinglong?"

As Elder Gu Qinglong was always emulative, how could he admit his mistake to this juvenile orally? Therefore, he answered immediately, "Of course not!"

Zhang Tie almost burst out into laughter. However, apparently, he let out a deep bitter sigh, "Now that Elder Gu doesn't believe in me. In order to preserve the reputation of Zhang Clan in Yanghe Prefecture, I have to show off my spear throwing skill in front of you; otherwise, if the head of Zhang Clan in Yanghe Prefecture wins the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province in a fluky way, Elder Gu might fabricate that our Zhang Clan won the competition by playing tricks. Such a victory is shameful, our Zhang Clan usually win people by virtue!"

Before Elder Gu Qinglong responded, a roar had drifted from afar. Hearing that, everybody's heart pounded as the competition finally started.

The roar came from a demon battle spirit less than 15 miles away from here.

Hearing that sound, Gu Qinglong threw a glare at Zhang Tie as he immediately picked up a huge saber and darted towards the source of that roar.

Of course, Guo Hongyi and Zhang Tie also accelerated towards there. The remaining knight flew towards the demon battle spirit after selecting a weapon too.

Gu Qinglong, Zhang Tie and Guo Hongyi could fly almost at the same speed. Of course, Zhang Tie could fly faster. However, he didn't think it was necessary to show off his trump card at this moment.

There were also 53 LV 15 demon battle spirits. After they appeared in the Heavens Ball, it seemed that they could sense and lock the locations of the surrounding human knights. When Zhang Tie, Gu Qinglong and Guo Hongyi rushed towards them, those demon battle spirits also darted towards them.

4 demon battle spirits flew towards them. After flying a couple of miles, they had seen the first demon battle spirit. Guo Hongyi accelerated in a split second and rushed towards the nearest demon battle spirit.

Gu Qinglong and Zhang Tie didn't compete with Guo Hongyi as the first battle spirit could only help her be familiar with the battle sense in this space. Although she could get a point ahead of them, it had not come to the grand show. Additionally, if they competed with Guo Hongyi even for only one battle spirit, they might be revenged by her.

Noticing that Gu Qinglong gave up the first demon battle spirit, Zhang Tie abandoned the chance too. He then continued to fly towards far neck and neck with Gu Qinglong.

In the flight, Gu Qinglong became faintly shocked as he found that Zhang Tie could fly easily as fast as him with a metal spear container which contained 18 heavy spears weighing at least 300 kg on his back. Although such a bit weight was nothing for a knight on the ground, it tested his flying ability in the sky at such a high speed.

'It seems that this junior is something!' Gu Qinglong made a cold harrumph inside. He still didn't believe that Zhang Tie's nickname was Demon-killing Immortal Spear until now. 'How could it be so fortuitous! The moment I told him that my nickname was 1,000 Step Immortal Spear, he had exposed his nickname. He dares plagiarize two words of my nickname, how disgusting he is!'

That was how men always felt. As long as they had an impression of something, they would form a fixed opinion about that thing and would stick to their opinion.

The two knights flew over 50 m above the ground while there were undulating hills below their feet. The hills were covered with 1 m high odd-looking bluegrasses.

In front of their eyes, two LV 15 iron-armored demon battle spirits flashed out of a hill from 200 m ahead of them and rushed towards Zhang Tie and Gu Qinglong. The battle qis of the two iron-armored demons pushed bluegrass waves towards two sides.

With bold temperament, bloody eyes, grim expression, exposed fangs, they were same as real iron-armored demons. Commoners, at the sight of two iron-armored demons rushing towards them, would feel terrified, except for Zhang Tie.

At the sight of the two iron-armored demons, Elder Gu Qinglong growled as he sped up immediately towards the first iron-armored demon, leaving Zhang Tie behind.

When he surpassed Zhang Tie, Elder Gu Qinglong sneered inside, 'That's what a junior should be! However, he had not noticed the faint smile on Zhang Tie's face when Zhang Tie slowed down his speed on purpose.

Zhang Tie took out two spears from his spear container.

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"Go die!" Elder Gu Qinglong roared when he was over 50 m away from the first demon battle spirit. At the same time, he waved his big saber, causing a powerful saber qi to roll towards the nearest demon battle spirit. It seemed that he wanted to kill that demon battle spirit in a split second.

This Gu Qingyun was also a saber sage.

Generally speaking, although the black iron knight's battle strength was above that of the demon battle spirit, the battle spirit was able to wrestle with the black iron knight. Common black iron knight could barely kill a battle spirit easily. However, sometimes, powerful saber sage and sword sage could also kill a demon battle spirit in a split second based on his powerful battle strength and battle skills.

Elder Gu Qinglong's saber qi was like a huge sickle's sharp blade. With sparkling white light, it cut through the 1-m high purple prairie and rolled towards the demon battle spirit. When the saber qi was less than 20 m away from that demon battle spirit, it split into halves and blocked all the dodging space of that demon battle spirit from top to bottom.

This movement displayed Gu Qinglong's powerful battle strength and control force as a saber sage.

It seemed that the demon battle spirit was destined to be killed by Gu Qinglong. Elder Gu Qinglong even revealed a faint smile.

Right then, a flame flashed across...

When Elder Gu Qingyun's saber qi was only 3-5 m away from that demon battle spirit, the target was suddenly shattered like being struck by a lightning bolt, causing a loud sound "Boom".

A fiery line burned in the air...

As a powerful knight who also excelled at throwing spears, Gu Qingyun knew what did that fiery line mean. It indicated that someone's spear throwing skill had reached a legendary realm, in which, it would not produce any sonic boom; instead it would cause a flame, which was due to the ignition of the free hydrogen and oxygen in the air when in flight. The remaining flame was the only evidence of the flying spear while the thunder-like sound would not be heard until the spear hit the target. Such a realm of spear throwing skill enjoyed a name in Taixia Country—thunder in a palm.

It was far more than awakening ancestral bloodline. It was the perfect combination of unrivaled strength, knight-rank battle qi, insight and transcendental skills. Even though the energy of the explosion was reduced. How powerful was that spear!

"Zhang Clan used to win people by virtue!" Zhang Tie's sound drifted into Gu Qinglong's ears. At the same time, Zhang Tie had passed Gu Qinglong and released another fiery line towards the 2nd demon battle spirit hundreds of meters away as fast as a lightning bolt. With another thunder, the 2nd demon battle spirit was shattered too. Zhang Tie waved his hands for the 3rd time while another flame flew off and hit another battle spirit. With another boom, the 3rd demon battle spirit was shattered.

At the sight of this, the other knight who had arrived here a bit later instantly turned around and went to seek for other battle spirits. Because he realized that he could not even have soup behind such a domineering guy, not to mention eating flesh.

The points in Zhang Mushen's column in the sky surged from 0 to 3 almost in a second...

Chapter 832: The Lion in Youzhou Province (III)

The mirage above Youzhou City could simultaneously manifest the battle situation in the Heavens Ball. However, as the Heavens Ball's space covered over 100,000 square miles, it could not be fully manifested in the mirage at the same time. Therefore, the mirage only manifested the battle situation in the eyes of the controller of the Heavens Ball, namely Commander Cheng.

Almost the moment Zhang Tie threw his first spear, the pair of eyes in the sky of earth-elements realm had narrowed and moved onto Zhang Tie. Closely after that, Zhang Tie's image in the pair of eyes was manifested clearly in the mirage. After that, everybody in and out of Youzhou City could see it.

It was like making a live aerial video using a special apparatus in a glider or an airship from a certain visual angle. When Zhang Tie showed his trump card thunder-in-palm, onlookers were really shocked.

Although nobody saw Zhang Tie's first blow, everybody across Youzhou City caught sight of Zhang Tie's second and third blows.

Two LV 15 ferocious demon battle spirits with full killing qi were crossing over the prairie and rushing towards a juvenile and an old man from hundreds of meters away. Although they were still hundreds of meters away, all the onlookers across Youzhou City had sensed the power of the two battle spirits. However, nobody across Youzhou City could see clearly how that juvenile launched an attack while a fiery line suddenly appeared between the juvenile and a powerful demon battle spirit. Closely after that, the demon battle spirit was shattered like a broken balloon...

With the appearance of another fiery line, the second further demon battle spirit was shattered too.

'Second Kill!'

'Killed two LV 15 demon battle spirits in a split second?'

'Demon battle spirits who were almost as powerful as knights were killed like shi*t?'

Amazing! After a transient tranquility, the entire Youzhou City was in an uproar. Nobody could imagine such a shocking scene at the beginning of the competition. Many people who came to Youzhou City especially for watching the competition for the position of provincial governor of Youzhou City instantly became spirited like winning the lottery. 'What a worthwhile trip! Otherwise, I would never see such a splendid scene in the future.'

Almost at the same time, the same question spread across millions of people in and out of Youzhou City.

'Who's that juvenile knight?'

'What's that battle skill?'

'How could he kill a LV 15 demon battle spirit from 500 m away in a split second? That's terrifying!'

"That's cool..." Many ladies and girls who had seen Zhang Tie land on the White Tiger Square just now almost passed out when they watched Zhang Tie's majestic battle performance in the mirage. Zhang Tie's image was much more shocking and exciting than those so-called superstars before the Catastrophe.

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In Huaiyuan Mansion, after watching how Zhang Tie killed two demon battle spirits in a split second in a cool way, some deacons and disciples of Huaiyuan Palace in the Huaiyuan Mansion were stunned immediately. Closely after that, they jumped up due to excitement, "That's Elder Mushen, that's Elder Mushen..."

All the other people in Huaiyuan Mansion became thrilled too. They all knew that it was uneasy for Huaiyuan Palace to compete for the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province. Apparently, Lu Clan and Gu Clan were both a bit more powerful than Huaiyuan Palace. However, all the deacons and disciples of Huaiyuan Palace had not imagined that the first one who showed up in the mirage was Elder Mushen, the youngest elder in Huaiyuan Palace.

When Zhang Tie took his family members to Youzhou City two days ago, although the deacons and disciples in Huaiyuan Mansion didn't dare complain about Zhang Tie apparently, they felt a bit unhappy inside; some even felt that Elder Mushen was a bit slack about the competition which was related to the benefits of everybody in Huaiyuan Palace. However, given Zhang Tie's current performance, all those deacons and disciples had to digest their bad thoughts in an extremely shameful way. Meanwhile, hearing the exclamations across Youzhou City, everybody in Huaiyuan Mansion felt proud and honorable. Even the eldest deacons of Zhang Clan became so thrilled that their facial muscles started to quiver. They kept shouting "cool" many times forcefully.

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"Thunder-in-Palm, Thunder-in-Palm..." The two young knights on both sides of the original body of Commander Cheng in White Tiger Complex exchanged a glance with each other and found the other's

shocked look—Thunder-in-Palm, virtual flame in the air. It's extremely irresistible and indestructible. All those below knights were nothing but sh*t. Few knights in Taixia Country could reach such a supreme realm in spear throwing skill. They had not imagined that they could see such a talent in Youzhou City.

Flames appeared in the eyes of the disciple of Heavens Fortune Sect...

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Watching the points behind Zhang Mushen of Zhang Clan from Yanghe Prefecture to surge from 0 to 3 in a split second in the sky of earth-elements realm simulated by the Heavens Ball, all the other knights in the Heavens Ball were slightly shocked, including Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan.

As for those knights in the Heavens Ball, they could not see the scene that could be watched by people outside the Heavens Ball. Zhang Tie's efficiency was so high that no other knight knew the reason. Because at this moment, even Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan had just killed two demon battle spirits in total.

In the blood rain of demon battle spirits, Gu Qinglong raised his head and took a look at the list in the sky. His eyes then twinkled once. Closely after that, he became firm and persistent once again...

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Guo Hongyi had a ferocious battle strength. With the pair of golden hooks, the demon battle spirit only stood for half a minute before being torn apart. Guo Hongyi felt her efficiency was high. 'As there're 3 more battle spirits over there, if I moved faster, I might kill one more.'

'Hmm, battle spirit is the point. Of course, the talented one will get the point. This grandma will not care whom it belongs to!' Guo Hongyi made a cold harrumph inside before flying towards Zhang Tie.

However, she saw nothing but blood and shattered bones over the grasses. The 3 demon battle spirits had long disappeared.

"Ahh, who did that?"

Watching Gu Qinglong's furious and a bit shocked look, Guo Hongyi glimpsed at the list in the sky. Closely after that, she moved her eyes onto Zhang Tie when she found Zhang Tie's spear container lacked 3 spears.

"Is that you?" Guo Hongyi looked at Zhang Tie with an amazed look. She immediately understood something. However, before Zhang Tie uttered, Guo Hongyi instantly turned her face. In a wink, she flew towards another direction. Before leaving, she even left a warning, "Whoever dares to rob this grandma's point, this grandma swears to beat him after this competition!"

There were 53 battle spirits in the first round. Each knight could share one fairly as a practice. Any knight could almost kill a battle spirit. However, knights appeared in different locations optionally; so were those battle spirits. After the first batch of battle spirits appeared, nimbler and more powerful knights might get two battle spirits while poorer ones could get nothing. Only in this way could there be a difference between points on the list.

Only after a short while, all the 53 demon battle spirits had turned into the points of each clan.

As was imagined, 7 of the 53 knights got no point, including Elder Gu Qinglong of Gu Clan. After killing 3 knights, Zhang Tie ranked first on the list.

Before the 2nd batch of battle spirits appeared, Elder Gu Qinglong roared and flew towards afar, closely followed by Zhang Tie in a leisure way.

Gu Qinglong was driven mad as he glared at Zhang Tie, "Why are you following me?"

Zhang Tie replied with a gentle look, "Now that Elder Gu has a misconception about me, of course, I will win you by virtue by showing my spear throwing skill in front of you. Meanwhile, I have to wash off the possible bad reputation that Huaiyuan Palace might suffer from. As long as Elder Gu apologizes to Huaiyuan Palace for your words and deed, I will leave you!"

"Junior, don't dream!" Elder Gu was so furious that he almost spat out blood. Every clan elder was arrogant. Even if elders spoke or did something wrong, none of them would apologize to juniors. Additionally, Zhang Clan and Gu Clan were competing for the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province, if he admitted his mistake, it would indicate that Gu Clan admitted defeat to Zhang Clan. Therefore, Gu Qinglong would never do that at this critical moment.

"Now that Elder Gu is so persistent, it seems that I'm not excellent in your eyes. I could only continue to win you by virtue and help you to change your bias towards me and Zhang Clan through actual movements!" Zhang Tie said solemnly although being extremely thrilled inside.

Zhang Tie didn't know that in a cyber game before the Catastrophe, there was a behavior which made people disgustful— "Robbing Monster" 1 . However, it was a knight's commitment to kill demons. It was aboveboard for Zhang Tie to "win Elder Gu by virtue" instead of "robbing monster"...

As for the essence of this competition for the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province, long story short, defeat the knights of all the other clans. All the competitions in this secular world were like this such as battle between humans, parties, regimes, nations even races to the final analysis. As Zhang Tie had a chance to defeat an elder of Gu Clan, why not take that chance of winning him by virtue?

Soon, Zhang Tie's effect of "winning Elder Gu by virtue" started to manifest.

After the first batch of 53 battle spirits was exterminated, the second batch of 106 demon battle spirits appeared almost in a split second...

Another demon battle spirit entered the visions of Zhang Tie and Gu Qinglong. However, with a fiery line, before the battle spirit drew close to them, it had been blown up.

In the next few minutes, accompanied by Elder Gu's roar, Zhang Tie not only killed those battle spirits which belonged to him but also killed those which belonged to Elder Gu. Additionally, none of those battle spirits on the way could escape away from Zhang Tie's thunder-in-palm. In a wink, Zhang Tie's points had surged to 9, which was really eye-catching on the list. By contrast, Elder Gu's point was still 0.

Chapter 833: The Lion in Youzhou Province (IV)

It grew increasingly fiercer in the Heavens Ball. After the 106 demon battle spirits in the second round were exterminated, the third batch of 159 demon battle spirits appeared in this ground covering 100,000 square miles in a wink.

100,000 square miles sounded being a large area; however, if it served as the battlefield between over 50 human knights and demon battle spirits, it would not be that large. On average, it would take each human knight about half an hour to fly from one end to the other end of this earth-elements realm. However, those faster ones only needed 20 minutes.

Elder Gu Qinglong was so furious that his eyes seemed about to pop out. When Zhang Tie shattered demon battle spirits one after another in front of him with his terrifying spear throwing skill, Gu Qinglong could do nothing but widely open his eyes because his moving speed could never match that of Zhang Tie's spear.

Elder Gu Qinglong finally realized that he had become the bait of a guy whom he called junior. Even if he stayed still, those demon battle spirits would also come for him within a certain range according to the rule of Heavens Ball. He attempted to stay still in one place; however, the result was that Zhang Tie flew around him and killed demon battle spirits one after another as usual.

If they were outside the Heavens Ball, Elder Gu Qinglong would have long fought Zhang Tie ferociously; however, at this moment, Zhang Tie's deeds were allowed. If Gu Qinglong launched an attack towards Zhang Tie, he would be driven out of the Heavens Ball right away, causing a major loss to Gu Clan.

Actually, Zhang Tie and Elder Gu Qinglong had long realized that the pair of eyes in the sky belonged to Commander Cheng, who was watching them to fight demons and knew everything in the Heavens Ball clearly. Nobody could play any trick in front of Commander Cheng.

Watching Zhang Tie's surging points and his 0 points, Elder Gu Qinglong felt especially regretful. 'If I have known about this result, I would not ask for any spear from this pervert of Zhang Clan. Perhaps, I could show my tolerance and beg for his forgiveness, which would be better than being troubled by this Zhang b*stard.' However, as he had made the wrong decision, even if he wanted to beg for Zhang Tie's forgiveness at this moment, it would be meaningless.

Because Zhang Tie had almost used up all of his spears, winning 18 points for himself. By contrast, Gu Qinglong's point was still 0, which was very eye-catching.

"Junior, you're so despicable!" Elder Gu Qinglong swore Zhang Tie while gritting his teeth.

"I'm winning you by virtue!" Zhang Tie said solemnly while throwing away the last spear. Closely after that, he rushed forward and threw that metal spear container towards that demon battle spirit. When the demon battle spirit dodged away, Zhang Tie sped up abruptly and punched that demon battle spirit. After breaking its protective battle qi with the first punch, Zhang Tie smashed it into pieces by the second punch, setting his points in the first three rounds at 19.

Elder Gu Qinglong was shocked by Zhang Tie's strength.

That demon battle spirit might be the last one of the 159 demon battle spirits in the 3rd round. Because after that battle spirit was killed by Zhang Tie for less than 1 second, black lights had flashed in the earth-elements realm. The demon knights finally appeared.

Watching those black lights and the powerful qis of demon knights that filled this earth-elements realm, all the human knights in the Heavens Ball realized that the true test had arrived.

As none of the human knights had been killed in the first 3 rounds, 63 demon knights appeared in the 4th round.

Although the number of opponents decreased compared to that in the 3rd round, the demon knights were much trickier than LV 15 battle spirits. Additionally, in such a simulated duel, the 10 more demon knights caused a great stress to all the human knights.

Zhang Tie and Elder Gu Qinglong were surrounded by 3 black lights, closely after which, three iron-armored demon knights showed their terrifying figures while releasing their powerful black battle qis into the sky.

The 3 demon knights darted towards the 2 people from 3 directions.

Zhang Tie retreated at a higher speed than that of Elder Gu Qinglong.

Neither of them hoped to be surrounded by over 2 demon knights at this moment.

Pitifully, Elder Gu Qinglong was a bit slower than Zhang Tie. Finally, one demon knight chased after Zhang Tie while Elder Gu Qinglong was surrounded by 2 demon knights. Gu Qinglong revealed a bitter smile.

'Why? Why an old fellow like me didn't even kill one demon battle spirit just now but got surrounded by 2 demon knights at this moment? Why didn't these 2 demon knights go after that b*stard of Zhang Clan? Why?'

Elder Gu Qinglong felt very indignant at this moment.

The 3 demon knights might be attracted by Zhang Tie.

After flying away from the battle cloud between Elder Gu Qinglong and the other two demon knights for dozens of miles, Zhang Tie instantly turned around and collided with that demon knight.

The moment the collision started, Zhang Tie had realized that these demon knights could match those demon knights whom he had fought in Waii Sub-continent. All of these demon knights were above average.

'This will be a fierce battle!'

However, Zhang Tie was not afraid of such a fierce battle; instead, he was extremely thrilled. At this moment, he sensed that he was not in the Heavens Ball but in his trouble-reappearance situation, which could provide him with demon knights for his practice.

Among all the human knights, Zhang Tie might be the most excited and relaxed one. As a result, he could exert his battle strength to the utmost.

From the beginning, Zhang Tie had chosen the fiercest and riskiest close combat.

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Almost the moment the demon knights appeared, Zhang Taixuan and Lu Dingzhi who were going to promote to earth knights as the most powerful ones among the 53 human knights had been surrounded by 4 demon knights respectively. 3 of each group of 4 demon knights formed a 3-in-1 matrix as the main attacking force while the remaining demon knight would serve as the aiding strength. A much fiercer battle came to a start in a split second. The space of the earth-elements realm was filled with roars everywhere. As a result, the land covering 100,000 square miles turned into a battlefield of over 100 knights at once.

Compared to Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan, Gu Dashou, the head of Gu Clan whose battle strength was a bit weaker was surrounded by 2 demon knights.

As a result, the remaining 50 human knights would only have a probability of about 1/17 to be attacked by 2 demon knights at the same time.

Given this point, Elder Gu Qinglong was really hapless.

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The appearance of demon knights made the entire Youzhou City boil once again.

Although Zhang Tie's performance was best among all the human knights just now, Commander Cheng would not just keep his eyes on him. After demon knights appeared, the fierce battle between knights broke out. All the human knights started to show off their talents. Therefore, Commander Cheng was attracted by the fiercest battles.

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Being surrounded by 4 demon knights at the same time, Lu Dingzhi released golden flames, which kept circling around him rapidly. With the appearance of these flames, the temperature of his surrounding air started to go straight up while being twisted. As a result, the 4 demon knights felt like being roasted above the furnace fire with splitting skins and broken flesh. With smoke, the demon knights started to howl miserably...

Watching Lu Dingzhi's burning body, the onlookers across Youzhou City boiled once again. While being circled by 6 golden flames, Lu Dingzhi was fighting 4 demon knights at the same time, making him look like a commanding fire God.

Many people on the side of Commander Cheng in White Deer Complex drew in a cold breath at the same time.

"Lu's ancestor took the position of Zhu Rong, the Hua fire god in the regime of Emperor Yao, who managed the immortal flames across the world. The most powerful ancestral bloodlines of Lu Clan are all related to fire. However, I've not imagined that Lu Dingzhi has awakened the 6-yang Immortal Flame. It seems that he was not only building coins for the Ministry of Finance but also cultivating during the years when he served as the Coin Building Officer in Golden Rock Sub-continent, not bad, not bad!" Commander Cheng opened his mouth with full admiration.

As the 6 golden flames circled around Lu Dingzhi, the 4 demon knights' matrix was broken by Lu Dingzhi at once. Closely after that, the 6 golden flames circled around one demon knight and burned it into ashes immediately...

It was the first demon knight being killed in the 4th round.

Watching this scene, all the people of Lu Clan cheered up in Youzhou City.

'Compared to killing demon battle spirits, killing demon knights is the real talent.'

However, before Lu Clan's people finished their exclamations, the focus in the mirage was shifted to Zhang Taixuan the Count Long Wind...

Compared to Lu Dingzhi, Zhang Taixuan's performance made the entire Youzhou City silent.

It seemed that each cell of Zhang Taixuan the Count Long Wind was giving vent to his domineering temperament.

With the roars of the surrounding 4 demon knights, Zhang Taixuan darted forward like a bolt. Closely after that, he punched a demon knight's head and penetrated through another demon knight's chest. The demon knight whose head had been blown up by Zhang Taixuan turned into Zhang Taixuan's crossbow while the demon knight whose chest was penetrated through turned into Zhang Taixuan's bolt. Zhang Taixuan triggered his bolt and blew up the 3rd demon knight...

"Use everything in the universe as crossbow and bolt. What a Heavens Crossbow Bloodline of Zhang Clan!" Commander Cheng praised loudly, "Besides a picturesque landscape, Youzhou City contains so many heroes!"

The focus was then shifted to another place, as a light rose up, Gu Qingyun of Gu Clan activated his aiding strength...

Chapter 834: The Lion in Youzhou Province (V)

After fighting the demon knight for over 20 minutes through close combat, Zhang Tie finally broke its protective battle qi. With a roar "go die", he punched his two fists onto the demon battle knight's chest and smashed it into pieces with vigorous battle qi.

It was the first demon knight that Zhang Tie killed in the Heavens Ball.

After killing it, Zhang Tie raised his head and took a look at the list. The most powerful battle strength among the 53 human knights had been manifested on the list. Undoubtedly, Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan were the most powerful ones.

Lu Dingzhi—26 points.

Zhang Taixuan—29 points.

Zhang Tie remembered that Lu Dingzhi's points were 11 while Zhang Taixuan's points were only 9 after the 3rd round. Given their current points, Zhang Tie knew that Lu Dingzhi had killed 3 demon knights and Zhang Taixuan had killed 4 demon knights in the past 20 minutes.

Zhang Tie was really shocked by the battle strength of the heads of Lu Clan and Zhang Clan.

After killing one demon knight, Zhang Tie's points also rose to 24 points. As a result, Zhang Tie ranked 3rd on the list, making him eye-catching too.

As Gu Dashou had just killed two demon knights, his points were 21. Therefore, he ranked below Zhang Tie.

Just now, Zhang Tie had sensed that someone activated his aiding strength; however, he didn't know who did it. It reminded Zhang Tie that he should converge with the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace and activate his aiding strength as soon as possible.

In a couple of seconds, Zhang Tie saw another black light a few meters away. Closely after that, another demon knight appeared and darted towards Zhang Tie with red eyes.

From the 4th round, all the human knights had to fight demon knights ceaselessly. As long as they killed one demon knight, they would face a new one at once.

After swearing it inside, Zhang Tie escaped right away.

At this moment, Zhang Tie caught sight of two familiar battle qis gathering with each other over 70 miles away. Zhang Tie knew that Elder Muray and Elder Muyuan had met each other.

Right then, a loud boom and roar drifted from afar while a knight's battle qi suddenly rose up and scattered in all directions. Closely after that, the name Gu Qinglong disappeared from the list, leaving 10 points on the list.

Zhang Tie was a bit stunned as he had not imagined that Elder Gu Qinglong could be the first human knight killed in the Heavens Ball. 'He died together with the two demon knights. Elder Gu Qinglong is not weak in battle strength. Pitifully, he's too hapless today. As he annoyed me, he failed to gain even one point in the first 3 rounds; I "won him by virtue". At the beginning of the 4th round, he was wrestled by 2 demon knights. He encountered the most ferocious battle at the beginning; therefore, he had to leave pitifully in the end.'

By then, although Elder Gu Qinglong didn't feel pitiful, he gained 10 points more or less. Therefore, he was not too disgraced.

Zhang Tie knew that it was just a beginning. After Elder Gu Qinglong exited, demon knights' numerical superiority would be more evident. As a result, more and more human knights would be eliminated.

With the gradual decrease of human knights, demon knights would have greater advantage in number. 63:53 was totally different than 23:13 even 11: 1 in the end.

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Closely after Elder Gu Qinglong, who was sitting on the Heavenly Altar beside the Heavens Ball, opened his eyes had he been invited by a young man on Commander Cheng's side to the high platform beside Commander Cheng. This was a courteous reception for him. After leaving the Heavenly Altar, Elder Gu Qinglong was extremely furious. Before getting off the Heavenly Altar, he even threw a glare at Zhang Tie in the team of Huaiyuan Palace. He must have sworn Zhang Tie numerous times. If not Zhang Tie, Elder Gu Qinglong felt that he could at least gain 20 points in the Heavens Ball. However, due to Zhang

Tie, he could only exit in advance. However, what made him reassured was that Gu Qingyun, the future star of Gu Clan, had manifested his powerful aiding strength and killed a demon in the mirage.

'Alas, what if I was on Gu Qingyun's side just now? If I gained the aiding strength, I would not have used such an extreme means to sacrifice myself together with the two demon knights.' As Elder Gu Qinglong thought about this, he reached below the high platform where Commander Cheng was sitting in. After bowing towards Commander Cheng, he took a seat on one side of Commander Cheng and watched the combat patiently.

'I will see how many tricks could that b*stard junior of Zhang Clan play. I will show that junior that he's nothing in front of the excellent disciples of Gu Clan.' Elder Gu Qinglong gritted his teeth.

As he lost the battle, Elder Gu Qinglong found that it was meaningless to haggle over what happened in the Heavens Ball. Additionally, Zhang Tie didn't violate any rule since the beginning. If he really exposed what happened just now to the public, he would be the laughingstock instead of Zhang Tie. It was Gu Qinglong himself who intended to rob Zhang Tie's spear container, therefore, he should not blame Zhang Tie for what happened after that.

At this moment, Elder Gu Qinglong was like an angry commoner. Although he despised Zhang Tie, he still pinned his hope on Gu Qingyun, the most brilliant junior of Gu Clan and hoped Gu Qingyun to revenge for him.

Many people in White Tiger Complex were discussing Gu Qingyun's aiding strength in low voice and exclamation. Hearing their talks, Elder Qingyun gradually felt spirited, relieved and mentally balanced.

Human knight's aiding strength was always most eye-catching wherever it was. It was Gu Qingyun's first time to manifest his aiding strength in the public. Therefore, his performance won him numerous exclamations. Due to his excellent performance, Gu Qingyun's halos as the "No. 1 youth in Youzhou" which had just faded away due to Zhang Tie's excellent performance became bright once again.

'No matter how sharp was the thunder-in-palm of that shameless junior of Zhang Clan, it was greatly dwarfed by knight's aiding strength. They are not on the same level at all.'

With the aiding strength of Gu Qingyun, the battle strength of Gu Qingyun himself and the other 4 elders of Gu Clan besides Gu Qinglong were greatly improved. Gu knights felt like wearing advanced rune equipment with rapid recovery effects which were really admirable. As a result, Gu knights gained an advantage in the Heavens Ball at once.

After a short while, an elder of Lu Clan also manifested his aiding strength. As a time-honored major clan in Youzhou Province, Lu Clan also started to manifest their muscles and background. With the aiding strength of that Lu elder, the battle qis of Lu knight's near him started to burn like flames. The fire element in the battle qis of Lu knights was activated at once, granting them with greater battle strength.

The third knight who manifested her aiding strength was Guo Hongyi, the woman who scared all the other knights in Youzhou Province.

When Guo Hongyi appeared in the mirage, numerous women across Youzhou City felt arrogant. The exclamations of female filled the whole city.

All the female across Youzhou Province took Guo Hongyi, the head of Guo Clan, Sanquan Prefecture as their model. She really had a great prestige among the women in Youzhou Province.

Guo Hongyi's aiding strength was more special, which didn't act on the knights of her party but on those demon knights who fought her. With the effect of Guo Hongyi's aiding strength, a black rune appeared above the heads of the 3 demon knights who were fighting her and the other Guo elders. As a result, the three demon knights' movements turned slower evidently...

"I've not imagined that I could see the trickiest dark aiding strength in Youzhou Province. No wonder someone said that Youzhou abounded with heroes since ancient times. There're so many female heroes in Youzhou Province!"

Hearing the talks on his side, Elder Gu Qinglong felt a bit uncomfortable; however, he had to admit Guo Hongyi's ability.

Guo Hongyi was the biggest trouble-maker in Youzhou Province. Her battle strength was above average, not to mention her background; especially her dark aiding strength, which made many knights across Youzhou Province embarrassed. Therefore, Guo Hongyi's influence among male knights across Youzhou Province also increased.

Aiding strength was the supreme strength that a knight could master. Only less than 1/20 of knights across Taixia Country could master aiding strength. Aiding strength was not roadside cabbage. If not the competition, many commoners might not be able to see the effect of aiding strength in their whole lives, not to mention 3 times today. However, when Elder Gu Qinglong thought that there would not be the 4th aiding strength in the Heavens Ball today, he abruptly heard a surprised sound of Commander Cheng, "Yi?"...

With that sound, the most disgusting guy appeared in the mirage.

An extremely brilliant, golden light beam appeared on Zhang Tie's body like a huge golden string of a musical instrument. Closely after that, the golden light beam turned into a brilliant, rotating aura with complex geometrical patterns on it like a mysterious huge wheel which represented knight's aiding strength. After that, the huge aura spread over the battlefield, causing the same brilliant golden aura to appear on the other two Zhang elders who were fighting demon knights. The other two Zhang elders became more thrilled and intrepid at once.

The lighting effect of the aiding strength alone was many times more powerful than that of Gu Qingshan; especially its golden light beam and aura which were extremely dignified. Among all the colorful aiding strengths, golden was the purest and most dignified color as it represented that the owner of this special strength had soul and spirit as pure and dignified as gold. Those who were sordid inside could never resonate with such an aiding strength.

In Taixia Country, golden aiding strength's aura represented not only the greatest aiding strength but also the pure and dignified soul and perfect personality of the owner of this golden aiding strength.

Those who had such a noble name-card was called gentleman in Taixia Country!

Among Hua people before the Catastrophe, the appellation "gentleman" had been abused for a long time. Any famous one who had read some books, fished for fame, had a higher morality than average

ones and did something good would call themselves or be called gentlemen. In this age, the appellation "gentleman" recovered its original meaning.

In Taixia Country, a gentleman was not definitely a knight; however, the so-called gentleman was definitely was more respectable than knights even officers.

Gentleman in this age referred to those who tried their best to be sages from both their words and deeds.

Sages referred to those who were free from universal rules and emancipated humans.

Each Hua people had the potential to be a gentleman and a sage. It was also why a part of Hua people called themselves an immortal clan. Among the billions of humans, which other human races pursue the freedom of universal rules and the emancipation of humans? From ancient times to the present, only Hua people had such a supreme pursuit. After hundreds of millions of years, the supreme pursuit had been branded in the genes and bloodlines of each Hua offspring forever.

Elder Gu Qinglong was shocked...

Together with many other people in the White Tiger Complex...

It took a few seconds for the uproar across Youzhou City to turn into silence.

Nobody had imagined that there was a "gentleman" among the 53 human knights in the Heavens Ball.

Elder Gu Qinglong felt like his chest was being stomped by dozens of buffaloes constantly for a few days as he almost wanted to spurt out blood. He could accept that others manifested their aiding strengths, including that shameless junior of Zhang Clan; however, he could never accept that the "shameless junior of Zhang Clan" was manifesting a gentle strength which could only be manifested by a gentleman. The dazzling golden brilliance of this gentle strength almost made his eyes turn red out of jealousy. Meanwhile, he felt being smacked on his face.

'If that "shameless junior of Zhang Clan" was a gentleman, who was that guy who prevented me from touching even one battle spirit in the first 3 rounds with the excuse of "winning you by virtue"?'

'Was that shameless junior really thinking about "winning me by virtue" at that moment? Did I measure the stature of a gentleman by the yardstick of a villain?'

When Elder Gu Qingyun thought about this, his face twitched.

"Fabulous!" Commander Cheng growled as he punched onto the table in front of him, turning it into dust in a split second. Commander Cheng was so happy that he burst out into laughter which could be heard across the White Tiger Complex. Swarthy face turned bright as he uttered, "Hahahaha, from today on, those b*stards would dare not mock my subordinates as bandits. I have another gentleman with me, f*ck..."

Among those people at present, another one was shocked most.

The young elite of Heavens Fortune Sect watched Zhang Tie's golden aura in the mirage, which seemingly turned to the shimmering ripples on the river under the sunglow—a junior was squatting down on the riverside and washing his tablewares while watching him with a curious look...

'How fabulous it is! If the gentleman was not fabulous, who else would be fabulous in the world?'

Realizing that the image of the junior who washed tablewares on the riverside was greatly different than that in his imagination, the young elite of Heavens Fortune Sect felt that his head was going to blow up.

The elder of Heavens Fortune Sect had been watching Zhang Tie silently with his intelligent and profound eyes since Zhang Tie manifested his gentle strength.

After a short while, the young elite of Heavens Fortune Sect raised his head with a faintly pale face while his eyes were sparkling a bizarre light. He then asked his elder in a decisive, secret way, "Master, I want to go inside!"

He received one word, "Wait!"

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The battle between human knights and demon knights continued in the Heavens Ball; however, as 4 human knights had manifested their aiding strengths, the battle became fiercer.

Demon knights were like endless demonized puppets. Whenever you killed one, new demon knights would arrive. Even 53 earth knights could not stand that, not to mention black iron knights.

Zhang Tie didn't know that his gentle strength had brought a great shock to the outside. Nobody described his aiding strength to him before. Besides that insight in Ewentra Archipelago, he had not manifested it in another place before. Even though elders of Huaiyuan Palace knew that he had aiding strength, they had not seen it.

After Elder Gu Qingyun exited the Heavens Ball for a few minutes, other clans' knights constantly exited it.

After one hour, all the 4 knights of Liu Clan in Changshan Prefecture exited the Heavens Ball...

Chapter 835: The Lion in Youzhou Province (VI)

In the Heavens Ball, Zhang Tie didn't know that his aiding strength——Supreme Protection had aroused a great shock on the outside as he had no time to care about that.

The other 5 elders of Huaiyuan Palace had long gathered on Zhang Tie's side. With the effect of Zhang Tie's Supreme Protection, they were fighting demon knights ferociously.

More and more human knights were killed in the Heavens Ball; as a result, they had to exit and became the onlookers of this competition. As more and more human knights exited the Heavens Ball, demon knights' advantage turned more and more evident. The remaining human knights felt an increasingly greater stress. In the simulated earth-elements realm covering 100,000 square miles, with the great stress, the selection of the provincial governor of Youzhou Province turned into a cruel elimination match, the weaker clans with fewer clan knights would be kicked out of the Heavens Ball earlier, causing a greater stress to the other clans at the same time and making demon knights more advantageous. All the human knights in the Heavens Ball was sent in a vicious circle where they would collapse and become powerless to resist.

Only the clan which could stick to the end in such a dangerous dilemma with the biggest achievement would be able to take the position of the provincial governor of Youzhou Province.

Zhang Tie glimpsed Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan twice in the 8 hours of fierce battle, each time, he found that the most powerful ones among the 53 human knights were besieged by a pile of demon knights in the 3-in-1 matrix.

Although those demon knights who besieged Lu Dingzhi were burned into ashes by Lu Dingzhi's rotating flames, new ones appeared and kept rushing towards Lu Dingzhi ceaselessly.

Demon knights who besieged Zhang Taixuan constantly became Zhang Taixuan's crossbows and bolts. Meanwhile, the head of Zhang Clan was surrounded with shattered flesh and blood of demon knights. Whereas, black light constantly sparkled.

If it were others, they had long been killed over 100 times in such a dilemma. However, Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan were still fighting.

Facing such a 3-in-1 wheel war, even earth knights would collapse, let alone black iron knights.

Therefore, with the first glimpse, Zhang Tie found that the two people had turned a bit fatigued; with the second glimpse, Zhang Tie found that the two people had been wounded all over.

Aiding strength could arouse resonance, which could only be passed from top to bottom. Aiding strength was like a huge bell. When you rang it, it could resonate with the other huge bells which were of the same size; however, you could not have it resonate with another bell which was many times greater than it. Therefore, Lu's aiding strength and Zhang Tie's aiding strength could not work on Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan, because the latter ones were even closer to earth knights than the demon general.

Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan were very powerful. One's points were always closely followed by that of the other. The number of demon knights they killed was always close. Sometimes, in a very short period, the number of demon knights they killed would have a gap of 2; however, the other one would soon catch up with it, even surpass it. Therefore, the two people were like marathon runners, who were always close to each other.

As the fierce competition between Lu Clan and Zhang Clan proceeded, Gu Clan disappeared.

Actually, Gu Clan didn't disappear. They were just forgotten by onlookers. It seemed to be a law. In those sharply competitive industries and sites, the collisions and wrestles between the most powerful two forces would have the third powerful force fade away from the public. It was called Iceberg Crowding-out Effect—When some floating icebergs collided with each other, those being shattered firstly were those smaller icebergs between the two biggest ones.

As Gu Clan outnumbered Zhang Clan, they should not be over so fast; however, they met Zhang Tie.

From the beginning, Zhang Tie had overwhelmed Gu Clan.

At the White Tiger Complex, Zhang Tie overwhelmed Gu Qingyun with his young age and handsome look.

After entering the Heavens Ball, Zhang Tie's thunder-in-palm shocked the onlookers and made him a superstar. He even attracted the attention of Commander Cheng. With his trump card—thunder-in-palm, Zhang Tie gained 19 points, the highest points in the first 3 rounds, which were even higher than that of Lu Dongzhi and Zhang Taixuan.

After that, Elder Gu Qinglong was eliminated due to the conflict between him and Zhang Tie, causing Gu Clan to lose its numerical advantage over Zhang Clan.

Then, Gu Qingyun manifested his aiding strength and saved some face for Gu Clan. If Zhang Tie didn't manifest his aiding strength, with the effect of Gu Qingyun's aiding strength, even though Zhang Taixuan's battle strength was above all the Gu elders, Gu Clan could also match Zhang Clan for the time being; however, with Zhang Tie's manifestation of his aiding strength, Gu Clan lost its biggest advantage over Zhang Clan. Additionally, simply given the effect of aiding strength, Zhang Tie's Supreme Protection had fully overwhelmed that of Gu Qingyun, not to mention the meaning of gentle strength and its shock to the public.

From then on, Gu Clan had deteriorated into a certain minor role from a possible protagonist in this competition. As Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan killed more and more demon knights, Gu Clan gradually faded away from the vision of the public.

Men of letters were all modest; however, fighters had to compete for the 1st place. When the two moons turned full, all the stars would be cast into the shade. Even powerful knights or talents who were well known across the province would deteriorate into minor roles at this moment.

After Liu Clan in Changshan Prefecture exited, Simon Clan in Xingbei Prefecture, Sun Clan in Guide Prefecture, Guo Clan in Sanquan Prefecture, Li Clan in Miyun Prefecture, Yan Clan in Chaoyang Prefecture also exited one after another and became onlookers.

Besides, Zhang Clan, Lu Clan and Gu Clan also suffered from the loss of their knights.

After all, Zhang Tie's aiding strength could not avoid humans from being wounded by sabers and spears. Even Zhang Tie's Supreme Protection also had a limited effect. Facing the attack of endless demon knights, Zhang Tie's aiding strength would also lose its effect.

Starting with Elder Muen, Zhang Tie had seen clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace being constantly killed in front of him. Elder Muyuan, Elder Muan, Elder Muyu, finally Elder Muray...

A few minutes after Elder Muray died, the name of Gu Qingyun, the last alive knight of Gu Clan was erased from the list.

Before being killed by a demon knight, Gu Qingyun even threw a glance at Zhang Tie. After watching Zhang Tie's brilliant, golden aura, Gu Qingyun couldn't help letting out a sigh inside.

As for others who had entered the Heavens Ball for the first time, they might be a bit agitated even lamented when they saw their clan elders die as it was such a genuine scene. However, Zhang Tie's brain remained as cold as ice. He didn't even have any mood swings. Of course, it was not because Zhang Tie was cold-blooded; but because he had experienced similar life or death situations for thousands of times in the trouble-reappearance situations over these years. Everything here was just like a real

dreamland for him. Even though he saw elders of Huaiyuan Palace die in front of him, he knew that they would never suffer any loss actually. Therefore, he was not agitated at all.

Instead, as more and more elders of Huaiyuan Palace were killed, Zhang Tie turned calmer. He knew that the key battle that would determine the position of the provincial governor of Youzhou Province was yet to arrive.

Only 5 knights were left alive on the battlefield of the simulated earth-elements realm, Zhang Tie, Zhang Taixuan, Lu Dingzhi and the other two elders of Lu Clan.

Zhang Tie recognized that one of the 3 Lu elders was the one who mastered the aiding strength.

Lu Clan had a deep root in Youzhou Province. Such a major clan would definitely have great knights. In the final moment, all the other clans' elders had died except for Zhang Clan, however, Lu Clan still had 3 living knights left, which indicated the background and the deep root of Lu Clan very well.

When there were 5 human knights left, the number of demon knights was adjusted to 15 while the surplus one disappeared in a black sparkling light.

Compared to Lu Clan, Zhang Clan, which had 3 knights fewer than Lu Clan, still had 2 elders left, making Zhang Clan more eye-catching. It could be said that Zhang Clan was glorious even if they lost this battle.

However, Zhang Tie and Zhang Taixuan were not here to lose the battle, so were the alive Lu elders.

3 demon knights rushed towards Zhang Tie. After throwing a glance at Count Long Wind and the points of Lu Clan and Zhang Clan, Zhang Tie concealed his battle qi and landed on the ground. Instead of flying, he started to run on foot. He moved hundreds of meters ahead with one stride as he had fully activated his Kuafu Bloodline...

In running, Zhang Tie adjusted his breathing rhythm as he tried to recover his physical strength as soon as possible...

After activating his Kuafu Bloodline, Zhang Tie's moving speed could not be matched by that in the Upton Theater of Operations.

It had come to the final stage of both Zhang Taixuan and Lu Dingzhi...

Chapter 836: The Lion in Youzhou Province (VII)

Generally, in a duel between two knights, the one on the ground was in the disadvantageous position compared to that in the sky. Therefore, knights would always choose to fight in the sky. None of them would like to stay on the ground in a duel. Like two boxers in the ring, the one being backed into a corner would always be in the disadvantageous position.

Knights' attacks depended on free movements in the sky.

Therefore, at the sight of Zhang Tie landing on the ground, all the other clans' knights, who had exited the Heavens Ball and were watching the battle in White Tiger Complex, were in an uproar at once.

When there were only 8 human knights in the Heavens Ball, the mirage had long been divided into 8 squares so that onlookers could see how the 8 human knights fought demon knights ferociously. Similarly, when the 8 human knights reduced to 5, the mirage was divided into 5 squares so that everybody else could watch their fights clearly.

Zhang Tie had long become the focus of the people across White Tiger Complex and those in and out Youzhou City. Even if Zhang Tie didn't kill demon knights anymore and just exited the Heavens Ball, his name Zhang Mushen had long shocked Youzhou Province.

However, Zhang Tie kept fighting inside. His persistence was really praiseworthy and unpredictable.

It could be said that onlookers in the White Tiger Complex and across Youzhou City had long paid more attention to Zhang Tie the gentleman than Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan.

Like a dark horse which would win most attention in any racing competition, Zhang Tie was the very dark horse in this selection for the provincial governor of Youzhou Province.

The amazement aroused by this dark horse could be judged by the facial expressions of the elders of Huaiyuan Palace, who had not imagined that Zhang Tie could have such an excellent performance.

Elders of Huaiyuan Palace knew that Zhang Tie excelled at spear throwing skill; however, they had not imagined that Zhang Tie could reach the degree "Thunder-in-Palm".

Although Zhang Tie had not manifested his aiding strength in front of the elders of Huaiyuan Palace, elders of Huaiyuan Palace knew that Zhang Tie possessed aiding strength. Because when Zhang Tie manifested his aiding strength in Ewentra Archipelago, it aroused an extreme uproar; although he did that as Peter, it was not a secret for elders of Huaiyuan Palace at all. There were only two points that elders of Huaiyuan Palace had not imagined: first, they've not imagined that Zhang Tie's aiding strength—Supreme Protection was that powerful. With the effect of his Supreme Protection, the 5 elders of Huaiyuan Palace had outdone themselves, which was really a surprise for them. What shocked them much more was that dignified "gentleman" name-card manifested by the aura of the aiding strength.

Although Huaiyuan Palace had nobles and knights, it didn't have a gentleman yet, who was destined to be sage.

In Taixia Country, nobles' titles of nobility were divided into duke, marquis, count, viscount and baron, which were generally called Human Knights, namely, knights being awarded by humans.

However, "gentleman" was also called Heavenly Knight, namely, knight being awarded by the God.

In Taixia Country, there was a classic maxim which almost everybody agreed upon.

——Heavenly knights would definitely be followed by human knights.

This was the so-called extreme nobility of gentleman!

In the future, Huaiyuan Palace would definitely have an eminent noble who was awarded both human knight and heavenly knight. Such a hereditary major clan would definitely be influential and respectable in Taixia Country. The nobility of double knights indicated the remarkable military exploits of ancestors

and the inheritance of the bloodline and culture of this clan while the latter was most frequently valued by others as the manifestation of the real deep background of a clan.

At this moment, looking at the amazed eyes of the other major clans' elders, the elders of Huaiyuan Palace felt proud of themselves.

The elders of Huaiyuan Palace also knew that Zhang Tie had cultivated in a tower of time and killed a chief priest of Sacred Light Empire; however, they had not imagined that Zhang Tie could stand so long in the Heavens Ball. They all thought that the one who could stand so long should be Elder Muray.

As Zhang Tie could stand so long, it indicated his battle strength very well.

Nobody could imagine that Zhang Tie would suddenly land on the ground. In the opinion of those elders of clans across Youzhou Province, he was seeking for death.

Being excited, at the sight of Zhang Tie's movement, the elders of Huaiyuan Palace who had exited the Heavens Ball immediately exchanged a glance with each other as they didn't know why Zhang Tie suddenly made such a foolish decision.

Almost the moment Zhang Tie landed on and started to run, the White Tiger Complex was in a din.

"Ahh? Why did Zhang Mushen land on the ground? Is he seeking for death?" Perhaps those people in the White Tiger Complex didn't know about Zhang Mushen a few hours ago; however, they had already known his name now.

"Was it because he could not continue flying?"

"That's possible. It's already out of our imaginations that Zhang Mushen could stand so long. Even if he could not continue flying, it's nothing strange. As for a young knight, it's already very uneasy!" Someone waved his head and sighed with emotion.

"Alas, pitifully, Lu Clan has 3 knights. On the ground, Zhang Mushen will be killed by demon knights soon. It seems that Lu Clan will finally take the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province!"

Even Commander Cheng faintly frowned when he saw Zhang Tie landing on the ground. 'By landing on the ground at this time, it's nothing different than giving up the resistance. Even though he could dodge from the chase of demon knights for a short while, he would hardly make any points.'

Commander Cheng felt a bit disappointed...

In the mirage, Lu Dingzhi's and Zhang Taixuan's battlefields suddenly became fiercer, which immediately attracted the attention of most of the people in the White Tiger Complex.

"Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan could not stand it any longer!" The elder of Heavens Fortune Sect murmured.

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In the Heavens Ball, undoubtedly, the most powerful knights must kill the most demon knights; however, the most powerful knights might not stick to the end as they bore the greatest stress in the Heavens Ball too.

Through endless collisions between Lu Dingzhi, Zhang Taixuan and 3-in-1 demon knights matrix, although more and more demon knights were killed, Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan were also suffering more and more wounds. As for the two human knights, this was a bloody and desperate fight. They should not have any fluke mind.

Their sides were piled with broken corpses of demon knights. However, since the beginning, they had been attacked by more and more demon knights.

Now, 10 demon knights were attacking Zhang Taixuan and Lu Dingzhi.

If they could stick to the end, they would face two 3-in-1 demon knights matrices, namely 6 demon knights respectively. This explained why demon knights would always be 10 more than that of human knights. Everybody had guessed that 12 demon knights could form four 3-in-1 matrices.

After a few minutes, Zhang Taixuan took his body as the crossbow and his qi, blood and spirit as the bolt...

By contrast, the 6 golden fireballs flying around Lu Dingzhi had turned increasingly smaller. Finally, those fireballs entered Lu Dingzhi's body and turned Lu Dingzhi and his battle qi into a burning torch.

In the final moment, Lu Dingzhi uttered a roar which could be heard over 100 miles away while his flames turned fiercer instantly, wrapping 3 demon knights into his flames. He then burned into ashes with 3 demon knights at the same time...

Almost at the same time, Zhang Taixuan triggered his last bolt in the Heavens Ball with his body as the crossbow and the bolt. After drawing a fiery line in the cloud and wind, Count Long Wind and the 5 demon knights turned into blood foam and disappeared at the same time...

Watching Zhang Taixuan applying his Heavenly Crossbow Bloodline in such a heroic and decisive way, the entire Youzhou City, including White Tiger Complex became silent immediately.

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On two sides of the Heavens Ball, Lu Dingzhi and Zhang Taixuan opened their eyes and stood up at the same time.

"It was really a cool fight, shoulder to shoulder with Brother Lu today. I hope to give a cool blow to the demons on the real battlefields in the future!"

"Brother Taixuan's Heavenly Crossbow Bloodline was indeed extremely destructive. I candidly admit defeat!" In the end, Zhang Taixuan killed two more demon knights than Lu Dingzhi. Therefore, his points were a bit higher than that of Lu Dingzhi.

After throwing a glance at each other, they burst out into laughter at the same time.

Zhang Taixuan killed 29 demon knights; plus 9 battle spirits, he got 154 points on the list.

Lu Dingzhi killed 27 demon knights; plus 11 battle spirits, he got 146 points on the list.

Lu Dingzhi was 8 points lower than that of Zhang Taixuan.

However, Lu Clan gained 16 points more than that of Zhang Clan due to an advantage in population.

Lu Clan gained 339 points while Zhang Clan gained 323 points in total. However, Gu Clan, which was thought highly of before the competition only gained 277 points on the list.

Lu Clan had 2 more knights in the Heavens Ball while Zhang Clan only had Zhang Tie inside...

Everybody thought that Lu Clan would win the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province...

Chapter 837: The Lion in Youzhou Province (VIII)

After Zhang Taixuan and Lu Dingzhi exited the Heavens Ball, the situation in Heavens Ball changed greatly.

In the last 5 human knights, Zhang Taixuan and Lu Dingzhi had borne the most stress. However, the moment the two human knights exited, there were only three human knights in the Heavens Ball. The three human knights had to face thirteen demon knights; on average, each of them had to face the attack from 4 demon knights. What a great stress!

The Lu elder who mastered the aiding strength was killed by demon knights in 2 minutes, leaving the last Lu elder and Zhang Tie in the Heavens Ball.

The last elder of Lu Clan was emaciated and silent. Even in the fight, his eyes were half-closed like having not woken up. He was almost the least attractive one among all the elders of Lu Clan. Like Zhang Tie, this elder's long vitality was out of the expectation of too many people. However, just like in the real battlefields, those who could survive at the end were always not those who were most attractive at the beginning of the battle; instead, those who had both great battle strength and good luck.

Only Zhang Tie's and that Lu elder's battle situation was manifested in the mirage.

Zhang Tie was running fast and jumping like a flexible ball on the ground while being chased by 6 demon knights.

The other 6 demon knights were chasing after that Lu elder.

Nobody had imagined that the two common knights could make any achievement in such a situation.

Almost everyone thought that Lu Clan's and Zhang Clan's points would remain unchanged. Even though the elders of Huaiyuan Palace were letting out a sigh inside. Unless Zhang Tie killed over 4 demon knights, Zhang Clan could barely turn the table. However, being besieged by 6 demon knights, it was almost impossible for Zhang Tie to kill over 4 demon knights. Any other knights in White Tiger Complex could barely do that while being chased by 6 demon knights, even Zhang Taixuan the would-be earth knight could only bear 5 demon knights' besiege at the same time, not to mention Zhang Tie.

However, the fact was always out of everyone's expectation.

The last moment of the remaining Lu elder was pretty tragic. After his protective battle qi was broken through, his legs were shattered into pieces by a demon knight while his chest and lower abdomen were penetrated through by two demon knights' 4 sharp claws; his head was kicked forcefully by another demon knight and almost transformed while his skull was broken...

The time seemed to stand still...

Everyone thought that that Lu elder was destined to die with such a heavy wound.

However, in the next second, a terrifying qi appeared on the body of that Lu elder. Closely after that, his battle qi expanded many times in a split second while an extremely giant figure's shadow with extremely ferocious killing qi appeared behind him. Although his head had been chopped off, he was still patting his beating his chest by two huge axes in hands, causing a thunder each time. Everything in the world was like an ant in front of such a headless giant.

Being scared by the huge giant's shadow, the 6 demon knights besieging the Lu elder became still like frogs being gazed by a ferocious boa in a split second.

When the giant's shadow appeared in the distance, Zhang Tie, who was running, became stunned immediately as he sensed an extremely bold and powerful qi with endless fighting will and killing qi descending in the space of the simulated earth-element realm like a sea of magma...

"Xing Tian waves axes with full ambitions, good..." Commander Cheng patted the desk and sprung up with raised eyebrows.

'It's Xing Tian Bloodline, it's Xing Tian Bloodline...'

At this moment, all the onlookers in the White Tiger Complex felt blood boiling while many of them became dumbfounded by what they saw.

Like how nobody had imagined that Zhang Tie could be a gentleman, perhaps, nobody had imagined that that emaciated and silent Lu elder could be so dauntless except for the other elders of Lu Clan. Those who could awaken Xing Tian bloodline were the real dauntless men. Fewer than one of 100 million Hua people could awaken Xing Tian bloodline. These dauntless men were always extremely resolute, indomitable. Although their bones were ground into ashes, they would have undying, strong will. These dauntless men were the backbone of Hua people and the spiritual pillar of Taixia Country. They were the most respectable in Taixia Country.

Xing Tian was the battle god of Hua people. Under the influence of a heavy wound, Xing Tian Bloodline would be activated. The heavier the wound was, the more powerful and terrifying would the bloodline be.

With broken legs, transformed head and 4 sharp claws into his chest and lower abdomen, in the next second, the 4 arms were broken. Closely after that, with the broken 4 arms of the 2 demon knights, the Lu elder tore all the 6 demon knights into pieces like tearing roasted chickens by inserting his hands into their chests.

After killing the 6 demon knights, that emaciated body swayed in the air for a second before bursting out an extremely masculine bloody battle qi, which covered the space for a long time...

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At this moment, the Lu elder opened his eyes on one side of the Heavens Ball in the Heavenly Altar.

Lu Dingzhi bowed deeply towards that elder, who did the same to Lu Dingzhi. After that, he returned to the team of Lu Clan as silently as before without any pleasant look just like withered wood.

Everybody knew why Lu Dingzhi deeply bowed towards that elder, because that elder increased another 30 points for Lu Clan, making it 369 points, which fixed the winner of this competition.

'It turns out that this elder is the trump card of Lu Clan. Lu Clan in Spirituallmaple Prefecture is really unfathomable!' Many people in the White Tiger Complex thought inside.

'If Zhang Clan wants to turn the tide in this case, Zhang Tie had to kill over 10 demon knights. However, it's too unrealistic. Unless I could enter it once again, Zhang Tie could barely kill over 10 demon knights alone.'

Zhang Taixuan let out a sigh inside too...

This competition was really full of splendid climaxes while each Clan had their own brilliant means.

Through this competition, people witnessed a gentleman and a dauntless fighter. Even if it was many years later, this competition would also be a much-told tale in the history of Youzhou Province.

'Although Gu Clan failed to make enough impact in the competition, it seems that we're not wronged!' After throwing a glance at the teams of Zhang Clan and Lu Clan, Gu Dashou sighed inside, 'Zhang Clan and Lu Clan have their own means, which could never be matched by common hereditary major clans. Although Gu Clan had tried our best, we still lagged behind others.'

However, when he realized that Lu Clan or Zhang Clan would also lose the battle like Gu Clan in the end, Gu Dashou recovered his composure, but...

Gu Dashou moved his eyes onto Gu Qingyun.

Gu Qingyun looked a bit pale, his lips pressed together. At the same time, with burning flames in his eyes, he kept his eyes close on that guy who was jumping in the mirage.

Gu Dashou lightly patted Gu Qingyun's hand and didn't say anything. Gu Qingyun's look made Gu Dashou a bit sad. 'Growing up with the halos of talent, he suddenly trod under the foot of another guy. I hope Qingyun could tide over this pass. It's better for him to suffer a frustration at this moment than suffering a frustration in front of real demons in the future.'

Gu Dashou sighed inside with emotions.

Along Gu Qingyun's eyes, Gu Dashou moved his eyes back on the mirage. After watching Zhang Tie for a few seconds, he had started to frown faintly, 'How could Zhang Mushen constantly run so fast? Has he drunk dragon blood or what?'

The same question occurred to the minds of many people in the White Tiger Complex.

Zhang Tie was chased by 11 demon knights. All the other onlookers thought that Zhang Mushen could stand at most 2-3 minutes in the Heavens Ball; however, they had not imagined that Zhang Mushen became increasingly spirited. Although being chased by more demon knights, he ran faster and faster...

'What the hell?'

Watching Zhang Tie running on the ground, the elders of Huaiyuan Palace who had been hopeless suddenly had a little hope in their hearts. Even Zhang Taixuan's heart started to pound as he moved his eyes onto Zhang Tie once again...

Watching Zhang Tie running on the ground, the deacons and disciples in Huaiyuan Mansion didn't even dare breathe smoothly.

Everyone in and out of Youzhou City finally moved their eyes onto that guy who was still persistent in the Heavens Ball...

Watching Zhang Tie running on the ground, Commander Cheng gradually deepened his frown. All of a sudden, he relieved his frown and turned round to ask the elder of Heavens Fortune Sect, "With which ancestral bloodline could people run faster and faster?"

After throwing a glassy-eyed look at Commander Cheng, the elder of Heavens Fortune Sect replied, "Kuaifu Pursues the Sun..."

The moment he revealed the bloodline, the four words had spread over the White Tiger Complex like an invisible shock wave...

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Chapter 838: The Lion in Youzhou Province (IX)

Zhang Tie was running as fast as the wind on the land covering 100,000 square miles while the 11 demon knights were chasing after him like falcons that chased after a fierce beast.

In the Heavens Ball, Zhang Tie could clearly see the total points of Lu Clan and Zhang Clan, the difference between points of the two clans stimulated Zhang Tie greatly.

The bloody battle qi left by the last Lu elder had not faded away. Watching that battle qi, Zhang Tie only forced a bitter smile inside. Although he didn't see what happened over there, the sudden increase of 30 points of Lu Clan reminded Zhang Tie that the last Lu elder had just killed 6 demon knights in a split second.

It was not important how did he kill them. What was important was that 5 more black lights had joined in the chase for Zhang Tie in a split second. Wherever Zhang Tie passed by, he would be attacked intensively from the sky, causing huge pits here and there on the ground. How shocking it was! However, Zhang Tie was just like a sea swallow who could escape from the storm and furious billows safe and sound, causing those demons to be in vain.

Zhang Tie knew that Lu Clan indeed made a trouble for him. Previously, Zhang Tie considered that whether he might be a bit special if he continued to kill 4 demon knights; however, after he made his determination to kill 4 more demon knights, that Lu elder made an even bigger trouble for him by turning the number of demon knights that he should kill from 4 to 10. As a result, Zhang Tie felt like failing a tongue twister.

'If I want to make Zhang's total points surpass that of Lu Clan to win the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province for Zhang Taixuan, I have to kill at least 10 demon knights.'

However, this seemed to be an impossible task and test for any black iron knight.

As for Zhang Tie, he was not thinking about whether he could kill the 10 demon knights; but how many trump cards he had to expose.

'For the benefit of Huaiyuan Palace and Zhang Clan, I have to pay a price; however, I should not expose too many trump cards. I've just been to Taixia Country and am already very eye-catching; if I exposed too many trump cards, I would become too attractive in Taixia Country. It's not what I want. Many times, it's definitely necessary for me to be low-key and keep some secrets. There was an old Hua saying, common fame is seldom to blame.'

As for the 5 more demon knights, Zhang Tie just spared 5 more parts of his knight's consciousness to focus on them.

Nobody could imagine Zhang Tie's current state. If those onlookers in White Tiger Complex realized Zhang Tie's current state, they would definitely be dumbfounded.

Zhang Tie split his knight's consciousness into 12 parts, 11 parts of which for the 11 demon knights respectively. Each demon knight's movements were locked by Zhang Tie; each demon knight's speed, height, location and attack were in Zhang Tie's close concern.

To be honest, although this feeling was very shocking to the public and even nobody would believe that, it was very simple for Zhang Tie. Because Zhang Tie felt that he only needed to treat the 11 demon knights as 11 element crystals which were flying rapidly in the elements realm. It was actually not difficult for him to get the movements of those demon knights.

Besides the 11 parts of his knight's consciousness for the 11 knights, Zhang Tie spared one more part for paying close attention to the surrounding terrain.

In such a state, the information of all the 11 demon knights, the topographical information and other factors such as wind speed converged in Zhang Tie's mind constantly at a high speed. After combining this information, Zhang Tie made an analysis about them with his powerful knight's consciousness before outputting the optimal solution——adjust his speed, step, direction, location and height to the "one move, one scenery" state at any second. No matter how his enemy chased after him flurriedly, he was just running leisurely.

This time, Zhang Tie combined his Kuafu Bloodline, "one move, one scenery state", distraction ability, great physical strength and knight's consciousness and showed his terrifying, great ability on the ground once again, which shocked all the onlookers.

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In the White Tiger Complex...

Many onlookers just watched the mirage without a wink.

Normally, all the onlookers would feel bored about such a pure chase if it lasted too long, except for this time.

At the beginning, when Zhang Tie was chased by 6 demon knights, many people didn't sense Zhang Tie's specialty; however, when the number of demon knights chasing after Zhang Tie reached 11, Zhang Tie gradually revealed his specialty to the public, facing the sudden two times greater attacking density.

The 11 demon knights' powerful battle qis struck the ground near Zhang Tie like lightning bolts, causing a lot of huge dense smoke and destroying all the objects on the ground near Zhang Tie's whereabouts. In the tyrannical and destructive scene, whenever everybody else thought Zhang Tie had been killed, Zhang Tie would stride out of the dense battle qi attacks like a phoenix of nirvana in the legends, which never disappointed onlookers.

Zhang Tie's every step was full of an indescribable meaning and artistic conception. He would always land on the most delicate and beautiful point in the most suitable time. The moment he landed on one point, the surrounding scene would be brilliant at once like lotus flowers breaking out of the water, making onlookers delighted.

He was not running; instead, he was dancing like the wind and lightning bolt.

Although Zhang Tie was moving like the wind, he would cause thunders like huge hammers knocking at the ground the moment he landed on the ground.

Although Zhang Tie was moving like a lightning bolt, he moved as slowly as fog and as fast as a shadow.

In the mirage, Zhang Tie's every step forward would germinate a lotus flower and bring onlookers into the "one move, one scenery state". Although passing by numerous lotus flowers, he didn't touch any leaves.

Compared to the boring chase which would make everyone weary, such a dance made everybody crazy.

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"What the hell? No way! How could he land over there? How could he appear over there?" An elder of Yang Clan in Chaoyang Prefecture murmured with a thrilled look as he kept his eyes close on Zhang Tie's shadow.

'Does he have eyes on his back? No way! Even if he had a pair of eyes on his back, he could not do it either. It was not enough at all. Even if he had an extremely powerful knight's consciousness, he could not do that either. Why do I feel that the 11 demon knights are passive in front of him? What the hell?' An elder of Simon Clan in Xingbei Prefecture scratched his hair with a sad look.

"No way, no way, I've seen Kuafu Bloodline before. Even Kuafu Bloodline is not that exaggerated. His movements carry a special artistic conception. It must contain something else..." The head of Li Clan in Miyun Prefecture shouted.

"Do you really think that he's just running? Hmm..." Guo Hongyi kept her eyes close on Zhang Tie with a disdainful cold harrumph, "Although he doesn't seem to launch an attack, he's fighting in each stride; he's fighting by running; he's taking the initiative by running!"

'Fighting? Fighting by running?'

Some people else seemed to understand something but some were still confused...

"Ahh? No way..."

In the uproar, the elder of Heavens Fortune Sect suddenly turned around and posed a question to his disciple, "You've learned the book of changes? How to apply no-change, simple-change and great-change on the battlefield at the same time? Turn passive into active with the law of great-change; simplify difficult steps through simple-change; the law of no-change is like how the universe runs constantly. Am I clear?"

The elder of Heavens Fortune Sect didn't mean to lower his voice. Therefore, after hearing his words, all the others at present became silent.

"As for the great-change, in the duel of knights, the one on the ground is in the disadvantageous position; however, it's not absolute. Sometimes, the disadvantageous position could also convert into an advantageous position. Like how two boxers fight, the one being forced back in a wall corner would be very passive and lose his moving space. However, if one faced a flock of wolves or was besieged, he could move back to the wall corner purposefully in case of being harmed from the back. The wall and the ground remain unchanged, which would show different functions facing different enemies and situations. However, wall and ground don't exist forever, the one who's good at defense could hide wherever he wants. Although he's defending; actually, he's attacking. The demon knights could offend him from high positions; however, they could also succumb to him due to his great-change. That's the law of great-change!" A disciple of Heavens Fortune Sect replied fluently after thinking for a short while.

The elder of Heavens Fortune Sect nodded, "Not bad, what about simple-change?"

"Just defend his enemies by running. Through running, he could gradually turn stronger and recover his physical strength just like how fierce tigers deepen into the mountain. By contrast, his enemies would turn increasingly weaker while gradually using up their battle qi and physical strength like how fish and shrimps come to the land. Only by running on the ground, he would be able to kill his enemies and convert the battle situation between defense and attack!"

"What about no-change?"

"Those who could use no-change are sages. They could follow the universal laws; retrospect themselves; watching samsara of everything and keep making unremitting efforts to improve themselves!"

Everyone felt enlightened immediately. Watching that person in the mirage, they all sighed inside, 'What a talent! What a talent! I've not imagined that there's such a talent in Youzhou Province.'

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After 2 hours, when Zhang Tie passed by a small arsenal on the ground, he quickly picked up a shield and a longsword. The moment he left it, the arsenal had been exploded into pieces by the attacks from the sky, causing a huge pit after a great earthquake...

The number of the 11 demon knights remained unchanged. However, they were not as energetic as that 2 hours ago.

In order to catch up with Zhang Tie, those demon knights' battle qis and physical strengths had gradually come to the critical points due to constant flight and attacks at high speed. These demon knights constantly fought Zhang Tie for 2 hours.

Although the demon knights' battle strengths were similar to that of real demon knights, they were not real. Their intelligence and ability could not match that of real demon knights. Now that he was not forbidden to make use of such a trivial difference, Zhang Tie just made use of it...

At this moment, the elder of Heavens Fortune Sect stealthily passed a jade plate to his disciple.

Receiving that jade plate, that disciple directly disappeared in front of the public.

Nobody noticed that, except for Commander Cheng who turned around. At this moment, the elder of Heavens Fortune Sect moved his lips, after hearing something, Commander Cheng became silent...

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After a few minutes, a powerful sword qi rushed into the sky from Zhang Tie's body. At the same time, the golden aura of aiding strength reappeared as Zhang Tie activated his aiding strength once again...

With a roar, Zhang Tie rushed towards the 11 demon knights like a fierce tiger entering a flock of sheep...

Only after a few minutes, a demon knight's body had been shattered into pieces by Zhang Tie's sword lights...

Zhang Clan's points rose to 328 while the hearts of all the onlookers across Youzhou City started to pound. Elder Muray of Huaiyuan Palace almost sprung up from the ground. The elders of Lu Clan felt their hearts stop beating at once.

At the same time, numerous attacks fell onto Zhang Tie; however, they were all blocked by Zhang Tie's shield like a miracle.

Zhang Tie used his shield and sword at the same time. He hid the sword behind his shield. The shield in his hand was like a spiritual living being. The onlookers felt that the shield could block all the attacks automatically. What a marvel!

Another demon knight's head flew away...

The points of Zhang Clan rose to 333...

'8 left.' Zhang Tie muttered.

In the bloody battle, another black light flashed while a new demon knight as same as other demon knights appeared in the simulated space of earth-elements realm...

Chapter 839: The Lion in Youzhou Province (X)

Zhang Tie forcefully smashed a demon knight as fast as a light. Meanwhile, his shield weirdly moved to his rear flank. After a few times of rapid movements, he had blocked the attacks of two demon knights who were drawing closer to him.

While blocking attacks using the shield, Zhang Tie's another hand penetrated through a demon knight's physical defense fiercely as fast as a lightning bolt. In only a few seconds, his longsword collided with the demon knight's weapon for over 100 times.

Chasing after Zhang Tie consecutively for a few hours, those demon knights had consumed their battle qis and spirits so much. Therefore, after being shocked by Zhang Tie's sword qi, the demon knight's protective battle qi had started to rock like ripples. Watching that, the demon knight changed its face greatly as it instantly moved backward while changing its movements rapidly. However, Zhang Tie kept chasing after it like a worm gnawing its bone at the same speed.

When that demon knight was retreating rapidly, it was moving upwards, downwards, leftwards or rightwards, frontwards or backwards. However, he was relatively still to Zhang Tie as the distance between it and Zhang Tie remained unchanged.

After colliding it over 100 times, Zhang Tie's longsword finally broke the demon knight's double-hand defense and fell on its protective battle qi.

In the next second, the longsword which was filled with the metal-attribute battle qi representing sharpness in the 5-elements battle qi radiated a white luster while being slashed onto the same part of the demon knight for over 100 times in ear-deafening explosions.

The protective battle qi of the demon knight turned into surge billows, waves, cracked glasses and was finally broken into pieces...

The longsword was then stabbed into the mouth of the demon knight and penetrated through its hindbrain. Zhang Tie then smashed its head into pieces like shattering a watermelon with an air hammer.

With the death of this demon knight, Huaiyuan Palace's points rose to 358...

This was the 7th demon knight that Zhang Tie had killed...

At the same time, 9 battle qis struck onto Zhang Tie's body.

After blocking 3 of the 9 battle qis, the shield with Class III consolidating rune effect finally broke apart...

If such a shield could end its "life" in this way on the battlefield, it definitely deserved it.

Zhang Tie then drew a light curtain with his longsword and blocked another 2 of the 9 battle qis. 4 more battle qis struck on the protective battle qi on Zhang Tie's back directly, causing Zhang Tie to spit out a mouth of blood...

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Before those onlookers in White Tiger Complex and in and out of Youzhou City who were overwhelmed by the fierce battle between Zhang Tie and the demon knights sighed, Zhang Tie had flown away at a faster speed with the great inertia of that severe strike.

At the same time, Zhang Tie threw out his longsword like throwing a javelin.

A fiery line appeared in the air and shot towards a demon knight.

With a roar, the demon knight expanded its scales all over its body with its bulgy protective battle qi. At the final critical moment, it nipped the longsword by its bare hands, which indicated its great battle strength as a demon knight obviously.

In the split second, Zhang Tie had arrived in front of it and stretched out his hands...

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When Zhang Tie threw out that longsword and darted towards that demon knight in front of him while bumping into the chest of that demon knight, all the onlookers exclaimed in unison, 'Zhang Tie got the strike purposefully in order to gain a greater accelerated speed. Zhang Tie threw out that longsword so as to offset that demon knight's simultaneous counter-attack. This created a condition for his next movement.'

Zhang Tie instantly tightened that demon knight's body and pushed it back as fast as a rocket.

Due to a super high speed, all the other demon knights lagged behind.

Zhang Tie's physical strength was so terrifying that he could even transform an iron man. As a result, that demon knight's protective battle qi uttered a "cracking" sound like a fresh bamboo being roasted above the fire.

Within his tight clasp, the demon knight couldn't move at all, neither could it launch a counter-attack; instead, it could only try its best to resist Zhang Tie's powerful hands.

The two knights swept over the ground in the simulated earth-element realm like a shell being fired from a cannon. They broke numerous huge cone-shaped stony pillars as high as dozens of meters even over 100 m.

Wherever they passed by, those huge stony pillars would break and utter a sound as loud as those falling skyscrapers, causing dust all over the earth-elements realm and constant earthquakes. As a result, the complete landform was severely destroyed in a short period.

The demon knight being tightly held by Zhang Tie interpreted a word "scapegoat".

Zhang Tie's moving speed was over 700 miles per hour. However, 90% of the impact on those cone-shaped huge stony pillars were resisted by the body and the protective battle qi of the demon knight. Each collision was no different than a fierce blow from a knight at the same level as the demon knight.

Watching such a splendid battle scene in the mirage, all the commoners in and out of Youzhou City exclaimed out of excitement, sending the entire Youzhou City in an uproar.

"The inexperienced ones are going to see the appearance while the experienced ones appreciate the contents!" As for those commoners, of course, the louder and the more destructive the fight between knights was and the stronger the audio-visual effect was, the cooler would be the fight.

Watching Zhang Tie tightly clutching that demon knight and knocking down so many huge stony pillars one after another, all the onlookers felt it was pretty stimulative. Such a battle situation could definitely match that between Lu Dingzhi, Zhang Taixuan and demon knights just now.

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Even Zhang Tie didn't remember how many stony pillars had that demon knight broken. After flying over 10 minutes with that demon knight, Zhang Tie suddenly felt no resistance against his hands...

——Bang

That demon knight was blown up while its plasma sprayed over Zhang Tie's body, making Zhang Tie extremely grim.

That demon knight became the first demon knight to be tightened to death by someone in the simulated earth-elements realm.

363 points, Huaiyuan Palace's points rose again.

Like the bloody demon god, Zhang Tie raised his head and roared with full killing intent. Before those knights followed up, he had rushed back towards them...

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Chapter 840: The Lion in Youzhou Province (XI)

Gradually, those demon knights on Zhang Tie's side disappeared one after another...

In the sky of the simulated earth-elements realm, the total points of Zhang Clan reached 373, which had surpassed 369, the total points of Lu Clan.

With his own efforts, on the premise that Zhang Clan's points lagged behind that of Lu Clan, Zhang Tie constantly killed 10 demon knights in the earth-elements realm and increased the points of Zhang Clan to 373 from 323 and finally fixed the winner of this competition.

Nobody could have imagined such a reversal.

If this competition was a black casework, nobody would be convinced by this result. However, this competition happened under the gaze of all the major clans across Youzhou Province. They were participants and witnesses. The whole process was transparent. Especially in the end, when the last human knight fought demon knights in the Heavens Ball, his movements became the focus of onlookers in White Tiger Complex and across Youzhou Province.

It was really the very moment to witness marvels.

Since the guy landed on the ground and started to run, he had been creating marvels.

Being chased by 11 powerful demon knights, that man ran for over 2 hours. In running, he gradually reversed the course of action and took the initiative of the entire battlefield.

It was not a pure fight, but had sublimed to a wholly new realm.

The dialogue between the elder of Heavens Fortune Sect and his disciple brought an insight to a lot of people in the White Tiger Complex.

However, it had not come to an end yet. When that man had the initiative, his longsword and shield shocked onlookers once again.

That man was a sword sage. However, after being shocked so many times, the status sword sage could not shock people too much.

What shocked people more than his status as a sword sage was his shield. Before watching Zhang Tie's performance, none of the knights across Youzhou Province had imagined that a knight could use a shield so brilliantly. The shield seemed like it possessed its own consciousness and was alive. When in a fight, that shield could automatically block all the attacks as if it was not under Zhang Tie's control.

At the same time, Zhang Tie kept fighting at his will. Watching such a splendid fight, all the onlookers had an illusion. It seemed that Zhang Tie separated into two people in the fight. One was attacking demon knights in a dedicated way while the other was defending demon knights in a single-minded way.

Attack and defense worked independently and combined with each other perfectly, greatly widening onlookers' horizon.

With a shield in hand, Zhang Tie's battle strength increased by at least 50% at once.

Such a skill combining shield and longsword was really a marvel. It was all the onlookers' first time to watch it, including Commander Cheng.

There were shield powerhouses; however, nobody else could turn a shield into a living being across Youzhou Province, even the entire Northeast Military Region.

When Zhang Tie's shield was broken due to excessive defense, those in the White Tiger Complex felt like watching a beautiful flower withering as they were sighing for not being able to enjoy such a unique skill anymore.

Closely after that, everyone witnessed how a powerful demon knight was strangled by a man...

Being strangled? Such a death method was humiliating even for a common fighter, not to mention a demon knight. Because only the emaciated ones might be strangled.

In front of Zhang Mushen, the youngest elder of Zhang Clan, even a powerful demon knight would be strangled like a woman being strangled by a robust thug.

The onlookers were really stimulated at that moment.

"F*ck! Is he even a human?" Many people exclaimed inside when they watched Zhang Tie standing still in the air while being covered with blood, broken innards and intestines, even the demon general's eyes were stuck to his shoulder.

After losing his weapon, Zhang Tie manifested his bolder and fiercer side. When he released his iron-blood fist with full killing intent which had been quenched by numerous deaths and countless blood, Zhang Tie turned more terrifying like a mad lion.

The next two demon knights were torn apart by Zhang Tie alive...

When he tore apart the second demon knight, he bore other demon knights' attack and broke through the protective battle qi of the demon knight. At the same time, he inserted his hands into its chest. Closely after that, he tore it apart like tearing a roasted chicken. With a crash, blood rain sprayed everywhere...

Zhang Clan's points rose once again, calming down the entire world, including the White Tiger Complex.

Even being older, the elders of Zhang Clan couldn't help but quiver due to extreme excitement. They were even in tears...

This was the tear of pleasure and excitement, which witnessed that Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace created a marvel out of impossibility—From today on, Zhang Clan would be the first clan in Youzhou Province, Taixia Country to root in Taxia Country completely and proudly...

By contrast, Lu elders became silent, Lu Dingzhi let out a sigh inside, 'Lu Clan didn't fail due to our poor battle skills, but because of such a weirdo in Zhang Clan, who turned the tide at the final moment. With such a great figure in Huaiyuan Palace, Zhang Clan in Yanghe Prefecture is destined to flourish!'

'What a figure! What a figure...'

"Brother Taixuan, congratulations!" After recovering his composure, Lu Dingzhi cupped his hands towards Zhang Taixuan with a generous smile.

Zhang Taixuan took a deep breath as he cupped towards Lu Dingzhi with a glassy-eyed look.

When Zhang Tie tore apart the 10th demon knight, Gu Qingyun's face turned pale once again. Like being punched forcefully by someone, Gu Qingyun felt that his pride and reputation was destroyed together with that demon knight...

Gu Dashou threw a worried look at Gu Qingyun.

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In the Heavens Ball, after the final result came out, all the remaining demon knights had disappeared, except for one, who was standing on the opposite of Zhang Tie in the distance. Outsiders seemingly felt that something special at the end of the battle was normal. Therefore, they just waited for the coming battle.

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Zhang Tie was also very amazed at this moment. When all the demon knights disappeared, he thought that he could also leave. However, after waiting for a short while, when he wondered whether he could not leave until committing suicide, he felt a hot flow inside his body. Like having drunk a vial of advanced recovery medicament, he felt that his physical strength and spirit had rapidly recovered to the highest level when he entered the Heavens Ball.

'What happened?' Zhang Tie was shocked as he felt being locked by one eye light. Zhang Tie looked along the eye light and found the last demon knight was gazing at him while its battle intention was gradually rising up...

Zhang Tie realized that the last battle was waiting for him here...

'F*ck!' At such a critical moment, Zhang Tie would never waste time on this demon knight; therefore, he instantly darted towards it...

The moment Zhang Tie moved, that demon knight also moved.

Their fierce battle qis collided from over 200 m away, causing a big earthquake over hundreds of square meters.

The moment he collided with that demon knight, Zhang Tie had felt that this one was different than the former demon knights, 'This one is definitely not common...'

In a split second, the demon knight flashed through their collision region and came to Zhang Tie's side. He ferociously punched Zhang Tie's protective battle qi and sent Zhang Tie flying backward...

"Ho..." The demon knight roared as it rubbed its hands. Closely after that, a strong light beam appeared in its hands and fell onto Zhang Tie's body directly, sending Zhang Tie flying backward like a shell once again...

Closely after that, the demon knight moved like a ghost and appeared on Zhang Tie's side once again. It then directly kicked Zhang Tie's chest in an overwhelming way from above Zhang Tie, smashing Zhang Tie onto the ground like a meteor, causing a huge pit with a diameter of dozens of meters...

Being shocked by this, the air above the ground was covered with dust while those huge, white dandelion fine hair within hundreds of meters was floating...

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Those people in and out of Youzhou City who thought that the battle would soon come to an end in the Heavens Ball became stunned. The last fight had made everyone spirited once again. They had not imagined that the last fight in the Heavens Ball could be more splendid at the last critical moment.

Zhang Taixuan slightly frowned as he threw a glance at Commander Cheng. He then found the disciple of Heavens Fortune Sect had disappeared...

The elder of Heavens Fortune Sect revealed a sudden smile at Zhang Taixuan. Zhang Taixuan then understood something; he became silent and continued to watch the fight in the Heavens Ball.

Since the last fight broke out, the onlookers in the White Tiger Complex who had just become relaxed turned solemn gradually...

Although there was only one demon knight left, the fight became 10 times fiercer than that just now...

'Did Zhang Mushen meet a powerful opponent in the Heavens Ball?'

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That demon knight just stood still in the sky and waited for the dust to fade away.

Zhang Tie spat out dust as he picked himself up from the ground. After that, the moment he raised his head and saw that demon knight, Zhang Tie's eyes had turned red, "D*mn, you want a real fight, right..."

"Boom", Zhang Tie stomped onto the ground, making a crack on the ground. At the same time, he shot himself into the sky and collided with the demon knight.

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After fighting the demon general, Zhang Tie had not experienced such a miserable battle for a long time. 'This demon knight is just a bit weaker than the demon general. Among black iron knights, this one is definitely a powerhouse. It might soon promote to an earth knight.'

Not only that, Zhang Tie found that this demon knight had rich battle experiences, which could even match his battle skills which he had formed due to rich experiences in the trouble-reappearance situations.

'This is a powerful enemy, a real enemy!' Zhang Tie exerted his utmost efforts since they collided with each other.

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1 hour later, the two knight's protective battle qis were both collapsed. Zhang Tie and that demon knight then rolled, wrestled and fell onto the ground forcefully, causing another huge pit...

Zhang Tie broke its right arm while Zhang Tie's left arm was smashed into pieces.

The moment they fell onto the ground, the demon knight hit Zhang Tie's lower abdomen with its left knee, causing a severe damage to Zhang Tie's body; closely after that, he swept his leg towards Zhang Tie's leg, breaking Zhang Tie's left leg at once.

With bloody eyes, Zhang Tie hit onto its lower abdomen with his right knee ferociously. Closely after that, he butted onto the demon knight's face with his head, causing its head to raise up.

They then spat out blood at the same time...

The demon knight's one hand got rid of Zhang Tie's wrestle and gave a severe blow to Zhang Tie's heart, although having not penetrated the latter's body.

Watching that demon knight's raised face, Zhang Tie roared and ferociously bit its throat.

Being benefited from so many seven-strength fruits and fruit of source, Zhang Tie's teeth, which represented the strength of marrow, was as firm as blades made up of polished diamonds.

The moment he put forth his strength, Zhang Tie had penetrated through the fine scales over the demon knight's neck and cut through its windpipe...

Zhang Tie ferociously tore it with his teeth, causing its blood to spray over Zhang Tie's face. Some blood even entered Zhang Tie's mouth...

This time, Zhang Tie sensed the "quiver" of this demon knight due to fear...

"Ahh..." In crazy cries, that demon knight started to attack Zhang Tie more ferociously. Spitting out a mouth of blood, Zhang Tie tightly seized this demon knight. Closely after that, like a fierce animal, he bit its main blood vessel on the side of its windpipe and cut through it with his sharp teeth. He then tore off a large piece of bloody flesh and broke its main blood vessel on its neck. Meanwhile, he swallowed its flesh...

3 minutes later, only half of the demon knight's neck was stuck to its head. Before death, the demon knight still looked scared.

"Pah..." Zhang Tie spat out the blood and dogmeat of the demon knight and roared as he stood up in the huge pit in a groggy way with blood stains all over his face, "Who else?"

378, Zhang Clan's points rose once again and fixed there.

In the next second, Zhang Tie felt that he exited the Heavens Ball and returned to his own body...