

Black Iron 871

Chapter 871: Mental Obstacle

After resigning and leaving Youzhou City in order to launch a counterattack to the Gobbling Party, Zhang Tie won his freedom back.

On the airship, Zhang Tie didn't know that some commoners in Youzhou City had smashed the Morality Association in Youzhou City after his departure.

After calculating his booties, Zhang Tie was also shocked.

300 earth-elements crystals, the opportunity to launch a counterattack to the Gobbling Party, over 1,000 expensive gifts in the warehouse of the airship, Master Jiang's manor in Youzhou City, a rare space-teleportation equipment and the fruit of plunder and the unquantifiable reputation.

Zhang Tie had been very satisfied with such a great achievement.

He was forced to take the position of the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province at the beginning given the tense situation; now Huaiyuan Palace had won the heart of commoners; therefore Zhang Tie didn't feel unwilling to resign.

If it were before, after coming to the airship, Zhang Tie would definitely enter Castle of Black Iron and eat fruits; besides that fruit of plunder, he should have 10 more leakless fruits and few fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs. After taking these fruits, Zhang Tie would make another small progress. The road of cultivation was a process from quantitative change to qualitative change day by day.

However, at this moment, Zhang Tie gave up this thought. It was not because he was afraid of being discovered by the knight on his side after entering Castle of Black Iron but because Zhang Tie had been confident enough to control his impulsion that he couldn't wait to eat fruits.

'Heller was right. The small tree's ability is limited. Unless I die, the small tree will stop providing me fruits sooner or later. I have been able to sense it now.'

After boarding the airship, Zhang Tie took out the earth-elements crystals from the nanobead in his own berth cabin.

It took him 8 hours to use up 4 earth-elements crystals. After throwing the 4 useless earth-element crystals into Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie silently moved 4 earth-element crystals from Castle of Black Iron to the space of the nanobead so as to maintain the number of earth-element crystals in the nanobead unchanged.

With the nanobead, Zhang Tie could casually move items from Castle of Black Iron to the space of the nanobead. In this way, when he took items out of nanobead, he would not worry about arousing doubts to others.

This nanobead was the best stage property that Zhang Tie used to launder the resources in Castle of Black Iron. A few days ago when Zhang Tie was worried whether he could get another space-teleportation equipment anytime soon; talk of the devil and he comes.

As for Zhang Tie, the wing demons that frightened everyone was as cute as a boy with fortune. From Master Abyan to "Master Jiang", each time he met a wing demon, Zhang Tie had a good fortune and improved his battle strength a bit.

'However, If I met a wing demon knight in the future, I would not get any fruit from it. That's too pitiful! Heller said that once demons promoted to knights, they would be protected by special rules. As a result, the small tree could not get any fruit from them. I wonder that whether the rules that protect the demon knights could be broken or have loopholes.'

When Zhang Tie was thinking about it, he walked out of his room.

It was already dark in the midnight while the lamps in the airship had been lit up. Zhu Dabiao had fallen asleep. After sensing around, Zhang Tie walked towards the bar in the resting area.

The other airships could never be such luxurious. However, as the transportation vehicle of elders of Huaiyuan Palace, of course, it would contain everything. However, after visiting the airboat of Commander Cheng, Zhang Tie had a deeper understanding of luxury.

Feng Cangwu was drinking at the bar counter. After boarding the airship, Zhang Tie had felt that Feng Cangwu was in a blue mood.

Nobody else could be found in the bar except for Feng Cangwu. However, there was another empty glass on the side of Feng Cangwu. It should be left by Zhu Dabiao. After drink for a while with Feng Cangwu, Zhu Dabiao might have been drunk and returned to his berth cabin. When Zhang Tie was cultivating just now, he heard Zhu Dabiao throwing up in his cabin.

After coming to Feng Cangwu's side, Zhang Tie took a new glass and made a glass of liquor for himself using the bottle in front of Feng Cangwu. After seeing that Feng Cangwu's glass was empty, he filled it with liquor again.

After throwing a glance at Zhang Tie, Feng Cangwu bottomed it up.

Followed by Zhang Tie.

It was brewed by a green bamboo snake, which looked dark green and smelt refreshing and fragrant. After drinking a glass of it, Zhang Tie smacked his lips. After feeling addicted to it, he made another glass for himself and Feng Cangwu. They then bottomed it up again.

After drinking the dragon-marrow liquor gifted by Commander Cheng, Zhang Tie felt this common liquor was not that acrid anymore. After drinking 3 glasses, he felt as light as water. When the bottle was empty, Zhang Tie put down his glass.

"Brother Cangwu, don't beat about the bush anymore. I know that you are arrogant and always aim too high but you must have something to deal with in Youzhou Province. Just put it straight. I would try my best to help you. As long as I could do it while not betraying my conscience, I swear to help you!" Zhang Tie watched Feng Cangwu with a serious look, "But I don't understand that Brother Cangwu has such a

great battle strength and could make Commander Cheng help you, is there really anything that you cannot handle in the Northeast Military Region? As I'm just a small figure, I don't think that you need my help."

"Can you let me defeat you?" Feng Cangwu raised his head and asked Zhang Tie with a gloomy look.

Zhang Tie frowned as he watched Feng Cangwu seriously, 'This guy is not drunk, how could he speak such weird words?', "Brother Cangwu, what do you mean? I have no resentment toward you. Additionally, we've not fought at all. How can you say you want to surpass or defeat me?"

Feng Cangwu revealed a bitter smile as he threw a glance at Zhang Tie, "You're not completely right. I indeed have no resentment toward you either; however, we've already wrestled. It's a battle of life or death. You win it!"

"Hahaha, Brother Cangwu, you must be kidding!" Zhang Tie burst out into laughter, "When did I wrestle with you, Brother Cangwu? I don't remember!"

"Have you forgotten about it in the Heavens Ball in White Tiger Complex 3 months ago?" Feng Cangwu let out a sigh.

Zhang Tie's smile froze at once. After blinking his eyes and gazing at Feng Cangwu, he instantly realized something, "You're that...that last demon knight?"

"Right, I'm the very demon knight that has been killed by you in the end and helped you win the reputation of the Lion of Youzhou Province!" Feng Cangwu's words contained a little bitterness.

After hearing that, Zhang Tie recalled why he felt that the demon knight, in the end, was excessively powerful. 'It turns out that demon knight is not formed by the Heavens Ball, but being incarnated by Feng Cangwu, f*ck!'

"What the hell?"

"Heavens Ball is the treasure of our Heavens Fortune Sect. If you could enter it, I could enter it too. Besides, I could enter it in any look and frame. Are you getting me?" Feng Cangwu watched Zhang Tie as he continued, "I just wanted to try the battle strengths of the young powerhouses of Youzhou Province in it, unexpectedly, I was discouraged in the end!"

"It's just a battle in the Heavens Ball, don't care so much about it, Brother Cangwu!" Zhang Tie comforted Feng Cangwu as he murmured inside, 'If I were discouraged by losing my life one time in the virtual space, I would have been extremely depressed after losing my life so many times in the trouble-reappearance situations.'

"The battle in the Heavens Ball has become my mental obstacle!" Feng Cangwu forced a bitter smile, "The key of the laws of cultivation in our Heavens Fortune Sect is as follows: after promoting to a knight, we have to know ourselves at first; after that, we will sense the essence of the natural laws. Finally, we need to unite ourselves with the universe. If I could not break my mental obstacle, I would not make any breakthrough in my cultivation base in the future. I would hardly form other chakras anymore. Therefore, I have to seek for your help!"

"How can I help you?" Zhang Tie glanced at Feng Cangwu with a strange look, "If you could break your mental obstacle by beating me, it's negotiable!"

Of course, the so-called negotiation referred to conditions. If the Heavens Fortune Sect could afford it, Zhang Tie felt that he could be beaten by Feng Cangwu. Just take it as a way of forming iron-body fruits. After all, Zhang Tie had been used to do it. When he was in Blackhot City, he served as a human flesh sandbag; later on, he was always beaten in Selnes Theater of Operations. Therefore, he had a rich experience in being beaten.

"If I could break my mental obstacle, I don't need to come to Youzhou Province." Feng Cangwu threw a cold and arrogant glance at Zhang Tie.

"But, Brother Cangwu, can you break your mental obstacle only by following me up?"

"The mental obstacle could only be broken wherever it was formed. However, I don't know how to break it. It depends. Therefore..." Feng Cangwu continued with an embarrassed look after a pause, "Master and Senior Fellow Apprentice Lin Changjiang both suggested me to find you. Only by following you up could I find the fortune to break my mental obstacle!"

"Lin Changjiang?" Zhang Tie's heart raced as he was so familiar with this name, "Lin Changjiang is your senior fellow apprentice? I also know a Lin Changjiang in Waii Sub-continent!"

"Senior fellow apprentice Lin was once the marshal of Norman Empire in Waii Sub-continent!" Feng Cangwu replied with a natural look.

Zhang Tie was shocked again. Until then did he realize how deep had Taixia's strength penetrated in each subcontinent. Zhang Tie remembered that those who inflicted heavy losses on demons in Waii Sub-continent were just Norman Empire in the north and Hua nations in the south. Hua people of Taixia Country was the pillar of humans. It was true.

After thinking about it for a while, Zhang Tie's face suddenly turned solemn, "Brother Cangwu, you can stay with me as long as you want so as to break your mental obstacle, as this is related to me and has been supported by Commander Cheng. Whereas, as I'm always a casual person, I'm afraid that I have been a poor host as Brother Cangwu comes from Heavens Fortune Sect, a top sect in Taixia Country..."

"No problem. Everyone has the lowest point in his life!" Feng Cangwu let out a gloomy sigh like a playboy who was in a trouble...

At this moment, Zhang Tie was thinking about that, 'The Heavens Fortune Sect might dislike the Gobbling Party; therefore, they dispatched a knight to my side to show their instance. Based on the young age of Feng Cangwu and his arrogance in the past, he must not be an average member in the young generation of the Heavens Fortune Sect. With such a person on my side, even if he was good for nothing, what other people would think about me?'

'However, why would the Heavens Fortune Sect do that? I'm just a small black iron knight. Is it necessary for the Heavens Fortune Sect to back up me?'

Zhang Tie had racked his mind; however, he couldn't figure it out.

'Whatever, unless I'm dead...'

Now that Zhang Tie couldn't think it through, he just stopped thinking about it...

Chapter 872: Just Do It!

On the second day since Zhang Tie returned to the Golden Light City, the series of outcomes caused by his resignation had been gradually manifested...

Starting from Youzhou City, all the Morality Associations across Youzhou Province had been smashed by people in only a couple of days; however, the entire judicial system across Youzhou Province was just watching them being smashed on one side. Even if they had received the reports, they would just come and go in a symbolic way instead of catching anybody. They could do nothing to the encounter of the Immortal Associations of the Gobbling Party.

The judicial system in Youzhou Province only left one sentence——as the aftermath of the Heavens Reaching Church has not disappeared, commoners in Youzhou Province are still furious; any arrest of commoners would cause a big chaos. Who will take responsibility for that?

In Youzhou Province, the Gobbling Party had been notorious. Even the reputation of the around-the-clock imperial officials in the Censorate of Xuanyuan Hill was affected.

Besides Youzhou Province, in a few days, the news that the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province who was forced to resign after afflicting heavy losses on the Heavens Reaching Church was fermented under the push of all sorts of forces, arousing an uproar across Taixia Country.

Only after one week, based on the reports that Zhang Tie had received, over 1,000 newspapers across Taixia Country had reported this event in a very skillful way. Most of the newspapers only mentioned the memorial of Su Qianling, Zhang Tie's meritorious deeds and resignation. Who was right and who was wrong? The answer became very clear.

When the public opinion surged towards the Censorate of Xuanyuan Hill, Su Qianling's memorial turned into a steel ingot and forcefully pounded onto his own face.

However, knowing that Huaiyuan Palace had a great resentment with the Gobbling Party and the leader of the latter was the master of the crown prince, the newspapers in Taixia Country reported this event in a very proper way. They didn't reveal the resentment between Huaiyuan Palace and the Gobbling Party. Even so, people could still pass it from mouth to mouth silently. In the eyes of some insiders, the Gobbling Party had been completely exposed this time. What was more, through this event, many people figured out that although the Gobbling Party advocated people to follow the so-called "mercy, righteousness and morality", their deed was very dirty this time; they just raised high the big banner; disregarded the facts; defended those who belonged to their own faction and attacked those who didn't regardless of the lives of the commoners. What they did was nothing to do with the so-called "mercy, righteousness and morality".

Under the stress of the public opinion, on January 18th, the Censorate of Xuanyuan Hill declared to dismiss Su Qianling from his post. Su Qianling was demoted to be a Level 16 financial minister in Yinzhou Province, a lower province.

In Xuanyuan Hill, although the 360 around-the-clock imperial officials in Censorate were not of high rank, they were extremely important. One around-the-clock imperial official could even control the public opinion in the country and the decision of the imperial court of Taixia Country. After Su Qianling's demotion, the Gobbling Party lacked a key voice in the Censorate.

From the perspective of the Gobbling Party, although Su Qianling's demotion felt like losing an arm, what was more annoying was the condemnation from the people.

Many times, like a clean dress, once being stained, it was hard to wash. Even if you could, there would always be a mark, which became a firm wall in front of the Gobbling Party in terms of an invisible poor impression in others' hearts.

After Su Qianling left the Xuanyuan Hill in an embarrassed way, besides the media in some provinces in Taixia Country, especially Tunzhou Province who supported Su Qianling weakly, the Gobbling Party didn't have any other movement. It seemed that the Gobbling Party ceased fire at once...

Huaiyuan Palace gained a complete victory in the first collision with the Gobbling Party when it returned to Taixia Country.

'However, this is also a narrow victory. If I didn't find the conspiracy of the Heavens Reaching Church, the party being roasted above the grill would be Huaiyuan Palace and I once the Heavens Reaching Church rose in revolt, plus the memorial of Su Qianling.'

Zhang Tie didn't feel happy as he understood the dangers in this wrestle between Huaiyuan Palace and the Gobbling Party. 'As long as the memorial was confirmed, my family might be ruined; Huaiyuan Palace would also be inflicted greatly.' Although demotion of the motherf*cking imperial official in the Censorate was cool, Zhang Tie still felt that his punishment was not severe enough. However, through this battle, Zhang Tie knew that the Gobbling Party would not cause Huaiyuan Palace and him any trouble in a short period. Therefore, he and Huaiyuan Palace could be safe for a short time. However, in the future, unless one party could defeat the other, the resentment between the two parties would never come to an end.

This event was a warning for Zhang Tie.

It reminded Zhang Tie that Taixia Country was not a Shangrila either. Additionally, due to the resentment between his ancestor and the Gobbling Party, even the Eastern Continent was full of dangers for him and Huaiyuan Palace.

This time, Commander Cheng had told him in the most direct means about the sharp difference between him and a knight who had formed 4 chakras.

In the final analysis, power counted most in this world.

The word power contained many things, such as battle strength which was most direct and powerful, money, human relationship, influence and foundation, etc..

Zhang Tie had reached his target after Su Qianling was demoted. He could find another reason to go back to Youzhou City to be the dean of Provincial Court once again; Huaiyuan Palace had also made pavements for that. Everything could undergo very smoothly. However, through this event, after

recovering his composure, Zhang Tie realized that it was very dangerous in the officialdom of Taixia Country and that he was incongruous with the officialdom of Taixia Country.

The position dean of the Provincial Court of Youzhou Province was a double-bladed sword. Besides granting him a great power and an eminent identity in Taixia Country, this position also made him restrictive to the officialdom of the Taixia Country. There were a lot of uncertainties in this position. To be honest, Zhang Tie didn't think that he excelled at being an official. The key was that he didn't have any ambition about power; neither did he have spiritual energy and time to adapt to the system of the officialdom in Taixia Country; especially when the Gobbling Party took an absolute advantage in the officialdom of Taixia Country. 'Is it worth for me to adapt to those rules at the risk of being framed by the Gobbling Party for the compensation of over 2 million gold coins a year? How much will it improve the power of me and my clan?'

'If not being an official in Taixia Country, I would just enjoy myself in Golden Light City even though the Heavens Reaching Church toppled over half of Youzhou Province. How could they cause me trouble?'

This time, Zhang Tie was very lucky in inflicting heavy losses on the Heaven Reaching Church. He could not guarantee that he would also have such a good luck in the future by turning calamities into blessings. 'However, without such a luck, does it mean that I have to be bullied by the Gobbling Party?'

'Therefore, I don't have to take the office of the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province!'

'Especially, given the demand for further wrestle with the Gobbling Party, it's actually beneficial to Huaiyuan Palace if I don't take the position of the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province.'

After knowing Zhang Tie's thought, all the elders of Huaiyuan Palace were startled. Therefore, 3 days after the news that Su Qianling was demoted passed to Youzhou Province, Elder Muen and Elder Muyuan who stayed in Huaiyuan Prefecture came to the manor of Zhang Tie's family in Golden Light City by airship and met Zhang Tie.

The 3 elders of Huaiyuan Palace negotiated with the major event which determined the future of the clan in a pavilion behind the manor of Zhang Tie's family.

The pavilion was surrounded by red maples which looked as fiery as flames after the baptism of the snow. Like polished red crystals, they were extremely brilliant in the fading winter scenery.

The greater part of the snow in the garden had melted; however, it was still a bit cold now; given the firm and verdant grasses that straightened up once again in the garden, Zhang Tie smelt a sense of spring.

In the pavilion, the furnace made of red mud was adjusted to a high temperature while the tea water was steaming. Sitting around the furnace, Zhang Tie, Elder Muen and Elder Muyuan were silent while listening to the sound drifting from the furnace.

At this moment, the noise of the kids of Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang drifted from the garden faintly. As the winter was going to disappear, it was the last chance for these little guys to have a snowball fight and make a snowman.

"Gulugulu..." When the tea water was boiled for about 1 minute, Zhang Tie stretched out his hand and used a pair of pot tongs to nip the teapot in a very regular way. After that, he made a cup of tea for each of the other two elders.

The tea water was collected from the snow on the top of the pine trees on the mountain outside Golden Light City, which had just melted above the furnace. The tea was famous in Taixia Country, which was called Silver Frost. Of course, Silver Frost was the best item that "Master Jiang" had contributed to Zhang Tie selflessly. 0.5 kg' Silver Frost was worth 500 gold coins in Taixia Country. There was a great learning about the teapot. It was made of redware from Lanzhou Province while the firewoods being used for boiling teas were fresh osmanthus twigs in last August.

After the snow melted in the hot water, the silver frost formed mountain peaks in the water; instead of scattering. At the same time, a looming mist came into being above the tea water. In a split second, the tea leaves in the cup and the vapor over the tea water formed a scaled-down misty landscape painting; plus the faint fragrance of pine leaves in the tea water, only by smelling it, people had been brought into an immortal realm while all the boredom disappeared in the tranquility physically and mentally.

Zhang Tie let out a long sigh with a great sense of achievement. To be honest, if not Feng Cangwu, Zhang Tie really could not make such a good tea; neither did he know about such a big learning about a cup of tea. If not for Feng Cangwu, even Silver Frost would be spoiled by Zhang Tie.

"Honestly, I didn't know why Hua people were so proud of themselves and always belittled the other human races on other continents. Until now, after coming to Taixia Country for a few months did I gradually understand it!" Zhang Tie held the teapot and looked at it with an interested impression. Meanwhile, he sniffed the tea water and watched the landscape formed by the tea leaves and the vapor at the mouth of the cup, "The pride of Hua people originates from their unrivaled strength and culture. The culture is in a cup of tea. A cup of tea contains the entire world, which enables people to comprehend the natural laws in the world. None of the countries in other sub continents and continents could have such a profound culture. With a cup of tea water, Hua people could experience almost 1,000 years' historical details and the essence of natural laws. Compared to Hua people, those kings, princes, aristocrats and rich men on the other continents are just barbarians!"

Elder Muen and Elder Muyuan exchanged a glance with each other as if they had got something from each other's eyes. Now that Elder Mushen could make a tea in front of them at such a critical moment, it had revealed too many meanings.

"Has Elder Mushen made the decision?" Elder Muen asked.

This time, Elder Muen and Elder Muyuan were not here only for themselves but on behalf of Zhang Taixuan.

Zhang Tie became silent. With a smile, he asked Elder Muen, "Elder Muen, who do you think hopes the most for me to return to Youzhou City and take the position of the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province at this moment?"

"All the members of Huaiyuan Palace even the head of Zhang Clan hope Elder Mushen to return to Youzhou City as fast as possible and take the position of the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province once again!" Elder Muen replied.

"Of course, I know the intention of Zhang Clan; however, the one who expects me to return to Youzhou City and take the position of the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province as soon as possible is the Gobbling Party!"

"Gobbling Party?" Elder Muen faintly frowned as if he had imagined Zhang Tie's answer.

"If I returned to Youzhou City and take the position of the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province once again, this event could only cause the face of Gobbling Party to swell; however, after a few days, it would recover. If I didn't go back, not only would it be a slap on the face of Gobbling Party but also a stab in the key part of Gobbling Party, which they would not recover from in the future. As a result, Gobbling Party would bleed at any time! If I came back to Youzhou City, the competition between Huaiyuan Palace and the Gobbling Party would be mainly on tricks even if Huaiyuan Palace took the advantage for the time being by chance. If I didn't come back to Youzhou City, the competition between Huaiyuan Palace and the Gobbling Party would be mainly on morality and Huaiyuan Palace would take the advantage forever!"

Elder Muyuan's eyes brightened up, "You mean?"

Zhang Tie then answered, "I'm a gentleman. Gentlemen are harmonious with each other although they have their unique opinions; by contrast, villains just blindly follow others' opinions yet don't seek for the true harmony!"

After hearing the first part of the answer, Elder Muen and Elder Muyuan became slightly stunned. However, when it came to the second half of the answer, they were shocked before taking in a deep breath at the same time...

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Chapter 873: Making a Compromise

Gentlemen were in line with natural laws possessing their unique opinions while villains gathered for benefits yet being derailed by natural laws. This was the difference between gentlemen and villains.

In case of being impeached, Zhang Tie still stuck to his post and performed his duties. As a result, he inflicted heavy losses on the Heavens Reaching Church. After that, he resigned. All this indicated that Zhang Tie was a gentleman.

By contrast, the Gobbling Party defended those who belonged to their own faction and attacked those who didn't by instigating an imperial official in Censorate to frame Zhang Tie with a rumor. As a result, they almost dismissed Zhang Tie's position before the Heavens Reaching Church rose in revolt in Youzhou Province. This indicated that the members of Gobbling Party were villains.

The law of officials was their professional conduct.

If Zhang Tie returned, it would be a competition for tricks; if not, it would be a competition for morality and justice.

As for the first case, Huaiyuan Palace could only take the advantage for the time being; as for the second case, Huaiyuan Palace would take the advantage forever.

Zhang Tie didn't feel that he was a very good official and had a very good professional conduct; however, the winner took all. As long as he could defeat the Gobbling Party, he didn't mind bragging under the halos of the gentleman.

In one word, as long as Zhang Tie could stick to his principle, the members of Gobbling Party would become villains besides being roasted over the fire.

Additionally, there was an incantation of the golden hoop for the Gobbling Party who used to talk about mercy, righteousness and morality. With this incantation, it would be hard for the Gobbling Party to pretend to be dignified once again. This incarnation only fitted the Gobbling Party, which could be only be manifested by villains under the influence of a gentleman.

The Gobbling Party also knew that Zhang Tie was a gentleman; therefore, even though they wanted to impeach Zhang Tie, they could only amplify Zhang Tie's dereliction on the special occasion.

The Gobbling Party didn't attack Zhang Tie's moral standing because those gentlemen who were called "would-be sages" had perfect morality. If the Gobbling Party attacked the moral standing of Zhang Tie, they were actually attacking the values and cultural system of the entire Taixia Country and rocking their own foundation.

According to the Gobbling Party, "mercy, righteousness, laws and morality" were the "four essences of the heavenly laws". If the "four essences of the heavenly laws" were not manifested, the heavenly laws would not be carried forward. Sages were free as they had gained the essences of the heavenly laws. If the Gobbling Party denied sages, they were denying the heavenly laws; if they denied the heavenly laws, they were denying themselves and their foundation.

Lately, Zhang Tie was thinking why the Gobbling Party would cause him trouble. 'Did they only find my evidence among so many elders and such a great undertaking of Huaiyuan Palace? After thinking about it for a while, Zhang Tie made a conclusion, the reason that the Gobbling Party chose me as their first target was that they were afraid of my status and influence as a gentleman. The Gobbling Party would strangle me before I could grow up with a greater influence. Because of this, the Gobbling Party couldn't wait to show their fangs and stamp me into the darkness when Huaiyuan Palace has become the first clan in Youzhou Province for less than 3 months.'

'However, the Gobbling Party could never imagine that I could find their conspiracy by chance when I paid a visit to Youzhou City and reverse the situation by inflicting heavy losses on the Heavens Reaching Church only in a few days.'

As the old Hua saying went, when you made a mistake at the beginning, you would make mistakes throughout. Because of this mistake of the Gobbling Party, Zhang Tie completely reversed the situation and had a chance to defeat Gobbling Party at a higher position with a greater influence.

'I'm too stupid if I don't make use of my status as a gentleman at this moment.'

Combining all the reasons, Zhang Tie made a decision to not return to Youzhou City anymore.

"A victim who was constantly exposed to the public would have the lowest probability to be harmed once again. At this moment, it's the firmest shield that Huaiyuan Palace could use to resist the Gobbling Party by letting Huaiyuan Palace become a victim on the supreme point of morality so as to win the

sympathy of the mainstream opinion and value in Taixia Country. With the protection of this shield, Huaiyuan Palace could win opportunities and time to root in and develop in Youzhou Province in case of being struck by the Gobbling Party with its full strength. I'd like to be the shield of Huaiyuan Palace!" Zhang Tie told Elder Muen and Elder Muyuan.

The two elders were moved.

"However, in this situation, all the stress that Gobbling Party brought to Huaiyuan Palace would be transferred to you. The Gobbling Party would definitely make use of all their means to put you down, ruin your reputation or kill you. It's too dangerous!" Elder Muyuan opposed.

Some elders might have considered Zhang Tie's opinion; however, nobody posed it as they didn't want to isolate Zhang Tie...

"Do you think that the Gobbling Party would be lenient in treating me if I apologized to them?" Zhang Tie asked, "So many years have passed from Lord Huaiyuan to the present, the moment Huaiyuan Palace made a bit achievement in Taixia Country, the Gobbling Party had jumped out to frame Huaiyuan Palace and me. Did they spare any chance to negotiate with us? They've been so embarrassed, we can make them even more. If we don't seize this opportunity to make the Gobbling Party fear about us and inflict heavy losses on them, the Gobbling Party will become insatiable. As for me, as long as I leave the officialdom, the Gobbling Party will have very limited means to handle me; let alone be framed by them. As long as they don't dispatch any powerhouse above earth knights to kill me, I will not be afraid of their means. If one day they dare dispatch a powerhouse to kill me blatantly, the Gobbling Party will become the target for all in Taixia Country. They are seeking for death. We don't have to worry about that!" Zhang Tie rubbed his face while revealing a bitter smile, "Honestly, I'm really not a qualified official. I've been used to be free. Officials have to take too many responsibilities and be in line with too many rules. To the utmost extent, it's my fluke to inflict heavy losses on the Heavens Reaching Church and the Gobbling Party this time. Without the protection of Commander Cheng, the impeachment from the Gobbling Party would have reached the imperial court. I should not always rely on the superior and fluke. If I return, I bet that the Gobbling Party would cause me trouble soon so as to win one round back. As I resign, I will stop the Gobbling Party from thinking so. They could only squat and stand in front of Huaiyuan Palace and dare not even stand up and say no loudly!"

When Elder Muyuan wanted to say something, Zhang Tie waved his hands to stop him. Zhang Tie then said in a self-mockery tone, "I'm well-known again in Taixia! It's not bad for me!"

After recalling how he persuaded Zhang Tie a few months ago, Elder Muyuan let out a sigh and became silent.

"If you don't become the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province again, who else could take it?" Elder Muen asked Zhang Tie after being silent for a while. It indicated that he had almost agreed with Zhang Tie's choice; after all, Zhang Tie was an important elder of Huaiyuan Palace. If he didn't want to do that, nobody else could force a stubborn ox to drink water.

"I like Zhang Yuanshan. Although he's not a knight; he's at least a battle spirit. Additionally, he's competent at that job based on his rich experiences and ability! After the Heavens Reaching Church is exterminated, the judicial system of Youzhou Province will not encounter another big challenge in a short period. I find he's proper." Zhang Tie revealed the plan that he had long worked out, "Additionally,

even if I don't work as the dean of Provincial Court, I could also enter the judicial system of Youzhou Province like I can be a bounty hunter!"

"Bounty hunter?"

"Yes, bounty hunter!" Zhang Tie revealed a bad smile, "I'm a gentleman. Although I'm not in the position, I could also care about the security of Youzhou Province and the lives of the commoners in Youzhou Province. Additionally, I will also frighten those evil guys. I might be the first one who preferred to be a bounty hunter instead of the dean of a provincial court in Taixia. The more aggrieved I am, the more uncomfortable will the Gobbling Party be. Meanwhile, being a bounty hunter, I could directly help Zhang Yuanshan solve almost any problem in Youzhou Province. Actually, I had long thought about this when I was the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province!"

'What the hell!' Elder Muen and Elder Muyuan became speechless.

Given their expressions, Zhang Tie knew that Huaiyuan Palace had agreed to his plan. Although only two elders were negotiating with him, actually, Elder Muen and Elder Muyuan were sending messages to the other elders and Count Long Wind by the remote-sensing crystals on their finger rings at the same time. Of course, Huaiyuan Palace could not refuse his reason.

"Alright, the head has agreed with it!" Elder Muen said.

"But there's one point that you should concern about it!" Elder Muyuan added, "It's time for Elder Mushen to fulfill the duty that you've promised the clan at the beginning!"

"What duty?" Zhang Tie asked.

"To sustain the bloodline of Zhang Clan. You've prolonged it all the way from Waii Sub-continent to Taixia Country. Now that Elder Mushen doesn't serve as the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province anymore, you will have more free time. You should think about it!"

Zhang Tie patted his forehead as he asked with a bitter smile, "How do Huaiyuan Palace usually arrange it?"

"The clan has prepared for a lot of innocent and reliable Hua girls for you. Elder Mushen, you can just select whoever you like. You can select as more concubines as you like. It's normal for a knight to have dozens even hundreds of concubines. If Elder Mushen likes someone, you could directly tell us. As long as she's single, it's negotiable!" Elder Muen said in an ordinary tone as if he was telling Zhang Tie how to buy commodities in the shop. It was too common for clan elders.

Rubbing his forehead with one finger, Zhang Tie finally made a compromise after thinking for a while, "No need to bother you. Just bring me Aimei and Aixue whom I've been familiar with in the Hurricane Corps! No need to hurry. For the sake of the domestic harmony, I'd better not select too many girls for the time being..."

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Chapter 874: Gaya's Believer

If it were over 10 years ago in Blackhot City when his hormone was growing as luxuriantly as weeds and his young heart would become as horny as pye-dogs at night, Zhang Tie would definitely not just select 2 girls if he could have such a chance to select beauties like an emperor at home.

If not such a restlessness, he would not be indulged in the tenderness of the girls of Rose Association.

However, after promoting to a knight, although Zhang Tie secreted more hormone, his restlessness had faded away like torrents that converged into the ocean.

The ocean in Zhang Tie's heart was still surging; however, it became more inclusive to both women and his family members.

Women could not just be the procreation tool of men; especially of a strange man. No matter how good did the man treat her, very few women would feel happy on the side of such a man. Zhang Tie didn't want to hold up the youth of strange girls.

When he was in his puberty, Zhang Tie usually imagined about the cool sense brought by friction and orgasm speaking of women. However, now, Zhang Tie had understood that the affectionate ones were the most precious!

Therefore, Zhang Tie preferred to choose those two whom he had emotional underpinnings with.

Aimei and Aixue had tough experiences, Linda, Beverly and Fiona also had common family backgrounds. If the twins became Zhang's daughters-in-law, they would definitely have a common language with Linda, Beverly and Fiona. They could respect each other. Neither would Linda, Beverly and Fiona feel aggrieved. By contrast, if he selected those, especially those who had deep family backgrounds in Huaiyuan Palace, Linda, Beverly and Fiona might feel their positions at home to be threatened.

After staying at Zhang Tie's home for less than 1 hour, Elder Muen and Elder Muyuan had left.

Zhang Tie directly accompanied them to board the airship. After that, he saw off the airship.

After recovering his freedom once again, Zhang Tie felt pretty relaxed. However, he had infuriated the Gobbling Party and became the thorn in their side; therefore, Zhang Tie faintly felt a sense of crisis.

'In the final analysis, it's a matter of battle strength. If I've already formed 4 chakras, I don't believe that the Gobbling Party would dare be presumptuous in front of me.'

'However, it takes time to improve the battle strength. It's the best time to help Zhang root in and expand their influence in Taixia Country at present.'

Standing on the side of his domestic airport, Zhang Tie watched the airship that gradually disappeared in the skyline as he was thinking about the next step.

'After becoming a bounty hunter, I could further pay attention to the news of Zhao Yuan, my master.'

'As I'm free now, besides forming my chakra, I could have a better chance to have the small tree produce more fruits. With more fruits, even if I could not form my earth chakra, for the time being, I could also improve my battle strength greatly. This is my biggest advantage compared to others. Others only have one way to improve their battle strength greatly; however, I have two ways. Therefore, I don't have to walk on one foot.'

'Besides the fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs that I set free. I could definitely find places to breed and set free earthworms. If I could improve my preliminary recovery body to medium recovery body or senior recovery body, I would definitely have a much better viability.'

'Besides earthworms and golden uangs, I will try to set free more living beings. After all, it's not bad for me.'

'There're many fishing vessels at the Embracing Tiger Harbor which is the nearest harbor to Golden Light City. There're a lot of fresh fishes over there every day. It seems that I should take a look over there.'

'Is there anything cheaper in this world than buying a fruit at the price of a few gold coins?'

After thinking for a while, Zhang Tie gradually opened his mind to a bright future!

Feng Cangwu had appeared on his side.

"Have you negotiated with Huaiyuan Palace?" Feng Cangwu asked Zhang Tie.

Even though this young elite of Heavens Fortune Sect had been in Zhang Tie's family for over 2 weeks, his cold and arrogant qi remained unchanged.

It was Feng Cangwu's key to break his mental obstacle by staying on Zhang Tie's side; however, he felt damaging his self-esteem by staying on Zhang Tie's side without doing anything. Therefore, after settling down in Zhang Tie's manor and taking a round inside, Feng Cangwu had posed to be the teacher of Zhang family's younger generation. He wanted to survive himself by his own labor.

Although it was a waste of Feng Cangwu's talent by working as a teacher of kids, Zhang Tie's three sons and the kids of Zhang Yang had learned a lot from Feng Cangwu in only a few days. Even Zhang Tie benefited a lot from him.

Feng Cangwu was really an aristocrat among the Hua people. With a wide horizon, he had touched too many unusual things, which could shock the listeners so much.

Zhang Tie didn't tell others about the real identity of Feng Cangwu. Therefore, the other tutors in Zhang Tie's family were a bit inimical to Feng Cangwu at the beginning. They even wanted to "compete" with him on knowledge. After Feng Cangwu casually performed a perfect teaism in front of the other tutors, the other tutors had thought highly of Feng Cangwu by treating him as a god. They then started to call him Master Feng. As a result, when Feng Cangwu taught those Zhang kids, all the tutors audited on one side with a thirsty expression too.

Zhang Tie hailed inside. All the knowledge and recognition of Feng Cangwu were the educational achievements of Heavens Fortune Sect. As one of the top seven sects in Taixia Country, any disciple of the Heavens Reaching Sect could be the marshal of Norman Empire in Waii Sub-continent. Such a deep background could never be matched by commoners. When Zhang kids received the education of Feng Cangwu, it was equal to that they enjoyed the educational fruits of the Heavens Fortune Sect indirectly. Such a rare opportunity could not even be purchased in the market.

Feng Cangwu rapidly consolidated his position in the Zhang family. He lived in an independent courtyard while being served by 4 servants. Even Zhang Tie's parents respected him so much.

After coming to Taixia for a few years, Zhang Tie's parents had also gradually known more about Taixia Country. According to Zhang Tie's dad, tutors like Feng Cangwu might come by something with luck, but not by searching for it in major clans of Taixia Country. Without a compensation of hundreds of thousands gold coins a year, they could never have such a tutor. Such a figure was always a personage in a province.

Besides being able to bit Feng Cangwu to death, even Zhang Tie had to admit that he was just a rustic on many aspects compared to Feng Cangwu.

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After hearing Feng Cangwu's question, Zhang Tie turned around and threw a glance at him. After that, he replied with a smile, "I'm afraid that the Gobbling Party will feel uncomfortable no matter where I am!"

"It's too dangerous. Although you will reap a lot, you have to pay a high price for that. When the Gobbling Party realizes that, they will fight you to death for sure. Previously, the Gobbling Party mainly targeted at Huaiyuan Palace; from then on, they would mainly target at you."

Zhang Tie waved his hands and said with a casual look, "I don't care, I believe that the God blesses the good man!"

Feng Cangwu threw a glance at Zhang Tie as he had not imagined that Zhang Tie could say this. As knights used to control their own fates; however, Zhang Tie looked like being carefree. How could he comfort himself like commoners usually did? At this moment, the arrogance that Zhang Tie displayed in the Heavens Ball 3 months ago like a mutated lion had disappeared.

'The scene that he exposed his sharp fangs, bit off my neck one piece after another and swallowed them always appeared in my dreams over the past 3 months. As a result, I always experienced the most terrifying nightmare, which was also my mental obstacle. However, this guy tells me that the God blesses the good man facing the powerful enemy?' Feng Cangwu could never believe that it was Zhang Tie's true thought.

Watching Feng Cangwu's expression, Zhang Tie knew what he was thinking about, "Aye, I've got a secret for you."

Blinking his eyes, Feng Cangwu asked, "What secret?"

With a solemn and sympathetic expression, Zhang Tie looked up and said, "When in Waii Sub-continent, I was a pious believer of Gaya, the mother of the land. I once pledged to save all the believers of Gaya who were in dangers. I believe that as long as I saved them, Gaya would save me too!"

"Are you kidding me?"

"I will do that for a long time from then on!"

Feng Cangwu gazed at Zhang Tie as he was not sure whether Zhang Tie was telling true or not...

At this moment, Zhu Dabiao the fat guy ran over here in a clumsy way while his hair and body had been covered with snow. This guy was having a snowball fight with the kids of Zhang family.

"Whoops, whoops, Zhang Tie, your sons respond so fast. They have such a great strength and precise throwing ability. Look at my head. Are knight's kids born to bully others? Mamma Mia..." When Zhu Dabiao complained to Zhang Tie, the three kids had caught up with him. With giggles, they threw three snowballs from almost 20 m away towards Zhu Dabiao's upper, middle and lower parts at the same time. Zhu Dabiao wanted to dodge; however, he could only avoid from one snowball while the other two hit onto his head and figure at the same time...

At the sight of this, Feng Cangwu's eyebrows faintly moved...

Zhang Tie knew that Feng Cangwu must have sensed something with his knight's consciousness. The three kids had already shown their amazing precise throwing ability...

After the new year festival, Zhang Chenglei, Zhang Chengting and Zhang Chengpei would be 6 years old while they would gradually activate their bloodlines and fix their dispositions. It was time for them to cultivate their battle skills and light their surging points...

Chapter 875: A New Start

On January 23rd, the airport outside Embracing Tiger City...

After coming to Embracing Tiger City once again, Zhang Tie felt relaxed!

Zhang Tie had not set free any living beings himself for a long time. Previously, he set free sand-scale fish in Hidden Dragon Island every day. Later on, he had less chance to do that. Gradually, he invited others to do that for him by paying them. He just ate fruits.

After picking the special cultivation method once again, Zhang Tie felt pleasant in an inexplicable way.

It was hard to describe this pleasure. It originated from the depth of his heart and flew across his body like a sweet spring flowing out of the wilderness. After that, Zhang Tie was immersed in a pure, pleasant state. In such a realm, Zhang Tie felt that he might always set living beings free himself from then on, even just for this pleasure.

Actually, the higher level one was, especially after one promoted to a knight, it would be harder for one to sense this pleasure, which was really a special, spiritual enjoyment.

Zhang Tie knew that Zhang Taixuan would appoint Zhang Yuanshan as the new dean of the Provincial Court of Youzhou Province today. 'This might be out of the expectation of many people; however, what was more unimaginable was that I would become a bounty hunter in Taixia Country on the same day.'

Zhang Tie didn't need to register as a bounty hunter himself. The Building of Brightness in Taixia Country was a semi-governmental organization being affiliated to the local judicial agencies. He only needed to prepare his materials and submit them to the Building of Brightness in Youzhou City. 'It's none of my business as for how others would interpret it and frame the Gobbling Party with it.'

The Gobbling Party deserved it...

'After this event, the bullsh*t imperial official in the Censorate of Xuanyuan Hill might not walk away from the shadow caused by this event for the rest of his life. He's doomed to be regarded as a villain by the public.'

That was Taixia Country!

Gentlemen seek harmony while possessing their unique opinions; villains only seek consistency with others while possessing no unique opinions. After coming to Taixia Country for almost 4 months, Zhang Tie found that he gradually fell in love with this place.

The airport in Embracing Tiger City was pretty boisterous and vigorous. Airships in different shapes and colorful coatings were coming and going in the sky above the airport, large or small. Zhang Tie felt that this common airport was even more boisterous than the airshow held in Waii Sub-continent.

The fury-level airships produced by Huaiyuan Palace ranked top in Waii Sub-continent; however, they lost their halos in Taixia Country.

Taixia Country really had a powerful manufacturing industry. Take the prefectures in Youzhou Province as an instance, the airships produced in Spiritualmaple Prefecture and Chaoyang Prefecture were competitive to that of Huaiyuan Palace while better airships manufacturing clans and enterprises existed in other provinces such as Yanzhou Province, Huizhou Province, Tongzhou Province and Chaozhou Province. The airships produced by the imperial airship manufacturing plants that were affiliated to the imperial court of Taixia Country ranked top in kind, quantity and quality.

Facing such a great stress and competition, the airship manufacturing enterprises of Huaiyuan Palace had to reduce production scale; meanwhile, they started to employ talents from everywhere and started the project approval and technical storage of the second generation of fury-level airships.

Huaiyuan Palace would make a regular report to Clan elders about such situations; therefore, Zhang Tie knew these "trifles" pretty well.

Zhang Tie was the first one to walk out of the airship, followed by Feng Cangwu and Zhu Dabiao.

After exiting the hatch door of the airship, Zhang Tie looked up at the airships in the sky. By putting one hand over his forehead, he narrowed his eyes and sighed with emotions, "The airships here are much more varified than those in Waii Sub-continent; hmm, additionally, they seem to move faster. There're airships that fully combines the modules with the air sacs..."

Zhang Tie had been in Embracing Tiger City twice. Firstly, he passed by it; secondly, he came here to attend the clan elders' conference. As he left here so hurriedly the previous two times, he didn't even have time to look around it. Basically, he only had some aerial photographs about this city in his impression. Therefore, it was impossible for him to have a deeper understanding of this city. After adjusting his mood and time, when he came to Embracing Tiger City once again, Zhang Tie immediately felt the difference between this city and those in Waii Sub-continent. Such a tiny difference manifested the power and uniqueness of Taixia Country.

When Zhang Tie was talking about the airships, they saw a large hard-type airship painted with a blue boar pattern slowly rising up from a position in front of them. There were four Hua characters beneath the pattern—— 蓝风航空 1 .

Feng Cangwu was glassy-eyed about Zhang Tie's words; however, Zhu Dabiao burst out into laughter, "That's nothing strange. If you take a look in the provincial city of Huizhou Province, you would find that the airship bases over there were at least dozens of times larger than this one. The Auspicious Cloud Airport in Huizhou Province occupies over 200 square miles. Tens of thousands of airships access to that airport every day. If you were there for the first time, you might even get lost!"

"Hahaha, I will take a look over there if there's a chance!" Zhang Tie also burst out into laughter.

When they talked, they arrived at the entrance of the exclusive position of their airship and went to the underground.

In Waii Sub-continent, all the airport facilities were above the ground; however, in Taixia Country, only ground crew and regular railed, steam logistics trains could move above the ground of regular airports. All the people getting off the airships had to leave the airports through professional underground tunnels. They were forbidden to leave on the ground. Almost all the airports in Taixia Country were two-floored or multi-floored. The underground buildings were far more plentiful than those on the ground. There were even huge airship and material warehouses beneath many airports. In this way, the airports could run in a higher efficiency and cause fewer accidents in normal times; in wartime, two-floored or multi-floored airports could provide the biggest protection to the airships, personnel and materials.

Besides airports, Zhang Tie knew that almost all the highways in Taixia Country could bear large war airships. All the railways in Taixia Country spared a plain and an open land for at least 10 super large airships within 200 miles.

The underground tunnel of the airport of Embracing Tiger City was dozens of meters in depth. It was spacious and bright. The surface of the underground tunnel was paved with cyan stone slabs. There were so many passers-by over there.

In the daytime, besides an air vent in each dozen of meters in the tunnel, both walls of the tunnel were paved with one fluorescent strip. In each fixed distance, there was one fluorescent wall. Passengers could leave the airport through the underground tunnel.

There were some plants in the underground tunnel. On both sides of the tunnel were shops, hotels and complete living facilities. Passengers or crew members could live here well. Those shops were selling specialties of Youzhou Province. Some companies and stores had their offices and branches here.

"Jingling...Jingling..."

With an euphonious tinkle of bells, an odd-look vehicle drove here from behind.

Running on a rail which was narrower and smaller than the underground tunnel, that vehicle had a very low chassis. The entire vehicle was composed of 3 carriages. The full length of the vehicle was a bit greater than that of a bus. The three carriages were full of rows of seats. Each seat could hold 4 people. It even didn't have a roof. Therefore, it looked pretty simple and convenient.

The vehicle was like a simple miniature train and an amplified toy for children. Two tough Siberians were sitting in the chairs at the head of the vehicle. They were stamping this manual power device by feet like playing seesaw while holding a handle by two hands respectively.

The vehicle just moved as fast as jogging commoners. Therefore, they didn't work hard. When someone was in front of them, the tough guys just tinkled the bells by pulling the ropes to warn the passers.

Those in front of the vehicle could give a way to it or take a seat in it.

Watching some guys on his side jump into the vehicle, Zhang Tie understood that this vehicle was an underground scheduled bus in the airport.

If it was replaced by a steam mini-train, the heavy smoke would cause a severe pollution in this relatively closed space. Therefore, they just used a manual railed mini-train. Commoners might be a bit tired to do that; however, it's no problem for a LV 2 soldier. Let alone this vehicle was matched with two "drivers".

'Such a manual mini-train could definitely match the manual airplane that I used in Selnes Theater of Operations.'

At the sight of such a mini-train, Zhang Tie revealed a smile as he felt it was very funny.

"Papa, here's the mini-train, I want to take the mini-train, I want to take the mini-train..." A kid who had just entered the underground space exclaimed. It seemed that they were waiting on the side of the rail only for taking this mini-train.

When the train passed by, the kid's dad instantly strode onto the train in an agile way together with the kid. They were sitting right in front of Zhang Tie.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, the kid even made a face at him...

Chapter 876: A Quarrel

When they exited the airport, Zhang Tie waved his hand towards a green steam taxi. The taxi then parked beside them. Zhang Tie let Zhu Dabiao sit in the co-pilot seat while he and Feng Cangwu sat on the back seats.

After getting on the vehicle, Feng Cangwu started to twist his body in an uncomfortable way with a faintly stiff facial expression. By contrast, Zhu Dabiao felt pretty fresh. Zhang Tie remained unruffled.

"Where're you going?" The driver who was a bit baldheaded turned around and asked them.

"Take us to the biggest seafood trading market in Embracing Tiger City!" Zhang Tie said in Hua language.

"Ahh, the biggest seafood trading market is located in the Whitesand Gulf. It's in the south of Embracing City over 25 miles away from here. It will cost you 2 silver coins, sir!" The driver quoted. If the passengers disagreed, they had to get off.

"No problem, let's go!" Zhang Tie smiled.

After hearing Zhang Tie's answer, the driver started the car. With a slight shock, the green taxi started to run.

"Are you really going to buy seafood?" Zhu Dabiao asked Zhang Tie with a serious look.

"I've told you. I'm here to do that!" Zhang Tie explained.

Although he had mentioned it to Zhu Dabiao and Feng Cangwu before they came here, the two guys didn't believe that Zhang Tie was here for setting free sea living beings. Therefore, they followed Zhang Tie here.

"Hahaha, that's interesting..." Zhu Dabiao rolled his eyes before saying, "If it really works as you've told us, I will have a try too. I'd like to see whether Gaya will pay special attention to me!"

"As long as you stick to it, you will see the effect!" Zhang Tie said.

"Really?"

"Practice is the sole criterion for testing the truth!" Zhang Tie replied with the most popular sentence among Hua people before the Catastrophe.

Zhu Dabiao replied with a smile before turning back. Watching the scenery outside the window, Zhu Dabiao made a comment, "Embracing Tiger City is really developing well. The population is rising here..."

"It will be better!" Zhang Tie added.

Previously, Zhu Dabiao only wanted to look around Golden Sea City after coming back from Youzhou City with Zhang Tie. After the lantern festival, he would recruit some subordinates and purchase some materials in Yanghe Prefecture before building 1 or 2 towns and settlements in the land that he had bought for the preparation of further development. It was also the regular method for Taixia Country to develop border areas.

Benefited from the convenience of sea trade, Yanghe Prefecture was very developed in human trafficking or gracefully "border economy". Those foreign population from other subcontinents or Chaosang Sub-continent which was adjacent to Taixia Country would be transported to Embracing Tiger Harbor by huge ships and become members of the contingent in the border areas of Taixia Country. Along with these people were a large number of materials, capital, valuable equipment and machines from all the other subcontinents.

After Youzhou promoted to an established lower province in Taixia Country, the "border economy" in Yanghe Prefecture became hotter. Local major clans and foreign major clans which wanted to expand their domestic territories in Youzhou Province would demand a lot of cheap labor forces to make their cheap land "alive" or to constantly consolidate their domestic territories and population size. New border residents would also bring greater market demand and a lot of capital, which were very beneficial to a lower province which was vast and sparsely populated.

The holy war pushed all the subcontinents surrounding Taixia Country to transfer their population, capital and industries to the Eastern Continent. On this occasion, the prices of population, materials and equipment were pretty cheap in Embracing Tiger City. Those border foreign residents could have a bit dignity with the protection of the laws of Taixia Country; however, those machines and equipment that were transported from other subcontinents to Taixia Country were directly sold at the price of metal craps. Some were even sold in terms of ships. As long as they could offset their freight and bring a bit benefit to their owners, they would be constantly transported to Taixia Country from all the surrounding subcontinents. This was a grander feast for the major clans in Taixia Country.

Zhang Tie didn't know how would the holy war underwent; however, given the current situation, the holy war seemingly provided a chance for major clans in Taixia Country to exploit those subcontinents around the Eastern Continent. Due to the holy war, Taixia Country firstly grew more powerful instead of suffering a catastrophe...

Perhaps this was the rudimentary reason for Taixia Country to only interfere with the battles in the subcontinents to a certain degree at the beginning of the holy war. The demons drove the resources from all the subcontinents to Taixia Country. How could Taixia Country which flew the blood of Hua people fight for those foreigners at the cost of the strength of itself? How could it prevent these resources from flowing into its own territory by maintaining the safety and stability of those subcontinents?

Retrospecting to the history of humans, each worldwide war provided the best development time for those safe and stable countries and continents which were far from battle flames. The power of Hua people in this age was closely related to the safety and stability of the Eastern Continent in the earlier two holy wars.

Watching the boisterous streets outside the airport, Zhang Tie realized something.

Since they got on the vehicle, Feng Cangwu had been feeling uncomfortable. In only a few minutes, Feng Cangwu's body had become stiff. His uneasiness grew each second.

After staying with Feng Cangwu for so many days, Zhang Tie also knew that this guy was not only very arrogant but also a clean freak. He would take bath two times a day and would never use items which had been used by others. However, this guy's response in the taxi really made Zhang Tie amazed. Although this taxi was not deluxe or new, it was at least okay; of course, unavoidably, hundreds even thousands of people had sat on the back seats. Although the cover of the seats didn't look dirty, its color had faded away.

"Haven't you taken a taxi before?" Zhang Tie asked Feng Cangwu.

"Not yet!" Feng Cangwu shook his head.

"Young man, you've not even taken a taxi before? It seems that you come from rural areas. Many people would have a carsickness or feel like throwing up when they took a taxi for the first time; if you feel like throwing up, please tell me in advance. I will park it on the roadside. Don't vomit it in the car. It's hard to clean!" After hearing Feng Cangwu's words, the driver started to "instruct" him. Finally, he added with a good intention, "Young man, don't just stay in the rural area. You need to look around. It only takes you a few silver coins for a ride. Don't be that frugal; otherwise, you will regret it when you're old."

After hearing this, Zhang Tie tried his best to not burst out into laughter. Even Zhu Dabiao's shoulders kept quivering. Only Feng Cangwu's face turned black at once...

When they came to Embracing Tiger City, at Zhang Tie's request, all of them had changed a set of very common clothes. Therefore, others could barely identify their statuses; otherwise, if they loitered in the seafood market in expensive boa-silk clothes, they would look very strange and would send a signal to those sellers that they were here to be ripped off, not to mention potential troubles...

Zhang Tie knew the living conditions and thoughts of the small figures at the bottom of the society pretty well.

Feng Cangwu wanted to say something; however, he finally stopped because he didn't think that he had deteriorated to quarrel with a taxi driver. Nevertheless, after swallowing his words, Feng Cangwu felt like swallowing dozens of balloons as he felt pretty inflated...

In less than one hour, the driver had taken them to the Whitesand Gulf in the south of Embracing Tiger City along the coastline.

Being miles away from the Whitesand Gulf, they had smelt a special fishy sense from the sea wind that blew from there.

Compared to the Embracing Tiger Harbor which was anchored with huge passenger liners, the Whitesand Gulf was anchored with a lot of fishing boats, which varied from dozens of tons to tens of thousands of tons.

There was a fishery processing plant covering several square miles being close to the Whitesand Gulf. Right between the processing plant and the docks, they saw the biggest seafood market in Yanghe Prefecture.

Soon after they entered there had they seen many workers in black rubber water-proof pants busy unloading seafood and big fishes from big ships by crane...

"Here we are, did you see the place with blue steel tiles in front of us? That's the biggest seafood market in the Embracing Tiger City. The seafood market here is very large, it divides into many regions. If you want to buy something more fresh, you could go to the docks and directly buy them from those fishing boats. However, those seafood on fishing boats are only sold in terms of ship or wholesale!"

After parking the car, the driver made an explanation to his passengers kindly. Zhang Tie then fumbled 3 silver coins out of his pocket and gave them to the driver. After that, he pulled open the door of the vehicle and got off the car with Feng Cangwu and Zhu Dabiao.

"I've not taken a taxi before; however, I'm not from the rural area!"

Before getting off, Feng Cangwu finally poured out the words that he had been standing so much on the vehicle. As a result, the driver threw a glance at him like watching a lunatic. At the same time, Zhang Tie and Zhu Dabiao burst into laughter.

After the driver drove away, the three guys stood nearby a region of the seafood market. Smelling the stimulative fishy and bloody smell, Feng Cangwu turned his face once again.

Watching them still exchanging glances with each other, a slightly shorter guy ran over from afar immediately. The moment he arrived in front of them, he had nodded and bowed towards them very politely, "Welcome, do you need any help?"

His Hua language sounded a bit weird; however, he looked similar to Hua people; besides, his humble smile made people feel good.

"You're...from Chaosang Subcontinent?" Zhang Tie asked after throwing a glance at him given the knowledge that he had learned.

"I'm Haruki Murakami. I'm from Chaosang Subcontinent. I can provide you with the information about fish trade in Whitesand Gulf. Please give me your concern!" As this man replied to them, he made another deep bow towards Zhang Tie. His head could almost touch his knees.

"My guests, if you're new here, Park Yong Tai hopes to serve you!" Another guy ran over here with a big smile.

Compared to the guy called Haruki Murakami, this guy had a big round face and small eyes, which looked a bit ridiculous but impressive...

Haruki Murakami immediately threw a glare at Park Yong Tai; Park Young Tai also glared at Haruki Murakami, being not to be outdone...

After throwing another glare at each other, they turned around and watched Zhang Tie, Zhu Dabiao and Feng Cangwu at the same time.

"If you want to learn the fish trading information in Whitesand Gulf or buy something, this humble man is glad to serve you three and will never let you down!" Haruki Murakami said.

"If he could do it, I could do it too; additionally, I only need half of his premium!" Pak Young Tai immediately made a response.

'F*ck, I've not imagined that I could see two human races in Chaosang Subcontinents quarrel with each other in front of us the moment we come here...' Zhang Tie swore inside.

Chapter 877: Locking the Targets

The Fusang people and Xinluo people in Chaosang Subcontinent were always opponents. Although living in the same subcontinent, the two people had their own countries, which were incompatible as fire and water. They used to fight each other from time to time. In the almost 1 millennium from the age before the Catastrophe to the present, the two human races had never been in peaceful co-existence. Even though Zhang Tie didn't know the reason.

Except for one commonplace, namely, the two people always called themselves the descendants of Hua people in Taixia Country even though they belittled and attacked each other. They both wanted to return to Taixia Country to gain the official approval of Taixia Country.

A lot of Xinluo people and Fusang people were living in Youzhou Province, except for some of them came to Taixia Country legally, most of them arrived there by secret ferry. Many Gaoli People and Fusang People even voluntarily sold themselves to be border residents in Taixia Country. For major clans of Taixia Country, the servants of the two peoples were extremely diligent and docile; especially Fusang people, female Fusang people were very obedient while male Fusang people could usually be trained as domestic dare-to-die warriors.

Haruki Murakami and Pak Yong Tai were all in the line of fish trading information provision in Whitesand Gulf. Both of them were small figures at the bottom of the society. However, they didn't forget about being hostile against each other; instead, they even became more antagonistic against the opponent. As long as they could destroy the others' good plan, they would definitely surge forward.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could meet two people from Chaosang Subcontinent here. However, he was really shocked by the performances of them. Therefore, Zhang Tie had some special thought.

'Besides setting living beings free, I need two able men to do that for me in Golden Sea City. After all, I could not stay in Golden Sea City forever.'

'As a clan elder, if I mobilized the strength of the clan to set living beings free, it might arouse big troubles and various guesses. If so, the karma might be destroyed. Finally, I might not be able to get any fruit at all.'

'Therefore, I'd better be low-key.'

'After promoting to a knight, it's extremely hard to form the earth chakra, this kind of fruit which could constantly improve the battle strength actually becomes more precious.' Zhang Tie determined to pay special attention to this thing.

'Actually, I've not developed the fruit of redemption very well. I could set free a lot of animals. However, as of now, I have only taken a couple of fruits of redemption.'

"Are you familiar with the situation here?"

"Of course, I've lived in Embracing Tiger City for one decade. I'm very familiar with the situation here; unlike someone who has just been here for a couple of years!" Pak Yong Tai hurriedly replied.

Given the orthodox Hua language, Zhang Tie knew that this guy must have lived longer here.

After throwing a glare at Pak Yong Tai, Haruki Murakami explained in a calm yet aggressive tone, "All my guests are returning customers. I have the best reputation here; unlike someone. As a fishery agent, I'm intelligent and concentrative to save money and create the most value for my customers!"

"That's fine, I will employ both of you today. Besides your fixed compensation, the one with better performance could enjoy a bonus!" Zhang Tie said with a confident look.

After throwing another glare at each other, Haruki Murakami and Pak Yong Tai uttered in unison while bowing deeply towards Zhang Tie, "Glad to serve you, sir!"

"Alright, show me around the market first. I want to learn about the fresh aquatic products. You can give me an introduction about them!" Zhang Tie pointed at the boisterous steel shelter which was closest to him.

Haruki Murakami and Pak Young Tai then led them towards the trading market.

"Sorry for my rudeness, what do I call you three?"

Haruki Murakami was indeed wiser and politer than Pak Yong Tai. The moment they moved, he had asked Zhang Tie such a question meticulously.

"My surname is Zhang, the two are my friends!" Zhang Tie told Haruki Murakami that he was the main buyer.

"Ahh, in the Hua people of Taixia Country, Zhang's ancestors were the direct descendants of Emperor Xuanyuan and the creator of the human battle bow. It's a great, honorable family name!" Haruki Murakami said while flickering his eyes. Meanwhile, he expressed his obvious admiration to the family name Zhang, "Through study, the two family names Shenmu and Shangmu in our Fushang people are all branches of Zhang Clan. The so-called Shenmu and Shangmu are all raw materials of bows. The two family names carry our admiration and memory about the family name Zhang."

"F*rt!" Pak Yong Tai couldn't stand to spring up from the ground, "Our Xinluo people's ancestors were the direct descendants of Far-ancient Hua people. Therefore, our surnames are as same as that of Hua people. You Fusang people are just monkeys and barbarians living on isles!"

"You Xinluo people are all pickpocketers and actors. Before the Catastrophe, you even said the God was Xinluo people and shared the same surname as you. Of course, you are pickpocketers!" Haruki Murakami instantly answered back sarcastically.

Pak Yong Tai went berserk...

"If you say any nonsense, please leave us. I'm not here to listen to you quarrel with each other!" Zhang Tie opened his mouth in a distant tone.

The moment they heard Zhang Tie's voice, Haruki Murakami's and Pak Yong Tai's hearts raced as they shut up immediately.

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The fresh seafood trading market was very huge, which was at least hundreds of times larger than that trading market in Hidden Dragon Island. Of course, the seafood products here were more varified in greater quantity.

The entire fresh seafood trading market across Whitesand Gulf was full of human voices. The ground was covered with fishy and bloody water stains. Besides smelly crew members and workers holding big scoops, those pedlars were bargaining with customers and slaughtering marine living beings, causing bloody guts everywhere...

After entering here for less than half a minute, Feng Cangwu's face had turned pale. His trouser legs were sprayed with stinky mud, which was caused by some crew members who were passing by with some water tanks. On such an occasion, even knights could not avoid from such an embarrassing thing unless they flew off or used their protective battle qi.

Besides taking a taxi for the first time, it might be the first time for this elite apprentice of Heavens Fortune Sect to visit this place.

Feng Cangwu could not think it through why Zhang Tie could be as cool as a cucumber in such a dirty place.

Besides walking and looking around, Zhang Tie even bargained with those pedlars and inquired information from those crew members as if he were a fishmonger.

Not only Feng Cangwu, even Zhu Dabiao had a new recognition of Zhang Tie.

Given Zhang Tie's current look, nobody could imagine that he was the very Lion of Youzhou Province and the former dean of Provincial Court.

Zhang Tie's horizon was greatly widened by so many fresh seafoods in the market including shrimps, crabs, fishes, shellfishes, conches, sea cucumbers and echinus. There were over 10 kinds of shrimps, 7-8 kinds of crabs and over 20 fishes. Abalone, fan shell, echinus, golden crab, saury, Spanish Mackerel, opium fish, flatfish, turbot, small-mouth fish, red porgy, blackfish, yellow-fin tuna, shark, yellow croaker, sea snail, triumphant star turban, emperor snail, Mantis shrimp, prawn, lobster, north sea shellfish and oyster were most popular.

It took them over 1 hour to take a round in the market. Zhang Tie also worked out a plan.

If Zhang Tie were the God, he only needed to wave his hands to let everything run according to his will and he must choose to set free all the animals at this moment; however, he wasn't. Therefore, he could only follow the principle of pragmatism and utilitarianism.

The animals that he was going to release should not be as rare as marine animals were always expensive and could not be constantly set free. It was very difficult for Zhang Tie to take one fruit of redemption from such rare animals.

Instead, the animals that Zhang Tie was going to set free should be numerous in quantity and could be released all the year round so that he could get fruits one after another. Secondly, such an animal should be cheap so that he could maximize the value of his fund. 'The value of life could not be measured by gold coins; therefore, the value of seafood could not be measured by gold coins. I've already learned it from earthworms.' Thirdly, Zhang Tie insisted to not release hot seafood; he preferred common marine animals so that nobody else would like to compete with him and his behavior would not arouse the attention of others.

After inspecting and learning something from Haruki Murakami and Pak Yong Tai, Zhang Tie finally targeted at two common seafood: One was a tiny shrimp with a thick shell called gulf shrimp whose price was 45 copper coins per kg in Whitesand Gulf. It was very cheap. All the fishing boats would carry a lot of such gulf shrimps. The other one was a shellfish called hairy shellfish, which was numerous in quantity in Whitesand Gulf at a lower price. Each kg of hairy shellfish was only worth about 18 copper coins. The flesh of such a kind of shellfish tasted average; occasionally, people could get pearls from them; however, as hairy shellfish could produce very few pearls, which were always average, nobody paid attention to them.

When Zhang Tie told Haruki Murakami and Pak Yong Tai to rent a big fishing boat, to buy all the gulf shrimps and hairy shellfish in the market today and to set free all of them in the ocean, Haruki Murakami and Pak Yong Tai were a bit dumbfounded. Until Zhang Tie handed a gold check whose par value was 500 gold coins to each other did they realize that Zhang Tie was not kidding...

Actually, Zhang Tie also wondered what kind of fruits would he gain by setting free the two animals!

Chapter 878: Making an Arrangement in Whitesand Gulf

A steam, smoking fishing vessel whose water discharge was about 100 tons appeared on the open water over 7 miles away from Whitesand Gulf in the south with its crew and cases of seafood, making a sound of "tutututu".

The fishing vessel was just a bit bumpy on the sea.

As it was afternoon, people could see the limpid and blue sea water under the sunlight.

This open water was relatively tranquil. Additionally, fewer vessels were fishing here.

After arriving at the destination, the boat head walked out of the cabin and came to the deck of the fore before noticing his passengers who had chartered the boat.

The deck of the fore was filled with cases of fresh gulf shrimps and hairy shellfish while a group of people was talking about something over there.

When the boat head drew closer to them, he heard a young man of about 16 years of age talking about something.

"The God of Protection Church is very famous in Western Continent. They're very excelled at driving animals. According to the doctrine of this church, human awareness is the most mysterious realm in the universe. When we pay attention to the wild beast that we see, we're actually telling ourselves that its body is different than ours; therefore, it's different than us. However, if you stick to such a thought, you're actually preventing yourself from communicating with these animals. Because you treat the physical differences as the obstacle of your exchanges, you could not reach their inner hearts. Whereas, these animals are all created by Gaya. They are on equal footing with us! Actually, you could ignore the physical differences between them and yourself and try to communicate with them using your awareness..."

Zhang Tie continued to pretend to be a priest jerk. Based on his acknowledge about the God of Protection Church; especially that he had learned from Krell, he was absolutely qualified to be disguised to be a pious believer of the God of Protection Church.

Even Feng Cangwu who had always been dubious about Zhang Tie's talent started to believe that Zhang Tie was a pious believer of the God of Patron Church. At least, Zhang Tie adopted the theory of the God of Patron Church. It might be strange if a Hua knight who had been living in Taixia Country was interested in foreign religions; however, it was understandable for Zhang Tie who grew up in a subcontinent to be interested in the God of Protection Church.

When Zhang Tie talked about the religion, Haruki Murakami and Pak Tai Yong both watched him with an admirable expression whether being real or not.

"You mean, you could communicate with these maritime animals?" Zhu Dabiao asked Zhang Tie with a dubious look.

Zhang Tie revealed a modest smile as he continued to fabricate a bigger lie so as to lay a foundation for explaining some of his abilities which were benefited from cultivating "the Great Wilderness Sutra" in Taixia Country. 'If someone finds out that I could drive animals, I hope they're not too shocked; as this is the secret skill that I've learned from the God of Protection Church.' "Based on my ability, I could indeed

make simple exchanges with these maritime animals. I've also slightly learned how to drive animals. It was taught by a wild patron when I was in Waii Subcontinent!"

"Show us, hurry, show us..." Zhu Dabiao's curiosity was raised as he couldn't wait to urge Zhang Tie, "My grandpa also has an animal controller; however, that old guy is too arrogant. Besides treating my grandpa respectfully, he just ignores me..."

After hearing their talk, the boat head became quiet. He had also heard about animal controller; however, he could never imagine that there was an animal controller in his boat. As for these guys who survived on their labor force, the world of animal controllers was too far away from their world.

There was a huge iron-sheet water tank in front of them, which was filled with gulf shrimps.

Under the gaze of the others, Zhang Tie walked to the huge water tank and stretched out his hand, "Come on, show us three of you!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, 3 gulf shrimps obediently climbed onto Zhang Tie's hand and stood in a line tidily.

"Raise your right hand!"

The three gulf shrimps raised high their right pincers at the same time...

"Put it down!"

The three gulf shrimps put down their right pincers at the same time...

"Raise your left hand!"

The three gulf shrimps raised their left pincers at the same time...

"Put it down!"

The three gulf shrimps put down their left pincers at the same time...

"Raise both your hands up..."

In a split second, 6 pincers were raised up at the same time...

Except for Feng Cangwu, all the others at present were shocked, including the boat head. They were not in a circus; instead, a young guy was displaying his skill to control animals. Although they were just three tiny gulf shrimps, their performance was marvelous!

"Well done, go back to your water tank now. Tell your brothers and sisters that they're going back home soon!"

The three gulf shrimps then climbed back into the water tank. Only after a few seconds, all the gulf shrimps in the water tank in front of Zhang Tie became restless as they were clipping their pincers, making a sound "Kakakaka". Soon after that, all the gulf shrimps across the fishing boat became restless as if they had received the news. As a result, the sound "Kakakaka" was drifted from all the water tanks across the boat like drum beats. As a result, all the boatmen became stunned...

At this moment, Haruki Murakami and Pak Tai Yong were watching Zhang Tie with full awe-stricken expressions.

When Zhu Dabiao said that his grandpa had an animal controller, the two fishing information agents had realized that Zhang Tie's status was special. After watching Zhang Tie's performance, they behaved in a more modest way.

The boat head was also stunned as he had not seen this after fishing dozens of years. After swallowing his saliva, he told them with a respectful voice, "Here we are..."

"Stop the vessel and help these living beings return to the ocean then!" Zhang Tie issued the order. Closely after that, he put his palms together devoutly and closed his eyes before muttering the prayer of the God of Protection Church like a priest jerk...

"The mother of the land which carries all the living beings, please open your mind and welcome me and your living beings so that they could return to your infinite bosom and integrate with you in the light of your love..."

When Zhang Tie was muttering the solemn prayer, all the people in the ship started to pour tanks of gulf shrimps into the sea while the exit of the water storehouse at the bottom of the ship was opened, discharging the hairy shellfish...

This time, Zhang Tie bought over 3,000 kg's gulf shrimps and 4,600 kg's hairy shellfish. However, plus the rent of this ship, the total price was less than 25 gold coins.

Only in a few minutes, after Zhang Tie finished his prayer, all the gulf shrimps and hairy shellfish had returned to the ocean.

When those gulf shrimps and hairy shellfish got rid of their death destiny and gained their rebirth and freedom, Zhang Tie faintly felt an invisible energy of gratitude gathering in his body, making him pleasant all over. He felt everything was bright and nice.

'Living beings really have their souls!'

After setting free the maritime animals, the fishing boat turned around and returned to the Whitesand Gulf.

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After paying off the balance payment to the boat head, Haruki Murakami and Pak Tai Yong gave the remaining gold coins and gold checks back to Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie promised 1 gold coin to each of them. According to the income of the fishing information agents, their minimal service fee was 50 copper coins. In block trading, the commission would not exceed 1% of the trading volume. Therefore, 1 gold coin was already a fat return for each of them. Generally, they might not gain 1 gold coin in half a month. During bad luck, they might not even gain 1 gold coin in one month.

Zhang Tie didn't take the gold coins and gold checks from them; instead, he asked, "How much could you make in one year in this line?"

"7 to 20 gold coins!" Haruki Murakami replied.

Pak Yong Tai nodded. This might be the sole tacit deed between them since the beginning. The income in this line varied greatly. However, it depended.

"I need two people to help me set free maritime animals in Whitesand Gulf every day. I will pay you 50 gold coins a year. Would you like to serve me?"

Haruki Murakami immediately bowed deeply as his head could almost touch his knees, "Haruki Murakami will definitely live up to your expectation!"

Closely followed by Pak Young Tai.

This was undoubtedly good for them.

Zhang Tie watched them as he continued, "You can take this money first as your first year's compensation. As for the remaining payment, Haruki Murakami will take charge of buying gulf shrimps and setting them free in Whitesand Gulf every day, Pak Yong Tai will take charge of buying hairy shellfish and setting them free. I don't care how you spend it. You need to supervise each other; however, you cannot cause the other one any trouble. In the future, I might only employ one of you. Therefore, it depends on your performance. After a few days, I will dispatch a man called Paul to find you. He will be your head. You can report any problem to him. If you use up your money, remember to ask from him."

Zhang Tie was not worried that any one of them dared escape away with his payment. On the premise of having a high compensation, if any one of them really would like to be a criminal in Taixia Country only for hundreds of gold coins, Zhang Tie would not make any comment about him. After all, Zhang Tie had not felt about losing such a bit of money. However, if they didn't escape away with his payment, it was a good way to have them supervise and compete with each other, which would be a stable source of fruits. Therefore, Zhang Tie wouldn't suffer a loss from this trade.

This was also a way to use talented people. Wisdom lay in details.

Soon after they went ashore, Zhang Tie had received the message from his elder brother through remote-sensing crystal—Huaiyuan Palace has sent Aimei and Aixue home, dad and mom like them very much...

Chapter 879: Excessive

After making an arrangement in setting free maritime animals in Embracing Tiger City, Zhang Tie received Zhang Yang's message. Therefore, Zhang Tie soon returned to Golden Light City by airship from the airport in Embracing Tiger City.

After spending one day with Zhang Tie in Whitesand Gulf, Zhu Dabiao and Feng Cangwu both had a new recognition of Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie also reached his target.

Of course, Zhang Tie was not coming back hurriedly to make love with Aimei and Aixue; he always respected them. No matter what, after asking for the two girls from Huaiyuan Palace, he would be their husband from then on. Therefore, he had to treasure them.

When Zhang Tie was going back to his berth cabin to absorb earth-elements crystals, he was stopped by Zhu Dabiao. Rubbing his hands, Zhu Dabiao flickered his eyes.

"If I always buy maritime animals and set them free, will I also cultivate the animal controlling skill like you?"

'What is this guy thinking about?' Zhang Tie became speechless. 'If animal controllers could be bought, they would never be so rare in the world.'"You want to be an animal controller?" Zhang Tie threw a glance at Zhu Dabiao.

"Of course, your performance today was so cool. If I could also master this skill, I could accost girls in this way!"

'F*ck, you want to learn animal controlling skill only to accost girls?' Zhang Tie swore inside, 'If this guy wants to learn from other animal controllers, for this reason, he might be beaten to death.'

"The animal controlling skill relies on your realization. Listen to me, you can buy a pet and stay with it. One day, if you find that you could communicate with it even being silent, it indicates that you have the potential to be an animal controller. Otherwise, it wouldn't work no matter how many animals you set free. However, according to the God of Protection Church, the more you set free, the luckier you will be. You will get the protection of Gaya, the mother of land!" Zhang Tie explained patiently like it was real. He didn't want to disappoint Zhu Dabiao.

"Is that real?"

"Yup!"

"Well, I will find a cat or dog to test whether do I have the potential to be an animal controller after coming back!" Zhu Dabiao said as he walked towards his room as he made a hand gesture in the air out of excitement...

Seeing Zhu Dabiao off, Zhang Tie revealed a faint smile before coming back to his own cabin. After that, he closed the door and took out one earth-element crystal from Castle of Black Iron in order to absorb it.

Through the master artisan in Huaiyuan Palace, Zhang Tie's nanobead had become a mithril finger ring in only 2 days. The finger ring looked square and slightly big and coarse, making it plain. Additionally, it carried a rune effect of recovering one's physical strength by 11%. Nobody could see the nanobead embedded in the finger ring.

With this item as a cover, nobody would doubt that when Zhang Tie took items out of Castle of Black Iron. The space of the nanobead was like a private safe. Besides Zhang Tie, nobody else would know what he had stored inside it.

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Golden Light City was only 250 miles away from Embracing Tiger City. The airship would arrive at Golden Light City in about 2 hours, during which period, Zhang Tie could rightly absorb one earth-element crystal.

When the airship landed in Zhang family's manor, Zhang Tie had almost absorbed one earth-element crystal. The dusk had just fallen when the lamps in the courtyard of Zhang family's manor had just been lit up.

When he was getting off the airship, Feng Cangwu was still tightly frowning his eyebrows as if he was concerning about something. Being simulated by Zhang Tie's performance in the daytime, after telling Zhang Tie about his intention, he had hurriedly returned to his own courtyard. Although it was late, Zhu Dabiao still let a guard of Zhang Tie's family lead him to a pet trading market in Golden Light City for selecting a pet.

Zhang Tie rapidly entered the main mansion as he knew that his family members must be waiting for him to eat supper due to the arrival of Aimei and Aixue.

Feng Cangwu and Zhu Dabiao had finished their supper in the airship. In normal times, Feng Cangwu used to eat in his own courtyard; however, Zhu Dabiao ate everywhere; he used to eat outside. Occasionally, he would eat with Zhang Tie's family members in the main mansion without feeling bashful at all.

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When he caught sight of Aimei and Aixue, he found they were sitting on Linda's side and talking with his family members.

Today, Aimei and Aixue both wore a beautiful longuette, which looked elegant and graceful. Watching Zhang Tie entering, Zhang Tie's family members instantly threw their glances at him.

"Uncle has new wives..." Zhang Chengze and Zhang Shiyu applauded as they exclaimed.

Aimei and Aixue's faces blushed. Only after throwing a glance at Zhang Tie, they had moved their eyes away rapidly. Zhang Tie also felt his face hot. 'Although Aimei and Aixue were arranged by Huaiyuan Palace, they might be very satisfied to be here. However, as I asked for them from Huaiyuan Palace, I feel like being a villain in the village who forcibly occupies beautiful girls of some family.'

"Ahem...ahem...you're all here. Come on, let's start the dinner..." Zhang Tie walked to his chair, pulling it out and taking a seat in a calm way.

"Come on, eat..." Zhang Tie's dad uttered while all the family members started to move their chopsticks.

Although it was just a simple dinner, it indicated that Aimei and Aixue would become members of Zhang Tie's family from today on.

It was a bumper dinner. Zhang Tie nipped dishes for Aixue, Aimei and Linda by chopsticks.

Gradually Aimei and Aixue became relaxed.

After supper, Zhang Tie's mom gifted one pair of her bracelets to Aimei and Aixue respectively. Zhang Tie's elder sister-in-law and wives also presented gifts to Aimei and Aixue. Zhang Tie's dad warned Zhang Tie with a "solemn" look to not bully Aixue and Aimei from then on.

When the kids of Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang seriously queued up to call Aimei and Aixue aunts, the sisters' eyes turned red.

As two girls who had become orphans since childhood and could not sense the warmth of family, they felt like dreaming about everything in Zhang Tie's family.

Before coming to Zhang Tie's family, although the two sisters were surprised about being selected by Zhang Tie, they were afraid of being not able to get along with his family members. Therefore, they felt restless and pretty meticulous. However, after coming to Zhang Tie's family, they were really shocked by the harmonious and warm atmosphere in Zhang Tie's family. Even Linda, Beverly and Fiona were pretty kind to them, not to mention Zhang Tie's dad and mom. Therefore, Aimei and Aixue felt reassured.

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After the reunion, Zhang Tie's dad and mom said they were going to bed, the other family members then returned to their own bedrooms too.

Linda, Beverly and Fiona led Aimei and Aixue to Zhang Tie's private mansion; showing them around the mansion and introducing their servants to them.

The bedrooms of Aimei and Aixue were newly furnished, which were spacious, luxurious and jubilant.

"We will hand him to you tonight. You'd better prepare well for that. I'm afraid that he will not let you sleep well tonight!" Don't let your elder sisters-in-law laugh at you if you cannot get up early the next morning." Fiona joked as she threw an "enchanted" glance at Zhang Tie.

After hearing Fiona's words, Aimei and Aixue blushed at once. Zhang Tie also felt a bit bashful as he threw a "threatening" glance at Fiona.

"Fiona, don't scare Aimei and Aixue anymore. Zhang Tie will care about their feelings!" Beverly smiled.

"Well, let's go back. It's too late!" Linda said in a tolerant tone.

"Thanks for your care, three elder sisters!" Aimei and Aixue threw a glance at each other before crossing their hands and putting them on the left side of their waists before bowing their bodies towards Linda, Beverly and Fiona with Chinese characteristic.

"Ahh, I almost forgot that our bedrooms are soundproof. You can exclaim as loudly as you can, nobody else could hear that!" Fiona added...

"Pah!" Zhang Tie, who couldn't stand her anymore, patted Fiona's plump butt...

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Linda, Beverly and Fiona then left the room, leaving Zhang Tie, Aimei and Aixue inside.

Watching the pair of beautiful sisters, Zhang Tie's heart started to race crazily.

"Ahem...ahem...it's too late. I will take a bath. Then, we will take a rest!" Zhang Tie said with a "solemn" look.

After exchanging a glance with each other, Aimei and Aixue moved close to him with rosy cheeks before saying in a low voice like mosquitoes' buzz, "Hubby, let us take off clothes for you!"

They then started to undo Zhang Tie's waistband with their quivering hands...

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This night, Zhang Tie was immersed in the gentle and soft dreamland with two Hua girls for the first time...

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However, Xuanyuan Hill, a mysterious place being far away from Youzhou Province which was admired by all the people in the world was also not tranquil over this night...

An urgent message sent from Youzhou Province through remote-sensing crystal only contained a few words. After being deciphered, they were recorded on a secret piece of paper before being placed in a sealed metal cylinder. After being posted with an urgent symbol, the cylinder was finally presented to a dignified man with a yellowish face in the shortest period after passing some checks through some postmen.

The man uncorked the metal cylinder and took out that secret piece of paper. After spreading it on the desk, he saw a line of words——

——Zhang Taixuan appointed Zhang Yuanshan as the new dean of the Provincial Court of Youzhou Province; Zhang Mushen resigned and became a bounty hunter!

"Excessive! You're seeking for death!"

The man just replied with a cold harrumph while the secret piece of paper, the metal cylinder and the desk had become powders in a split second after being twisted...

Chapter 880: Settling Down

It soon came to the February of the 900th year of Black Iron Calendar...

Although there were constantly unstable factors outside, Zhang Tie's family was still peaceful...

After Aimei and Aixue came to Zhang Tie's family for two weeks, Zhang Yang finally accomplished his authentication as an orange robe pharmacist in the Pharmacists Union in Youzhou City.

This news aroused a shock in a certain region although it was not that shocking compared to when Zhang Tie competed for the provincial governor for Zhang Clan in Youzhou City.

By now, Zhang Tie was a knight and a clan elder of Huaiyuan Palace as a cultivation talent in Zhang Clan who would not be encountered in 100 years and the lion of Youzhou Province; Zhang Yang was a pharmacist talent who had promoted to an orange robe pharmacist at his 30s and became influential in

the circle of pharmacists in Youzhou Province. In the opinions of the public, Zhang Tie's family had started to enter a wholly new rising track while its potential to be a major clan had gradually manifested.

The rudimentary reason that Zhang Yang chose to promote to an orange robe pharmacist at this moment and reveal his trump card was that he sensed the great stress facing Zhang Clan and Huaiyuan Palace. Under this great stress, Zhang Clan must have a greater influence and root deeper in Taixia so as to be stable and unswerving. Therefore, after negotiating with Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang revealed his trump card a few years earlier than that in their former plan, which indicated that Zhang Tie's family contained a knight and a pharmacist. Besides, Zhang Tie's family could borrow the strength from the circle of pharmacists.

When Zhang Yang promoted to an orange robe pharmacist, Jinwu Shipyard had silently merged the domestic shipyard being affiliated to Huaiyuan Palace. After that, the new Jinwu Shipyard became the largest shipyard in Youzhou Province and monopolized over 60% of market shares of the shipbuilding industry in Youzhou Province.

In the same February, soon after the snow melt, a construction brigade of almost 100,000 people had left for the land that Zhang Tie had just bought and made preparations for the construction of Jinwu City, such as prospecting, site selection, road construction and erecting railways. Soon after these preparations were accomplished, constant materials, equipment and workers would enter that wilderland and build Jinwu City at the fastest speed.

This time, Zhang Tie didn't show them the blueprints of Jinwu City. When he showed the blueprints of the capital city of Sacred Iceland Kingdom to the public, he could owe them to Huaiyuan Palace; however, now, he would have no reason to explain it. 'It's very easy for Agan and Aziz. They would like to do that very much if I showed them the blueprints; however, I would arouse their doubts for sure.'

His elder brother was a pharmacist genius, he was a cultivation genius, if he was also a construction master who learned it himself, what would others think about his family?

'I'm already famous enough.' Zhang Tie really didn't want to make trouble anymore at this critical moment.

Thankfully, Taixia Country didn't lack experts and masters in city construction. Taixia ranked top in construction in the world. Zhang Tie just told them about Agan's opinions and hand it to professionals.

The February was bustling. With the smell of early spring, everything looked vigorous.

On February 13th, the group of members of God's Will Brotherhood came to Golden Light City.

This time, it took them must less time from Anping Prefecture of Guizhou Province to Youzhou Province by the fury-level airship that Zhang Tie had dispatched for them.

Only 11 of the 28 members of the God's Will Brotherhood would like to "have a big go at it from the scratch" with Zhang Tie in Youzhou Province.

After going back, according to Zhang Tie's request, Barley didn't tell others about Zhang Tie's current situation. He only told them that Zhang Tie was still alive and had already arrived at Taixia Country, who expected members of the God's Will Brotherhood to help him.

Zhang Tie's reputation as the Lion of Youzhou Province had not spread to Guizhou Province yet. Even if the news that Zhang Mushen the dean of Provincial Court of Youzhou Province inflicted heavy losses on the Heavens Reaching Church spread to Guizhou Province in the future, they could not imagine that Zhang Mushen was Zhang Tie. Even if they were told that Zhang Mushen's original name was Zhang Tie, they would never link it with the Zhang Tie they knew in Blackhot City. Because the name Zhang Tie was too common in Taixia Country. Even Barley's group didn't believe that he could become a knight at the beginning, not to mention others.

Finally, besides Barley, Doug, Sharwin, Hista, Leit, Bagdad, after receiving the news of Zhang Tie, Potter, Wood, Gandi, Jones and Franca came here without any hesitation. All the others had gotten married and had a family, who had settled down in Guizhou Province. As for those who came here, Wood had already been the father of two kids. Gandi and Jones had gotten married respectively although having no kids for the time being. All the others were still single by far.

Zhang Tie was already satisfied when he was told that over 1/3 of members of the God's Will Brotherhood that he founded in Blackhot City would still like to follow him after separating for so many years. As for those who didn't come, Zhang Tie didn't blame them as they all had families and hoped to have steady lives. Zhang Tie could completely understand and respect their choice; additionally, he hoped for them to live happily.

Finally, the hotels and some properties of God's Will Brotherhood in Anping Prefecture of Guizhou Province were left to those who didn't come. They had an amicable parting and maintained their friendship in hearts. As of now, the God's Will Brotherhood gradually became an association of fellow provincials or townsmen from Blackhot City in Waii Subcontinent. However, a more united team came into being on Zhang Tie's side.

As the old proverb went, great waves swept away sand. This was also a test to the God's Will Brotherhood.

Not until they came to Golden Light City did Potter, Wood, Gandi, Jones and Franca know about Zhang Tie's current situation. They were all shocked after knowing that Zhang Tie had promoted to a knight.

Zhang Tie signed with complex emotions about being able to reunite with his friends and brothers whom he recognized in Blackhot City in Golden Light City, besides laughter and tears...

After living in Golden Light City for 2 days, they had left for Youzhou City.

Zhang Tie transferred all the properties that he had gained from "Master Jiang" to them, which was dozens of times more valuable than their properties in Guizhou Province. "Master Jiang" had a lot of properties in Youzhou City, most of which were in the prime land sections in Youzhou City. Besides the Jiang Mansion which occupied a wide area of land in Youzhou City, the rent of "Master Jiang" in the Artisan Street in Youzhou City would be over 400,000 gold coins a year.

After a slight renovation, the Jiang Mansion would become the first high-end deluxe courtyard hotel in Youzhou Province. The rent of the Artisan Street could provide stable cash flow for them. Therefore, Barley and the other guys were ready for their great undertaking.

This was Zhang Tie's reward to his friends and brothers who trusted him.

After the arrival of the members of God's Will Brotherhood, Linda, Beverly and Fiona were also thrilled. Anyone would feel pleasant if they could reunite with their previous friends in Taixia Country.

Barley's group left Golden Sea City on February 15th; only after 3 days, namely on February 18th, Paul who had left Zhang Tie a few months had come back.

Although Paul didn't reach Zhang Tie's target, he still made a great achievement—From this March, a pharmacist clan which bred uangs would distribute one time more golden uangs to Paul, which meant that the number of fruits of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs would increase two times in the same period, namely about 1 fruit per week. Therefore, Zhang Tie's strength would increase rapidly and steadily.

As long as he thought that he could have over 70 kg's strength after taking each fruit of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs, Zhang Tie would be satisfied.

The main reason that Paul failed to meet Zhang Tie's target was that the demand for medicament in Taixia Country started to grow. As an important raw material for the medicament, the provision for golden uangs also started to be urgent; therefore, Paul failed to gain golden uangs by great batches.

Paul also came back with a good news. He learned that someone was breeding earthworms in the rural areas of some prefectures of Tongzhou Province, which were all used for feeding animals just like what Zhang Tie saw in Chevli Village.

Zhang Tie told Paul that he would be responsible for supervising Haruki Murakami and Pak Yong Tai when they set free gulf shrimps and hairy shellfish in Whitesand Gulf; additionally, Zhang Tie dispatched 4 Spirits people to Paul as his subordinates. From then on, Paul became Zhang Tie's "Redemption Steward". With 500,000 gold coins a year, he would ensure that Zhang Tie could eat fruits of redemption all the year round.

Given this point, Zhang Tie felt that Paul was like his employed farmer in his own farmland; however, this employed farmer didn't plow and sow common fields; neither did he reap common seeds. Paul was plowing and sowing the land of good fortune, yet reaping fruits of redemption for Zhang Tie.

The fruits of redemption from the Manjusaka Karma Fruit Tree were the only fruits that could be purchased with the highest cost performance. Therefore, Zhang Tie was very satisfied with them.

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Zhang Tie passed the entire February in such a bustling atmosphere. When Zhang Tie enjoyed the great fortunes, his human relationships also became smooth; by now, Zhang Tie finally felt having settled down in Taixia Country completely.

At the end of February, Zhang Tie made a further breakthrough in his cultivation base when the 12th dragon scale on his knight's crystal plate was lit on.

On the last day of February, after finishing supper, Zhang Tie's mom pulled Zhang Tie to one side and told him, "You should go to Yingzhou Province, don't forget that you've one more wife there. Fan Clan has already been urging us..."