

## **Black Iron 881**

### **Chapter 881: Family Strategy (I)**

On March 1st, the all-purpose medicament base of Jinwu Business Group in Golden Light City...

The base was built in a heavily guarded fortress. Its security system could match that of vaults in banks. After Zhang Clan and Jinwu Business Group moved to Youzhou Province, this place had become the largest all-purpose medicament plant and metallurgy plant of Jinwu Business Group.

On one floor of the basement of this base, there were 500 huge half-sealed terrines, each of which was higher than 1 m just like a huge water vat.

As these terrines were placed so tidily, they were standing in lines from every perspective. When one stood on the stages above this floor and watched them, one would feel like reviewing troops.

This basement was designed very specially. There was a huge piece of crystal weighing dozens of kilograms on the ground in each fixed distance. The special energy field brought by these huge pieces of crystals would mix with the looming fragrance of the super enzyme in this space; after taking a breath of it, one would feel refreshed and spirited.

Some workers in white dustproof suits, hats and masks were walking among those huge terrines. They would stop occasionally so as to check the fermentation.

Even workers should pass 5 safety checks before entering this basement.

Zhang Tie, Zhang Yang, Zhu Dabiao and Feng Cangwu in white dustproof suits had just entered it and were standing on the steps at the entrance of this floor.

"Here's the base of all-purpose medicament!" Zhang Yang introduced it to Zhu Dabiao and Feng Cangwu.

After hearing Zhang Yang's words, Zhu Dabiao widely opened his eyes, "All of them?"

"All of them!" Zhang Yang nodded.

After being shocked for a few seconds, Zhu Dabiao forcefully swallowed his saliva before asking in a terrified way, "What's the value of these all-purpose medicaments?"

The ex-works price of these all-purpose medicaments is 20,000 gold coins per vat. As there're 500 vats in front of us, they are worth at least 10 million gold coins. Based on the market quotation, their terminal retail price might be above 15 million gold coins."

Even though Feng Cangwu was always distant, after hearing that the items in these vats were worth about 15 million gold coins, he also raised his eyebrows.

Even in Taixia Country, this was also a big figure for many people.

"How many vials of all-purpose medicament could Jinwu Business Group produce each year?"

"This year, we plan to produce 15 million vials of all-purpose medicament. The total sales volume would break the upper limit of 100 million gold coins!"

When they talked about that, they went downstairs and traveled across those huge vats.

Walking through those terrines, the fragrance of all-purpose medicament grew dense.

Each terrine was marked with an exclusive number. There were a production date and a fermentation date under each number. There was even a log sheet beside each number, which contained the signature of the director of each procedure. Each link of the production process was under strict control. Therefore, the quality of these all-purpose medicaments was guaranteed.

Previously, Jinwu Business Group needed to purchase vials for all-purpose medicament from outside; now, Jinwu Business Group could produce vials for their all-purpose medicament themselves; additionally, they had over 10 orchards where they planted various fruits in Yanghe Prefecture. They could realize self-sufficiency. That was to say, nobody could influence the production of Jinwu Business Group.

"What are these crystal generators used for?" Zhu Dabiao asked out of curiosity as he watched those huge pieces of crystals.

"Through the test, we found that huge pieces of high-quality crystals could improve the quality and activity of all-purpose medicament!"

After wandering here for a short while, Zhang Yang opened a sealed terrine and scooped out some cups of a well-fermented all-purpose medicament for Zhu Dabiao and Feng Cangwu.

After drinking the all-purpose medicament and tasting it for a short while, Zhu Dabiao forcefully patted his thigh, "Good, I will deal with you..." After saying that, Zhu Dabiao threw an embarrassed glance at Zhang Tie, "But I do not have enough money. The bit of money that my grandpa gifted me was spent on the patch of land that I've bought. Therefore, I could not purchase too much this time!"

"Jinwu Business Group could gift you 1 million vials. After you open the market in Yanzhou Province, if you want to order more, you can pay us then!" Zhang Tie said, which meant that he gifted over 10 million gold coins to Zhu Dabiao.

After throwing a glance at Zhang Tie, Zhu Dabiao's eyes turned red at once. After sniffing twice, he forcefully patted onto Zhang Tie's shoulder and said, "That's my brother!"

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Yesterday, Youzhou City had already purchased 200,000 vials of all-purpose medicament from Jinwu Business Group as the storage of the six warehouses in Youzhou City. It was the first time for Zhang Tie's all-purpose medicament to enter the six warehouses of a Class A city in Taixia Country. Although it was not too many in the local purchase storage contents for six warehouses storage in a Class A city in Taixia Country, it possessed a historical significance for Zhang Tie's family.

If Zhang Tie's all-purpose medicament could enter the nationwide purchase storage contents for six warehouses storage of Class A cities and be stored as a strategic material by each Class A city in Taixia Country one day, even though the Gobbling Party had a great influence in Taixia Country, Zhang Clan

and Huaiyuan Palace could still maintain their force in Taixia Country, which could not be rocked by any people or any force unless the Gobbling Party wanted to rise in revolt.

The power of the Gobbling Party lay in that they bound themselves with the crown prince and the Far-ancient Immortal Moral Stele. As long as all-purpose medicament could enter the standard six warehouses storage of all the Class A cities in Taixia Country, Zhang Tie would almost bind it with the entire Taixia Country and all the Hua people in the world. As a result, Zhang Clan's foundation would reach each corner and nook of Taixia Country and be as steady as Mount Tai.

Now that the Gobbling Party knew the power of binding, Zhang brothers knew that too.

After a hot discussion, Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang realized that the target and strategy that they would push all-purpose medicament into the nationwide purchase storage contents for six warehouses storage in all the Class A cities in Taixia Country was closely related to the rise of Zhang Clan in the next hundreds of years and became the most important mission for them in the future.

The reason that Zhang Tie gifted 1 million vials of all-purpose medicament to Zhu Dabiao lay in that he wanted Zhu Dabiao to push all-purpose medicament into the local purchase storage contents of the Class A cities in Yanzhou Province. As a grandson of the Provincial Governor of Yanzhou Province, Zhu Dabiao had a great advantage in doing this job legally.

Compared to the target of Zhang family, 1 million vials of all-purpose medicament meant nothing at all...

## Chapter 882: Family Strategy (II)

A few years ago, all-purpose medicament was not as popular as it was now; It was not even as hot as that in Waii Subcontinent. When Jinwu Business Group started to sell it in Taixia Country, it was even let out in cold. Until now, all-purpose medicament gradually became widely accepted by people in Taixia Country.

Taixia Country was too powerful and prosperous.

The main function of all-purpose medicament was that it could be used to replace many low-end medicaments. After the holy war broke out in Waii Subcontinent, many low-end medicaments were in shortage; from then on, all-purpose medicament became more prominent and precious in Waii Subcontinent.

By contrast, at least so far, other low-end medicaments were in sufficient provision in Taixia Country; therefore, the all-purpose medicament could not win its position in Taixia Country.

Additionally, all-purpose medicament had a great effect on healthcare and curing many diseases. In Taixia Country, traditional Hua medicine ranked top; over 99% of Hua people would choose to take traditional Hua medicine when they were sick. However, given the treatments adopted by traditional Hua doctors, few of them would recommend vials of medicaments to their patients; especially this medicament was much more expensive than the other traditional herbal medicines.

Whereas, these were not the biggest problem facing all-purpose medicament.

The biggest problem that all-purpose medicament faced at the beginning was that very few people across Taixia Country believed that it could be produced in Waii Subcontinent.

In this age, the most powerful pharmacists were in Taixia Country, even the headquarter of Human Pharmacists Union was located in Taixia Country. It could be said that Taixia Country was the source of the profession human pharmacist. Even the pharmacists in Taixia Country could not make it, how come a pharmacist in Waii Subcontinent made it, not to mention all-purpose medicament. Only idiots would believe in you!

The Hua people in Taixia Country were too proud of their talents; therefore, the salesmen and personnel of Jinwu Business Group who attempted to promote sales of all-purpose medicament in Taixia Country at the beginning were usually taken as liars and sent to yamuns in Taixia Country.

The situation that all-purpose medicament was widely accepted in Taixia Country in only a few years could never just be awaited at home but benefited from the efforts of Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang.

With the efforts of Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang, plus the unusual effect of the all-purpose medicament, the sales volume of all-purpose medicament finally registered a blowout growth in Taixia Country until two years ago, namely, the latter half of the 898th year of Black Iron Calendar through the gradual accumulation of public praise. From then on, the all-purpose medicament produced by Jinwu Business Group had been out of stock or in urgent demand.

In Taixia Country, those who first realized the marvelous effects of all-purpose medicament and started to purchase and hoard all-purpose medicament by great batches were those major Hua clans who moved to Taixia Country from Jinyun Country and Qilan Country. These clans were the first batch of loyal customers of Jinwu Business Group who opened the market for all-purpose medicament in Taixia Country.

The production of 15 million vials of all-purpose medicament this year could never meet the demand of the extremely large population and market in Taixia Country,

Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang both knew that a family had to rely on something in Taixia Country so as to lay a solid foundation over there.

They didn't rely on Zhang Tie's battle strength——at least now, as a black iron knight, even if he promoted to an earth knight in the near future, Zhang Tie could only be a local overlord in a province at most. However, in front of the powerful opponent Gobbling Party, an earth knight was far from enough.

Compared to Zhang Tie's battle strength or the background of Jinwu Shipyard and Huaiyuan Palace, only all-purpose medicament could work as the firmest foundation of Zhang Tie's family in Taixia Country.

As early as two years ago, Zhang Yang had thought about pushing all-purpose medicament into the six warehouses storage of Class A cities in Taixia Country. The encounters that Zhang Tie faced in a short period after coming to Taixia Country accelerated the process.

The strategic materials in the six warehouses storage of Class A cities in Taixia Country all referred to the nationwide and local purchase storage contents in Taixia Country.

Nationwide six warehouses purchase storage contents were the hard targets that Taixia Country made to all the Class A cities. All the materials and their quantities entering this contents had to be met by all

the Class A cities in Taixia Country. By contrast, local purchase storage contents, as soft targets, were established on the basis of the nationwide six warehouses purchase storage contents, which could be determined by local magistrates and agencies according to local features.

Take Class A cities in the north as an instance, they could add some cold-resistant clothes and equipment in local purchase storage contents as they would. Similarly, Class A cities in the south; especially those coastal cities could add some weapons or equipment that could be used to respond to the threats from the sea in the local purchase storage contents as they would. If Class A cities had rich plant resources in their surroundings, they could add some specific plant seeds in their local purchase storage contents; similarly, those Class A cities neighboring rich resource sources could add some special rare metals in their local purchase storage contents.

Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang were targeting at the nationwide six warehouses purchase storage contents in Taixia Country. However, it was very difficult for the all-purpose medicament to enter this contents. Because the nationwide six warehouses purchase storage contents in Taixia Country was determined by the top three chancellors of Taixia Country and approved by Emperor Xuanyuan. Even a screw in the nationwide six warehouses purchase storage contents would mean a great trade volume across all the Class A cities in Taixia Country.

Therefore, they had to adopt the proper strategies and coordinate with the general trend of the society step by step.

In a short-term, Zhang family aimed to have the all-purpose medicament enter the local purchase storage contents of Youzhou Province, Gaozhou Province, Mozhou Province, Tongzhou Province, Qiongzhou Province, Yanzhou Province, Huizhou Province and Chaozhou Province within the northeast military region.

In Zhang Yang's words, if Zhang Tie and he could accomplish this plan, they would make their ancestors illustrious and die with satisfaction no matter how many years they would spend.

As they were in Youzhou Province, which only had one Class A city—Youzhou City, with the support of Huaiyuan Palace and Zhang Yang, Zhang Tie had already conquered it. Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang planned to have it blossom in the middle of northeast military region. If they could conquer Yanzhou Province, the core of northeast military region, the other provinces in the northeast military region would learn from Yanzhou Province. Gradually, they would conquer the entire northeast military region.

When the all-purpose medicament entered the local purchase storage contents, the general trend would come into being; gradually, all-purpose medicament would enter the nationwide purchase storage contents.

Zhang Tie was going to leave Youzhou Province for Yingzhou tomorrow to pick up another wife whom he had not even seen yet. Zhu Dabiao was also going to leave Golden Light City tomorrow. Therefore, before leaving, Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang showed Zhu Dabiao around the all-purpose medicament base of Jinwu Business Group and fixed the cooperation between them. Being legal, through this cooperation, they could realize a win-win situation to the satisfaction of all.

Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang were both full of confidence about this plan.

After becoming a pharmacist, Zhang Yang had put the greater part of his study on the "cold extraction technology" of all-purpose medicament.

Now that the essential energy aura yeast that Zhang Tie gifted to Zhang Yang could convert common fruits into the super enzyme, it should also convert herbal medicines into the super enzyme; because herbal medicines were essentially similar to fruits.

In the past, people mainly extracted the useful ingredients from herbal medicines by fire; many traditional Hua doctors and many pharmacists made the decoction of medicinal ingredients or pills in this way.

However, the essential energy aura yeast that Zhang Tie gifted to Zhang Yang reminded Zhang Yang of an utterly different thought. He chose to extract the essence of those herbal medicines through fermentation in normal or low temperature, which was called "cold extraction".

Through "cold extraction" technology, the essences of herbal medicines could be maintained at utmost. It could completely avoid damages and losses in useful ingredients and aura caused by traditional "heat extraction".

At the beginning, Zhang Yang was just thinking about it. However, after becoming a pharmacist, through constant tests, he made a great breakthrough and turned it into reality.

This year, Jinwu Business Group's series of all-purpose medicament increased from 1 to 3. It was the first time for the family of manjusaka all-purpose medicament to welcome their new members; the product line of the all-purpose medicament of Zhang family would be further verified in order to push the series of the all-purpose medicament of Zhang family to the entire market of Taixia Country and satisfy the demand of the greater population.

The first type of all-purpose medicament was standard, which was an old type and was completely fermented by various fruits. Its effects remained unchanged.

The second type of all-purpose medicament was called Rose Beauty. Besides containing the essences of all sorts of fruits in the standard type, it also contained the essences of peach blossoms, rose blossoms, red jujubes and polygonum multiflorum and job's tears. It was developed in cold extraction technology. The second type of all-purpose medicament was the marvelous product for women to maintain their beauty and youth. Compared to the standard type, this one was more effective.

The third type of all-purpose medicament was called Evergreen. Rose Beauty was targeted at women; evergreen was targeted at men. Like Rose Beauty, besides containing the essences of various fruits in standard type, Evergreen also contained the essences of medlar, angelica, Cistanche deserticola, longan, cornel, yam and Poria cocos and was developed in cold extraction technology. Besides maintaining all the features of the standard type, it also had a prominent effect in strengthening the essence and marrow of men. As long as men tried it, they would know its effects.

Now that Taixia Country didn't lack substitutes of low-end medicaments, Zhang Yang directly developed a unique all-purpose medicament to make it irreplaceable...

Among the 1 million vials of all-purpose medicament that Jinwu Business Group gifted to Zhu Dabiao, there were 3,000 vials of Rose Beauty and Evergreen. The three kinds of medicaments were sharply

different on packages; especially the latter two kinds. As Rose Beauty and Evergreen were targeted at high-end customers, they were sold in sets. Each set of Rose Beauty and Evergreen contained 30 vials respectively as one course of treatment at the price of about 500 gold coin. Although it was a high price for commoners, in Taixia Country, many consumers considered 500 gold coins as 5 copper coins. Therefore, Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang didn't need to worry about their sales...

## Chapter 883: Re-entering Castle of Black Iron

On the early morning of March 2nd, Zhang Manor...

Right in the airport of Zhang Manor, the servants had already filled the warehouse of a fury-level airship with vials of various all-purpose medicaments. This time, Zhang Tie brought 200,000 vials of all-purpose medicaments to Fan family in Yingzhou Province...

Zhang Tie's parents, Linda, Beverly, Fiona, Aimei and Aixue were all here to bid a farewell to Zhang Tie.

Compared to the reality that most of the knights in Taixia Country had dozens even hundreds of wives and concubines, Zhang Tie was a devoted husband with only 5 women on his side. Additionally, this marriage was agreed by his parents; therefore, Linda, Beverly, Fiona, Aimei and Aixue were not jealous about that.

These days, Linda, Beverly, Fiona had been getting along well with Aimei and Aixue. Zhang Tie was also indulged in the living that he had been dreaming of.

"Well, dad and mom, you can go back now. I will bring her back from Yingzhou Province this time!" Zhang Tie told his dad and mom.

Zhang Tie's dad and mom then nodded towards him.

"Brother Cangwu, thank you for protecting the manor after I leave!" Zhang Tie told Feng Cangwu in a secret way.

Feng Cangwu nodded in a distant way.

As it was Zhang Tie's private affair to pick his wife in Yingzhou Province, if Feng Cangwu followed him there, he would become Zhang Tie's subordinate; therefore, Feng Cangwu just stayed in Zhang Manor and continued to be the special lecturer of Zhang kids. By now, Zhang Tie's parents, elder brother and wives had already known that Feng Cangwu was a knight and came from the Heavens Fortune Sect. Therefore, the entire Zhang family respected Feng Cangwu very much. As a result, Feng Cangwu gained a mental balance in Zhang family.

Similarly, in Taixia Country, it was impolite for a man to pick up his new concubine, followed by his wife and concubines. Without this concern, Zhang Tie really wanted to take his wives and concubines there for a honeymoon.

After bidding a farewell to his wives and concubines, Zhang Tie cradled his three kids and kissed them one after another. After that, he turned around and entered the airship...

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When the fury-level airship gradually lifted off, Zhang Tie wove his hands towards his family members on the deck. Until the airship arrived at 1,000 m in height and his family members left did Zhang Tie enter his berth cabin.

The crow-fly distance between Yingzhou Province and Youzhou Province was over 80,000 miles. Even if he had a smooth ride by airship, it would also take him at least 2 months on the way. It was already early enough if he could come back by July.

By contrast, it would only take him 2 weeks for a round trip by airboat.

When he thought about the advantage of an airboat, Zhang Tie only let out a sigh.

Although fury-level airship was good, it was nothing compared to airboat.

If not being afraid of exposing his flying ability, Zhang Tie could directly fly towards there himself while the all-purpose medicaments could be stored in his nanobead. However, it was not wise for him to expose his ability to the public at this moment; besides, he would suffer from a series of troubles later on. Therefore, Zhang Tie could only go there by airship.

The marriage was fixed by Zhang Tie's parents in Fuhai City. At that moment, Zhang Tie didn't have a Hua woman yet; therefore, his parents promised this marriage to the household register director whose surname was Fan. According to his mom, that Fan's daughter was good-looking; besides, she was highly cultured and steeped in propriety. Given her look, she could definitely manage domestic affairs and give birth to healthy babies. Additionally, Fan family was fulfilling the appointment and having their daughter wait for Zhang Tie these years. As their daughter gradually grew mature, Zhang Tie legitimately should go pick her up.

"During this flight, I will cultivate quietly in my room. No need to prepare the food and drinks for me. If I need them, I will go get them. Don't bother me unless there's an emergency!" Zhang Tie told the captain before entering his room and shutting the door.

Having been in Taixia Country for a few months, Zhang Tie felt pretty good to enter such a free and single state once again.

With a smile, Zhang Tie took a round in the room before entering the cultivation. After sitting on a cattail hassock with crossed legs, Zhang Tie took out an earth-elements crystal from Castle of Black Iron and started to absorb the earth elements by 18 spiritual hands at the same time...

After 2 hours, he had completely used up the golden earth-elements crystal and threw it back into Castle of Black Iron. After that, he got a new one and continued his cultivation...

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Zhang Tie used up 30 earth-elements crystals constantly. When he opened his eyes, it was already 2 days later.

Zhang Tie then picked himself up from the ground and moved his limbs before exiting the berth cabin.

"Where are we?"



"We're above Yangui Mountain Range. After flying over Yangui Mountain Range, we will exit the air territory of Youzhou Province!" A bodyguard answered respectfully.

Yangui Mountain Range was a barrier in the south of Youzhou Province.

Zhang Tie then came to the deck.

Zhang Tie's robe sounded in the spring wind. Zhang Tie looked down and saw an undulating, lofty mountain range over 10,000 square miles. The mountain slope had been covered with tender grasses. The more southward it was, the greener it would be. In the sunglow, the land and mountain range was plated with a glow, which was especially splendid.

Flocks of wild geese and migrant birds were flying below in the form of herringbone and rested in Yangui Mountain Range, bringing endless vitality to the land downside there...

When the spring arrived, the wild geese and migrant birds flew back from south where they tided over in winter...

Mountain Range was definitely more splendid than Kalay Mountain Range in Waii Subcontinent.

Watching such a splendid landscape in the sky, Zhang Tie felt broad-minded and refreshed all over.

'What's immortal is the tens of thousands of miles landscape that breed billions of living beings and the flowing clouds which share brilliance with the sun and the moons and dance with the stars. Those b\*stards of Gobbling Party want to abduct the natural laws and verify its immortality with one Far-ancient Immortal Moral Stele? How ridiculous they are!'

Standing on the deck, Zhang Tie appreciated the scenery downside there. Until 1.5 hours later when it turned dark did he let out a long sigh and return to the cabin.

After knowing that Zhang Tie had exited his berth cabin, all the cooks started to prepare for the supper for him. As it was the dinner time, Zhang Tie ate supper together with his crew in the dining hall. After joking with the crew casually, he returned to his private berth cabin.

When he recalled that he had not entered Castle of Black Iron for a long time, Zhang Tie revealed a smile. In the next second, he had disappeared into the room and appeared in the palace tree in Castle of Black Iron...

"Welcome back, Castle Lord!" Heller and the other three servants were waiting for Zhang Tie there as if they had known that Zhang Tie was coming back.

Before Zhang Tie uttered had he seen Edward gazing at that finger ring being embedded with the nanobead with an aggrieved look just like how an unrivaled powerhouse was dispatched to be a watchdog of a hotel...

Of course, Zhang Tie was clear what Edward was thinking about. After scratching his head in an embarrassed way, Zhang Tie hurriedly comforted Edward, "Erm...this was a special situation. If I handed the nanobead to you, I could not have explained it to others. Next time, next time, I will definitely hand the goods item to you!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Edward's aggrieved look gradually faded away. However, he still let out a sigh with a pitiful look, "Actually, there's a better design for the combination of this nanobead and finger ring. What a pity! What a pity..."

Rubbing his face, Zhang Tie asked Heller, "Is everything going well in the castle lately?"

"All is well. But those residents in the castle have one thing for your consent..."

"What's that?"

"They've prepared some innocent and beautiful young girls and want to send them to serve you on the immortal mountain, Castle Lord!" Heller said with a meaningful smile.

'Innocent and beautiful young girls?' Zhang Tie patted his forehead, 'Those guys are really generous. I've already taken their articles of tribute last time; how could they contribute young female to me? Do they really think that I will take everything that they offer?

"I can take articles, but not female. Those young girls should fall in love with some handsome boys; marry them and deliver babies. What do they go up the mountain for? I don't want to delay their youth!" Zhang Tie shook his head.

"Actually, it's not bad to have some young girls here. The palace tree is too large. With a few more people, it would be more vigorous. Castle Lord, when you come back, you could have someone look after you. They don't have to stay in the mountain for the rest of their lives; only after staying here for a few years, they could go down the mountain; marry men and deliver babies too. It's a great honor and confirmation for those residents in the castle to go up the immortal mountain. Castle Lord, If you could accept them, all the residents in the castle would be greatly inspired! Castle Lord, you must know that you're their celestial being and creator. They just want to express their sincerity and respect to their own celestial being and creator. Castle Lord, If you refused them, you might discourage them greatly." Heller explained...

Chapter 884: New Fruits

Heller's words immediately reminded Zhang Tie of how those residents in the castle worshipped his statue.

As for those residents, since they were brought into Castle of Black Iron from the dilemma, they had taken belief as a necessary element and pillar in their lives.

Heller's words were reasonable. Therefore, Zhang Tie reconsidered it.

"How old are those girls?" Zhang Tie asked Heller.

"Those girls entered Castle of Black Iron at a very young age. After so many years, they are now 16 years old!"

After considering it for a short while, Zhang Tie finally nodded, "Well, just let those girls live in the palace tree for a few years. It's indeed like a huge playground here and a bit pitiful if there's nobody here in normal times. Just leave a nice memory to them!" After saying that, Zhang Tie saw a big smile on Heller's

face. Zhang Tie then added, "However, each batch should not surpass 10 young girls; 4 years a shift. Besides young girls, young boys of the same age could also go up the mountains. They can go down the mountain when they are 20 years old. In normal times, these young boys and girls could take care of the affairs in the palace tree and learn skills from Agan, Edward and Aziz so that they could apply them when they go down the mountain..."

Zhang Tie was not worried whether these young girls and boys would cause any trouble in the palace tree. As the core of the palace tree, the small tree was in the sacrificial altar, which could only be accessed to by Zhang Tie, not to mention that everything in Castle of Black Iron was within Heller's control.

When the small tree occurred to his mind, Zhang Tie couldn't stand throwing a glance at that small tree. At the sight of those fruits hanging over the small tree, Zhang Tie revealed a smile...

'Just find some apprentices for Agan, Aziz and Edward.' Zhang Tie thought, 'Perhaps, those girls and boys could fall in love with each other after staying here for 4 years.'

After hearing Zhang Tie's reply, Agan, Aziz and Edward chested out immediately.

"Now that Castle Lord has agreed with that, they might arrive here in 3 days!" Heller said while he found Zhang Tie had moved his eyes onto the small tree. Therefore, he also revealed a smile and told Agan, Aziz and Edward to leave.

"You should pay more attention to this affair. Don't let them think that these young girls and boys are destined to sacrifice themselves to the celestial being or be virgins for the rest of their lives. Don't arouse any tragedy! Now that they treat me as a celestial being, let them know that I actually just want them to live happily. No matter what, don't hurt anyone." Zhang Tie urged Heller as he walked towards the small tree and went upstairs onto the sacrificial altar one step after another.

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Zhang Tie realized that he had not entered Castle of Black Iron for half a year since he came to Taixia Country in last September. It was the longest period for him to leave Castle of Black Iron.

Just like Zhang Tie's old friend, the small tree was waiting for Zhang Tie quietly whenever Zhang Tie came back.

This old friend had never let Zhang Tie down.

For over 6 months, fruits had been hanging over the small tree.

27 ripe leakless fruits;

2 iron-body fruits;

1 fruit of redemption from the gratitude of golden uangs, which was set free last September. As the market was running out of golden uangs between the end of September and Mid-March, Paul couldn't help him set free golden uangs during this period.

Additionally, there was a fruit of brilliance, which contained the spiritual energy of Zhu Liang the poisonous wolf whom Zhang Tie killed on a wild island in the open water of Qiongzhou Province.

The more advanced the fruit of judgment was, the more "contributions" were needed to form it. Therefore, as Zhang Tie had imagined, he didn't gain a fruit of judgment after killing Zhu Liang.

Of course, the most eye-catching fruit was the red glittering and translucent fruit—— the fruit of plunder.

This was the reward for killing "Master Jiang". After taking it, a healthy commoner could immediately become a master artisan and get all the talents of "Master Jiang". This was the only fruit that could be taken out of Castle of Black Iron by far. Outsiders might never imagine about its function; however, it just appeared in front of Zhang Tie.

After circling halfway around the small tree, Zhang Tie finally caught sight of two wholly new fruits, one looked like a tiny gulf shrimp, the other looked like a shell.

At the sight of the two fruits, Zhang Tie revealed a smile.

Zhang Tie then placed one hand on the gulf shrimp-shaped fruit.

——Fruit of Redemption——Gratitude from gulf shrimps. The Fruit of Redemption has become ripe. Usage: Pick and directly eat it. Notice: The fruit cannot be taken out of the Castle of Black Iron. After twelve hours of having been picked off the tree, its energy and vitality will gradually decline.

——This fruit could improve the healing and recovering ability of Castle Lord by 1.5% and your bearing ability by 0.7% in the oxygen-deficient state.

If not the words "your bearing ability by 0.7% in the oxygen-deficient state" in the latter, Zhang Tie thought that he was touching the fruit of redemption from the gratitude of earthworms.

Zhang Tie was stunned, 'Why does it carry the same effect as setting free earthworms by setting free gulf shrimps?'

"Castle Lord, actually, besides earthworms, many shrimps, especially the gulf shrimps that you've set free have a powerful ability of regeneration and recovery. Even if these animals lost their limbs, they could also regenerate them. Shrimps, crabs, geckoes and earthworms, all of them have such a great ability! These animals share the same gene segments." Heller's voice sounded on one side, "Therefore, by setting free gulf shrimps, you could also activate the relevant genes in your body. Additionally, gulf shrimps have a great viability in the oxygen-deficient state. Therefore, the fruit carries one more function!"

Zhang Tie understood it right away. Previously, he held that only by setting free earthworms could he gain such a great ability of regeneration and recovery. It was really out of his imagination that he could also gain the same ability by setting free gulf shrimps.

"You mean, I could also promote to medium recovery body by setting free gulf shrimps?"

"Yup!" Heller nodded, "Castle Lord, you only need to take a look at the advancing process of the fruit towards medium recovery body on the small tree!"

The fruit of advancement towards medium recovery body had been hanging there for a few years. Zhang Tie had not checked it since Hanna's family left that village before the holy war. Being reminded

by Heller, Zhang Tie walked to the other side of the small tree and checked the fruit which had almost been forgotten.

Fruit of advancement towards medium recovery body—it's not ripe yet.

The energy of this fruit originates from the gratitude from earthworms. It's the continuity of the fruit of redemption.

By setting free gulf shrimps, you can make this fruit ripe faster.

It requires you to set free 160,000,000 earthworms or gulf shrimps to advance to medium recovery body from preliminary recovery body.

The current advancing progress is: 4,318,879/160,000,000.

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter when he found the fruit of advancement towards medium recovery body was growing again, 'How lucky I am!'

'Good men always have good returns!'

After moving to the other side of the small tree, Zhang Tie put one hand onto that shell-shaped fruit.

——Fruit of Redemption——from the gratitude of the hairy shellfish. The Fruit of Redemption has become ripe. Usage: Pick and directly eat it. Notice: The fruit cannot be taken out of the Castle of Black Iron. After twelve hours of having been picked off the tree, its energy and vitality will gradually decline.

——This fruit could increase Castle Lord's defensive and anti-resistance capability by 0.1%.

The function of this fruit was also out of Zhang Tie's imagination. When he recalled the hard shell of hairy shellfish, Zhang Tie understood it at once.

'Precious, it's too precious!' Zhang Tie became thrilled once again. The improvement in defensive and anti-strike capability meant that he could have a greater battle strength in close combat. Although the increase of 0.1% in defensive capability was not too much, it was not easy for Zhang Tie to realize it as he had already got a very great defensive capability. Additionally, as long as he could gain such a fruit constantly, he would definitely make an essential breakthrough in his defensive capability.

Compared to iron-body fruits which could increase the "base" of his defensive and anti-strike capability overall, this fruit could increase his defensive and anti-strike capability overall by 0.1% in a split second.

'What a coincidence! The two new fruits today could both strengthen my capability to cope with harms and defend strikes.'

Watching these fruits, Zhang Tie had long been drooling...

Zhang Tie then sat under the small tree and started to engulf fruits.

He ate leakless fruits first. As he picked them off, he put them into his mouth, one after another. Each leakless fruit turned into a strand of hot flow and entered the void of the qi sea in Zhang Tie's lower abdomen, where they would lubricate the sun of battle qi...

It only took Zhang Tie a couple of minutes to eat all the leakless fruits. Closely after that, he stretched his hands towards the iron-body fruits...

## Chapter 885: Master Artisan

Leakless fruits, iron-body fruits, the fruit of brilliance and two fruits of redemption...

As he engulfed those fruits one after another, Zhang Tie's battle strength gradually increased.

Leakless fruits lubricated and strengthened his battle qi; iron-body fruits strengthened his defensive and anti-strike capability; Zhang Tie's spiritual energy increased a bit after he took all the spiritual energy of Zhu Liang the fierce wolf; the two kinds of fruits of redemption further improved Zhang Tie's anti-strike and recovery capabilities.

That was how a knight gradually reached its heyday.

It took Zhang Tie 4 hours to digest all the fruits.

Eating fruits was the coolest and most effective way to improve his power. Zhang Tie enjoyed this process very much. After taking these fruits, Zhang Tie could obviously feel the pleasant, subtle changes in his body during the past 2 hours.

After the competition for the provincial governor of Youzhou Province and drinking the dragon-marrow liquor, Zhang Tie had lit two more dragon scales on his knight's crystal plate. After eating so many fruits, Zhang Tie felt that his battle strength had evidently increased than when he participated in the competition for the provincial governor of Youzhou Province.

Zhang Tie felt much better.

The last fruit on the small tree was the fruit of plunder.

At the sight of that fruit, Zhang Tie hesitated for a second, 'Should I take it now?'

'My current hidden profession is a very senior animal controller; I've reached the 15th floor of the All-spirits Pagoda and could even easily control a double-headed parent worm. The profession of rune equipment's master seems to be not meaningful to me for the time being. As a knight, I should pay special attention to improve my battle strength and form my chakras. No matter how much efforts do I make in these professions, it will never match the effect of forming one more chakra.'

'Additionally, I have Edward, Aziz and Agan in Castle of Black Iron and master artisans in Huaiyuan Palace. Will it play its utmost role? Perhaps, I could leave this precious fruit of plunder to one of my kids.' Zhang Tie thought.

All of a sudden, the look of Gorath occurred in Zhang Tie's mind. Zhang Tie's heart raced as his eyes turned firm at once. He then stretched out his hand and picked off that fruit of plunder. Closely after that, he sat below the small tree with crossed legs and took it...

'Skill is no burden. As the pillar of Zhang family, I should be more and more powerful so that Zhang family could have a bright future. If I collapsed, Zhang family would collapse too. Therefore, I don't need

to leave this fruit to the younger generation of Zhang family at all. If I and my elder brother could not help the family to tide over difficulties, not to mention the younger generation. If I could become more powerful, I would provide better resources and conditions to the next generation of Zhang family. Therefore, I don't need to wait until this precious fruit plays its role over 10 years later; otherwise, it would be a great waste. Who knows what will happen in the decade?'

'Additionally, there's more than one shadow demon. If I met one in the future, I might gain another fruit of plunder.'

'What counts most now is to improve my battle strength to the utmost facing the stress of the Gobbling Party.'

'If I become a master artisan, I will have greater possibilities, which means more hopes and more freedom.'

After these thoughts flashed by Zhang Tie's mind, the fruit of plunder had been broken while an exotic energy directly scattered in Zhang Tie's mind. In a split second, numerous knowledge, skills and experiences about runes started to deepen into Zhang Tie's brain cells, awareness and physical neural reflex chains and became Zhang Tie's talents and gifts...

Zhang Tie felt that he gradually promoted from artisan apprentice to artisan, copper hammer artisan, silver hammer artisan, gold hammer artisan, mithril artisan, secret rune artisan and master artisan in a very short period as his experiences and knowledge gradually increased...

All the experiences and talents of "Master Jiang" in his whole life had been transferred to Zhang Tie through the fruit of plunder.

Sitting under the small tree with crossed legs, Zhang Tie closed his eyes although his eyelids were quivering. After a while, Zhang Tie opened his eyes and picked himself up from the ground.

During this period, Zhang Tie felt that he had spent as long as hundreds of years and as short as a couple of minutes...

After this contradictory feeling gradually faded away, Zhang Tie raised his hands and put them in front of his eyes.

Although the pair of hands remained unchanged superficially, Zhang Tie knew that they had already changed. Previously, they belonged to a knight as they could tear apart a powerful enemy in a destructive way; by contrast, they belonged to a master artisan; besides destruction, they were granted with one more ability—creation!

This pair of hands mastered the 27 metal smelting technologies and 39 forging skills...

This pair of hands could turn ores into metals and metals into machines or equipment of fighters. It was a pair of hands full of magical creativity.

In the stage of copper hammer artisan, this pair of hands could turn iron and bronze scraps into a complete set of sophisticated steam engine, various machinery parts and common swords, sabers, helmets and armors.

In the stage of silver hammer artisan, this pair of hands could turn the ores in the wilderness into the preliminary production chain of the human steam industry.

In the stage of gold hammer artisan, this pair of hands could make the most sophisticated steam turbines and almost all the machinery parts. The manual processing precision of the flat file could reach 1‰ of the thickness of a hair. This was already the precision of senior steam processing machine tools. The weapons, helmets and armors made by this pair of hands were all of top quality.

In the stage of mithril artisan, this pair of hands could forge rune equipment with precious mithril. After reaching the peak of metal processing in the steam age, it entered a more mysterious and magnificent realm...

After getting hang of the structures, micro plating, fine seal, secret expedition and shape building of at least 48 runes, the pair of hands promoted to be that of secret runes artisan.

After the rune equipment made by secret runes artisan could completely break the bottleneck of black iron effect and could work on knights, the pair of hands promoted to be that of a master artisan. From then on, the owner of this pair of hands would win awe and veneration wherever they were. In any subcontinent, the owner of this pair of hands would be qualified to found a sect.

'Are they my hands?' Zhang Tie watched his hands.

Besides this pair of hands, when he moved his eyes onto the finger ring, Zhang Tie had an utterly different feeling, 'In the opinion of a master artisan, that finger ring made of nanobead is indeed not bad; however, being limited to time, it was a bit coarse and could not be further improved.'

At this moment, Zhang Tie felt that his manipulative ability had improved too much. He felt that he could make a lot of items from inferior to senior as long as he had raw materials. As long as he was free, he could produce a Faerie-dragon T9 sports car with the all the materials and conditions available in Castle of Black Iron.

"Congratulations, Castle Lord, you've become a master artisan and have one more talent!" Heller's voice woke Zhang Tie up from the thrill.

'What a funny world! Previously, I wanted to be an alchemist master; however, I became an animal controller and a rune equipment master consecutively instead. My weird master Zhao Yuan is a No. 1 criminal in Taixia Country, who will arouse great shocks the moment he appears.'

'If I changed my face and continued to live in Taixia Country as a master artisan, I'm sure that nobody could identify me.'

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Time flew on the airship. Zhang Tie calculated time with earth-elements crystals instead of a clock.

In concentrative cultivation, Zhang Tie could absorb 10 earth-elements crystals everyday; as for the remaining 4 hours of the day, he would sleep 2 hours and eat or comprehend his fighting skills 2 hours.

Compared to the cultivation in the tower of time, such a intensity was just so-so. He felt pretty relaxed.



After almost 30 days, the 13th dragon scale on his knight's crystal plate was lit. On the second day, Zhang Tie left the room and breathed fresh air on the deck.

This time, he didn't see wilderness anymore, but a prosperous urban agglomeration. Among the urban agglomeration, he could see 100-storey skyscrapers everywhere. There were numerous airships in the sky. Zhang Tie even caught sight of some rare airboats. Some airboats directly landed on the roofs of those skyscrapers in a very domineering way.

It was evening. Expensive top-quality fluorites were installed on the crystal lens lamp holders whose diameter was over 1 m on the roof of the skyscrapers while light beams shot into the sky, making the sky colorful...

Zhang Tie asked the captain where they were. The captain told him that they've already arrived at Haozhou Province, one of the top 36 upper provinces in Taixia Country...

The prosperous Haozhou Province made Taixia Country more impressive in Zhang Tie's mind.

After then, Zhang Tie re-entered his room...

After about another 27 days, when Zhang Tie almost lit the 14th dragon scale, the captain knocked at Zhang Tie's hatch door for the first time.

"Elder Mushen, we're in Fuhai City, Yingzhou Province..."

The two months flashed in the blink of an eye...

Chapter 886: Arriving at Yingzhou Province

After getting off the airship, Zhang Tie looked at the surroundings and found that this airport was not large. It was more like a private airport...

The airport was surrounded by mountains which were covered with green trees and colorful blossoms, revealing a strong sense of spring. Some delicate buildings and courtyards were looming in the woods not far away.

They were outside the city.

A black sedan was waiting for Zhang Tie at the entrance of the airship base while the driver and a round-face middle-aged man were standing there with solemn looks.

"Elder Mushen, I'm Zhang Cheng, the CEO of Jinwu Business Group in Yingzhou Province!"

Before Zhang Tie opened his mouth, that middle-aged man had introduced himself.

Zhang Tie nodded. He didn't see this man before. However, now that his surname was also Zhang and was a CEO of Jinwu Business Group in Yingzhou Province, he probably originated from Huaiyuan Palace.

Being conservative or feudal, according to the facts in the past almost 1,000 years from the Catastrophe to the present, those of the same clan would be more reliable than outsiders. Therefore, many key positions in Jinwu Business Group or all the major clans in Taixia Country were taken by their own clan

members. The so-called professional managers (professional CEOs) were usually cultured by the large clans and business groups themselves. Those with greater abilities would have a broader channel promotion while those with poorer abilities would not be wasted either.

Given that Zhang Cheng was shrewd and cunning in his eyes, Zhang Tie knew that Zhang Cheng should be a professional CEO of Jinwu Business Group.

"Where are we?"

"We're in the branch of Jinwu Business Group outside Yingzhou Province. The hotel has been arranged. As Elder Mushen must be fatigued by such a long journey, you'd better take a rest today. I will send your visiting notice to Fan Mansion tonight so that Fan family could make preparations for that. Elder Mushen could pay a visit to Fan Mansion tomorrow!" Zhang Cheng briefed the schedule and details of Zhang Tie in Yingzhou Province.

Zhang Tie directly walked to a door of the sedan while the driver in uniform pulled open the door for him. Zhang Tie sat on the back seat while Zhang Cheng sat in the co-pilot seat.

With a slight quiver, the sedan had driven out of the airport...

The highway outside the residence of the branch of Jinwu Business Group was spacious and plain. The middle and both sides of the two-way six-lane highway were fixed with green belts. As it was outside the city, there were not too many cars on the road. Zhang Tie could see a wide area of farmlands, villages and towns outside those green belts. Most of the houses in the villages and towns here were tidy and beautiful being featured by independent small courtyards. Given this point, Zhang Tie knew that the economic development level and living standard of Yingzhou Province as an upper province were far greater than that of Youzhou Province which had just promoted to a lower province.

Zhang Tie had been to a lot of places in Waii Subcontinent; especially after he disguised as Gorath when he almost traveled across the entire Waii Subcontinent. To be honest, none of the rural areas and towns outside cities in Waii Subcontinent could match that of here.

After hundreds of years of peaceful development, a place could make a shocking achievement; especially Hua people were diligent, wise and creative. Therefore, the prosperity of many places across big provinces and upper provinces in Taixia Country had been out of the imagination of many people coming from subcontinents.

Just like how Zhang Tie was shocked by the prosperity of Haozhou Province last month when he was still in the airship.

"It's a nice place!" Zhang Tie watched the scenery outside the window as he chatted with Zhang Cheng. Zhang Tie never put on airs in front of these commoners. Therefore, Zhang Cheng felt that he was an easygoing man.

"Huaiyuan City is even better!" Zhang Cheng immediately turned around and replied to Zhang Tie, leaving half of his butt on the seat.

Although Elder Mushen was genial, his subordinate had to keep etiquette in mind at all times.

"It's said that Huaiyuan City is also a Class A city?"

"Yup!" Zhang Cheng replied with a bit of pride, "Yingzhou Province has 137 Class A cities; Huaiyuan City is one of them. Over these years, with the reputation of Huaiyuan Palace, Jinwu Business Group would win the trust of others at the fastest speed in case of a lot of troubles as long as we told them that Huaiyuan City and Jinwu Business Group belonged to our Zhang Clan!"

Zhang Cheng's words implied the significance of "domestic influence" and "the influence of a Class A city" in Taixia Country.

People were usually identified by face. As for large business groups, the city being affiliated to their clan was their face.

After hearing Zhang Cheng's words, Zhang Tie longed for taking a look at Huaiyuan City at once. 'I remember that Huaiyuan City is only over 2,000 miles away from Fuhai City. After handling the affairs in Fuhai City, I could take a look over there on the way back. It won't take me too much time.'

At the beginning, Lord Huaiyuan was forced to leave Taixia Country; however, Lord Huaiyuan's posterity dreamed about coming back everyday. Huaiyuan City was a nail that Huaiyuan Palace had firmly knocked in Taixia Country.

"Does Jinwu Business Group have a good business this year?"

"After clan head took the position of the provincial governor of Youzhou Province, the business of Jinwu Business Group and Long Wind Business Group has grown much better!" Zhang Cheng said implicitly.

This should be another face of Jinwu Business Group, which could hardly be described. Besides bringing profits to both parties, the so-called business had a greater function, namely, striking up an acquaintance with someone. Many business groups in Taixia Country expected to scrape acquaintance with the business group of the provincial governor of a province. Even though such a relationship and influence was useless for the time being, nobody could ensure that they would not use it in the future. This point remained unchanged from the ancient times to the present and from the barren lands in Taixia Country to the Western Continent. The background of the ruling class would never be underestimated no matter where it was.

Zhang Tie revealed a smile and became silent...

Zhang Cheng still wanted to say something; however, after finding that Zhang Tie became silent, he swallowed his words.

"What do you want to say?" Zhang Tie asked.

"The Gobbling Party has a great influence in Yingzhou Province. Besides Huaiyuan City, they have established Morality Associations in all the other 136 Class A cities. Although Fuhai City is not a Class A city, it also has a Morality Association. The Morality Associations of the Gobbling Party could communicate with each other through remote-sensing crystals. They're well-informed. Many members of major clans in Yingzhou Province have joined the Morality Associations. The greater part of commoners has joined them too. Many commoners even voluntarily donated money and goods to the Morality Associations. Morality Associations have a very deep foundation in Yingzhou Province. The resentment between Elder Mushen and the Gobbling Party has long been known by the Gobbling Party here. Previously, the Morality Associations in Youzhou Province were destroyed and the power of the

Gobbling Party was almost eliminated across Youzhou Province. Therefore, the Morality Associations in Yingzhou Province were terrified for quite a while. Some of them even urged to submit memorials to Xuanyuan Hill. Elder Mushen, you'd better watch out those backbones of the Gobbling Party in the Morality Associations in Yingzhou Province. They might cause you troubles!"

After hearing these words, Zhang Tie's face turned solemn. To be honest, when in Youzhou Province, he had not sensed the influence of the Gobbling Party and the Morality Associations among commoners; however, the situation reversed in Yingzhou Province.

The deep influence of the Gobbling Party in Taixia Country was really terrifying.

After hearing Zhang Cheng's words, Zhang Tie's heart raced.

However, after thinking about it for short while, Zhang Tie became reassured. 'As those guys have just lost an around-the-clock imperial supervisor, how will they dare to cause me trouble when I'm not an official anymore?'

'If so, don't blame me for my ruthlessness!'

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Of course, Jinwu Business Group arranged the best hotel for Zhang Tie.

The hotel was called Landscape Viewing. Right in the coastal area being not far from Fuhai City, it had beautiful scenery in the surroundings.

In Waii Subcontinent, most of the prosperous lands and deluxe hotels were in cities being protected by the high city walls. However, in Taixia Country, out of confidence or having not been baptized by the battle flames for hundreds of years, some places outside city walls were even more prosperous than that within the city walls due to rapid development before the expansion of the cities.

It indicated a terrifying high cost if these prosperous lands were included in the city walls. Additionally, it was a very tricky problem in urban planning. Therefore, such a phenomenon gradually came into being.

Zhang Tie's suite was on an artificial hillside. It was Heavens No. 7 suite. The Heavens suites in the hotels of Taixia Country were similar to presidential suites in other continents. Zhang Tie's suite covered over 3,000 square meters, which was matched with all the facilities and functions. The furnishings in the suite was extremely luxurious. This suite contained 3 swimming pools, large or small. Two outsides on the balcony and the hillside where he could enjoy the seascape, one indoors where was linked to the main bedroom.

The price of this suite was 24 gold coins a day. Of course, this was a very high price for commoners; however, it was nothing for Jinwu Business Group and Zhang Tie.

Actually, Zhang Tie did not have a strict requirement on daily goods. However, he was really fascinated by the seascape and the surrounding environment. Therefore, he just lived in here.

Zhang Cheng even arranged one exclusive vehicle and two bodyguards of the business group for Zhang Tie. After Zhang Tie settled down, Zhang Cheng sent a visiting card of Zhang Tie to Fan Mansion in Fuhai City...

Almost the moment Zhang Cheng left, an uninvited guest had arrived...

## Chapter 887: An Uninvited Guest

The uninvited guest was Yang Yushan, the head of the Morality Association in Fuhai City.

The moment Zhang Tie settled down in the hotel, he had been told that a guy was paying a visit to him. Therefore, Zhang Tie was amazed, 'The moment I arrived at Fuhai City, the Gobbling Party have already known that. It indicates that the Gobbling Party had been following me up. The Gobbling Party must have dispatched a lackey here to frighten me.'

With a sneer inside, Zhang Tie issued the order, "Go tell the head of Morality Association. I'm a bit fatigued after a long flight. I'm taking a bath right now. After taking a bath, I will rest. I've got no time to meet him. If he wants to see me, let him wait outside there!"

After issuing the order, Zhang Tie really took a cozy hot shower slowly. After that, he fetched a senior massage technician for a massage. Closely after that, he ordered a supper and had it sent into his suite.

It took him over 3 hours to finish the entire process while it gradually turned dark. After relaxing himself, Zhang Tie felt that all the fatigueness which was caused by over 2 months of constant cultivation finally disappeared.

However, the head of the Morality Association in Fuhai City was still waiting for him. He even asked to meet him once again. After thinking about it for a while, Zhang Tie sent someone to bring Yang Yushan in. He wanted to figure out the Gobbling Party's intention.

In the parlor of the suite, Zhang Tie met Yang Yushan, the head of the Morality Association in Fuhai City.

He was a middle-aged man with 3 wisps of a long beard and a good look in a set of a white robe.

Although with a good look, after being treated coldly for a few hours, Yang Yushan's face had turned completely dark. Yang Yushan might not have encountered such a cold treatment over these years. Benefited from the deep influence of the Gobbling Party in Yingzhou Province, Yang Yushan as the head of Morality Association in Fuhai City would always win people's respect wherever he was. It was definitely out of his imagination that he was coldly treated by Zhang Tie this time.

During the past 3 hours, watching the massage technician and dining car entering Zhang Tie's suite, of course, Yang Yushan knew what Zhang Tie was doing in his suite—taking a bath, massage, having food. Finally, when it was his turn, Yang Yushan had been driven extremely furious inside.

In a loose night robe, Zhang Tie was leaning against the sofa and sipping the tea while waiting for Yang Yushan.

At the sight of Zhang Tie's look, Yang Yushan's face almost turned purple.

Standing in the room, he watched Zhang Tie with a sneer, "I've long heard that Zhang Mushen the lion of Youzhou Province is frivolous and unstrained at a young age. At the sight of you, I found you're far excessive than that. It seems that Huaiyuan Palace has been living in the wilderness for so long that you've even forgotten about the basic courtesy to a customer!"

After a shrewd light flashed by, Zhang Tie sneered as he picked his ears by finger and blew off the earwax, "If there's indeed a guest, I will definitely treat him passionately; however, it's unnecessary for me to treat a guy on an errand so politely. I've already shown my respect to you by meeting you. Well, my time is very expensive, 1 second for hundreds of thousands of gold coins. If the Gobbling Party wants you to pass any message to me, hurry up, don't waste my time! If not for passing the message to me on behalf of the Gobbling Party, I think that you would never wait for me outside for a few hours. Am I right?"

Yang Yushan changed his face right away. He had not imagined that Zhang Tie could put it so straightforwardly. As a result, Yang Yushan even had no chance to continue to disguise; he then put it straight too.

If it were someone else in front of him, Yang Yushan would directly turn around and leave. Before leaving, he might even condemn that person; however, he was facing Zhang Tie. When he remembered the mission allocated by his superior, he had to control his anger.

"Because of the impeachment a few months ago, there's some misunderstanding between the Gobbling Party and Huaiyuan Palace. Now, there's a chance for us to resolve it!"

"Huh?" Zhang Tie raised his upper eyelids and replied with a smile, "How?"

Yang Yushan also revealed a smile as if he had regained his confidence at once, "It's simple. As long as you join the Gobbling Party and take charge of rebuilding the Morality Associations in Youzhou Province, you will be the new head of the Morality Associations in Youzhou Province!"

'What the hell? Are they dreaming that Huaiyuan Palace and I could surrender to the Gobbling Party by sacrificing our self-esteem?'

"This condition is too sophisticated. Additionally, it has a slow effect. Actually, there's one simpler and faster way to resolve the conflict between the Gobbling Party and Huaiyuan Palace. I'm sure it could take effect right away!" Zhang Tie said with a solemn look.

After hearing Zhang Tie's reply, Yang Yushan became stunned for a second before asking, "What's that?"

"Let the leaders of the Gobbling Party kowtow three times loudly before the memorial tablet of Lord Huaiyuan and admit their mistake loudly before disbanding the Gobbling Party!"

"Don't be too excessive!" Yang Yushan was driven furious at once.

"Don't give up your treatment. Hurry up, go back home to take medicine. If you don't have money, take it from me!" Zhang Tie waved his hand like fanning away a fly.

As the old saying went, 'When the conversation got disagreeable, to say one word more is a waste of breath.' Yang Yushan replied with a cold harrumph before turning around and leaving. After a few steps, he turned around and said, "The Morality Associations in Taixia Country are based on the heavenly laws and morality stele, have you thought about the outcome to be against the heavens laws? You're in Yingzhou Province, not Youzhou Province..."

Zhang Tie also sneered, "Speaking of mercy, righteousness, heavenly laws and morality, why not talk about it in the territory of demons? After moving demons with the so-called mercy, righteousness,

heavenly laws and morality, you can talk about them to me. As demons are also in the universe and restrained by the heavenly laws, if you couldn't persuade demons, why do you insist on that?"

After hearing Zhang Tie's irony, Yang Yushan replied with a cold harrumph. After that, he forcefully swung his arms and left...

Watching Yang Yushan's back, Zhang Tie slightly frowned, 'After refusing the olive branch from the Gobbling Party, it seems that I have to stand on the opposite side of the Gobbling Party from then on.'

'You're in Yingzhou Province, not in Youzhou Province.' Zhang Tie doubted that Yingzhou Province would cause him some trouble when he recalled the warning of Yang Yushan.

Zhang Tie's premonition was right. After Yang Yushan left, Zhang Tie had sensed the deep influence of the Gobbling Party in Yingzhou Province.

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Standing in front of Zhang Tie with a bashful look, Zhang Cheng told Zhang Tie what he encountered when he sent Zhang Tie's visiting card to the Fan Mansion in Fuhai City.

"I've sent the visiting card to Fan Mansion. However, the household register director said that he felt uncomfortable lately and was inconvenient for receiving guest tomorrow...he wants...wants Elder Mushen to pay a visit there two days later!"

According to the etiquette in Taixia Country, the new son-in-law should pay a visit to the family of his father-in-law on the second day after he arrived at the city of his father-in-law...it's impolite for him to pay a visit there 2 days later...

If Zhang Tie paid a visit to Fan Mansion tomorrow, he was still a son-in-law; however, if he went there 2 days later, his status as a son-in-law would fade away...

#### Chapter 888: Breaking off the Engagement

Because the household register director Fan didn't "feel good", Zhang Tie lived one more day in the hotel. Until the third day since he came to Fuhai City, namely the afternoon of April 29th did he "pay a visit" to Fan Mansion.

Fan mansion was in a tranquil place in Fuhai City which was surrounded by high gates and large courtyards.

There were two stone lions at the gate of Fan mansion, which indicated the deep family background of an official in Taixia Country.

When Zhang Tie got off the vehicle, he saw an old steward of Fan mansion waiting for him at the vermeil gate. The steward moved forward to welcome Zhang Tie; Zhang Cheng handed Zhang Tie's gift to a servant of Fan mansion.

"Does Director Fan feel better today?" Zhang Tie asked the steward of Fan mansion in a calm tone.

With a bit bashful look, the steward stammered, "Master...master is much better!"

Zhang Tie found that everyone in Fan mansion was polite, including the servants. However, they lacked passion.

Zhang Tie sighed inside as he had not imagined such a situation in Yingzhou Province. However, now that Fan mansion had made the choice, he would coordinate with them to finish this performance given that Director Fan's daughter had been waiting for him a few years.

'Even though we cannot establish a marital relationship, we'd better depart in a kind way.'

'It's the Gobbling Party in Yingzhou Province that makes me embarrassed instead of Fan mansion. Therefore, I could only revenge the Gobbling Party if I want.'

'Given the current situation, I should have taken Linda, Beverly and Fiona here for a honeymoon.' Zhang Tie thought inside.

Steward Fan invited Zhang Tie into the parlor of Fan mansion.

Director Fan was sitting in the main seat in the parlor and waiting for Zhang Tie. Right behind Director Fan, there were a photo of green pines under the red sun and a couplet on two sides of it.

The one on the left side was——Green pines, verdant bamboos, the vast land exists forever!

The one on the right side was——Green willow leaves, red blossoms, the Hua land is always brilliant.

The horizontal scroll was——Everything looks fresh and gay.

This couplet in the parlor of Fan mansion really matched the position of Director Fan in Fuhai City.

It was also Director Fan's first time to see Zhang Tie. At the sight of Zhang Tie's young age and brilliance, Director Fan's eyes sparkled at once. However, closely after that, his sparkling eye lights faded away.

After Zhang Tie took a seat that was specially set for a guest, a female servant served a cup of tea for Zhang Tie. The male servant who had gotten Zhang Tie's gift put the gift on Director Fan's table. Closely after that, Director Fan waved his hands. All the servants then left the parlor.

Director Fan then let out a long sigh.

"Director Fan, why do you sigh?" Zhang Tie asked.

"Now that nephew has guessed it, no need to ask me about that anymore!" Director Fan watched Zhang Tie with a bitter smile, "I just feel regretful that my daughter could not marry such an excellent son-in-law. My daughter is really unfortunate. On this event, it's Fan family's fault, we broke our promise and became a laughingstock! I've lost my face too. If I were alone, I'd not be afraid of losing my position. In the worst scenario, I will sell liquor on the roadside. I will enjoy such a life. However, I'm just a member of Fan Clan. Sometimes, I could not just care about my own interest while ignoring the overall interests of the clan. As a big clan in Yingzhou Province, our population is not fewer than that of Huaiyuan Palace. Therefore, I have to consider all aspects. If nephew feels angry and embarrassed, you could beat me up. I would never report it to the criminal agency even if I was beaten to death, not to mention that I would cause Huaiyuan Palace trouble..."



Zhang Tie had not imagined that Director Fan was so frank and admitted his fault at the beginning instead of being hypocritical at all. Therefore, Zhang Tie had a good impression on Director Fan.

Through Director Fan's words, Zhang Tie had already known the result which was as same as what he had guessed. By putting pressure on Fan Clan in Yingzhou Province, the Gobbling Party forced Director Fan to break his promise. As Fan Clan had a great undertaking in Yingzhou Province, they would never go against the Gobbling Party in Yingzhou Province in a round manner only for marrying a common woman.

'Fan Clan should have long known the resentment between Huaiyuan Palace and the Gobbling Party. What Fan Clan has not imagined is that the contradiction between the Gobbling Party and I have escalated so much. If the Gobbling Party really follow the mercy, righteousness, heavenly laws and morality as they advocate, such a contradiction between gentlemen is reasonable; pitifully, there're few gentlemen in this world. Therefore, Fan Clan have to break off the engagement.'

This was also where Zhang Tie despised the Gobbling Party; because they usually asked others to follow mercy, righteousness, heavenly laws and morality; instead of themselves.

"The resentment between Huaiyuan Palace and the Gobbling Party started from Lord Huaiyuan. As an offspring of Huaiyuan Palace, I have the blood of Lord Huaiyuan; of course, I should shoulder the resentment between Huaiyuan Palace and the Gobbling Party. However, I've not imagined that even Fan Clan would be involved in it. Because of me, your daughter's best years are delayed. I'm really sorry about that!" Zhang Tie slightly bowed towards Director Fan. Director Fan also hurriedly bowed towards Zhang Tie with a bit shameful look.

After Director Fan took a seat, Zhang Tie continued, "This event was aroused by the Gobbling Party. I understand the concerns of Director Fan and Fan Clan pretty well. I will not vent my anger on Fan Clan. The cooperation between Fan Clan and Jinwu Business Group would not be influenced at all. From today on, the engagement between your daughter and I will be canceled. I hope your daughter could find her Mr. Right as soon as possible and live a happy life! Director Fan doesn't need to think too much about that..."

'I've not imagined that Zhang Tie is such an understanding man.' Watching Zhang Tie, Director Fan felt like losing a good son-in-law. In a complex mood, his lips quivered, "Nephew..."

Zhang Tie had already stood up and put it straight, "It's okay. I will leave. As my parents are concerned about me, I will leave for Youzhou Province by airship today!"

"Nephew, the gift..." Director Fan pointed at the gift and wanted Zhang Tie to take it away with a bashful look.

"I was told that Director Fan liked liquor; therefore, I prepared some "Early Sunshine after Light Snow" for you. This liquor is the best specialty in Youzhou Province. It has been put in ice cubes on the way here. Director Fan should taste. Additionally, my mother prepared some specialties of Huaiyuan Palace for Madam Fan and your daughter. It carries our good intention. Although it's not valuable, please take it, Director Fan."

Before leaving, Zhang Tie threw a glance at the room behind the parlor...

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Director Fan accompanied Zhang Tie all the way to the gate of Fan mansion until Zhang Tie got on the vehicle. After that, he let out a long sigh with a complex mood before returning to the parlor.

Another old man at his 60s was standing in the parlor at this moment.

At the sight of this old man, Director Fan felt like seeing nothing as he directly threw himself onto his seat like being cramped. At the same time, he shook his head and muttered, "What a son-in-law...what a son-in-law..."

That old man was checking Zhang Tie's gift. After finding no dangerous items among them, he became reassured.

"This son is indeed excellent; alas, what a pity..." That old man also sighed.

"More than that..." Director Fan raised his head and threw a glance at that old man before sighing once again, "A 20-odd year knight is already an elite even in the top seven sects in Taixia Country...It's told that this son has been fighting demons in Waii Subcontinent before and has rich battle experiences. In the beginning, I didn't believe that. During the past months, he had been well-known across Youzhou Province after helping Zhang Taixuan get the position of the provincial governor; after he promoted to the dean of the provincial court of Youzhou Province, he even inflicted heavy losses on the Heavens Reaching Church and became famous across Taixia Country. Even in the competition with the Gobbling Party, he's still brave and wise. It's said that he's filial obedient to his mom, respect the old and love the young at home. Given his deed today, he's really a gentleman. As I've seen so many people, I know that this son would be at least a provincial governor in the future..."

"If not, how could the Gobbling Party be so scared about him and want to suppress him in all means?" That old man shook his head.

"Pitifully, Zhu'er's best days were wasted..."

"Zhu'er is docile and understanding. After this event, we could find a good husband for her. Fan Clan won't maltreat her!"

After hearing these words, Director Fan became reassured. However, he couldn't stand pouring another concern. Picking himself up suddenly, Director Fan gazed at that old man, "Elder, our Fan Clan should not just be bullied by them in Yingzhou Province in this way. No matter how powerful is the Gobbling Party, they were not that unrivaled. Why would we make a compromise to the Gobbling Party this time and waste this good chance to launch a counter-attack against them? If we wait a few more years..."

The old man became silent for a few seconds before replying slowly, "I've got the message from Xuanyuan Hill...the East Palace...would act as regent within this year!"

Director Fan stood still for a short while before throwing himself onto the chair in a frustrated way...

Now that the East Palace was going to act as regent, it indicated that the one who led the Gobbling Party would soon become one of the top three chancellors in Taixia Country, perhaps in a few years or one decade at most...

Although Fan Clan had a deep influence in Yingzhou Province, they were not qualified to compete with the top three chancellors in Taixia Country. Over these years, Zhang Tie was still Zhang Tie; however, the Gobbling Party might not be the Gobbling Party anymore...

"You mean His Majesty has..."

"Watch out your words!" The old man raised his voice to interrupt Director Fan as his face turned solemn at once.

## Chapter 889: The Vengeance of Gentleman

"Take me to the Morality Association in Fuhai City!" Zhang Tie told the driver the moment he left Fan mansion.

After throwing a glance at Zhang Tie's glassy-eyed look, Zhang Cheng got really scared.

Although Zhang Cheng had not followed Zhang Tie in Fan mansion, as a shrewd man, given the clues lately and Zhang Tie's deed after leaving Fan mansion, Zhang Cheng had realized that the engagement between Zhang Tie and Fan Clan might have been broken off.

Being affected by the Morality Association in Fuhai City, the engagement between Zhang Tie and Fan family was broken off. Zhang Tie's face was smacked in Fuhai City.

Zhang Cheng was afraid that Zhang Tie would lose his mind in Morality Association in Fuhai City.

'Lately, Yang Yushan the head of the Morality Association in Fuhai City gathers a lot of backbones there and criticize Zhang Tie everyday. Besides, they keep spreading gossips about Zhang Tie across Fuhai City. Even many members of Morality Associations in the surrounding prefectures and cities have arrived. They are waiting to make fun of Elder Mushen.'

'If Elder Mushen was driven mad today, give his battle strength as a black-iron knight, he might cause big trouble. If so, Huaiyuan Palace would not protect him.'

"Elder Mushen, besides Yang Yushan, many other backbones of Morality Associations are over there; many of them are disciples from major clans in Yingzhou Province, including a grandson of the head of Qin Clan. You're going to the Morality Association for..." Zhang Cheng reminded Zhang Tie meticulously.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at Zhang Tie, "Don't worry, I just want to take a look over there. I know those guys are waiting to make fun of me. I will go there to vent my anger so as to shut them up. I won't use any force!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's reply, Zhang Cheng became reassured. However, Zhang Cheng could not understand how Zhang Tie would "vent his anger" and "shut them up" without using any force.

Zhang Tie indeed feel a bit depressed; however, he didn't feel being humiliated.

'This time, Fan family's choice is out of external stress instead of their original intention. Additionally, it was Fan Clan who proposed the engagement first; therefore, besides losing my face slightly, it's not a

big deal. Additionally, in Yingzhou Province, Fan Clan indeed could not match Huaiyuan Palace in influence.'

What was more, Zhang Tie had not seen that girl in Fan family since the beginning. They had not even talked with each other; therefore, they had no emotional underpinnings. As he was here at the request of his parents, he didn't pay too much attention to it. Therefore, he didn't suffer a loss emotionally.

However, these b\*stards of the Gobbling Party made him bashful and caused his parents some mental troubles. He could not stand those guys making fun of him and watching him return to Youzhou Province in an embarrassed way.

Gentlemen had to revenge villains who had caused him trouble. Of course, Zhang Tie couldn't wait to revenge the b\*stards in the Morality Association.

It took Zhang Tie less than 20 minutes to arrive at the other place in Fuhai City from the avenue where the Fan mansion was located.

It was beside a park in Fuhai City with a nice scenery in the surroundings. There was a bamboo grove in the place. Travelers were walking in the park. A magnificent Hua pavilion with green tiles, red pillars, raising eaves and dougong was sitting on one side of the park.

Zhang Tie directly had the driver park at the front gate of the pavilion.

After getting off the vehicle, Zhang Tie looked up and saw the three huge Hua characters——道德社 1 on a gold broad hanging over the 2nd floor of the 3-storey pavilion.

The Hua characters on the board were like dragons flying and phoenixes dancing, which seemed to be the work of a famous calligrapher.

'These b\*stards of Morality Association really chose a good place.' Zhang Tie muttered as he looked around.

Zhang Cheng also got off the vehicle and followed after Zhang Tie tightly.

There were two sentries on the stages outside the gate of the Morality Association. After noticing the unusual looks of Zhang Tie and Zhang Cheng and their limo, one of the sentries instantly walked towards them with a big smile.

"Are you going to formally visit the Far-ancient Immortal Moral Stele in the Morality Association?"

Zhang Tie blinked his eyes, "Isn't the Far-ancient Immortal Moral Stele in the Gobbling Province? Why do you have one here?"

"Of course the Far-ancient Immortal Moral Stele is in the Gobbling Province. However, the scriptures on the Far-ancient Immortal Moral Stele have been copied according to a certain scale in the Morality Associations of all the cities and provinces so that people could formally visit them and learn them!"

"Ha, it turns out that this is a counterfeit Far-ancient Immortal Moral Stele in the Morality Association!" Zhang Tie burst out into laughter, "However, by bowing towards a stele everyday, you really look like honoring the memory of the dead ancestor at a grave. How strange you are! I'm afraid that you're even

more pious than treating your ancestors in this way. No wonder I felt this building's gloomy with a bad fengshui the moment I caught sight of it!"

Closely after hearing Zhang Tie's words had the sentry changed his face, "Who're you?"

"Zhang Mushen from Youzhou Province!"

After hearing the name, the other sentry's heart pounded at once as he hurriedly rushed into the Morality Association. Only after a few seconds, with a sound "shua", dozens of people had poured out of the pavilion, old and young. Even workers had come out. However, given their clothes and looks, most of them were not average.

Their head was Yang Yushan.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, Yang Yushan's eyes flickered as he sneered, "Oh my god, it's our Zhang Mushen from Youzhou Province. I was told that you were going to propose a marriage to the Fan mansion today. Was it smooth or not?"

Zhang Tie sighed, "It should be a good marital relationship; however, it's ruined by a rat's sh\*t. How many rats' sh\*t have destroyed this marriage?"

Previously, Yang Yushan wanted to continue to satire Zhang Tie; however, he was almost driven mad by Zhang Tie.

"Shut up!" A young man in a purple robe stood out with an arrogant look before Yang Yushan uttered, "How dare you talk nonsense in front of the Morality Association? Hurry up! Kowtow 300 times loudly in front of the Far-ancient Immortal Moral Stele!"

Zhang Tie just gazed at the youth in the purple robe. Although he didn't move, his qi had covered towards that youth like a mountain.

Previously, the youth in the purple robe still looked arrogant; however, all of a sudden, he felt a mountain descending towards him. Being dwarfed by the mountain, he was as weak as an ant or a withered leaf.

The face of the youth in the purple robe turned pale in a split second. He instantly knelt down towards Zhang Tie as if his tendons had been pulled out by someone else.

The moment his knees touched the ground, a hand had been stretched out from aside to support him. With the help of that hand, he gradually stood up. Closely after that, an average-look old man stood up in front of him and blocked Zhang Tie's qi.

Zhang Tie then watched that old man with narrowed eyes, causing his muscles to grow tense all over.

Zhang Tie just gazed at the old man for almost 10 seconds silently. Gradually, that old man's forehead oozed fine sweat drops.

That old man was also a knight. However, at this moment, nobody else at present knew the feeling of the old man——A strong wild wolf was pressed onto the ground by the sharp and strong claws of a fierce tiger. Watching the fierce tiger opening its bloody mouth with full killing intent and exposing its

sharp fangs towards him, although the wild wolf could launch a counter-attack by its own claws, he was destined to be killed.

A sweat drop rolled down from the old man's forehead and was shattered on the step in front of him.

Zhang Tie then stopped releasing his qi while his battle intention which was as aggressive as volcanic eruption disappeared at once. Zhang Tie smiled, "Who're you?"

"Qin Wu from Qin Clan, Yingzhou Province!" The old man uttered in a hoarse voice, "Elder Mushen, my younger master was a bit rude just now, please forgive him!"

Qin Wu called Zhang Tie according to his status as a clan elder of Huaiyuan Palace and a knight and asked Zhang Tie to forgive his young master, it meant that he warned Zhang Tie to not bully the weak.

Zhang Tie then threw a disdainful glance at that glassy-eyed youth. After being silent for a second, he said, "Several years ago, when I got a son in Yingzhou Province, Qin Clan even sent a gift to me. Given that you're a member of Qin Clan, I will forgive you today. Across Taixia Country, except for Emperor Xuanyuan, who else dare order a knight to kneel down? However, given your manner of speaking, you must take yourself as Emperor Xuanyuan. Who made you so audacious? Do you believe that I dare chop off your head and impeach that your Qin Clan is going to rise in revolt because of your words? If you could apply 1/10 of your shrewdness into the human relationship instead of taking advantage of someone and causing Qin Clan trouble, you will deserve your life!"

The youth started to quiver all over as he tried his best to control his fear. Nobody else dared utter at this moment. Although the confront between Zhang Tie and Qin Wu was not short, the invisible collision between two knights' qis made those at present feel that they were like insects at the crater. As long as the crater was going to erupt, they would vanish at once.

"Elder Mushen, are you here to presume on your power to intimate others?" Yang Yushan asked while straightening his neck, "Our Morality Association also have knights!"

Although Zhang Tie was a knight, Yang Yushan believed that Zhang Tie would never dare hurt him in the public as long as Zhang Tie didn't get any evidence about him that could get a hold in lawsuits or arguments.

"Hahaha..." Zhang Tie burst into laughter, "When I came to Fuhai City, I heard that the Morality Association was donated and built by the common people in the city. As I'm going to leave today, I especially came here to review whether someone is cheating on work and cutting down on materials in case you carry out a jerry-built project and put the donation into your own purse. There are a lot of such villains in the world. At the sight of your Morality Association, I feel that your building might be a jerry-built project!" As Zhang Tie said this, he stomped thrice on the ground, "Although it looks firm now, it might have been a dilapidated building. You'd better have someone check it; otherwise, it might collapse!"

Yang Yushan sneered, "It's none of your business!"

"Faithful words grate upon the ear!" Zhang Tie sighed, "Alright, I will mind my own business!"

After saying that, Zhang Tie called Zhang Cheng and left.

Until Zhang Tie left did those guys in Morality Association exchange glances with each other, "He just left? Did he really come here to take a look at the Morality Association?"

"The Lion of Youzhou Province is so-so!"

They then sneered.

"The news that Zhang Mushen's engagement with Fan Clan was broken off has to be spread to all the Morality Associations at the fastest speed. I will let Zhang Mushen never lift his head wherever he is!" Yang Yushan said mercilessly before calling the backbones back into the pavilion.

At this moment, they heard a sudden cracking sound from the pavilion. They then lifted their heads at the same time.

"Watch out!" Qin Wu immediately caught the young master of Qin Clan to retreat...

"Boom...", the pavilion of the Morality Association in Fuzhou City collapsed in a split second while broken logs and tiles flew in all directions. A tile directly hit Yang Yushan's head and made him bleed. Those members of the Morality Association hurriedly dodged away in an embarrassed way...

After a few minutes, when the dust had fallen onto the ground, although nobody was killed, the entire pavilion had become debris.

At this moment, most of the backbones and personnel in the Morality Association were covered with dust in a pretty embarrassed way. Many heads were bleeding...

Being disheveled and covered with blood on his face, Yang Yushan's figure appeared in the dust as he shouted, "Zhang Mushen...you b\*stard!"

Although his sound was hysterical, it revealed his weakness due to the fear deep in his heart...

Zhang Tie could ruin the pavilion of the Morality Association in the public silently without being discovered and observed. If Zhang Tie wanted to kill someone...

When they thought about this, everyone felt chilly inside.

'How could a knight humiliate so easily?'

Even though everyone knew that it was done by Zhang Tie, they could not accuse him as they had no evidence...

Qin Wu also turned his face completely. Even though he didn't know how Zhang Tie did it. He only felt that Zhang Tie's stomps were unusual. However, if Zhang Tie could pass his battle qi to this pavilion through his feet silently and ruin the pavilion, it meant that he could precisely control his powerful battle qi. Only 1 of 100 black iron knights could do it.

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After leaving the Morality Association for about 0.7 miles, Zhang Cheng saw the dust caused by the pavilion through the rearview mirror. At the same time, he faintly heard a loud sound.

Zhang Cheng was also stunned as an awe-stricken feeling rose in his heart.

Zhang Tie didn't use his hand in the entire process.

## Chapter 890: The Grim Monster

In a deep night, the moon was bright while the stars were few...

In a pavilion of the garden of Fan mansion, Director Fan was drinking too much that he had become drunk after knowing that Zhan Tie had left Fuhai City by airship at dusk while the pear blossoms were falling like snow in the surroundings.

"Early sunshine after light snow" was indeed the top drink in Youzhou Province. Anyone with a good capacity for liquor would become drunk after drinking common drinks too much; however, no matter how much "early sunshine after light snow" did they drink, people would always be in a half-drunken state and never lose their mind.

For people who liked liquor, this was the most ideal state. Just like an immortal in liquor, with one bit less, it would taste lighter; with one bit more, it would be delirious.

After breaking off the engagement with Zhang Clan, the elder of Fan Clan left Fan mansion. Director felt depressed and started to swig in his own garden.

After Zhang Tie left Fan mansion, he directly went to the Morality Association in Fuhai City. Closely after that, the pavilion of the Morality Association collapsed. According to the marvelous gossip, Zhang Tie stomped a few times outside the gate of the Morality Association. After he left, the pavilion of the Morality Association collapsed itself.

A dumb person took a dose of bitter medicine—suffering humiliation. The members of the Morality Association couldn't even find a reason to accuse Zhang Tie. Because none of them found that Zhang Tie had launched an attack. Zhang Tie just stayed outside the pavilion of the Morality Association for a short while; he didn't even enter the territory of the Morality Association. Therefore, they could not find a reason to accuse him.

After the news had spread across the city, all the commoners in the city started to doubt whether someone had grafted the donation of the pavilion and made a jerry-built project. Otherwise, how could it collapse only after someone stomped a couple of times on the ground tiles outside the pavilion?

'After taking a round in Fuhai City, the Lion of Youzhou Province stomped a couple of times on the ground before leaving, which shocked the entire Fuhai City.'

'Such a figure should have been my son-in-law, I've not imagined that...'

Director Fan grew more and more depressed as he picked the "early sunshine after light snow" gifted by Zhang Tie and drown his "worries" in the drink.

After midnight, Madam Fan and his daughter came here to persuade Director Fan to drink less. Later on, the butler of Fan mansion also came here to persuade Director Fan twice and prepared to carry him into his bedroom if he was drunk...



Gradually, although Director Fan drunk more and more, he was not fully drunk. As it was too late, Madam Fan and his daughter went to bed. In the end, the butler and his servants had disappeared. Even the insects in the garden of Fan mansion had stopped chirping.

As a result, Fan mansion was pretty silent.

Being half-drunk, Director Fan didn't notice anything abnormal in the mansion.

At this moment, a nightwatchman passed by the street outside the mansion, causing some muffled, wooden knocks reverberating in the air. Feeling a bit chilly, Director Fan picked himself up in a groggy way. Under the dim lamplight in the courtyard, he wobbly left for his bedroom.

The garden of Fan mansion was close to the western courtyard. When Director Fan passed by an arch door in the winding corridor of the western courtyard, he suddenly slipped onto the ground.

Director Fan stepped into a puddle on the ground. When he fell down, his hands touched the puddle.

"The servants are really excessive. They don't even clean the water on the ground..." Director made a burp as he picked himself up wobbly and muttered, "Hopefully, it's not the pee of a pye-dog who slid in through the doghole...urgh..."

After walking another a couple of steps forward, Director Fan suddenly felt his hands were a bit glutinous. It didn't feel like water. Under the dim lamplight, he raised his hands and threw a drunk glance at it...

Terrifyingly, Director Fan caught sight of a pair of bloody palms.

His hands were covered with blood just like coming out of a basin full of blood.

At this moment, a chill flashed across Director Fan's spine. After quivering all over, Director Fan almost woke up. He turned around immediately and widely opened his eyes. He then saw a black frame lying in the grass at the foot of the wall where he had just slipped down.

Director Fan walked over there and turned over that black figure.

It was the corpse of a LV 10 guard in Fan mansion, only half of his head was linked to his neck. What a tragic death! He slipped onto the blood that flew off from the neck of this corpse just now.

Director Fan became fully awake at once. Until then did he realize that the entire Fan mansion was especially quiet, except for the faintly, strange sound from his daughter's room in the west courtyard.

Director Fan felt his heart burning as he rushed towards his daughter's room.

The servant girls outside her daughter's bedroom became breathless too. Hearing the strange sound from his daughter's bedroom, Director Fan immediately burst open his daughter's bedroom.

His daughter was grabbed by the neck and pressed onto the bed by a naked man. Being covered with wounds, her mouth corners were spilling out blood. She had been too weak to ask for help.

Director's eyes almost popped out as he instantly picked a vase and threw it towards the man's back. At the same time, he exclaimed hysterically, "Let go of my daughter..."

After hitting the man, the vase broke apart. The man turned around and Director Fan saw a familiar face—"Zhang Tie".

However, "Zhang Tie" looked grim and berserk. With red eyes, he was like a mad mutated beast...

"Zhang Tie, you son of a b\*tch, I will fight you to death!" Director Fan clenched his fist and rushed towards "Zhang Tie" while gritting his teeth even though he knew that he could not defeat "Zhang Tie".

After Director Fan rushed two steps forward, "Zhang Tie" had raised his finger and shot out a sharp battle qi, which directly penetrated through Director Fan's heart on the left chest...

Director Fan lay on the ground while his blood tinted the floor red...

"Zhang Tie" directly broke the neck of Director Fan's daughter before getting off the bed. After that, he looked around the room with red eyes. Closely after that, he disappeared.

The Fan mansion in Fuhai City became completely quiet...

However, "Zhang Tie" who had "left" Fan mansion hurriedly didn't notice that Director Fan's finger moved a bit.

Director Fan's heart was on the right chest. Few people knew this secret...

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After a few minutes, in a private mansion in Fuhai City...

All the backbones of the Morality Association in Fuhai City had been transferred here in an embarrassed way.

The Morality Association had been ruined. Therefore, this place became the temporary venue of the Morality Association in Fuhai City.

With the effect of the recovery medicament, the wounded ones had been basically recovered. However, this strike made the backbones of the Morality Association in Fuhai City depressed.

In this age, the difference between knights and those below knights made people disappointed.

"I've already noticed the headquarter. Our Morality Association has to find the face back. We cannot suffer such a loss. Zhang Mushen is too excessive..." Yang Yushan gritted his teeth with a layer of gauze over his head so as to pluck up courage for these backbones.

"After coming back home, I will definitely have my grandpa ban Jinwu Business Group. As long as our Qin Clan is in Yingzhou Province, we will definitely forbid every item of Jinwu Business Group to enter the trading channels of Qin Clan!" The young master of Qin Clan turned solemn too. When he heard Zhang Tie's warning, he was scared. However, after Zhang Tie left, this young master of Qin Clan felt being extremely humiliated while his heart felt like burning. He almost knelt down in front of that guy who looked younger than him. Later on, he was reprimanded like a kid. He hadn't experienced this since he was born. Qin Clan was called 100-city Qin in Yingzhou Province; even the provincial governor of Yingzhou Province would be polite to Qin Clan. Who was Zhang Tie? How dared he reprimand the young master of Qin Clan?

"We can blow upon him through newspaper and media!" Another person uttered, "Our clan has some paper agencies. Even though we cannot accuse Zhang Mushen, we will humiliate him by the news that he collapsed the Morality Pavilion..."

Losers would gather together to improve their morale with animosity; therefore, Yang Yushan summoned these guys who suffered a loss in the daytime.

They then made opinions or reaffirmed their resolve to revenge Zhang Tie one after another...

They were really excited as if they had already stomped Zhang Tie under their feet.

Qin Wu's sound drifted from outside, "Who's that?"

Closely after Qin Wu's voice, the gate of the private mansion had been shattered with a boom. At the same time, a figure in black mask with bloody eyes had broken in...

All the members of the Morality Association in Fuhai City were shocked...

"Young master, run!" Qin Wu shouted from outside while his knight's battle qi shot into the sky like a big blazing torch in the evening of Fuhai City, which shocked numerous people in a split second.

After breaking in, with one punch, his sharp battle qi had reverberated in the room. In a split second, thousands of blades had cut through the entire room, blowing up the limbs and heads of all the dumbfounded backbones and the furnishings in the room at once...

"Zhang Tie!" Qin Wu roared as he rushed in like a mad lion.

Although that guy was wearing a black mask, Qin Wu could still recognize the face under the mask based on his figure and eyebrows.

The sharp qi carried by that punch was as same as the effect of the metallic battle qi in the "Five-element Earth-look Sutra" cultivated by Zhang Tie...

Qin Wu's battle qi had shocked the entire Fuhai City while two more meteors had rushed towards here when Qin Wu's battle qi shot into the sky.

After fighting Qin Wu for two rounds rapidly, the one in black mask flew towards the north like a meteor...

Closely followed by 3 more meteors...