

## **Black Iron 901**

### Chapter 901: The New Identity of Zhang Tie

The cemetery was not far from Cui manor. Even though it was a mountainous path, it only took them less than 1 hour to reach there.

During the decade when the young master Cui went out to learn skills, the servants in Cui manor were loyal and honest. They would sweep and offer a sacrifice to the cemetery of old master and the old madam at each Sweeping Tomb Day. Therefore, this cemetery was tidy and clean.

Being voluntarily led by Afu and Cui Wang who were at their 50s and healthy, Zhang Tie finally came to the front of the cemetery of the old master and the old madam of Cui manor after walking along the mountainous path for 40-50 minutes leisurely.

The cemetery of Cui manor was very decent. It was surrounded by a stone enclosure. There was a patch of cyan stony floor in front of the cemetery. Some stony auspicious beasts were standing on both sides of the cemetery.

Standing in front of the 2-in-1 gravestone and watching the names of the old couple on the gravestone, Zhang Tie felt somewhat complex.

Afu and Cui Wang had started to sweep the cemetery and put sacrificial offerings and joss sticks and candles before Zhang Tie moved.

'You were killed by Zhu Liang the fierce wolf. Cui Li was also killed by Zhu Liang in the mountain. His corpse had been used to feed wild beasts. I killed Zhu Liang the fierce wolf and survived in this world in the look and identity of Cui Li. In the others' eyes, I'm your son. Therefore, I will kowtow 3 times for you two out of the karma between Cui family and I...' Zhang Tie thought.

Noticing that Afu and Cui Wang had prepared the items well, Zhang Tie immediately knelt down in front of the gravestone and kowtowed three times for the old late couple.

After that, Zhang Tie picked himself up and flicked his clothes. He then burned the yellow and white joss paper in the stony pot that Afu and Cui Wang had specially built on the side of the cemetery.

As they burned the joss paper, Afu and Cui Wang couldn't stand dropping off tears.

Being covered with tears on his face, Afu cried, "Old master, old madam, please open your eyes. Young master has come back. He's a knight now. We could finally bring glory to our ancestors..."

Cui Wang's eyes also turned red, "Yes, our young master will ride a tall horse and a gold boat; be a general and a city mayor. You can be reassured in the heaven..."

All the servants that Zhu Liang the fierce wolf took here were honest and simple. In their eyes, the old couple both died of diseases and this young master was the same one as before; after young master Cui came back, the Cui family would grow prosperous; young master was benign, who increased their monthly compensations by two times the moment he returned. They would have a better life from then on. Therefore, they thought that they had gone through all sorts of ordeals.

After burning the joss paper, Afu put out the sparkles using the river water in the terrine. After that, he sprayed it around the cemetery. When they were going to leave the cemetery, Village Constable Jia arrived with County Magistrate Li breathlessly.

At the sight of "Cui Li", County Magistrate Li's eyes shined.

At this moment, Cui Li was still bald headed. Being taller than 2 m, the muscled guy was like a mountain. According to the descriptions of the others, the young master Cui should be almost 50 years old; however, at the sight of him, County Magistrate Li felt that he was only about 30 years old. At the 50s, commoners would grow old; however, as for a knight, even if he was 60 years old, he would still look young. Cui Li was too young, just like the morning sun.

What impressed County Magistrate Li most was the dense eyebrows which looked like a pair of guillotines. At the sight of them, County Magistrate Li had felt a strong killing qi as his heart raced. Combined with his mountain-like figure, Cui Li looked fierce and dignified. Under the pair of guillotines, flames were flickering in his pupils which were more terrifying...

As a county magistrate, of course, he had a much broader vision than Village Constable Jia. At the sight of Cui Li's eyes, he had remembered a topic about knights at a party. A VIP brought by Li Chengfeng to the party said that some powerhouses who cultivated senior secret skills would look special. Eyes were the portal of one's spirit. Many of those special skills would be manifested through eyes.

After combining with the information provided by Village Constable Jia, County Magistrate Li could almost immediately judge that Cui Li had promoted to a knight. Additionally, he realized that Cui Li must be cultivating a special secret skill.

'He promoted to a knight at such a young age, he must have a bright future.'

Before Village Constable Jia introduced Cui Li to him, County Magistrate Li had already bowed towards Cui Li, "Mr. Cui, I'm Li Chunfeng, the county magistrate of Tongguang County!"

As Cui Li's identity had not been confirmed, he didn't have an official status. Therefore, Li Chunfeng couldn't call him Lord. As the local magistrate of a county, it was close to flattery if he called Zhang Tie young master Cui. It was impolite to call his name either. Therefore, County Magistrate Li directly called Zhang Tie Mr. Cui. As a civil official in Taixia Country, if he called a knight mister, he was showing his respect to the knight on the premise of not losing his face.

"County Magistrate Li!" Zhang Tie smiled as he nodded in 'neither arrogant nor eager' attitude.

In front of a knight, a county magistrate was nothing. They were completely from two different worlds. Unless they were familiar with each other or friends, their passionate interactions would make people surprised.

Zhang Tie's attitude strengthened the belief of County Magistrate Li.

After greeting Zhang Tie, County Magistrate Li walked to the front of the old couple and bowed three times. At the same time, he said, "With a dutiful son, your ancestors would feel glorious; coming out of our village, the talent will bestow his bounties to one region. Today, I appreciate the old couple of Cui on behalf of over 800,000 commoners in Tongguang County. Thanks to the severe father and kind mother; thank you for cultivating the first knight and contributing to the first powerful memorial gateway for

Tongguang County. This powerful memorial gateway will be used to instruct our posterities and make our villagers glorious!"

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter, 'This County Magistrate Li is really a talent. His oral passage sounds really good. He must be a real scholar.'

"County Magistrate Li, Village Constable Jia, as you've come all the way from the foot of the mountain, you must be tired. How about having a cup of fresh tea at my home?"

County Magistrate Li smiled as he cupped his hands once again, "Sorry to trouble you!"

Watching County Magistrate Li's attitude towards the young master Cui, Village Constable Jia who had watched Cui Li growing up and always felt being an elder became kinder too.

They then went downhill once again.

Compared to how they went up the mountain, they felt much more relaxed when going downhill.

County Magistrate Li moved steadily and vigorously, which could even match youngsters. In the middle of the 4 people, Zhang Tie chatted with County Magistrate Li in a very relaxed way.

"County Magistrate Li, you've promoted to LV 7?" Zhang Tie asked.

"I feel quite ashamed. I have a poor talent for cultivation. After reaching LV 6, I could barely advance to higher levels. Therefore, I could only learn how to manage people and become an official of Taixia. After so many years, through constant cultivation, I only lit over 10 surging points. I've just promoted to LV 7 last year. Therefore, I feel ashamed to show off it in front of Mr. Cui!" County Magistrate Li said modestly.

When in Youzhou Province, Zhang Tie heard that county magistrate was the lowest rank of an official in Taixia Country, which should be assumed by fighters above LV 6. When in Youzhou, as Zhang Tie didn't touch these basic officials, he was still dubious about that rule; when he came here, he found it was real.

This rule only fit Taixia County. None of other countries or regions could meet and stick to such a talent selection standard.

In Waii Subcontinent, a LV 6 fighter was already a grass-rooted officer of a platoon in the troops of each country.

Although County Magistrate Li looked like a scholar, after promoting to LV 7, it indicated that over 10 tough men and burglars could not defeat him at all; even 3-5 LV fighters might not defeat him.

In schools across Taixia Country, books and military skills were impeached at the same time. This education mode had been carried forward for thousands of years. If one judged the history of Hua people from the pure perspective of education, he would find a law——in all the dynasties where scholars carried crossbows and bolts and poets carried swords on their backs, there would be full of talents and heroes, causing the dynasties unrivaled. By contrast, all the dynasties that gave up the education mode would gradually decline. Those which paid military more than culture would gradually decline to internal chaos. In that dynasties, military officers would be prioritized while the dynasties would go on punitive expeditions in all directions, causing Hua nations one after another; however, none of the dynasties could last long. In those dynasties which valued culture more than the military

would last longer; however, the only outcome was that the dynasty would be invaded by alien people, causing great disasters. Many times, Hua people were almost exterminated.

The future of a country could be judged by its current education. Those who valued military more than culture would grow chaotic; while those who valued culture more than military would grow weaker and finally be exterminated. Only by combining military with culture could a country be constantly prosperous.

The national policy of Taixia Country was——combining military with culture, which had been written into the "Laws of Taixia Country" as the essence of education.

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After returning to Cui manor, Village Constable Jia found an excuse to leave in advance. Finally, only County Magistrate Li and Zhang Tie stayed in the manor and drank the spring tea, which had been picked from Cui's private tea plantation in the mountain.

"I wonder which sect did Mr. Cui join these years before promoting to a knight?" County Magistrate Li asked Zhang Tie as he drank the tea.

"It's too difficult to join any top sect, which requires excellent aptitude and deep background!" Zhang Tie shook his head and continued, "I've not joined any sect at all. I just learned from powerhouses across famous mountains and rivers. Later on, due to luck, I had a marvelous experience in a famous mountain and met a cave where a knight had died cross-legged. I gained a secret skill and some pills from the cave. After that, I cultivated for over 10 years before promoting to a knight!" Zhang Tie tossed out the explanation that he had long prepared. This explanation was almost real. If Li Chunfeng really wanted to investigate the cave, Zhang Tie could lead him to the cave where he got the "Fire Dragon Sutra" so as to cancel off all the doubts.

County Magistrate Li was dumbfounded about Zhang Tie's answer. Even in Taixia Country, this was also a marvelous experience. He had not imagined that it could occur to Cui Li who lived in Liuying Town under the governance of him.

"What's your plan then, Mr. Cui?"

"As it is in the holy war, as a knight, of course, I need to serve the country. I have to fight demons in the most dangerous places!" Zhang Tie replied generously with full ambition, "I will stay at home for a few days. After offering a sacrifice to my parents and paying a visit to the villagers, I will go to the earth-elements realm to fight demons..."

"How heroic you are, Mr. Cui! That's what a hero should do. Pitifully, I'm poor in battle strength; otherwise, if I could promote to a knight, I would definitely learn from Mr. Cui and fight demons on the battlefield!" County Magistrate Li patted the table out of excitement.

"As County Magistrate Li is here, I have a thing to trouble you!"

"Please, as long as I could do it, this humble official will definitely try my best to do it!"

Touching his bald head, Zhang Tie said with a great heroic and coarse sound, "After I leave, I don't know when will I come back. As these loyal servants are growing old and have no relative. If there's something

wrong with them, please take care of them in case that they are bullied by others in their twilight years!"

"Don't worry about that. I can do it!" County Magistrate Li promised it right away. As it was a rare chance for him to strike up an acquaintance with a knight, of course, he would never decline it.

"Thanks!"

After coming back to Liuying Town and fixing his identity as Cui Li, Zhang Tie became reassured inside...

Only after staying at Cui manor for a short while, County Magistrate Li had left Liuying Town.

After confirming Zhang Tie's identity as a knight, County Magistrate Li returned to the county by vehicle. He wrote a document on the same day.

He then sent the document to Zeyun City. As Tongguang County belonged to Zeyun City, after confirming the fact that there was a knight in Liuying Town in Tongguang County, of course, he needed to notice the city mayor as soon as possible. It was also a major event for Zeyun City.

After the city mayor of Zeyun City was shocked, the news that Cui Li the young master of Cui family in Liuying Town had promoted to a knight spread across the foot of Coiling Dragon Mountain officially at once.

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In the next few days, Village Constable Jia and the villagers in Liuying Town felt that the entire Liuying Town had become a vegetable market as all the influential figures within hundreds of square miles were pouring in Liuying Town like going to the market. They were all here to pay a visit to Cui manor in order. It was said that their gifts had filled the warehouse of Cui manor.

The remote Liuying Town had not been so glorious before.

After being boisterous for a few days, some residents in Liuying Town saw a flame shooting into the sky in one evening. On the second day, when those visitors waited outside the gate of Cui manor, they heard a news—the young master Cui had left last night...

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## Chapter 902: Zhang Tie's New Plan

After leaving Liuying Town on the evening of June 7th, Zhang Tie arrived at Ailian City which was 3,500 miles away from Liuying Town on June 9th at a medium speed.

Ailian City was a Class A city, which was the traffic hub that linked Yongzhou Province to the western provinces in Taixia Country.

That was to say, people could buy air tickets to arrive at any province in the west part of Taixia Country from Ailian City.

Zhang Tie was going to Force Province.

Being in the northwest of Taixia Country, Force Province was almost 150,000 miles away from Yongzhou Province.

As one of the 36 upper provinces in Taixia Country, Force Province was an important military province in Taixia Country. The entrance leading to earth-elements realm was in Force Province.

Even in the entire human world, Force Province was one of the most outstanding human places, not to mention in Taixia Country.

Each of the top four forces in Taixia Country had powerful troops in Force Province. Besides, there were over 1.5 billion regular soldiers in Force Province. That was how it got its name.

The airline from Ailian City in Yongzhou Province to Force Province was operated only once a week. When Zhang Tie arrived at Ailian City, 3 more days were left for the second airship to set off. Zhang Tie spent 268 gold coins to buy a ship ticket of a super deluxe berth cabin from Ailian City to Force Province. After that, he settled down in a hotel in the west airport of Ailian City and started to cultivate there.

The Purgatory Samsara confirmed Zhang Tie's guess——in ancient times, besides elements-gathering matrix, people have developed a method to absorb four elements in a higher efficiency.

After getting hang of the Purgatory Samsara, Zhang Tie increased his absorption efficiency by 3 times at once. Previously, it took Zhang Tie 2 hours to use up an earth-elements crystal; now, it only took him half an hour to use up one high-quality earth-elements crystal.

Of course, such a high efficiency was based on the effect of his 18 spiritual hands at the same time. Besides Zhang Tie, nobody else might be able to absorb earth-elements crystals at such an amazing speed. Even his master Zhao Yuan might not do it. Such a powerful one mind-for-various purposes skill was exclusive to Zhang Tie.

At such a high efficiency, Zhang Tie could absorb above 40 earth-elements crystals each day on the premise of making his full efforts in cultivation. In this condition, Zhang Tie could light one scale in about 8 days. Due to the sudden increase in cultivation speed and consumption of earth-elements crystals, Zhang Tie finally saw a ray of hope in forming the tricky second chakra of King Roc Sutra.

Zhang Tie's total stockpile of earth-elements crystals were over 9,000 which couldn't afford him to light 30 scales. Even though he used up all the crystals that he had, it was still a long way to go before lighting the second chakra. Therefore, Zhang Tie chose to have a try in the earth-elements realm.

Actually, it would only take Zhang Tie over 10 days to fly to Force Province from Yongzhou Province himself; however, Zhang Tie didn't want to make trouble at such a critical moment. Therefore, he chose the airship.

It would take the fastest public airship in Taixia Country almost 4 months to arrive at Force Province from Yongzhou Province, plus the supplying time in the way. Zhang Tie planned to cultivate during this period.

On June 12th, after absorbing over 120 earth-elements crystals in 3 days, Zhang Tie checked out the room in the early morning and came to the underground entrance of his airship on time.

There was only one tunnel leading to the ground. Two beautiful stewardesses were checking tickets at the entrance of the tunnel.

It was not a long queue in the tunnel. Zhang Tie's height and figure made him very eye-catching the moment he arrived there.

"Sir, please show me your air ticket!"

When it was Zhang Tie's turn, Zhang Tie passed his super deluxe air ticket to the stewardess while watching her sweet smile.

After checking it, the stewardess punched a hole in the ticket and gave it back to Zhang Tie. Meanwhile, she reminded Zhang Tie, "Please keep your ticket. Before the airship set off, there's one more checkpoint in the airship!"

Zhang Tie nodded in a handsome way.

"Do you need check-in luggage?" The stewardess asked Zhang Tie while throwing a glance at the simple military luggage in Zhang Tie's hand.

Although the military luggage was not small, it was like a kid's schoolbag in Zhang Tie's hand.

Of course, Zhang Tie carried his space-teleportation item; however, it was too eye-catching; especially for a knight who was not famous. Additionally, in case of trouble, Zhang Tie didn't show his space-teleportation item. Instead, he just carried a military luggage which contained some clothes and spare shoes. Even though knights had to prepare spare clothes in case of scaring people away by stink after being treated as a beggar. Now that he didn't want to show his space-teleportation item, Zhang Tie had to carry these necessities.

"No need, thanks!"

"If so, please board the airship from this side. Your cabin berth is Heavenly No. 17. Bon Voyage!"

Holding the luggage, Zhang Tie walked to the ground through the tunnel.

Right on the ground, there was a huge blue hard-type airship at the exit of the tunnel.

It was so huge that even the fury-level airship of Huaiyuan Palace was only as large as half of it. Additionally, compared to that of the fury-level airship, this airship's air sac was very special. Common air sacs would look full after being filled with gas; however, this air sac shrunk with wrinkles on its surface like that of the bellows of an accordion.

Zhang Tie watched this airship for a while.

This was the most technical airship in the world—vacuum airship.

The air sac of common airship would usually be filled with a gas which was lighter than air; however, the air sac of vacuum airship was in the vacuum state. It flew by the floating effect caused by the vacuum air sac.

Besides a greater loading capacity, vacuum airships could fly longer than common airships. Of course, it required more advanced technologies. In this age, besides Taixia Country, no other human countries

could produce vacuum airship. Facing the fierce competition of the airship manufacturing industry in Taixia Country, Zhang Ping's small airship factory had to go bankrupt.

After watching the huge airship for a short while, Zhang Tie entered the cabin with his luggage...

#### Chapter 903: Arriving at Force Province

The so-called N0.17 Heavenly super deluxe berth cabin could never match that of Zhang Tie's private airship.

This berth cabin only covered about 10 square meters. It only contained a bed, a desk and a small independent washroom. There was a looming flavor of lavender.

Besides being private and clean, this room was nothing different than a basic single dorm.

Of course, such a single dorm was already super deluxe in long-distance traffic tools like an airship.

The water in the berth cabin was supplied quantitatively everyday. After using up the daily provision, the passenger would have no more on the very day. The bathing function in the washroom was unavailable during normal times; only when the airship landed for supply and was connected to the water pipe in the airport could the shower head work.

The average landing time of the airship was five days. Therefore, Zhang Tie could only take a bath once in 5 days.

The airship provided 3 meals a day; however, passengers needed to enjoy food at a fixed time in the dining hall as the dining hall would be closed except for the fixed time. If they wanted to drink something, they had to consume in the bar, which would run around the clock in the airship. All the drinks and snacks in the bar were not free.

When the weather permitted, the observation deck on the airship would open 14 hours a day from 7 am to 9 pm.

Passengers were forbidden to enter the bellyhold cargo bay, the crew's living quarters and workspace in the airship.

Fire was forbidden in the airship, which was also a universal regulation across Taixia Country. Smoke was only allowed in the observation deck and the bar area.

Passengers could rent safes to store their valuables. Otherwise, if passengers lost their valuables, the airship would not shoulder any responsibility for that.

If everything went smooth, the ETM of the airship was October 5. If it encountered any force majeure due to weather or mechanical faults, etc., it might arrive at Force Province later.

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After entering his private room, Zhang Tie took up the notice board for passengers in the room and read the introductions on it. All the introductions above were the very treatments that Zhang Tie could enjoy at the cost of 268 gold coins.



However, Zhang Tie didn't care about that. He only needed to cultivate quietly in the airship. Therefore, Zhang Tie was basically satisfied with this small single dorm.

The only problem was his height. Every time Zhang Tie stood up, his head would almost touch the ceiling with a distance of less than 20 cm. Therefore, he felt a bit depressed.

The locker was beneath the bed and was connected with the bed.

After looking around the furnishings in the berth cabin, Zhang Tie opened the locker beneath his bed and dropped his luggage into it.

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After a few minutes, the first mate boarded the airship, followed by two people in the uniform of bounty hunters and started to check tickets one after another according to the routine.

Although Zhang Tie didn't exit his berth cabin, the moment the two bounty hunters boarded the vehicle, Zhang Tie had known that.

After hearing the knocks, Zhang Tie opened the hatch door with a calm look and saw the first mate and two bounty hunters standing outside the hatch door.

"Sir, please show me your ticket!"

Closely after the first mate's request, Zhang Tie had passed his ticket to the first mate.

The two bounty hunters looked Zhang up and down seriously; one of them even lowered his head to check the order for arrest in his hand.

Benefited from his height, Zhang Tie could see the contents on the order for arrest clearly.

The first image on the order for arrest was very close to the original look of Zhang Tie while the other 20-odd images on it were all that of important criminals on the wanted list issued by the Supreme Court of Taixia Country.

The images of important criminals in Taixia Country would be posted outside the gates of all the cities, in hotels and pivot harbors across Taixia Country for recognition within 3 months after their crimes were confirmed or in the first half year after they escaped when they would probably be easily caught.

Due to the large territory and population in Taixia Country, there were many common criminals, who were not qualified to enjoy such a special "treatment". The common criminals' images could only be seen in the Pavilion of Brightness or the archives of judicial agencies. Only those whose crimes had shocked one region could enjoy such a treatment to be well known across Taixia Country within half a year after their crimes.

As the former dean of the provincial court in Youzhou Province, at the sight of the order for arrest, Zhang Tie had known that nobody had made a more important crime than him in the late months. Therefore, his image ranked top in the order for arrest.

Zhang Tie had a dense whisker. After gazing at Zhang Tie's whisker, ear root and lower jaw carefully, the two bounty hunters nodded. The first mate then gave the ticket back to Zhang Tie.

"Wish you a pleasant trip, sir!"

The group of three then moved to the next berth cabin...

After taking the ticket, Zhang Tie closed the door. After that, touching his whisker, Zhang Tie revealed a smile.

Among all the disguising masks, there would always be a loophole on the beard. Therefore, common disguising masks would not have a beard. The two bounty hunters also observed Zhang Tie's whisker carefully. Given this point, they must be experienced.

After closing the door, Zhang Tie came to the bedside and took off his shoes. After that, he sat on the bed and took out an earth-elements crystal from Castle of Black Iron.

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Half an hour later, the two bounty hunters left the airship. Closely after that, all the hatch doors of the airship were closed. With a slight shock, the airship began to take off...

Zhang Tie had already absorbed the first earth-elements crystal and took out the second one...

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When the huge vacuum airship set off for Force Province, Zhang Tie started his new round of cultivation.

Zhang Tie could enjoy food from Castle of Black Iron very well in the berth cabin; however, in case of doubts, he would exit his berth cabin at noontime and have a lunch in the dining hall everyday. After that, he would return to his berth cabin to continue his cultivation. He didn't even want to go to the observation deck.

In the single-minded state, Zhang Tie would consume 40 earth-elements crystals in 20 hours each day. As for the remaining 4 hours a day; he would enter deep sleep 2 hours, eat and shit 1 hour and practice those battle skills of "Fire Dragon Sutra" in trouble-reappearance situations 1 hour...

Zhang Tie just entered cultivation in such a small berth in this way.

Zhang Tie's fierce look and the sturdy figure would bring people a sense of oppression wherever he was in the airship. Therefore, very few people dared to talk with him when he exited his hatch door for lunch. Benefited from this reason, Zhang Tie felt quieter and could concentrate on cultivation.

The great pile of earth-elements crystals that Zhang Tie plundered from Waii Subcontinent also started to be consumed rapidly.

5 days later, when the airship landed for the first supply, Zhang Tie had already lit the 15th scale on his knight's crystal plate...

From then on, Zhang Tie would light one scale per 8 days. As he was so devoted, he almost forgot about the existence of time...

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The vacuum airship flew over prefectures and mountain ranges and moved all the way towards Force Province...

Zhang Tie just consumed his earth-elements crystals at a high speed...

Time flew past...

The order for arrest of Zhang Tie, Zhang Mushen, the former dean of the provincial court in Youzhou Province was still effective...

The color of the land below gradually turned from green to yellow...

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Until one day, knocks finally drifted from the door of the No. 17 Heavenly berth cabin.

A voice sounded outside the door, "Sir, the vehicle will arrive at Thunder Battle Fortress in Force Province in an hour. Please keep your belongings handy and be ready for getting off."

After hearing the sounds, Zhang Tie, who was absorbing earth-elements crystals cross-legged on his bed opened his eyes with a flickering red light...

"Okay, thanks." Zhang Tie replied.

After putting away that earth-elements crystal, Zhang Tie got off the bed and put on his shoes. He then relaxed his limbs and took out the military luggage from the locker beneath the bed. Carrying it on his back, Zhang Tie opened the door and exited calmly.

The calendar memo on the aisle outside the berth cabin marked the date clearly.

October 7, the 900th year of the black iron calendar.

The actual time of arrival was 2 days later than the estimated time of arrival because the airship met a heavy thunderstorm when it passed by Guanzhou Province two months ago. For the sake of the safety, the airship stayed 2 more days in Guanzhou Province.

As usual, many passengers were gathering on the observation deck and watching the scenery below after hearing that they had arrived at the destination.

With the military luggage on his back, Zhang Tie also came to the observation deck. At the sight of a muscle man, although being a bit crowded on the observation deck, those in front of him still hurriedly gave way to Zhang Tie.

At the sight of such a giant man, they knew that he was tricky. He might be here to join the army. As they had arrived at the destination, if they were fractured by him, it would be too unfortunate.

It was Zhang Tie's first time to board the observation deck of this airship.

It was golden all over on the land below, which indicated that the harvest season had arrived. Being covered with fiery maple leaves, the mountain range in the far seemed to catch fire...

There were only battle fortresses instead of towns on the land.

"Wow, is this Force Province? It's covered with battle fortresses!" A passenger who came to Force Province for the first time exclaimed...

"It's said that the largest battle fortress in Force Province could match a Class A city..."

"All the commoners and factories are in the battle fortresses!"

They started to discuss about that...

Zhang Tie came to the guardrail of the observation deck and immediately jumped into the air.

Such a dangerous movement aroused exclamations from the surroundings— is this tough guy seeking for death?

Closely after that, everybody became dumbfounded as they found the tough guy was ascending like a bird instead of descending. After a short while, he even suspended in the air...

"A knight? That tough guy is a knight? I've not imagined that there's a knight among us."

The airship was sent into an uproar...

Zhang Tie ignored their uproar; instead, after identifying the direction, he flew towards the direction where the sun was going down.

Carrying the grass-green military luggage, in a few seconds, Zhang Tie had disappeared into the sight of the passengers...

Chapter 904: What Rolling Thunders!

What a Force Province!

After leaving the airship for less than 20 minutes, Zhang Tie had seen at least 10 knights in the sky; most of whom just passed by him while two flew towards northwest like him.

The knights didn't feel strange seeing their same kind, it was just like encountering each other on the road by car. Therefore, they didn't hail each other; instead, they just hurried on with their own journey.

Besides knights, as Zhang Tie flew towards west, he saw more and more battle airships in the sky.

Huge battle fortresses, barracks and panzer groups running in the wild could be seen everywhere below.

When Zhang Tie was in Selnes Theater of Operations, the crystal battle fortress of Jinyun Country was the largest one over there; however, at this moment, right below Zhang Tie's feet, Zhang Tie could see bigger battle fortresses in every 70 miles. Those bigger and grimmer battle fortresses were like wild beasts crawling on the ground quietly. Airships would land in the battle fortresses time to time.

During the sunset, the afterglow in the skyline turned more brilliant...

After about 2 hours of flight, Zhang Tie "leisurely" traversed almost 1,000 miles, As more and more knights appeared in the sky, Zhang Tie knew that he had arrived at his destination.

A huge floating airboat flew 1,000 m above Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie turned around and saw 4 men and 2 women standing on the prow and looking into the distance.

The 6 people looked distinctive. Some were carrying a crossbow and bolts, some were carrying a sword. With a profound qi, they were looking into the distance and talking about something.

The floating airboat didn't move too fast while a huge flag was swaying in the wind in the middle of the airboat with two huge characters on it——天祿...

Zhang Tie was shocked for a short while, "Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace?"

It was out of Zhang Tie's imagination that he could meet a top clan surnamed Zhang.

Given the airboat which was not smaller than the exclusive vehicle of Commander Cheng, Zhang Tie knew that Zhang family of Tianlu Palace must be something.

Zhang Tie turned around and looked at that huge airboat. After sensing Zhang Tie's sight, the 6 people on the prow turned around at the same time and threw a glance at Zhang Tie. After finding that Zhang Tie was nothing special but a sturdy figure with a bald head, they just ignored him.

At this moment, more and more knights appeared in the sky. Within Zhang Tie's sight, Zhang Tie could see over 20 knights flying ahead together with him.

Another airboat flew towards him from afar...

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After flying another 10 minutes, Zhang Tie sensed the increasingly stronger ascending, whirling thermal current, which had completely broken the limit of the ascending thermal currents caused by geographical features on the ground.

Except for knights and airboats, no airship could stand still in such a severe environment.

Those who liked gliders and were not afraid of death could have a try here.

After sensing the thermal current, the airboats and knights ahead of Zhang Tie ascended to above 15,000 m high from thousands of meters high at the same time...

Right on the ground below, Zhang Tie caught sight of a pitch dark entrance leading to the underground world.

The entrance was so large that its diameter was over 150 miles. From a height, it looked like a huge funnel. Compared to it, the entrance of Dragon Cave was like a sesame to a millstone...

As Zhang Tie had learned, it was the entrance to the earth-elements realm...

This huge funnel was breathing; precisely exhaling.

A thermal current was blowing out of the huge funnel-sized black hole, causing changes in the air within tens of thousands square miles. Right in the center of the huge entrance, a cyclone covering 70 square miles was swirling in an anti-clock manner like a hurricane, which was very shocking.

Standing above 10,000 m in the air, Zhang Tie looked around and found 3 airboats and over 100 black spots in the surroundings above 10,000 m, all of whom were looking down at the entrance of the cyclone quietly and waiting for the possible chance to enter it, including Zhang Tie.

Coincidentally, the floating airboat of the Zhang family of Tianlu Palace was also hovering not far from Zhang Tie.

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The thermal current was constantly blowing out of the entrance of the earth-elements realm. After reaching the highest point in the troposphere, they dispersed in all directions. causing no cloud within square miles.

Before the catastrophe, when everybody was cheated by lies, it was very difficult for a commoner to believe that this planet was hollow and could breathe itself while its surface could lead to another world in its depth. The current scene could only be seen at the poles of this planet at specific moments, which could never be touched by commoners. Even aircrafts were forbidden in the areas where people could catch sight of the underground tunnels from a height. The limited number of major countries which knew this secret had blocked the poles and divided their own territories. They then stealthily explored another underground world in the name of studying climates and glaciers.

The existence of the underground world had been a shared secret among major countries.

Watching the present scene and recalling the history before the Catastrophe, Zhang Tie felt that humans before the Catastrophe were too innocent. The limited number of major countries invested in a lot of money and personnel and forbade people in only for studying the climate change and changes in glaciers in the depopulated zone hundreds of millions years ago and making explorations in geology and resources? However, most of the people believed in it. Didn't they think that those who entered the poles in the name of scientific research might want to do some other researches such as making an exploration nearby the entrance of the underground world or contacting some intelligent beings and forces in the underground world?

As the sun gradually set, the cyclone in the huge entrance also started to decline...

More knights and airboats arrived.

Among those later knights, a woman in a bright-colored imperial dress started to look around, the moment she arrived here. At the sight of Zhang Tie's sturdy back, her eyes shone. Closely after that, she floated towards Zhang Tie like a red cloud.

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"Brother, are you going to the earth-elements realm?"

After hearing the word "brother", Zhang Tie almost fell down. After sniffing the fragrant breeze, Zhang Tie turned around as he saw an extremely sexy woman standing on his side, who was watching him with a sweet smile in a pair of charming and watery eyes.

Her skin was as white as milk. In a red, hot imperial dress and a peony-shaped bun, she had a nice nose and petite mouth. The bra covered 3/4 of her "huge white rabbits", making them tight and plump. As a result, Zhang Tie's interest was aroused.

'F\*ck, am I attending the palace ball or heading to kill demons in the earth-elements realm?' Zhang Tie muttered. After looking around, he found this woman was talking to him.

'Brother?' It was Zhang Tie's first time to hear a female knight calling him in such a sloppy manner.

At this moment, Zhang Tie faintly heard two women's cold harrumphs from the airboat of the Zhang family of Tianlu Palace. When a woman disliked the other one, she would never conceal her feeling. Evidently, this woman was not on the side of the other two women on the airboat.

Growing up among so many women, after throwing a glance at this women, Zhang Tie had caught an information and indication from the eyes and qi of this woman which could only be identified by experienced guys.

Zhang Tie caught the same information and indication from that beautiful female first lieutenant's eyes when he returned to Blackhot City last time.

However, this woman was far better than that female first lieutenant in terms of both look and figure.

Touching his bald head in an amazed look, Zhang Tie thought, 'It'd be acceptable if I were a handsome toyboy or in my original look. I've not imagined that my current look is still attractive. What the hell—a beauty and a wild beast or a tough man and a sexy woman?'

As the woman revealed a sweet smile, Zhang Tie had to force a smile too.

He then nodded, "Right, I'm heading for the earth-elements realm!"

"That's great. I'm going to the earth-elements realm too. I've not been there before. Therefore, I'm a bit scared. Can you take me there, brother?" Just be my partner..." The woman asked as she moved closer to Zhang Tie in a tender way.

Although knight's real age had nothing to do with their look; especially for female knights, after hearing the woman who might be his grandma calling him brother, Zhang Tie's fine hair stood at once while he quivered all over at the same time.

—Shameless—the two female knights on the airboat replied with a cold harrumph at the same time before turning around.

—Junior sister apprentices, don't be angry, people are always different although they eat the same food—a man on the airboat opened his mouth in a mild way.

"Do you bear fucking?" Zhang Tie asked in a loud, coarse tone.

"What?" The woman asked as she blinked her eyes as if she didn't understand Zhang Tie's question, "What do you mean..."

"I mean, can you bear being fucked by me naked on the bed?" Zhang Tie raised his voice at once as he started to look this woman up and down with hot eyes like selecting slaves in the slave market, "I like

women who could bear fucking. I don't care whether you have various gestures on the bed; they are useless; the key is that you should bear fucking. If not, please don't waste my time in case of getting me bored on the bed!"

'What rolling thunders!'

After hearing Zhang Tie's question, tens of thousands of thunders rolled over. As a result, it became quiet in the surroundings in a split second. Even the man who had opened his mouth on the airboat started to cough heavily like having been choked up by his own saliva...

The beauty in the imperial dress changed her face greatly. Even though she was open, she had not encountered any man who dared ask this question the moment he uttered. Even if her face was 10 times thicker, she could not "bear" this question either...

Zhang Tie broke her bottom line in a split second...

This woman had met someone who had a low emotion quotient and could burn lyre to cook red-crowned crane; however, this one directly cleaned his butt by peony blossoms...

"I was...I was just asking you the way...how...how could you...be so rude, shameless!" The beauty in the imperial dress swung her sleeves and directly flew away without even throwing a glance at Zhang Tie...

"Young sister, young sister, don't leave..." Zhang Tie shouted.

After hearing the appellation "Young sister", the woman quivered all over and accelerated her speed away...

After it became quiet once again. Zhang Tie hushed.

After sensing the weird atmosphere in the surroundings, Zhang Tie turned around and saw that those men and women on the airboat beside him were watching him with dumbfounded looks.

Zhang Tie exposed his teeth towards them, the two women who had replied with cold harrumphs instantly turned pale as they hurriedly turned around. Even the entire airboat moved a bit farther from Zhang Tie...

When a person reached a degree in a certain aspect, he would be unrivaled in the world.

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The sun finally set while the cyclone at the huge entrance of the cave disappeared. After that, it gradually turned darker, a great suction came into being in the cave together with a new hurricane which revolved in a clock-wise manner. The air in the sky then started to pour into the cave...

A black spot rushed downwards as fast as a light, closely followed by all the other black spots and airboats in the sky, including Zhang Tie...

Chapter 905: Arriving at the Earth-elements Realm



After entering the huge cave for over 10 minutes, Zhang Tie felt a great suction, which was not caused by the air flow but by the changing magnetic fields in the cave. Zhang Tie felt like riding a magnetic elevator. Without using any strength, Zhang Tie had been led and wrapped by that strength and dove towards the underground world as fast as a lightning bolt.

The secret to accessing the earth-elements realm was to stay relaxed. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't control his body on purpose. Just like flowing towards the lower reach of a river by boat, Zhang Tie enjoyed traversing in the exotic tunnel.

In such a state, Zhang Tie had to be relaxed as he couldn't even move at all. Just like those in a running elevator could not jump out of it, Zhang Tie could not slip the leash of this tunnel either.

Even knights could not disobey the great, mysterious power of the mother nature.

Zhang Tie had read an article in the Mountain of Brightness—even a knight who had formed 4 chakras could not move inside, not to mention a common black iron knight.

Zhang Tie made an attempt and found that even his spiritual energy had been frozen in this exotic tunnel.

After making attempts a few times in vain, Zhang Tie gave up his attempt absolutely.

Nobody knew why there was such a tunnel just like nobody knew why all the planets in the universe were round. This tunnel was as old as this planet. It seemed to be one of the original looks of this world. Just like the sunken part between the upper part and the lower part of an apple, which was carried by most of the fruits, people would think it was determined by genes. But who determined the genes of the fruits? Whether the shapes of fruits were caused by the evolution and duplication of this planet or not?

After the Catastrophe, the magnetic poles of this planet rotated, causing great changes. After the thick ice layer and snow completely melted, this tunnel was exposed. Before the Catastrophe, this place was not called Force Province; instead, it was one of the poles of this planet. The greater part of the Eastern Continent were polar regions before the Catastrophe.

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In this tunnel, Zhang Tie felt being still as the relative distances between him and the other knights and airboats remained unchanged. Everyone seemed to be still. However, in such a relative still state, everyone could see exotic lights rushing towards them and penetrating through them in a split second from the underground world...

Due to the super high speed, Zhang Tie could not see clearly the surrounding scene at all. All the surrounding scenes became shadow and light.

Zhang Tie tried his utmost efforts to look around by concentrating his spiritual energy and consciousness a few times and felt that he was penetrating through a hollow layer being filled with lightning bolts which were as thick as hundreds of miles. Zhang Tie was confused why there were lightning bolts underground.

It took him dozens of seconds to penetrate through the layer being filled with lightning bolts as thick as hundreds of miles.

Besides, Zhang Tie saw some other strange things during this period...

Time in this tunnel seemed to be slower than that outside...

Whether it was in the Dragon Cave or in the tower of time which Zhang Tie discovered beneath Kalay Mountain Range, theoretically, they were both in the earth's crust or being close to the earth's crust and earth mantle. However, Zhang Tie reached the most mysterious internal region of this planet, which was in the depth beneath the earth's crust.

The journey lasted over 3 hours. Zhang Tie didn't know how many miles had he dived. All of a sudden, he slowed down. After another 10 minutes, everybody felt relaxed while the binding force from the tunnel suddenly disappeared. At the same time, all the knights and airboats recovered their maneuverability and stabilized themselves.

They were then blown into a vast space by the heavy air flow.

What entered Zhang Tie's sight was the red clouds at the dome of this space. There were undulating mountains below the clouds. Right on the horizon in the distance, Zhang Tie caught sight of looming lamplights.

All the airboats and knights were flying towards the lamplights in the far, followed by Zhang Tie leisurely.

When he drew close to the lamplight, Zhang Tie found that it was a huge fortress which was much more magnificent than a Class A city on the ground.

It seemed that the fortress had been standing there since ancient times as it carried a time-honored yet mysterious qi.

The walls of that fortress were as high as thousands of meters. The entire fortress was composed of many stories covered tens of thousands of square miles in a key region. Zhang Tie could not even see its border. There were various, dense high pagodas in the fortress, which looked like spines on a hedgehog. Pointing at the sky one after another, they were very terrifying.

This fortress could never be built by humans. Because the entire fortress, including the pagodas inside it, was shining metallic luster. It was completely composed of metal.

Until today, people could still not accomplish such a magnificent, metal fortress covering tens of thousands square miles even after combining the scientific abilities of humans before the Catastrophe. It was completely out of people's imagination.

Zhang Tie even doubted that the total of steel storage among all the Class A cities in Taixia Country would not match that of this fortress in weight, not to mention building it.

Humans in this age or before the Catastrophe could never build such a magnificent complex.

Undoubtedly, this fortress was a prehistorical relic in the earth-elements realm. It was left by a far-ancient civilization.

There was the highest metal pyramid in the center of the fortress. The mysterious and borderless world—Earth-elements Realm was facing this fortress in the far.

This was the Lion Fortress, the most magnificent human fortress, the prototype of human battle fortresses in this age and the firmest fortress of humans across the entire Eastern Continent and Taixia Country in the underground world. It was both the portal for humans to enter the Earth-elements Realm and the throat from the Earth-elements Realm to the Eastern Continent.

If this firmest fortress and shield was broken through, it meant that the contingent of demons would directly appear on the ground of Eastern Continent and attack the core region of human countries. On the opposite, this fortress would also serve as the firmest bridgehead for humans to explore the underground world.

From a certain perspective, the Lion Fortress was the beacon of hope that encouraged humans to defend demons.

This was the world and the battlefield of knights!

Chapter 906: Receiving Another Crystal Plate

Zhang Tie was really shocked by the magnificence of the Lion Fortress. When Zhang Tie was watching the Lion Fortress in the air, he saw a red shadow flashing by. It was the beautiful "young sister" who had been flying towards the Lion Fortress. After a short while, all the airships had landed outside the Lion Fortress.

All the knights were flying towards the Lion Fortress, closely followed by Zhang Tie.

After drawing closer, Zhang Tie found that there was a huge piece of diamond-shaped crystal floating above the top of the huge metal pyramid, the dim luster which covered the part above the exterior wall of the fortress in a translucent energy field. Being similar to the energy field in the tower of time, this energy field was a safety cover of the entire Lion Fortress. Of course, knights could not fly above the Lion Fortress. Therefore, all the knights could only land outside the Lion Fortress and enter it from the gate.

Standing on the ground, Zhang Tie found that this fortress was amazingly magnificent.

'It's more like a terrifying steel mountain than a fortress.

However, the metal of this fortress was definitely harder than steel.

The gate of the fortress was hundreds of meters high and dozens of meters wide. Two lines of guards in black helmets and armors were riding an exotic and fierce beast which was higher than 20 m outside the gate with spears in hand.

Undoubtedly, given the qi of the two lines of guards, they were knights!

Their mounts were watching everyone who was entering the gate with their aggressive golden pupils while exposing their sawtooth-like fangs. Some mounts were drooling while their saliva corroded the sands on the ground, causing curls of cyan smoke.

As for these living beings, those people who entered the fortress were like snacks crawling in front of them. As a result, these beasts became a bit restless while drooling. The knights were controlling and soothing their impatience.

"They're underground dragons..."

Zhang Tie heard someone whispering in front of him.

'They're underground dragons?' Zhang Tie threw a glance at the underground dragons out of curiosity and found that their sturdy hind legs were pretty powerful. It indicated that this mount was good at long-distance running at a possible, terrifying speed. The sharp claws on their forelimbs implied a strong destruction and aggressivity. The squamous layer over their skins indicated that they had very thick and coarse skins along with a great defensive capability. Their corrosive saliva indicated that the underground dragons had a very good appetite and digestive ability. This was a mutated beast which might be omnivorous.

A thought occurred in Zhang Tie's mind. Zhang Tie then ran his spiritual energy to check their level.

'Level 15, they're battle spirit-level mutated beasts!'

As they had reached level 15, the underground dragons might have other special abilities.

No wonder they could be the mount of knights.

The moment Zhang Tie entered the gate, a restless underground dragon had stomped towards Zhang Tie's head forcefully.

"Watch out!" Zhang Tie heard an emergency warning while everybody entering the gate turned around out of curiosity...

'F\*ck! You think that this father is more delicious than others?'

Zhang Tie directly punched the sole of the underground dragon without even looking at it.

With a thunder, the 20 m-high underground dragon uttered a short, urgent sad moo like blowing a conch. Closely after that, it was sent over 10 m above the ground and flying backward and finally fell down like a 'collapsing' mountain and pillars, causing an earthquake. The knight on its back had long flown away...

Everybody was dumbfounded.

Zhang Tie didn't use his battle qi at all. He just used his sheer animal strength and made a face-to-face collision with the underground dragon.

The result was that Zhang Tie was safe and sound except that his feet sunk a few centimeters in the ground while that huge underground dragon was sent flying backward by Zhang Tie.

'F\*ck, what a weirdo! Is that a human or what? Even if he's a knight, he was too exaggerated.

The underground dragon was struggling to pick itself up. Although Zhang Tie's blow was not fatal, it had to be crippled for a few days before recovery. Of course, it was impossible for it to be bouncing in its rehabilitation period.

The owner of the underground dragon hurriedly flew over and landed on its side. After that, he started to check its wounds.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at them before entering the gate.

"Hold on!" With a muffled sound, a sturdy knight directly jumped off another underground dragon.

"What?" Zhang Tie stopped as he turned around and looked at the knight with a cold impression, "You only allow beasts to beat people; yet don't allow people to fight back?"

"As my brother has just captured the underground dragon and has not tamed it yet. Sorry for what happened! Please forgive us!" The sturdy knight cupped his hands towards Zhang Tie.

Realizing that he was not looking for trouble, Zhang Tie became relieved and waved his hand, "It's fine. I've not dropped a hair!"

The sturdy knight then threw an appreciative glance at Zhang Tie, who was about 7 m higher than him and said, "I'm Wu Guanhai, the leader of the No. 7 Squad of the Black Armor Army of Taixia Country in the Lion Fortress. May I know your name?"

"Cui Li!"

"Is it the first time for you to come here?"

"Yes!"

"Are you interested in joining Black Armor Army?" Wu Guanhai put it straight, "Our Black Armor Army is powerful with a good treatment and rich human resources. How about that?"

"I've been used to be free, no interest!" Zhang Tie refused directly.

After hearing this reply, Wu Guanhai became dumbfounded. Closely after that, he burst out into laughter, "It doesn't matter if you're not interested in it for the time being. If you want to join us, you can consider my suggestion! If you met someone tricky in the Lion Fortress, you could go to the Black Fortress of Black Armor Army to seek for my help..."

"Okay, thank you!"

Closely after the conversation with Wu Guanhai, Zhang Tie turned around and entered the gate.

Watching Zhang Tie's amazing performance in the distance, the "young sister" flickered her eyes. However, the moment she recalled what Zhang Tie asked her above the ground, she gritted her teeth and stomped to the ground before leaving away...

After entering the Lion Fortress, Zhang Tie caught sight of the map of Lion Fortress on the metal wall being not far from the gate of the fortress.

After throwing a glance at the map, most of the new arrivers would head for the Task Center of Knights in the fortress, except for Zhang Tie who walked towards another direction after bearing the map in mind.

Although it was pretty cold outside, it was warm inside. In the fortress, many underground plants and woods were standing on both sides of the broads streets, which looked pretty vigorous.

It was pretty boisterous in the fortress. After entering the fortress, the 100-odd new knights instantly became trivial like a drop of water entering the ocean.

Besides knights, many logistical personnel and subsidiary fighters were inside the fortress, none of them were below Class 6 according to Zhang Tie's observation.

People came and went on the streets. Logistical personnel was in red military uniforms with military ranks. Their identity was also a soldier. By contrast, those subsidiary fighters were in grey-green uniforms. The two kinds of soldiers were very easily distinguished.

Besides the above two kinds of servicemen, there were all sorts of knights who were riding underground dragons, in helmets and armors, in exotic costumes or in common clothes across the Lion Fortress who came from Taixia Country and all the other subcontinents or continents.

Most of the human knights were gathering in the Lion Fortress. However, even though there were so many human knights, plus the logistical personnel and subsidiary fighters, this fortress could still not be as bustling as common human cities unless it contained millions of people. However, there were only a bit more than 1 million people in the entire Lion Fortress.

The holy war was like a raging fire. The number of human knights in Lion Fortress also reached a peak. According to Zhang Tie's knowledge, a lot of knights of Taixia's armies had been dispatched to the Lion Fortress to fight demons in turns. At this moment, the number of human knights in the entire Lion Fortress had broken 50,000 for the first time.

As for the human knights here, besides those from Taixia Country, the others were coming from subcontinents or the Western Continent. From a certain perspective, Lion Fortress was the center of human knights.

The fortress was filled with a powerful and mysterious strength that originated from the golden pyramid. Even earth knights and shadow knights could not fly in the fortress. The entire fortress was a no-fly zone. Those who could fly in this fortress were all heavenly knights who had formed the chakra of the wind element. They were the most powerful humans in this world.

In this situation, Zhang Tie could only walk towards his destination.

In the fortress, Zhang Tie also caught sight of the prototype of Jia land in Class A Cities of Taixia Country. In the fortress, the wide area of Jia land in the fortress was like woods and was taken care of by logistical personnel in red uniforms.

The crops above the ground could not grow in the fortress. Therefore, mainly three crops were planted inside the fortress: the first crop was about 3.5 m in height which looked like coconut palm. Its fruit was like a long bread; the second crop was a huge mushroom which looked like sunshade above the ground; the third crop was lower, whose fruit was like a grey watermelon. Zhang Tie didn't know what they were.

Zhang Tie felt everything was strange inside the fortress.

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After twenty minutes, Zhang Tie stopped in front of a huge 21-storey tower.

There was a brand hanging outside the tower, which wrote Mountain of Brightness.

Many people were accessing this tower hurriedly.

After entering the lobby of the tower, Zhang Tie looked around before coming to a hathpace.

"I want to join the Mountain of Brightness!"

An old man with white eyebrows and mustache raised his eyes and threw a glance at Zhang Tie, "Name?"

"Cui Li!"

"Age?"

"51!"

"Background?"

"I was born in Cui family, Liuying Town at the foot of Coiling Dragon Mountain, Yongzhou Province, Taixia Country. I've not joined any sect and doesn't have any byname yet!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's reply, the old man flickered his eyes behind the hathpace and threw another serious glance at Zhang Tie, "Do you know the rules of receiving the knight's crystal plate from here?"

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "Of course, the price of the knight's crystal plate is millions of gold coins. Although the revenue of the land at my home is not small, it will cost me at least 10,000 years to afford a knight's crystal plate. Although I don't know how to make money, I don't want to do evil things either. Therefore, I came here. I was told that the knight's crystal plate is free here. However, I have to defend the Lion Fortress for 3 years after receiving the crystal plate!"

"Do you agree?"

"Of course, I agree. I'm here to strive for my bright future."

"Show me your right hand..."

Zhang Tie stretched his right hand. Like how the old man in the pawnshop of Tianfang City did, this old man started to pinch each finger and joint of Zhang Tie's right hand carefully.

When Zhang Tie accepted such a check last time, he didn't know the old man's purpose; later on, he finally understood that the old man was confirming his bone grains.

The one who had already received the knight's crystal plate would not receive another one anymore.

However, Zhang Tie was not worried about that. Of course, with his body-changing immortal bloodline, Zhang Tie could change his bone grains completely.

As was imagined, after pinching Zhang Tie's bone grains, the old man turned around and moved his lips as if he was talking something to the one behind him in a secret way or let the buddy behind him inquire and verify that Zhang Tie's bone grains were exclusive. After waiting a few minutes quietly, the old man nodded as he took out a knight's crystal plate from behind the counter and pierced Zhang Tie's finger

with a needle, squeezing a drop of blood onto the dragon's eye of the knight's crystal plate. Closely after that, the knight's crystal plate turned blue.

"Inject your spiritual energy into the crystal plate!"

Zhang Tie injected some spiritual energy into it. After the knight's crystal plate became illuminant, a looming dragon-shaped light image appeared. After flying around the crystal plate for one circle, it entered the crystal plate and lit 28 scales on the crystal plate at once.

As for a black iron knight who had just received the knight's crystal plate, it was not an exaggeration that he had lit 28 scales. Many lonely cultivators didn't join the Mountain of Brightness until they promoted to earth knights.

——West Mountain Barbarian.

It was Zhang Tie's new byname in the Mountain of Brightness.

After leaving the Mountain of Brightness, Zhang Tie directly walked towards the Task Center of Knights in Lion Fortress...

Chapter 907: Zhang Tie's Counter-attack

"As a Class 1 garrison knight of Lion Fortress, one could gain 6 earth-elements crystals per month. However, if you choose to be a Class 2 garrison knight, when you gain the maximal freedom, you could only gain 2 earth-elements crystals per month. Precisely, if you just stay in Lion Fortress for 3 days per month and spend 27 days outside, your effective time is only 3 days while the rest 27 days could not be included into the effective time for you to receive earth-elements crystals. Am I clear? Only when you stay in the Lion Fortress could you be regarded as fulfilling your duties and receive your gains. If you left the Lion Fortress, your work would be ineffective. Of course, if you like, you could apply for degrading to Class 1 garrison knight in the Task Center of Knights at any time. As Class 1 garrison knights have to execute their tasks each month, they would have less freedom. As a reward, they would have more earth-elements crystals. Additionally, many tasks being distributed to Class 1 garrison knights are matched with extra rewards of earth-element crystals..."

"In Lion Fortress, we have to follow the military laws of Taixia Country. Although the contents of the laws are over complicated, you only need to keep a sentence in mind——Life for Life, money for money. The logistical personnel and subsidiary fighters in the fortress enjoy the same human rights as knights. There were many cases that knights from other subcontinents killed logistical personnel and subsidiary fighters due to various reasons. As for such cases, no matter how many chakras had the knights formed, they had to die without any exception or preferential treatment. Even a Hua commoner could not be insulted by knights from other subcontinents, not to mention the soldiers of Taixia Country in the fortress."

"Female is a scarce resource in Lion Fortress. Therefore, after you fall in love with any beauty among the logistical personnel, although you have the right to pursue her, don't violate her will; otherwise, you would face a tragedy for sure. It's not worthy for you to do that."



"As for the three fruits that you've already seen, they are breadfruit tree, nutritious mushroom and watermelon. They're the food of all the people in the fortress. As a Class 2 garrison knight, you could have one breadfruit, 0.5 kg nutritious mushroom and 0.5 kg watermelon a day when you stay in the fortress. From tomorrow onward, you could receive them from the supply point. If you have your own food or could gain food and materials from outside the Lion Fortress, you could exchange these fruits for consumption points in the fortress. With consumption points, you could consume in the bars of the fortress or purchase some daily-use products such as clothes and shoes. Many items and materials in the fortress are in relatively urgent demand. Because these items should be carried from the floating airboat above the ground, they would not be provided for knights freely."

"There are two general currencies in the fortress: consumption points and elements crystals such as earth-elements crystals, water-elements crystals and wind-elements crystals, the exchange rate between every two kinds of element crystals from low to high is 1:6. Golds and silvers are not available in the fortress, those who could come here would not lack those common objects above the ground!"

"The earth-elements realm is very large, it's almost like a complete world. The Lion Fortress is the pass from the earth-elements realm to the Eastern Continent. If you want to leave the Lion Fortress, I suggest you to study the map of the earth-elements realm near the fortress. Before being completely familiar with the map, you'd better not deepen into the region being far away from the Lion Fortress. Even if you want, you'd better go there with the other knights. The topography in earth-elements realm is very complex, besides plains which are similar to those above the ground, there're various abysses and underground caves. Compared to the earth's surface, more regions in earth-elements realm have not been explored, which might contain precious mineral resources and pre-historical items. This is also why many people are attracted to the earth-elements realm."

"In the Tower of Brilliance, you could see the tasks distributed to Class 2 garrison knights, which are always matched with three rewards: earth-elements crystals, consumption points and meritorious deed points. There're many kinds of tasks. As for Class 2 garrison knights, the fastest and most effective way to gain the above three rewards is to kill demon knights in the earth-elements realm. Of course, besides demon knights, there're many dangerous things in the earth-elements realm too. Since the beginning of the holy war, over 20 Class 2 garrison knights disappeared out of no reason each year. Watch out yourself."

After hearing that even knights would disappear out of no reason, Zhang Tie stopped walking, closely followed by that man in a red military uniform with the rank of major who had been introducing for him all the way. After turning around, he asked Zhang Tie, "What's wrong?"

"Class 2 garrison knights disappeared out of no reason when executing common tasks?" Zhang Tie repeated with an emphasis.

"Yes!"

"Haven't you investigated that?" Zhang Tie frowned.

"We did; however, we got no result. The only conclusion was that they might have died. After all, we're in the earth-elements realm. There're many fatal factors such as being ambushed by demon knights, a sudden encounter with senior demon knights or high-level mutated beasts or being in dilemma, etc.. Of course, we didn't exclude other possibilities. After all, too many knights come here from all walks from

life. Wherever there are humans, there will be conflicts. If there're disputes between garrison knights in the Lion Fortress, they could seek for a solution in courts of arbitration. If the courts of arbitration could not handle their disputes, they could fight in the Heavenly Ball of the Battle Simulation Tower. If they don't feel it's cool, they could have a real duel in the public. If someone wants something special, as long as they leave the fortress, they will have fewer shackles under less supervisory control. If there's no evidence, there would be no punishment. Therefore...you know, oh, I've forgotten to introduce myself to you. I'm Liu Xing, a logistical major in the Task Center of Knights in the Lion Fortress!"

"Liu Xing...the xing in haixing 1 ?" Zhang Tie asked.

"Yes, the xing of xingzhen 2 !" Major Liu Xing pushed his spectacle-figure upwards as he emphasized in a poetic way, "Undoubtedly, the xing in xingzhen is much more advanced than the xing in haixing."

Zhang Tie didn't pay attention to the persistence of Major Liu Xing. After hearing this name, Zhang Tie became absent-minded while a late face loomed in his mind. The owner of the face in his mind was also called Liu Xing, the first lieutenant in the Iron-blood Camp of the No. 39 Division of Iron-horn Corps of Norman Empire. He was Zhang Tie's comrade-in-arms!

After coming out of the Task Center of Knights, it took them over 10 minutes to enter a region being filled with dense metal high towers.

All the towers were higher than 200 m. Like chess pieces on the checkerboard and sharp swords and javelins pointing at the sky, they were sitting in the square exterior region of the Lion Fortress. At the sight of them, Zhang Tie knew there were at least 1,000 towers.

This was the residential area of black iron knights who defended the Lion Fortress.

In a farther place, there were some towers higher than 500 m, which were the residences of earth knights who defended the Lion Fortress.

The closer they were to the core region, the higher the towers would be.

When Zhang Tie passed by this region, he saw a piece of metal number plate at the entrance of each tower.

Major Liu Xing soon led Zhang Tie to a high tower marked Black D 1607.

Pointing at it, Major Liu Xing said, "Here's your residence. The key to this residence is the metal plate that you've got from the Task Center. Besides, the metal plate is the receipt of your consumption points in the Lion Fortress and your identification certificate to access to the fortress. When you enter the fortress, don't forget to register outside the gate. If not, you will have less earth-elements crystals than you could imagine. By then, you'd better not complain about others."

When Major Liu Xing introduced, Zhang Tie had already taken out that palm-sized metal plate and inserted it into the metal gate. He then screwed it like screwing a key, causing the gate to open quietly.

The moment the gate was opened, a familiar qi of element-gathering matrix had spilled out of the tower. Zhang Tie was slightly shocked.

Zhang Tie entered it. However, Major Liu Xing just stood outside the tower, "Whether do you want to take a rest or continue to let me show you around the Lion Fortress? Besides the Battle Simulation Tower and the Knight's Bar, there're many more places where knights would be interested in..."

"No need, thank you. I've been tired after traveling for a day. I want to take a rest. I will visit the other places myself when I'm free. Oh, how do I find you?"

"When you're in the Lion Fortress, if you have any problem that needs to be handled by the logistics department of the fortress, just leave a memo in the memo box behind the gate. The logistical personnel would collect it everyday. The logistics department could meet all your reasonable demands!"

Zhang Tie caught sight of the tiny memo box behind the metal gate right away. The memo box had two mouths, one outside, from where memos could be put in and be seen by Zhang Tie from inside, one inside, from where memos could be put in by Zhang Tie and be seen by logistical personnel such as Liu Xing who had the key of the box.

This design was convenient and practicable.

"Okay, I know! Zhang Tie nodded. The logistical personnel of the Lion Fortress was a bit like the butlers in the fortress or servicemen in hotels, who could help knights solve many trifles.

"What else can I do for you?"

"Nothing else, oh, you've got a good name!"

After being slightly shocked, Major Liu Xing replied, "Thanks!"

"Well, I will enter cultivation for a few days." Zhang Tie revealed a faint smile on his fierce face. Closely after that, he closed the gate from inside.

After revealing a smile, Major Liuxing left...

In his knight's tower, Zhang Tie dropped the luggage that he had been holding all the way and looked around the tower in a customary way.

The knight's tower was composed of 3 floors. The area of each floor gradually decreased starting from the first floor. The first floor was the parlor being covered with a lot of items; the second floor was his bedroom and washroom while the third floor was a cultivation room.

All the furnishings in the room were brand new and simple. There was nothing but basic daily-use products in the room. Zhang Tie could not even find a dagger.

In the cultivation room, Zhang Tie felt that the qi of elements-gathering matrix was passed downwards from the triangular top of the knight's tower, which looked like a very special elements-gathering matrix. Additionally, this elements-gathering matrix was much more powerful than Zhang Tie's private one.

Many basic structures in the knight's tower were made of metals just like the materials of the tower. They were so solid that they could not even be destroyed by knights. It seemed that those basic structures directly grew out of the knight's tower. For instance, Zhang Tie didn't see any pipe in the

knight's tower even across the fortress; however, the moment he opened the fusiform water faucet, he would see limpid water flowing out of it.

Water would not come out of the void. Therefore, the water pipes must have been inlaid in the knight's tower, the walls of this fortress and underground in advance.

Therefore, Zhang Tie guessed that each building and the high tower across the Lion Fortress must have been integrated with this fortress in an organic way. Just like how the trunk was connected with the tree leaves, each building and the high tower was a part of the precision system.

Zhang Tie could not imagine how was such a magnificent complex be accomplished.

Among all the things that Zhang Tie had ever seen, only the Palace Tree was similar to the Lion Fortress. All the things inside the Palace Tree were integrated with each other, which grew out of there themselves, leaving no artificial trace just like many places in the Lion Fortress.

'Did the Lion Fortress also grow out of an exotic seed like the Palace Tree?'

Zhang Tie felt it was amazing when this whim occurred to his mind.

After being familiar with the internal environment of his knight's tower, Zhang Tie went upstairs to the cultivation room on the 3rd floor.

In the cultivation room, Zhang Tie took out the knight's crystal plate from Castle of Black Iron which belonged to his original body and had the byname of Chakra's Lion.

'It's time to make a counter-attack...'

Zhang Tie didn't have any concern at this moment...

'Eye for eye!'

'Those people and forces who framed me could never imagine that I would survive their trap.'

'As long as I'm still alive, they have to pay for what they did.'

'The Supreme Court of Taixia Country implement laws strictly. They declare people guilty only by evidence. Although I could not present any evidence for my innocence, it doesn't matter, as sometimes evidence is not that important. The Supreme Court is just one power of Taixia Country; there are powers which are greater than the Supreme Court in Taixia Country.'

'For instance, does my master Zhao Yuan need any motherf\*cking evidence if he wants someone die?'

'Of course not, they would make choices according to their own judgments instead of relying on evidence.'

'Big figures rely on personal judgments instead of evidence!'

'Evidences are stagnated and might be false; however, judgments are transcendental, which are the combination of one's wisdom and experiences.'

'All the big figures are very confident.'

'That's enough!'

Zhang Tie logged on the Mountain of Brightness by his knight's crystal plate and accessed to the forum of knights.

'Only when human knights who have been confirmed to betray humans could the link between the knight's crystal plate and the Mountain of Brightness be canceled off and terminated. Although I've been wanted, I didn't betray humans; therefore, my identity as the Chakra's Lion is still available in Mountain of Brightness.'

It was Zhang Tie's first time to post on the forum of knights in Mountain of Brightness.

After recovering his composure, it took Zhang Tie a few hours to finish a sentimental article.

Before releasing it, Zhang Tie named it—"The Truth of the Tragedy in Fuhai City".

"Castle Lord, please change one title!" Heller's voice sounded in Zhang Tie's mind.

"Change one?"

"Yup, although this title points to the purport of this article, it's not eye-catching. We need an attractive title so that those who had noticed the title would continue to read its contents out of curiosity. What you're doing was like someone posting on an online forum before the Catastrophe. Do you know that a party was also rampant online before the Catastrophe?"

"What's that?" Every time Zhang heard the word "party" would he recall the Gobbling Party.

"Title Party!"

"Title Party?"

After listening to Heller's serious introduction about the Title Party, Zhang Tie thought through right away...

'What a party!'

After thinking for quite a while, Zhang Tie finally fixed the main title.

"The inscription on the gravestone of the despicable: from the dean of a provincial court and a gentleman to a major criminal and obscene devil in Taixia Country—my half year in Taixia Country"

Followed by a subtitle below—"Being attached with a lot of first-hand precious secret news and the secret of a shadow demon in Heavenly Reaching Church"

Author: Zhang Tie, Zhang Mushen, the Chakra's Lion.

Reading mode—free

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This article soon appeared in the Mountain of Brightness...

After absorbing 4 earth-element crystals in 2 hours, Zhang Tie reviewed the article and found it had been browsed over 500 times...

## Chapter 908: The Inscription on the Gravestone of the Despicable——Excerpt 1

I was born in a remote place in Waii Subcontinent——Blackhot City of Andaman Alliance.

Andaman Alliance was a very small alliance of cities. The total urban area of this alliance might not even match that of Class A city in Taixia Country. Of course, you could not find knights in this alliance.

Before the holy war, Andaman Alliance had been annexed by Norman Empire. My hometown Blackhot City also became a Class D city in Brunswick Province under the governance of the governor of the north border of Norman Empire. Even though before Andaman Alliance was annexed, many people who lived in the prosperous cities of Waii Subcontinent still didn't know about the location of Blackhot City of Andaman Alliance.

Not to mention those Hua people who lived in the prosperous and powerful Taixia Country.

I was a grassroots knight who grew up from a trivial person in such a remote place.

Why do I feel that I'm a grassroots knight? The most important point is that I didn't know that there was any relationship between me and Huaiyuan Palace which shocked the entire Waii Subcontinent until I was 16.

When I was young, a copper coin meant half a bowl of rice brew. My mom supported our family by making and selling rice brew. My dad worked in a steel mill. I remember that my dad's one year's salary was 12 gold coins at that time, which could barely survive the family of 4 even in Blackhot City. Our family was very frugal at that time.

Previously, we should have five family members. Pitifully, before I came to this world, one of my elder brothers had sacrificed in a battle between Andaman Alliance and the surrounding forces in the status of a common soldier of Andaman Alliance. After that guy left our family in a very irresponsible way, I came to this world.

I think they might want me to have a longer longevity instead of just leaving the family like my elder brother; therefore, they named me Zhang Tie.

Compared to the official name Zhang Mushen, I prefer the pet name. The name Zhang Tie is very basic.

Although tie is not valuable, it's very hard. Therefore, this word reflects my life experience since I was born to the present.

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My mom used to instruct me——to be a good person; instead of being a big figure!

I have been trying my best to be a good person since I was young.

When I was young, I didn't even understand the meaning of a good person. However, when I sent the remaining rice soup to the orphanage in Blackhot City by tricycle for the first time and saw the naive smiles of those orphans and my mom's reassuring smile, I had learned a preliminary definition of a good person——a good person was like those who could send remaining rice soup to orphanage.

The Grandma Teresa in the orphanage also touched my head and said I was a good person.

At that moment, I was confident that I would be a good person for the rest of my life.

I've not imagined that my wish to be a good person would be shattered after I came to Taixia for less than half a year. I'm now a totally heinous bad guy.

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It's too difficult to be a good person; especially a good person who's favored by everyone else. Additionally, a good person wouldn't necessarily win people's respect or praise.

Sometimes, I wanted to be a bad guy too.

It was also in Blackhot City when I wanted to be a bad guy for the first time. It was in the Iron Thorns Fighting Club.

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After finding out that I could bear being beaten at school, Captain Kerlin the military representative and director of the Seventh National Male Middle School in Blackhot City introduced a promising job to me in the fighting club out of pity and "kindness".

I still remember Captain Kerlin's words which he said that day.

"I have a precious part-time social practice position for you. It's highly paid. Besides, you could touch many rich and influential figures and broaden your horizon. If you could do a good job, you will improve your battle strength greatly. You could even have a chance to contact with those beauties over there. Many people begged me for that job; however, I disagreed; I find you're the most proper person for this job!"

When I heard these words at the beginning, I felt that Captain Kerlin was the most lovable person in this world. I felt that the halos of a good person finally brought me a good luck and I saw a narrow chance for me to improve my poor life.

At that moment, I was doing a part-time job in a grocery as an apprentice in Blackhot City. The boss of the grocery was a miser. I didn't gain any pay after 2 years of job.

When in the Seventh National Male Middle School in Blackhot City, all the male students in their puberty became wild animals being dominated by male hormone.

At school, we didn't call each other students; instead, we called each other animals.

Therefore, I desired about this job through which I could make money, enjoying beauties and "have an intimate contact with beauties".

The location of this job was Avenue Bright, the most prosperous place in Blackhot City.

I felt that I was going to have a bright future.

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On the next day since Captain Kerlin introduced that job to me, with a nervous yet ambitious feeling, I came to the Avenue Bright. Holding my breath, I entered the gate of the Iron Thorns Fighting Club which was guarded by warriors in armor.

A beauty was standing behind the counter of the lobby. At her 20s, she wore a black tight vest and a pair of white tight sweatpants with a ponytail. At the sight of her genial smile and air of youth, my heart had started to pound.

This woman was called Mary, the first female who drove me to be a bad guy.

After knowing that I was here to apply for a job in the fighting club, she came out of the counter and led me to the manager's room.

Walking behind her and watching her "twisting" butt, a wildfire of hope to be a real man started to burn in my heart. Closely after that, I stammered, "Hi...hello, I...I am Zhang Tie, what's your name?"

I think my voice must be trembling at that moment.

Mary stopped as she threw a glance at my face and my clothes which indicated my identity and background, with an icy and ironical eye light she said, "Actually, you don't have to know my name. Although we're all here to make money, you should know that there would be no relationship between you and me for the rest of our lives. Stop daydreaming..."

What a shame!

After hearing this reply, my face turned pale. My heart ached as if it was stabbed by someone. In a split second, I didn't know how should I respond to her. Perhaps, I should face her in a mild and calm way; however, with a complex mood combining fury which was caused by being despised and braveness, I forcefully caught her shoulders and pushed her against the wall. When she was scared so much that she even became flurried, I thrust my waist and hit her twice in the form of "piston movement". At the same time, I told her furiously that I would definitely let her crawl to me and beg me to f\*ck her one day.

This obscene movement could never be made by a good person.

Such words could not be told to a 20-year old beauty by a good person either.

I felt that I was a bad guy; therefore, I was pretty scared inside.

Luckily, Mary didn't shout loudly. Although she despised me furiously, she still led me to the manager's office.

It was my first time to be a bad guy who let such a beautiful girl feel shameful and hide her distant and derisive face.

In the manager's office, I saw the manager of this fighting club and learned about the "promising job"—highly paid, improving physical health, having intimate contacts with big figures and broaden my horizon in a high-end place.

It was called a ladder player, which had another name in the fighting club—human flesh bag! Those rich people in the fighting club didn't feel cool to only hit sandbags; they required a mobile sandbag for their exercise. I was the very mobile sandbag.



The working time of this part-time job was 6 pm to 11 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The compensation per hour was 70 copper coins. If I was late on the very day, the compensation for the very day would be deducted. The compensation would be paid weekly. I might get a tip from guests.

On the day I went there, a human flesh bag had just resigned; therefore, in order to keep me, the manager added 10 more copper coins per hour for me.

80 copper coins per hour! I adopted it willingly even though my job was to be beaten by others!

It was my first paid job.

During the first time, I was hit and passed out in the fighting club the moment the training started. I gradually woke up after being carried out of the training room.

It was too late when I went back home that night. My father asked me the reason.

I told him that my teacher introduced a highly paid part-time job for me. I could contact a lot of rich and powerful person through this job. When I was free, I could even do physical exercises. Additionally, there were many beauties over there. I even met a beauty who praised me that I was ambitious and a daydreamer!

My dad and mom burst out into laughter at the same time.

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Now, I see, this encounter with Mary in the fighting club might be the premonition of my current encounter, through which, the Almighty God wanted to show me a point.

——At a point in my life, a woman changed me from a good person to a bad person.

Mary was the first one, but not the last.

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When I saw Mary last time, she was more beautiful than ever. After I left the fighting club for a few hours, everything had changed.

That woman might have not fully understood the significance of the status of an officer of Norman Empire in a place being occupied by Norman Empire.

The young master of Gregory family didn't know about that a few hours ago; however, he understood it too after a few hours.

It was too late that night while almost nobody could be seen on the streets. The night wind felt chilly.

Quivering all over, Mary stood in front of my apartment like a princess who was going to attend a ball and a gift being wrapped by a crystal bobtail. Together with her was Pawano the old butler of Gregory family. The old man looked elegant and meticulous in a black swallowtail.

In the eyes of commoners in Blackhot City, the status of the butler of Gregory family was paramount, which could shatter a commoner's life and family easily.

On behalf of Gregory family, Pavano apologized to me a few hours ago and expressed that Mary was Gregory family's gift to me.

Under the gaze of the dignified old butler, Mary quivered and stammered what I expected her to say in front of me, which was shameful for a woman.

Previously, I thought that I should be pleasant at that moment; however, when that woman entered my apartment and dropped her tears like a lamb entering the slaughterhouse, I found that I was not cold-blooded enough; neither could I gain any sense of achievement or pleasant sensation from her sadness and despair.

Actually, when I saw her standing outside my apartment, I had already forgiven her. The conflict between me and her was a bit ridiculous—when a woman was selling her youth and beautiful look at a high price in the counter, all of a sudden, she received the inquiry of a poor lad. Being afraid of lowering her level, of course, the woman would feel disgusting. Her reply to me at that moment could be simply translated as "You cannot afford me!" It was more straightforward than being impolite. Just like how one was forbidden in a high-end restaurant in shabby clothes.

It had nothing to do with self-esteem; it was just a matter of personal habit.

I thought it through. Therefore, I made a cup of liquor for her to make her warm up. Under her unbelievable eyes, I even apologized to her for my rude behavior in the fighting club. We were on a tie.

That evening, I told her to sleep overnight in the guest room of my apartment. I slept in my own bedroom.

When I woke up on the second morning, I found she had gone, leaving a sentence on the glass of my guest room by her lipstick—Thank you, but I hate you!

By then, I realized that women were like strange animals. Sometimes, when you wanted to have sex with her, she would feel being insulted; sometimes, when you didn't want to have sex with her, she would feel being insulted too.

I felt that women were all sick.

The more beautiful the woman was, the sicker she would be.

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Later on, I didn't see her anymore even though I left Waii Subcontinent after the blackhot City and Norman Empire were ruined by demons.

To tell the truth, I had to appreciate her. It was she who drove me forward.

Later on, I learned from another woman whom I loved yet finally lost that—One would feel happy with the beloved one on your side; one would grow mature after losing the beloved one. No matter whether one could gain or lose one's love, just take it a blessing in one's life.

Mary was a blessing in my life.

Therefore, no matter whether she could read this article or not, I have to bless her and hope her to meet the one who could indeed treasure her and buy her away in terms of happiness.

Until I came to Taixia Country did I understand another truth——not everything that one loses is a blessing.

If you treated losing something as a blessing, you've already relieved your vigilance. Someone would set a fatal trap for you by this blessing.

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When I fought demons fiercely in Selnes Theater of Operations of Waii Subcontinent and insisted on fighting them in the north of Kalay Mountain Range of Waii Subcontinent after the defense line of Selnes Theater of Operations was collapsed, my family members had safely and smoothly arrived at Yingzhou Province, Taixia Country and settled down in Fuhai City for the time being.

I have 3 babies.

The marriage between Fan family's daughter and I was also engaged by our parents on both sides at that moment.

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On March 2nd, the 900th year of Black Iron Calendar, my family members bid a farewell to me in the Zhang manor in Golden Light City, waiting for me to marry the daughter of Director Fan's daughter in Fuhai City, Yingzhou Province.

With my excellent performance on inflicting heavy losses in the Heavenly Reaching Church and in the competition for the provincial governor of Youzhou Province, the name of Zhang Tie, Zhang Mushen, the dean of provincial court in Youzhou Province spread out of Youzhou Province for the first time. My mother said that Fan family was urging the marriage.

As for such an engagement, the male party could not feel sorry for the female party; additionally, the female had waited for me so many years. This marriage was destined to be accomplished.

I was too ambitious and pleasant at that moment because I didn't fall in the wrestle with the Gobbling Party and the demons.

I just took this journey to Yingzhou as a chance to relax myself.

I had not seen the look of Director Fan's daughter. Whatever, as long as she was virtuous and not ugly.

In the last few years in Waii Subcontinent, the all-purpose medicament produced by Zhang family played a great role in the holy war. It was even taken as strategical storage and hard currency by many countries. Therefore, I intended to extend the business of Jinwu Business Group in Yingzhou Province by chance. As the old saying went, benefits should always be kept for one's own people, now that I would

marry the daughter of Director Fan, Fan family would be our ideal agency in Yingzhou Province for selling all-purpose medicament. I went there with 200,000 vials of all-purpose medicament as a gift.

As it was a personal affair, I didn't keep it a secret. Therefore, the moment I left Youzhou Province, those who paid attention to me should have known it.

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The moment I arrived at Fuhai City, I was told that the Gobbling Party had a very great influence in Yingzhou Province.

When I arrived at Fuhai City, I lived in the Heavenly No. 7 suite of Guanlanhu Hotel in Fuhai City. The moment I prepared to take a rest, a head of the Morality Association of the Gobbling Party in Fuhai City called Yang Yushan had arrived at the hotel and intended to pay a visit to me.

I knew it was a threat. Therefore, I felt sick.

After ignoring Yang Yushan for a few hours, I finally received him.

Until now, I could still tell you frankly that I disliked him even though that guy was already dead.

The moment Yang Yushan saw me, he had started to blame me for being ill-mannered.

I was a knight; Yang Yushan was not even a LV 9 fighter. How could a guy below LV 9 blame a knight for being ill-mannered the moment he saw the latter? Is this the etiquette advocated by the Gobbling Party? How audacious he was! How could a guy who was not even qualified to raise shoes for a knight on the battlefield blame a knight in a domineering manner in the name of the Gobbling Party?

Except for Taixia Country, which head of a nongovernmental organization below LV 9 could blame a knight across all the human countries?

Ignoring one's respect; offending the superiors; borrowing power to do evil. If such a Gobbling Party could represent the heavenly laws, the heavenly laws are nothing but sh\*t in my eyes.

Yang Yushan brought me the solution of the conflict between the Gobbling Party and I—I had to join the Gobbling Party and take responsibility for rebuilding the morality association in Youzhou Province as the head of new morality association in Youzhou Province on behalf of the Gobbling Party.

As the offspring of Lord Huaiyuan, I gave Yang Yushan a solution too—tell the leaders of the Gobbling Party to kowtow three times in front of the memorial tablet of Lord Huaiyuan and admit that they were wrong loudly before dissolving the Gobbling Party!

You wanted to bargain with me or boast with me?

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It was not a compromise, it was just a plan that the force of the Gobbling Party in Yingzhou Province made to smack my face.

If you were me, would you promise him?

Of course, Yang Yushan left angrily.

Soon after Yang Yushan left, I had received a message from Director Fan's mansion——Director Fan felt uncomfortable. He didn't want to see me tomorrow.

I had already foreboded that this marriage might be ruined at that moment.

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2 days later, I went to see Director Fan in his mansion.

As I had predicted, this marriage was ruined.

Facing the great stress of the Gobbling Party, Fan family in Yingzhou Province chose to break off the engagement. I was not shocked by such a result at all. As an elder of Huaiyuan Palace, I knew what a choice clan would make in this situation——Unless being foolish, the clan elders would never agree with such an engagement at the risk of standing on the opposite side of the Gobbling Party.

I understood Fan family's choice very well.

However, it didn't mean that I was happy.

Although being infuriated at that moment, I didn't feel ill. I was infuriated about being smacked by the Gobbling Party in Fuhai City. I didn't feel ill because I had not seen the daughter of Director Fan at all. That woman was just a strange symbol in my mind. I didn't involve any affection in her. To be honest, after experiencing so many things, although it's a bit shameless and exaggerated to say I've read a lot of women, I was not that innocent teenager who would feel depressed because of a woman's words in the fighting club anymore.

I just felt that a good business was blown by someone; of course, I would revenge the one who had blown the good business.

After staying in Fan Mansion a few minutes and making Director Fan reassured, I had left Fan Mansion. After that, I went to the Morality Association in Fuhai City and smacked their face.

As the old saying went, it's never too late for a gentleman to revenge. However, if the target was right in front of me, I would think about revenging him all day long.

It was a loud smack on the Morality Association in Fuhai City. Outside the pavilion of Morality Association, I stomped to the ground in front of the backbones of the Morality Association three times, collapsing the pavilion. Two people of Qin family were in the Morality Association, Qin Wu and the young master of Qin family.

When the group of people was escaping in an embarrassed way, I burst out into laughter. After leaving Fuhai City, I felt a bit pleasant as I had already revenged the Gobbling Party.

I was just forced to break off the engagement with a woman whom I had not met at all. It was nothing serious for me.

It's hard to get a lover in the world.

I treat the power as sh\*t and ignore the ridicule of the powerful ones.

You're just passers in my life, I will not return when I leave.

If I could marry beloved ones, I prefer to be a farmer.

I will graze cattle in the morning and come back with wildflowers.

Inserting flowers on your grey hair, I will watch the sunglow together with you.

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In a split second, I saw a person as same as me and the one whom I had been chased all the way there from the airship being engulfed by black flames. The two people soon reduced to ashes. My heart froze at once. Before I recovered from the sudden shock, Qin Wu and the other two knights had appeared in the air and started to launch an attack towards me!

Besides Qin Wu, I even didn't know who were the other two knights, why they appeared there and attacked me.

I asked Qin Wu the reason.

Qin Wu wanted to kill me for the late young master of Qin family.

When I collapsed the pavilion of the Morality Association, Qin Wu and his young master were both there; however, until I left Fuhai City, I didn't hear that anyone was killed by the falling pavilion. Why would Qin Wu kill me for the death of his young master?

I felt something was wrong!

Especially when I recalled the one who looked as same as me and suddenly reduced to ashes in front of me.

I realized that I might've fallen into a terrifying trap.

I didn't want to fight a knight of Taixia Country to death, as I defended Qin Wu's mad attack, I kept retreating.

I thought that Qin Wu was fulfilling his responsibilities as an employed elder of Qin clan; however, the fact was that I made a ridiculous fault.

When your opponent suddenly exerted his utmost efforts to attack you with boiling battle qi, you had to launch a counter-attack so as to protect yourself; however, in a split second, the knight who was having a close combat with you removed his protective battle qi and moved closer to your punch on purpose, have you met that?

I met that. That was what Qin Wu did to me. I wanted to defend his punch with my own punch; however, I punched his body into pieces. Actually, I've already removed 80% of my strength the moment I hit him. The remaining 20% of strength could only severely wound Qin Wu; however, Qin Wu revealed a weird flee towards me before splitting into pieces.

Qin Wu committed suicide. However, in that situation, all the other knights thought that Qin Wu was killed by me.

The moment Qin Wu died, I had heard a roar "stop..." from the sky.

Closely after that, a powerful earth knight launched an attack towards me.

After Qin Wu's death, I lost my last chance to clarify my innocence.

Until a furious earth knight wanted to kill me, I still didn't know why I suddenly mired in such a dilemma and was besieged by strange knights when I was eating hotpot in the airship. What made me more confused was that the earth knight said he was cleaning up the dreg for Huaiyuan Palace.

I wanted to swear whether this father had abducted your daughter or dug your ancestral grave and where the motherf\*cking did he come from.

Later on, I knew that earth knight was Feng Yuelun the Cheji General of Yingzhou Province.

However, with his one blow, I had been heavily wounded.

Before his second blow arrived, I released an explosive light bomb from my portable space-teleportation equipment and escaped at the critical moment.

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I hid in a secret place as I didn't want to die out of no reason.

After recovering my wounds, I changed a look and came to Fuhai City. I wanted to figure out what happened in Fuhai City after I left there and why I suddenly became a public enemy in Taixia Country.

As to what happened later, you've already known.

I also figured out why the two knights suddenly reduced to ashes in front of me.

Is it ironical? I should learn what "I" did in Fuhai City from others.

After that, I became a heinous wanted criminal, an abnormal guy who was possessed by the devil after being forced to break off the engagement with Fan family.

There were all sorts of evidence about my crimes everywhere.

However, I didn't have any evidence to prove my innocence. Just like how a lion falling into the trap could not have a ladder to climb out of there, I also couldn't prove that the one who made the crimes was not the real me.

The two knights had been applied with the Bloody Demon Imitation Method; therefore, they suddenly reduced to ashes in front of me. I'm already satisfied to be attacked by a knight who has formed three chakras.

However, I am not the criminal, no matter how similar he looked to me.

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Director Fan, as you're still alive, do you remember how that b\*stard insulted your daughter?

Although I was not at the scene, I'm sure that the criminal was not naked at that moment! Do you know why? Although he could imitate my look, he could not imitate my skin. As he didn't know whether I had a birthmark, scar or tattoo on my skin, he dared not expose his skin in case of any loophole.

Neither did he leave any body liquid which could be used to authenticate his identity in case of any loophole. Therefore, I lost another chance to prove my innocence.

Yes, I was possessed by the devil. I was lunatic. However, I stood to not ejaculate at that moment. Do you admire me?

The b\*stard penetrated through your left chest by his battle qi; however, as your heart was in the right chest, you finally survived. You were sure that the one was me because you saw his look; however, if I really wanted to kill you, I would never spare any chance for you to survive. Do you know the reason?

Simply, since I joined Huaiyuan Palace and raided the demonized puppets in the Heavenly Cold City to the Selnes Theater of Operations, I had fought numerous demonized puppets and formed a battle habit, namely, If I wanted to kill someone, I would never attack his heart; instead I would shatter his main body into pieces so that he would completely lose his moving ability or directly chop off his head.

This habit has already become my instinct just like my breath after fighting numerous demonized puppets. Common perforating wounds are not fatal to the demonized puppets. Only when you destroy their heads and main bodies could you kill them. Any veteran who has rich experience in fighting demonized puppets would form such a habit. Do you know how many demonized puppets have I killed in Heavenly Cold City, Selenes Theater of Operations and in the process of preventing the contingent of demonized puppets from moving southwards in Kalay Mountain Range?

At least 500,000 demonized puppets. Believe it or not! At the cost of the lives of 500,000 demonized puppets, this habit has been deeply branded in my bones.

As I've been possessed by the devil, I almost forgot how to kill people.

I killed your whole family; however, I didn't take off my clothes when raping your daughter? When I was thrilled by your naked daughter, I didn't leave any semen fluid? I hated Fan family so much; however, I kept your body complete? Because that b\*stard looked as same as me, I became the criminal? This is the so-called fatal evidence.

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Green Flute Hermit and the young elder of Lancang Sect, when you were attracted by the battle qi totem of Qin Wu and followed him to chase the criminal out of the Fuhai City, are you sure that the criminal was always in your sight? Whether Qin Wu was dominating the entire chasing process? Whether the criminal had gotten rid of your sight for a short while before you met me? Finally, through Qin Wu's search, you found me once again and started to launch an attack towards me without any hesitation, right?

Because you chased the criminal all the way from Fuhai City to the wilderness, when you caught sight of me, you thought I was the very criminal. In that situation, you both thought that there wouldn't be any 2nd Zhang Tie, right?

Therefore, I became the very criminal.



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General Feng, I knew you abhor evils as deadly foes; however, when you thought that you were purifying Huaiyuan Palace, have you considered why Qin Wu died the moment you arrived?

When I "killed" Qin Wu, General Feng, Green Flute Hermit and the young elder of Lancang Sect were all enshrouded by the boiling battle qi of Qin Wu. You didn't see clearly how Qin Wu died at all. You only saw the final result——Qin Wu split into pieces.

Undoubtedly, in your eyes, Qin Wu was killed by me.

I was possessed by the devil; I became foolish too. After escaping out of Fuhai City, I got lost; however, I moved all the way towards your camp. Therefore, after receiving the notice from Fuhai City, the moment you left your camp by airboat, you had blocked me over 500 miles away from your camp.

When in battle, the battle qi totems of knights could be seen from 350 miles away on a sunny day. Is it different than fighting and killing people outside your home?

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I didn't know why Qin Wu and the young master of Qin family suddenly appeared in Fuhai City, because the two people should be patrolling in Yulin City, the private city of Qin family. As Qin Wu said that the young master of Qin family was killed by me and I killed Qin Wu, therefore Qin family thought the young master of Qin family was killed by me.

There was something wrong with Qin Wu!

However, I couldn't prove it because he had committed suicide.

I just want to remind the Qin family, as Qin Wu had served you for so many years, he must have known a lot of secrets of Qin family and participated in many actions of Qin family. You could completely trust Qin Wu; however, suppose Qin Wu was a member of demon or the Heavenly Breaking Church, do you know what he was going to do during these years and how many preparations had he made in Qin family?

After coming to Taixia Country, my only enemy was the Heavenly Reaching Church and the Gobbling Party.

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Finally, I want to talk about the Gobbling Party. Fan family made the decision to break off the engagement with me under the great stress of the Gobbling Party. This is the cause of this tragedy. That night, why would Yang Yushan summon the backbones in Fuhai City after losing their face in the daytime and wait to be cleaned up by me? As a result, my crime was confirmed and Qin Wu had a chance to chase me out of Fuhai City.

Grand tutor of the heir apparent, can you prove that this event is not a gunning test that the Gobbling Party designed to kill me?

I believe that the Gobbling Party will never be so heinous because this has surpassed your bottom line after fighting Huaiyuan Palace for such a long time. I know that many members of the Gobbling Party

expect me to die and uproot Huaiyuan Palace, however, this is not your style. You excel at evident plots, such as encouraging the imperial consorts in Xuanyuan Hill to attack me with words. You're thinking about catching a chance to shatter Huaiyuan Palace according to the rules in Taixia Country.

However, can you prove that no member of the Gobbling Party has taken advantage of this event or colluded with the Heavenly Reaching Church or demons in this event?

Of course, you don't need to prove it. Because you're the leader of the Gobbling Party, a heavenly knight in Taixia Country, the current grand tutor of the heir apparent and one of the top three lords in Taixia Country in the future. However, I'm just a fugitive, a guy who's lunatic and should not be trusted. You don't need to prove or make any response to my words. I'm just talking rubbish and framing you.

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When I inflicted heavy losses on the Heavens Breaking Church in Youzhou Province at the beginning of this year and killed Master Jiang, this shadow demon who might have hidden in Taixia Country so for many years uttered a pleasant and mad sentence before death—Your Hua people's doomsday is coming, I'm waiting for you in the hell.

Only I heard this sentence at that moment. I thought it was just a curse from a demon who was going to die. Therefore, I didn't keep it in mind.

After listening to his will, I stomped his head into pieces.

Lately, his will always rang in my ears.

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A powerful knight who mastered the Bloody Demon Imitation Method and could not be resisted by the entire Huaiyuan Palace...

A powerful force which could let Qin Wu frame me at the cost of his life...

A terrifying force which knew that the heart of Director Fan was on his right chest through the official difference engine database of Yingzhou Province.

A former dean of the provincial court of Youzhou Province suddenly became a hot figure on the wanted list of the Supreme Court of Taixia Country...

A former gentleman suddenly became an abnormal devil...

After coming to Taixia Country for half a year, what happened to me and what was exposed to me were completely out of my imagination.

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Being despicable is the passport of the despicable ones while being noble is the inscription on the gravestone of the noble ones.

I'm despicable; however, I have no passport. If I was killed by the powerhouses of Taixia Country one day, this article would be the inscription on my gravestone.

If there's one more Zhang Tie who proves that he has betrayed the humans and could not use his knight's crystal plate to contact the Mountain of Brightness or leave any words in the forum of the Mountain of Brightness, don't be too amazed, because it's not difficult for them.

Who are they? Where are they hiding in?

Besides being sure that they're malicious to Taixia Country, I knew nothing about them.

Even if the sky collapsed, someone would support it for us;

I have fallen into the pit and almost been buried alive. Even though I tried my best to jump out, I could only make this far.

Well, that's all I want to say. As I have some strength left, I'm going to escape from the rest of the world...