

Black Iron 941

Chapter 941: A Weird Cloud of Mist

Before going up the mountain, it took Zhou Shufan 2 minutes to explain the most important thing to Zhang Tie.

It was out of Zhang Tie's imagination that the process to gain a silver secret item from the Weapons Mountain was so bizarre.

After thinking for a short while, Zhang Tie asked the last question, "As silver secret items are different in qualities and levels, if two silver secret items appeared in front of me at the same time, how could I select the better one?"

"Generally, the fiercer and bigger the virtual image of the animal was, the more advanced and rarer the material object would be!" Filton answered the question ahead of Zhou Shufan, "In other words, the bigger and fiercer the virtual image was, the rarer it would be!"

Zhang Tie nodded as he said, "Wish you good luck then!"

"If there's no accident, we will assemble here and leave out of here 3 days later!"

"Fine!"

"If you're powerful enough, you can have a try upside there. However, the higher it is, the colder it will be. Basically, only earth knights could stay a bit longer above 6,000 m of this Weapons Mountain. It's said that the pearls of secret items on the top of the mountain might contain space-teleportation equipment such as nanobeads!"

"I am not that greedy. I only expect to get a silver secret item this time!"

After chatting for a short while, they cupped their hands towards each other. After that, they separated from each other and rushed into the misty Weapons Mountain as fast as shells. Even Gong Ziyao and Zhou Shufan who used to be partners had separated at this moment.

As for whether they could gain a silver secret item in the next 3 days, it depended on their own luck and power.

Zhang Tie moved too. He directly rushed into a deserted path.

Even tens of thousands of people could not be easily found in the Weapons Mountain, not to mention the 20-odd human knights.

Before entering the mountain, Zhang Tie sensed the whereabouts of the tracing feather behind them once again.

The tracing feather had also entered the palace-like architectural complex; however, it dodged from all the knights in that architectural complex on the way. Given the moving trace of the tracing feather, Zhang Tie realized that it had intended to dodge away from the other knights on purpose. The nearest distance between the tracing feather and a knight of the team of Old Monster Qi was less than 200 m. It

seemed that the tracing feather which had been moving straight ahead had already found someone in front of it; therefore, it made a detour. Neither did the member of the team of Old Monster Qi chase after it or escape. It indicated that that person didn't notice the latter one at all...

Within a fixed distance, if one knight found the other while not being found, it indicated that the two knights were sharply different in battle strength.

The tracing feather rushed all the way towards the Weapons Mountain.

Although Zhang Tie had already entered the mountain, when he sensed the destination of the tracing feather, a whim occurred to his mind.

As the old saying went, no profit, no early rise. This proverb fit both demons and humans. As the tracing feather rushed all the way towards the Weapons Mountain, it was definitely not here for an entertainment.

However, Zhang Tie didn't even know whether that guy was a human or a demon.

'I will see whether the latter is a human or a demon!'

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Benefited from the tracing feather, Zhang Tie could monitor the ongoing direction and whereabouts of the new arriver at any time.

Zhang Tie hid somewhere and checked the location of the tracing feather. After ensuring that nobody was near him within 1.5 miles, he directly entered Castle of Black Iron.

In a few seconds, a black, little beetle emerged out of the void.

After that, the little beetle started to fly leisurely at the foot of the Weapons Mountain.

After 20 minutes, the little beetle landed in a multi-layered metallic crystal. Through the gap of the crystal, he started to glance at the valley under the foot.

In less than 5 minutes, Zhang Tie had already caught sight of that person.

If not the tracing feather, Zhang Tie wouldn't even believe that he was watching a living being.

It was a grey cloud of mist. Zhang Tie could not see any figure at all.

The grey mist twisted as if it would be blown off by the wind at any time. Being close to the ground, it flew all the way from the distance into the valley and up the hill very fast. In a few seconds, it had disappeared in front of Zhang Tie and integrated into the mist over the Weapons Mountain.

After the cloud of mist completely disappeared in front of his eyes for a few minutes, the black, little beetle returned to Castle of Black Iron. Zhang Tie reappeared behind that metallic crystal luster.

Zhang Tie then walked out of the metallic crystal. While frowning, he watched the direction where the cloud of mist was heading for.

No living being could look like a cloud of mist, neither human nor demon. Therefore, Zhang Tie realized that it was not a cloud of mist, but a high-level secret method which could hide one's qi.

However, Zhang Tie didn't know who was that one in the weird mist.

Mountain Lifting Hermit, Old Monster Qi and the grand elder of Tianlu Palace were still rushing towards the top of the mountain. The weird cloud of mist also rushed towards there. They might encounter over there. Perhaps, the cloud of mist knew that something was on the top of the mountain and was not afraid of encountering the three earth knights.

This action turned more and more interesting.

Touching his bald head, Zhang Tie thought it for a short while before following up that weird cloud of mist all the way towards the top of the mountain...

All the other knights behind him had already come to the Weapons Mountain consecutively.

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Only after 10 minutes, Zhang Tie had caught sight of the first pearl of a secret item.

The pearl of a secret item grew in metallic crystal clusters covering over 100 square meters whose diameter was over 1 m. Among these metallic crystal clusters, Zhang Tie caught sight of a big, blue, smooth metallic ball which looked like a fruit in the metallic crystal flowers.

Honestly, these metallic crystals and this pearl of secret item felt like an abstractive sculpture in urban squares. Zhang Tie had seen so many sculptures being composed of metallic balls.

1/3 of this pearl of the secret item was deeply buried in the mountain which could barely be shocked.

After circling around the pearl of the secret item for a short while out of curiosity, Zhang Tie stretched out his hands, pushing and embracing it; however, the pearl didn't move at all like having grown into the Weapons Mountain.

The pearl of the secret item was very cold. The moment Zhang Tie touched it, his two palms almost stuck to it.

Zhang Tie drew out his abyss battle spear and forcefully slashed onto the pearl of the secret item with 40% of his battle qi. After a bang, only a small part of the surface of the pearl of secret item fell off.

The inside of the small patch of the surface was still smooth.

Zhang Tie understood it that the so-called pearl of the secret item was like a super large and hard onion. It would really take him a lot of efforts to open it.

'Even if I broke it in 2 days exerting my full efforts, I would probably not get anything at all. Will I do that? Of course not. Many black iron knights would have a try if it was another place or enough time. However, it didn't work here. Everyone entering the hieron ruins would have very limited time. It's a gamble with very minor possibility to win. I would consider making a gamble 1 day later if I couldn't find any virtual image of the secret item. It's still too early to do that now.'

Only after staying beside that pearl of the secret item for a few minutes out of curiosity, Zhang Tie had continued to go up the mountain.

The higher it was, the colder it would be. In the mother nature on the earth's surface, this place must be a standard forbidden area for living beings. Therefore, the knights would consume a lot of their strength physically and spiritually by moving into the mountain. They released their protective battle qis at any time. Additionally, they needed to maintain the normal running of their battle qis so as to warm up and protect their organs, qi and blood all over. The higher they were, the greater consumptions they would make. There was no road or tunnel on the Weapons Mountain at all; therefore, even Zhang Tie slowed down his speed unconsciously.

If they did not release their protective battle qis, even knights' skeletons and muscles would become stiff in only a few minutes at such a low temperature. In such an environment, commoners might not bear 3 minutes even in thick clothes before their blood all over became frozen.

Of course, Zhang Tie's first target was a silver secret item. After all, those coming here were all trying their own lucks whether they were circling around the mountain or going up the mountain. Therefore, the so-called target was always uncertain.

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After 2 hours, Zhang Tie who was going up the mountain suddenly felt a colorful light flashing by while a golden, brilliant pheasant with a beautiful tail flew in front of Zhang Tie...

The virtual image of a secret item!

Zhang Tie was thrilled for a second. He instantly sped up by a few times and chased after that beautiful bird...

After passing by a ridge, Zhang Tie saw that the beautiful huge bird lurked in a red pearl of a secret item in a cluster of metallic crystals.

The cluster of metallic crystals covered thousands of square meters. 7-8 pearls of secret items were in those metallic crystals like some brilliant lotus flowers in a lotus leaf. The beautiful, huge bird lurked in one of the pearls.

The moment Zhang Tie entered the metallic crystals, he had heard an air-tearing sound from behind while a female knight appeared from afar...

At the sight of Zhang Tie, the female knight changed her face at once...

Chapter 942: An Aggressive Male Knight of Tianlu Palace

Zhang Tie didn't feel that this female knight was strange as he had seen her at the entrance of the Earth-elements Realm. At that time, this woman was on the airboat. Although Zhang Tie was not sure about her full name, he only faintly heard Zhang Anguo the grand elder of Tianlu Palace call her Shuzhen.

This age was predominated by males. Therefore, the step of selecting characters only targeted at male knights. In Hua clans, even though female knights could attend the chakra rotating ceremony, they could not select characters. Female knights had to get married. According to the regulation of Taixia Country, after getting married, female knights had to follow up their husbands' surnames. Therefore, it was useless for them to select characters.

It seemed that this female knight of Zhang Clan was a bit afraid of Zhang Tie. These days, this female knight always kept away from Zhang Tie and dared not to look straight into his eyes.

After all, the words that Zhang Tie told Bai Suxian last time shocked this female knight too much. Before meeting Zhang Tie, she almost didn't believe that there was such a person in this world.

Neither of the two people had imagined that they could encounter here once again. Therefore, after seeing each other, they were both stunned.

The female knight of Zhang Clan blushed as she oozed sweat all over and panted a bit. It seemed that she had been chasing after that beautiful, huge bird for a long time. Therefore, she consumed her strength physically and spiritually a lot.

Zhang Tie pretended to be solemn. He had just chased after that beautiful, huge bird for less than half a minute before watching it to lurk inside the pearl of a secret item.

The two people just watched each other.

"That...that colorful bird is mine!" The female knight finally plucked up her courage, "I've already chased after it for a long time!"

"Hoho, young sister, have you forgotten our rule? The one who takes the silver secret item first will keep it!" Zhang Tie reminded the female knight with a solemn look. Given her naive face, Zhang Tie estimated that her real age might be similar to that of him. Therefore, he felt like teasing her. Now that she had already chased after the colorful bird for a long time, Zhang Tie really didn't mean to compete with her shamelessly. He was always soft-hearted to women. Actually, this woman reminded Zhang Tie of his elder sister Lan Yunxi. If she could promote to a knight at such a young age, she must be an elite in the Tianlu Palace. "Only when you catch it, you could have it. Even if you have seen it and have chased after it for a long time, it doesn't necessarily belong to you. Am I clear?"

Zhang Tie was telling the truth. Unless the woman had caught the silver secret item or had locked the pearl of the secret item and prepared to smash it, this woman could not say that the silver secret item belonged to her.

If one could have a silver secret item only after catching sight of and chasing after it, who that colorful bird would belong to if someone else suddenly jumped out and said that he had also caught sight of that colorful bird and chased after it ahead two of them? What if Zhang Tie sent a message to Gong Ziyao through his remote-sensing crystal finger ring and played a trick at this moment, how would this female knight respond to that?

The three earth knights had long considered these questions. Based on their rich experience and crafty temperaments, of course, the three earth knights would not leave a chance for others to play such a performance when they made the rule. Therefore, after entering the hieron, although they could compete with each other and strive for silver secret items, they had to follow the principle that the one who took the object first instead of catching sight of it and chasing after it first could have it.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, the female knight bit her lips. Although she wanted to dispute, she didn't know how while she revealed a helpless look on her delicate face.

The great excitement caused by encountering the virtual image of a silver secret item, the hardship of chasing after it for a long time and the hopelessness in the end made her bright eyes turn crystal at once.

Zhang Tie had not imagined that this female knight's face was so thin. Only after a few words, she had dropped off her tears.

Since Zhang Tie promoted to a knight, he had met a few female knights such as Gongsun Liniang, Guo Hongyi and Bai Suxian; the first two were tough women while Bai Suxian was simply a spirit. These women left an impression on Zhang Tie that female knights would never drop off tears until he met such a tender female knight who dropped off her tears so easily.

Actually, a female's tear was more lethal to Zhang Tie than her battle qi.

The moment Zhang Tie wanted to explain that he was joking and wanted to expose which pearl of the secret item had the colorful bird lurked in, another knight of Tianlu Palace flashed between the two of them.

He was much elder than both Zhang Tie and the female knight with a whisker and pair of narrow and long eyes. He looked pretty aggressive and cunning.

"9th young sister. I saw you chase after the virtual image of a silver secret item just now. Have you caught up with it?" The moment he landed, he had asked about it with a concerned look.

The female knight didn't speak. After throwing a glance at her face, Zhang Tie and the cluster of metallic crystals which exposed out of the ridge behind Zhang Tie, he rolled his eyes a few times before figuring out what happened.

The male then moved his eyes onto Zhang Tie as his mouth corners moved a bit, "Does young brother Cui want to be hostile to Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace only for a silver secret item? How about giving a face to Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace and leaving away by yourself so that we could still be friends?"

Hearing the man's words, Zhang Tie immediately swallowed his words.

Evidently, this man wanted to make Zhang Tie admit defeat in the name of Tianlu Palace. Given his words, he was going to rob it and force Zhang Tie to exit.

As there was a cluster of metallic crystals behind Zhang Tie and the "9th young sister" who stopped here with a sad look, evidently the virtual image of the secret item that the "9th young sister" had been chasing after had lurked into the pearl of the secret item in that cluster of metallic crystals. At the critical moment, this guy surnamed Cui blocked her way.

After throwing a glance at that female knight, Zhang Tie revealed a smile which contained a bit jest meaning which could not be observed by others, "Well, I will give a face to Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace!"

After saying that, Zhang Tie directly turned around and left, leaving the man and the woman to stand still with a dumbfounded look. It seemed that they didn't believe that Zhang Tie could leave the silver secret item to them so easily.

After Zhang Tie walked away from one side of the ridge, the two people hurriedly jumped over there.

At the sight of it, the man became startled. Although there were metallic crystals behind the ridge, they had never imagined that there were 8 pearls of secret items in the cluster of metallic crystals.

Apparently, only 1 of the 8 pearls of secret items contained the colorful bird while all the others might be empty.

"Hold on..." The man turned around and intended to stop Zhang Tie...

Chapter 943: The Conflict

Zhang Tie turned around and left right away right because there were 8 pearls of secret items in the cluster of metallic crystals.

It would take one about 2 days to open a pearl of the secret item; however, they could only stay here 3 days at most. That was to say, except for Zhang Anguo, the other 8 knights of Tianlu Palace had to make their full efforts in 3 days, 1 for each pearl of the secret item so as to ensure that Tianlu Palace could get the silver secret item in the end.

Tianlu Palace organized 9 knights to explore the hieron ruins not only for one silver secret item.

For any knight and clan, silver secret items were rarities. By contrast, as Zhang Tie had gained a shield from the demon general which was a silver secret item and had the Castle of Black Iron which was much sharper than silver secret items, plus his emperor-level cultivation method and his master Zhao Yuan who was known as the No. 1 criminal in Taixia Country, Zhang Tie was experienced and knowledgeable; therefore, he was greatly immune to the allure of silver secret items.

Due to these reasons, realizing that this guy of Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace was like a donkey in a lion's hide and frightening him in the name of Tianlu Palace, Zhang Tie didn't feel like arguing with him.

Given that they all were surnamed Zhang and originated from the same family thousands of years ago, Zhang Tie indeed saved the face of Tianlu Palace.

It was just a silver secret item, Zhang Tie would like to see whether Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace wanted it or not.

If the knights of Tianlu Palace had made their decision, they could get that silver secret item for sure. But the problem was that would these knights be satisfied by only one silver secret item?

Additionally, how did the 8 people share one silver secret item? It might bother Tianlu Palace.

The two knights of Zhang Clan didn't notice that there were 8 pearls of secret items in the cluster of metallic crystals just now. They thought there was only one; therefore, they were left dumbfounded at this moment.

As for Zhang Tie who knew where was the "bird's nestle", the silver secret item in this cluster of metallic crystals could be easily got; however, as for the two knights of Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace, the 8 pearls of secret items made the silver secret item tricky at once.

Although 1/8 was a high possibility, Zhang knights were apparently not satisfied with it.

Zhang Tie ignored the male knight's voice and kept walking forward.

After realizing that Zhang Tie ignored his words, the male knight who was blinded by the lust for the silver secret item and the face of the "9th young sister" immediately jumped over there and intended to stop Zhang Tie by catching his back.

"Stop!"

Perhaps Zhang Tie was so kind just now that this male knight of Tianlu Palace thought that Zhang Tie was a "big lug" and he could be a bit more excessive.

At this moment, the female knight hesitated a bit as she felt it was a bit improper. She wanted to stop the male knight; however, it was too late...

After hearing the shrill sound from his back, Zhang Tie was driven mad as he immediately drew out his spear and lashed back with 80% of his full strength.

It was not a prick, but a lash like how he beat a dog with a stick.

The moment Zhang Tie moved his spear, the air beside him had gone berserk while uttering a sharp, shrill sound like a piece of steel being cut open.

Hearing this sound, the two knights of Tianlu Palace changed their faces at once as this sound indicated a great, terrifying physical strength...

The spear was lashed onto the hand of the knight precisely.

Zhang Tie just used his animal's sheer strength without running his battle qi.

That person's protective battle qi vibrated heavily while being reduced to the extreme. Although his protective battle qi was not broken, the overwhelming strength from Zhang Tie's spear was completely transferred to the latter's hand and full body after being buffered for a second.

With a cracking sound, that male knight's wrist was broken at once. With a muffled sound, he was sent flying over 50 m away like a baseball.

With a sound "Chuang...", the female knight of Zhang Clan drew out her long sword at once; however, she didn't launch an attack; instead, she just prevented herself from being further attacked by Zhang Tie.

However, Zhang Tie just watched the two people with a cold look with crossed arms.

After his wrist was broken, the knight picked himself up in a groggy way while his face turned abnormally pale. At the same time, he watched Zhang Tie with a hateful look, "Well...well...I saw another one who'd like to be hostile to Tianlu Palace...I'll remember you...Cui Li, don't you regret!"

Watching Zhang Tie lashing the battle puppets into pieces in the lobby was different than tasting the terrifying strength from his spear. After his wrist was broken, the male knight was a bit scared. What the two knights of Tianlu Palace had not imagined was that Zhang Tie who looked kind suddenly became so vicious.

"Peh, piss off!" After hearing that guy's vicious words, Zhang Tie instantly spat out a mouth of saliva onto the ground, which instantly turned into ice scums the moment it touched the ground. Zhang Tie then looked at the male knight with a domineering eye light and asked, "Do you Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace guys have one more d*ck than others or what? Is the Weapons Mountain your household plot or the Emperor Xuanyuan comes from your home? F*ck, you think if you want this father to leave, this father will leave; if you want this father to stop, this father will stop? Who the motherf*cking are you? This father doesn't want to argue with you because we have the same ancestor; this father is not used to rob items from a female; motherf*cker, are you not satisfied with it? You know what, this father will never tell you which nestle did the colorful bird hide in even if I knew it. So what? Come to bite off my butt?"

The female knight was dumbfounded. Although she wanted to say something, after listening to Zhang Tie's vulgar words, her face blushed as she couldn't utter a word.

The moment the male knight of Tianlu Palace wanted to say something...

Zhang Tie widely opened his ox-like eyes and frightened his words back, "Motherf*cker, if you dare make another f*rt, this father will fetch all the people and gift the bird's nestle to others. I guarantee you that Tianlu Palace will get nothing!"

If Zhang Tie really did this, Tianlu Palace couldn't stop him. Legally, the one who was most qualified to gain this silver secret item was actually Zhang Tie. If he wanted to gift this right to others, how could Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace stop him? Just like how Zhang Tie argued just now, this was not the household plot of Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace. Neither did the Emperor Xuanyuan come from Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace.

Finding the two knights being silent, Zhang Tie turned around and left.

When he left, Zhang Tie hummed a weird song unconsciously.

"I'm a little dragon...little dragon...little dragon...little dragon...how many secrets do I have...secrets...secrets...secrets...I've got so many secrets, but I won't tell you, I won't tell you, I won't tell you..."

Hearing Zhang Tie's weird song, the female knight's look turned weird too. The male knight gritted his teeth as Zhang Tie's hoarse voice drove him mad. He felt that Zhang Tie was teasing him; however, he had to stand it.

Until Zhang Tie's back and song disappeared did the female knight put away her sword and hurriedly come to the male knight's side, "Senior fellow apprentice, are you okay?"

"My wrist is broken..." The male knight let out a long sigh as he unconsciously frowned due to the sharp pain. Zhang Tie's overwhelming strike frightened him a lot, "This Cui Li has a terrifying, sheer animal's strength..."

The female knight hurriedly took out her recovery medicament and daubed it over the male knight's wrist.

"It's not the end..." The male knight said hatefully as an insidious and malicious eye light flashed by his eyes.

"Senior fellow apprentice...I feel...I feel...Cui Li has given a compromise to us. It seems that we're a bit excessive..." The female knight whispered, "When I chased after the virtual image of the secret item, I almost lost it. Right then, this man passed by accidentally and appeared in front of me. He didn't mean to rob it from me..."

The male knight frowned once again as he replied in a muffled voice, "9th young sister, you don't know that. Human hearts are insidious. If I was not here, you might have suffered a great loss. Additionally, it's a silver secret item, a silver secret item! As you were always cultivating in the cultivation room of our clan, you're too innocent. You don't know that many knights would even kill people or eliminate a clan only for a silver secret item. Now that we've already seen it and it was right in front of us, how could we let it go so easily? We should never give it to others..."

When the male knight's wrist slightly recovered and didn't ache anymore, the two people revealed sorrowful looks towards the 8 pearls of secret items at the same time...

'Do we really need to fetch all the others of Tianlu Palace?'

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After leaving the two knights, Zhang Tie had forgotten about that event. He didn't mind if Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace troubled him. After all, Cui Li was single, who had no family. He didn't believe that the Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace would treat him excessively. Actually, if the clan knights and elders of the Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace were all overbearing and arrogant, they might not gain such a remarkable social status...

However, soon after he walked away, Zhang Tie had heard a sound from his back.

'Is Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace coming to revenge me?'

Zhang Tie turned around and saw that the female knight was catching up with him...

Chapter 944: A Condition

Crossing his arms, Zhang Tie stopped as he watched the female knight of Tianlu Palace who caught up with him with a glassy-eyed look.

"What? Do you want to revenge me?"

The female knight stopped 2 m away as she threw a bashful glance at Zhang Tie, "No, I'm not here to revenge you. I'm here to say sorry to you on behalf of my senior fellow apprentice..."

After hearing her answer, Zhang Tie looked at this female knight from head to toe seriously.

With long hair reaching her butt, the female knight wore a delicate rose-colored half-body metal armor. She looked slim and elegant; especially her long, beautiful legs; with the coordination of her high metal battle boots, she looked pretty charming and young.

The female knight also had a good look. Although she was not as brilliant as Lan Yunxi or as coquettish as Bai Suxian, her five sense organs were very delicate. With large eyes, snow-white skin, a straight nose and a tiny mouth, she was featured by the special elegance of Hua women in the Eastern Continent.

If he were still in Blackhot City, the female knight's look would easily remind him of the beautiful neighboring elder sisters who had accepted higher education.

At the beginning, this female knight reminded Zhang Tie of Lan Yunxi. After observing her carefully, he felt that she looked similar to Linda on temperament.

Under the straight eye light of Zhang Tie, the female knight became a bit intense as she moved one step back. In her eyes, Zhang Tie was even more dangerous than those mutated beasts.

"No need, if your senior fellow apprentice takes it amiss, just let him come for me here!"

After hearing that the opponent was not here for trouble but for an apology, Zhang Tie's look turned better.

"Generally, senior fellow apprentice Anshi is not such a kind of person. As the silver secret item is very important, he..."

Zhang Tie waved his hand as he interrupted her words, "I don't care what kind of person is your senior fellow apprentice. You don't need to explain it to me either. Anything else? If no, I have to go..."

"One...one more thing!" The female knight became a bit embarrassed.

"Go ahead."

"Would you...please...tell me which pearl of the secret item did the colorful bird lurk in?" The female knight lowered her head when she realized that this request was a bit excessive.

Watching this female knight for a short while, Zhang Tie suddenly burst out into laughter, "Why do you think that I will tell you its whereabouts only by your one request? Are you dreaming? Why should I tell you that?"

"I know it's a bit excessive; however I will appreciate you if you tell me that!" The female knight raised her head as she watched Zhang Tie's eyes bravely.

Watching this woman, Zhang Tie realized that she was really innocent; instead of daydreaming. She was really a fresh-faced. It was Zhang Tie's first time to see such a naive female knight.

"How do you plan to appreciate me?" Zhang Tie looked at this female knight with a weird eye light as he touched his jaw.

"How much do I pay you?" The female knight asked seriously after thinking about it for a few seconds.

"How much do you want to pay?"

"2...no...300 million gold coins. I will give you 300 million gold coins as a compensation!" The female knight nodded with an affirmative look. In the beginning, she wanted to say 200 million gold coins; however, she felt that 200 million gold coins were too less; therefore, she added another 100 million gold coins.

Honestly, Zhang Tie was really startled by her casual tone which felt like buying fruits on the roadside instead of the amount of money.

In Huaiyuan Palace, even Zhang Taixuan the head of Zhang Clan would not deal with 300 million gold coins in such a casual way.

"Do you have so much money?" Zhang Tie looked at her with a dubious look.

"The total amount of lucky money during the lunar new year, my pocket money given by my mom and my dowry left by my grandma these years should be enough..." The female knight answered seriously after thinking about it for quite a while.

Hearing her reply, Zhang Tie wanted to die!

As a man who was loath to eat his mother's rice brew for the sake of some copper coins when he was young, he really didn't feel that he was living in the same world with this woman after hearing that this woman's lucky money and pocket money was as much as hundreds of millions of gold coins.

'F*ck, what a sharp difference!'

Zhang Tie's eye corners twitched for a short while before he shook his head, "If I needed money, I would make it myself. Additionally, I don't lack money. Money is not that important for knights!"

"If so, I can give you 2,000 earth-elements crystals, what do you say?" The female knight didn't give up her mind.

"Did you bring so many earth-element crystals with you?"

"No!"

"Why do I believe you then?"

"But I can give it to you when we leave out of here..."

The female knight's words were interrupted by Zhang Tie once again, "After leaving out of here? After leaving, Tianlu Palace would outnumber us. If you want to disavow it, would I fight you to death only for 2,000 earth-element crystals? If you hid yourself, I wouldn't even have a chance to fight you to death. Do you think this brother Cui is so stupid?"

"What do you want?"

"What's your name?" After looking at her from her head to toe, Zhang Tie's voice suddenly turned tender as he revealed a weird smile.

Although she was not frightened by Zhang Tie's rudeness, she was startled by Zhang Tie's sudden tenderness. Therefore, she moved one step back once again.

"I...I'm Zhang Shuzhen!" The female knight watched Zhang Tie with vigilant eyes.

"I've got a condition. If you promise me, I will tell you the whereabouts of the colorful bird."

"What condition?"

"Hohoho, let this brother Cui kiss you enough right here. This brother Cui has not kissed a female knight yet." Zhang Tie revealed an "evil" laugh as if he was a timber wolf who had caught sight of a small white rabbit.

Zhang Shuzhen's face turned pale and red consecutively, "You said...kiss...kiss me here?"

"Don't waste my time. If you promise me, I will tell you that. If not, you'd better leave right away!"

"Just kiss...kiss my face?"

"Nonsense. Of course, I have to kiss your mouth. It's boring to just kiss your face." Zhang Tie said with an evil facial expression, "I don't want anything else, ho...ho..."

Zhang Shuzhen's breasts undulated while her face changed colors sharply as if she was struggling inside. After being silent for more than 10 seconds, when she saw Zhang Tie turning around and intending to leave impatiently, she finally made her determination. With the spirit of sacrificing herself to feed a lion, she closed her eyes as she raised her head and said, "I agree...you can..."

'Just one time, it will be okay after standing it a few seconds. By comparison, the silver secret item is more important...'

The female knight comforted herself.

"Don't bite my tongue!" Zhang Tie warned her when he moved closer to her. When she recalled Zhang Tie's rudeness and terror, the female knight's body quivered...

'Will he reach his tongue into my mouth?'

'It's just a kiss. Why does he kiss my tongue?'

The female knight felt disgusted about Zhang Tie's warning...

Watching Zhang Shuzhen clenching her fists and raising her delicate, stubborn face with quivering eyelashes, Zhang Tie smirked and moved his face closer to her. After sniffing her fragrance, Zhang Tie blew towards her face. The female knight became as stiff as a steel plate in a split second...

Zhang Shuzhen had already sensed Zhang Tie's heat while her heart pounded like beating a drum; meanwhile, her mind was completely blank like lying under the scaffold...

Zhang Shuzhen waited for a while; however, Zhang Tie didn't move...

After another a few seconds, Zhang Tie still didn't move...

Zhang Shuzhen then opened her eyes and found nobody in front of her at all.

Zhang Tie had already disappeared while his voice reached her ears in a secret way, "One of the two pearls of secret items is real, the one on the highest point of the cluster of metallic crystals and the one on the direction of 7 o'clock from where I stood on the ridge. If your motherf*cking senior fellow apprentice wants to pretend to be a hero, let him open the two pearls of secret items with you in 2 days! Young sister, you smell good, ha...ha..."

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Zhang Tie belittled those who took advantage of others' difficulties, especially of women. Therefore, he only made a joke with this female knight of Zhang Clan, Tianlu Palace.

Because it was not Zhang Tie's temperament to give concession to a woman only because of the latter's few words on the premise that the two parties had a conflict just now. At this moment, how come Zhang Tie directly tell her the whereabouts of the colorful bird?

The reason why Zhang Tie told her two pearls of secret items was that he wanted the male knight of Tianlu Palace who pretended to be a hero to pay for his rudeness.

The period that they would stay in the hieron ruins was only enough for each knight to open one pearl of the secret item. In order to verify whether Zhang Tie's words were true or not, one knight of Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace had to spend longer than 2 days on a meaningless object or have each of the 8 knights of Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace waste 6 hours. This was the punishment for the male knight who had pretended to be a hero in front of Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie felt that he had done good enough.

After locking the two pearls of secret items, the possibility for them to find the right one would rise from $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$.

Zhang Tie could imagine the fake hero's poor look.

'I will see whether you will continue to pretend to be a hero for the sake of a beauty at the risk of my benefits in front of me...'

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On the way to the middle of the mountain, namely, above 5,000 m, Zhang Tie didn't have any chance to meet any virtual image of a silver secret item any longer...

From the halfway above, the mountain was covered with a cloud of mist while its temperature declined sharply.

The cloud of mist was actually composed of fine icy crystals suspending in the air. Without releasing the protective battle qi, anyone would suffer a cruel torture of being stabbed by tens of thousands of needles.

It was cold and almost air-free. As a result, it's hard for black iron knights to move and stay long in such an environment...

At this moment, two people appeared in the cloud of mist in front of Zhang Tie and disappeared in a wink.

The two people didn't see Zhang Tie; however, Zhang Tie caught sight of them.

They were Lu Zhongming and his wife.

Zhang Tie became stunned, 'Why are they moving towards the top of the mountain too?'

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At the top of the Weapons Mountain, a magnificent hieron was standing there in a majestic way...

Old Monster Qi was the first one who reached the top of the mountain and caught sight of the hieron...

Chapter 945: Breaking the Gate of the Hieron

At the top of the highest peak of the Weapons Mountain...

Old Monster Qi, who arrived here first, walked towards the hieron.

The hieron was built in the mountain and was integrated with the entire Weapons Mountain. The entire hieron was tall and majestic. It was completely made of a metal, which radiated the same luster as that on the floor of the lobby where the battle puppets stood. There were various mysterious reliefs of figures and animals on the exterior walls of the hieron...

If those metal reliefs could be cut off from the walls, they were extremely superb, priceless art treasures and the most precious materials for anthropologists and historians to study far-ancient civilizations.

However, they were just reliefs on the walls here.

Very few of those who came here would value artworks and care about the academic value and research value of them.

Because all those who could arrive here were at the top of the pyramid of humans. They were featured as being realistic, powerful and knowing what was most important for themselves.

It was too cold here. The temperature here almost reached the upper limit of all the living beings. Even earth knights had to release their protective battle qis so as to stay here a bit longer.

As the air here was thinner, people here would feel suffocated in the vacuum unconsciously.

What was more, those reliefs on the exterior walls were integrated with the hieron, which could not be cut off at all.

The gate of the hieron was higher than 10 m. It was completely closed. Therefore, Old Monster Qi could not see what was inside at all.

In order to catch time, Old Monster Qi rushed to the top of the Weapons Mountain at the fastest speed at the cost of too much strength physically and spiritually.

As he walked towards the hieron, Old Monster Qi drank up a vial of all-purpose medicament. At the same time, he panted while widely opening his mouth.

Earth knights needed to breathe too. Although earth knights could hold breath for a long time in extreme conditions, Old Monster Qi could still breathe as more as possible at this moment so as to recover his physical strength and aura as faster as possible.

The oxygen content of ten breaths here was equal to that of two breaths at the foot of the mountain.

Old Monster Qi came to the front of the hieron while radiating shrewd eye lights. He circled around the hieron for a while as if he was looking for another entrance.

Pitifully, Old Monster Qi became disappointed.

The only access to the hieron was that closed gate.

After coming to the front of the gate, Old Monster Qi checked the gate for a few minutes before shaking his head. He then forcefully pushed the gate; however, the gate remained still. After that, Old Monster Qi moved a few steps back and took a deep breath before striking the gate of the hieron with his battle qi constantly and fiercely...

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Old Monster Qi kept striking the gate of the hieron thousands of times in over 10 minutes.

Besides the bangs reverberating on the top of the mountain, the gate of the hieron remained still.

Facing the strikes of earth knights, even adamant steel would be shattered into pieces; however, that gate remained still like nothing had happened.

"It's useless, Old Monster Qi..." A voice sounded behind Old Monster Qi. During the past 10-odd minutes, Zhang Anguo the grand elder of Tianlu Palace had already ascended to the top of the main peak and appeared behind Old Monster Qi, "I guess that you were leaving one step earlier than us for the sake of the benefits here. If the gate of this hieron could be opened so easily, it would be none of our business!"

Old Monster Qi stopped as he turned around and smirked, "Do you also want to pretend to be innocent in front of me? If you were not afraid of me occupying all the good items in the hieron, why did you come here?"

"Old Monster Qi, if you could really open the gate, according to the rule, all those who could see them would have a share, of course, I would share them with you! Let's see whether you could occupy all of them." The grand elder of Tianlu Palace said with a calm look.

As old guys were always shrewd, the grand elder of Tianlu Palace took it for granted.

Old Monster Qi replied with a cold harrumph.

"Among the hierons being discovered in the Earth-elements Realm, besides the sacrificial altar of the joss, most of them were clean and solemn, leaving no good items to people..." Saying this, Mountain Lifting Hermit jumped onto the platform on the top of this peak steadily as he continued, "In far-ancient times, these hierons were all majestic and solemn religious sites instead of treasure banks. The treasure bank here is in the palace complex where we've just passed by. It has been robbed by people tens of thousands of years ago. It'd be a surprise if we could find something good here; however, it'd be normal if there was no good thing here. Otherwise, we wouldn't get the key to this hieron only at such a small cost!"

"Mountain Lifting Hermit, just admit it. Hohohoho, 4 decades ago, Dongfang Haori the head of Dongfang Clan in Lanzhou Province gained a heavenly-level space-teleportation equipment from a hieron's palace. It's said that that space-teleportation equipment is used for lighting an oil lamp, which looked pretty common. Therefore, Dongfang Haori got a good deal. This space-teleportation equipment has been the

No. 1 treasure of Dongfang Clan, which is called Ocean-containing Bottle. Mountain Lifting Hermit, dare you to say that you don't want one like that?"

"Over so many years, humans have just found one Brightness Hieron in the Earth-elements Realm. Except for the Brightness Hieron, how could other hieron's temples contain such a space-teleportation equipment which is used for loading oil?" Mountain Lifting Hermit let out a sigh as he said with a faintly frustrated tone. It felt like a man who used to buy lottery tickets heard someone hitting the jackpot while he got nothing at all.

Mountain Lifting Hermit was longing for a space-teleportation equipment very much. He was more familiar with the process that how Dongfang Haori gained his Ocean-Containing Bottle than anyone else. He had seriously studied that.

As the Brightness Hieron needed to maintain its brightness, a space-teleportation equipment was used to light the hieron. People didn't meet such a surprise anymore in other hierons. Even though the far-ancient civilizations were pretty magnificent, people of those ages were not so luxurious that they would use space-teleportation equipment as a common container in each hieron or temple.

There were some advanced silver secret items in the battle god temples; however, this one was not a battle god temple, but an unknown one. Therefore, it could barely contain any silver secret items.

Based on the modern people's study about the far-ancient history and civilizations, a certain far-ancient age was full of religions; in that age, people worshiped and stood in awe of various deities. There might be tens of thousands of religions in that age, leaving the most hieron ruins.

However, few people could precisely distinguish the categories of hieron ruins.

It was a very profound learning about the source of humans and demons. Pundits in this discipline enjoyed a lofty position even among knights.

"Even though there's no space-teleportation equipment, I think the system control hub in the hieron is still well preserved. Why not attempt to join hands to open the gate? If there's a system control hub, we will see whether there are some surprises inside it. If there are, we can share it!" Old Monster Qi proposed after rolling his pupils.

"Old Monster Qi, it seems that you're desiring so much to open this gate!" The grand elder of Tianlu Palace opened his mouth abruptly.

Old Monster Qi uttered two weird shrieks before saying, "I just don't want to go back in vain. After all, we've been here. Why not have a try? Three people are much more powerful than one. It's also possible for a blind cat to meet a dead rat."

Mountain Lifting Hermit and Zhang Anguo exchanged a glance with each other before nodding at the same time.

Earth knights were all confident, powerful ones. If they were not confident about their powers or out of the bit of fluke mind and curiosity, the three earth knights would not come here. No matter what, as they had already come here, they would have a try, even though a heavenly knight could not break such a gate of hieron according to the legends.

'What if the gate was opened by accident? What if there're some surprises inside it?'

With the tentative thought, the three earth knights joined hands with each other and battered the gate of the hieron another 10 minutes by releasing their virtual images of battle qis.

Although the main peak of the Weapons Mountain vibrated under their strikes, when they stopped, the gate was still closed without any damage.

Mountain Lifting Hermit gave up his mind, "There might be nanobeads in the pearls of secret items near the top of the peak. As I have limited time, I will not waste it anymore, see you..."

As he said that, Mountain Lifting Hermit jumped a few times and disappeared in the mist.

"Hahaha, it seems that the legend is right. The gates of hierons could not be opened by sheer animal strength. I will go to somewhere else to find space-teleportation equipment. Old Monster Qi, don't daydream anymore. The Weapons Mountain itself is a mountain of treasures..." The grand elder of Tianlu Palace told Old Monster Qi before leaving here too.

As a result, after watching the triangular relief being composed of three scales on the top of the gate of the hieron for a while with a complex and rapidly changing look, Old Monster Qi could only let out a sigh before leaving...

Nobody knew what Old Monster Qi was thinking about.

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When muffled thunders constantly drifted from the main peak of the Weapons Mountain, Zhang Tie stopped his footsteps as he looked up at the highest peak...

As it was so loud that even though it was far away from Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie could still feel the faint shocks at his foot like sensing a train passing by while standing not far away from the railway.

'Are the three earth knights in a combat?'

Zhang Tie was shocked at once.

However, after sensing the locations of the three tracing feathers, Zhang Tie denied this possibility. If earth knights were in combat, they would not stand still even if they were in a close combat.

The tracing feather which entered here in the end also sensed the shocks drifted from the top of the mountain. After being still for a few minutes, the tracing feather accelerated its speed at once...

"Monitoring" the locations of those tracing feathers, Zhang Tie licked his mouth while a light flashed across his eyes.

'F*ck, this journey is becoming more and more interesting...' Zhang Tie sighed with emotions.

Chapter 946: Enticing the Lions off the Top of the Main Peak

There were a lot of crystals near the top of the Weapons Mountain which contained more pearls of secret items than those below the halfway of the mountain. Therefore, Mountain Lifting Hermit, Zhang

Anguo and Old Monster Qi sought for the pearls of secret items which might contain nanobeads and space-teleportation equipment near the top of the mountain.

One important feature of silver secret items was that they could break the physical and space limits of regular equipment such as size and existence form, which was out of commoners' comprehension.

Silver secret items could directly extract elements from the elements realm and form material objects. In commoners' eyes, this was definitely a myth.

By contrast, small space-teleportation equipment such as nanobead could have a large capacity.

As they could sense the existence of elements realm, knights could understand how silver secret items worked; whereas, they could not understand the working principle of space-teleportation equipment such as nanobead.

Was it a mini wormhole or a foldable space which could compress and restore materials in terms of quantum in a specific way?

Nobody knew about it!

People could only guess the working principle of space-teleportation equipment such as nanobead.

Scientists might be interested in the working principle of space-teleportation equipment. However, as for knights in this age, only weapons were most practical.

Although nanobead was a silver secret item, it was much more advanced than common silver secret items; additionally, being different from common silver secret items, nanobeads would not expose their virtual images of secret items at all.

Even earth knights could only have 80% of possibility to gain a nanobead.

As for the remaining 20% of possibility, they should refer to the features of pearls of secret items which might contain nanobeads through long-term learning.

Like how experienced fishermen and pearl catchers living on the sea judged whether the seashells that they had got contained pearls through the surfaces of the seashells, after about 800-900 years of inheritance and practice after the Catastrophe and numerous people's studies and conclusions, knights also worked out a learning on judging the value of pearls of secret item.

This learning was called "The Learning about Secret Items".

"The Learning about Secret Items" was the top secret knowledge and the most influential learning. This learning originated from Taixia Country and led the orientation and popular trend of human knights.

In Taixia Country, if a knight wanted to show off his talent and display his special taste, he had to show off his learning on secret items when he would win a lot of knights' admirations.

Knights, especially male knights didn't have to be handsome in Taixia Country. If an earth knight was ugly in Taixia Country, you could comment his ugly look in front of him and he would not get angry about that; however, if you said he didn't know the learning of secret items, it was equal to calling him

an illiterate. It was like calling a rich people nouveau riche. 9 of 10 knights would get angry about that and you would face a very severe result.

Zhang Tie didn't know about the "Learning of Secret Items" among the knights of Taixia Country. Waii Sub-continent was just a barren land for Taixia Country and no elders of Huaiyuan Palace could show off their learning about secret items. After coming to Taixia Country for a few days, Zhang Tie had been wanted by the supreme court. As Zhang Tie didn't communicate with the knights of Taixia Country especially knights above earth knights too much, he didn't know the popular learning about secret items among the knights of Taixia Country at all.

However, being different from Zhang Tie, Mountain Lifting Hermit, the grand elder of Tianlu Palace and Old Monster Qi had studied hard about the learning of secret items.

All three earth knights had gnosis about the learning of secret items; additionally, they were all a bit reserved.

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The pearls of secret items were formed by the four elements in the elements realm, which carried a special attribute, namely, the greater the striking strength was on them, the more resistant and harder they would be. It was similar to those materials being invented in scientific means before the Catastrophe which could adjust their physical properties to the changing stress.

Therefore, an earth knight would only open a pearl of secret item 20% faster than a black iron knight. That was to say, if it would take a black iron knight 50 hours to open a pearl of a secret item, it would take an earth knight about 40 hours to open a pearl of a secret item.

The time in the hieron ruins was equally precious to the three earth knights.

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According to the survey, each commoner who traded stocks would feel that they were a bit better than the average level; knights who studied the learning about secret items thought almost as same as common stock traders.

In this world, commoners had many secret methods to trade stocks; similarly, knights had many secret methods of selecting pearls of secret items too.

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After circling around 4-5 pearls of secret items in a cluster of crystals being not far from the top of the mountain for quite a while, Mountain Lifting Hermit compared the sizes, colors, feels and grains of those pearls of secret items. He even patted one after another like selecting a watermelon. Finally, he selected a pearl of a secret item and started to strike it with his battle qi.

The moment he started his work, he had made constant bangs.

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As for the grand elder of Tianlu Palace, he took out 3 turtlebacks and stood still on the side of each pearl of secret item for a few minutes, during which period, he threw the three turtlebacks onto each pearl of

secret item and made judgments according to the numbers of positive sides and negative sides facing upside.

He soon selected one pearl of the secret item too.

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Old Monster Qi's method was more astonishing. He took out a file and scraped each pearl of secret item forcefully. Closely after that, he tasted a bit powder of each pearl of the secret item and finally selected one.

After occupying a cluster of crystals near the hieron at the top of the mountain respectively, the three earth knights got busy. Unconsciously, they surrounded the hieron.

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The weird grey cloud of the mist of the demon baron stopped less than 0.7 miles away from the top of the main peak of the mountain because it had heard the bangs and the specific battle qis of earth knights.

As this was still in the no-fly zone, actually there were just 2 or 3 paths leading to the top of the main peak. After circling around there for a while, the demon baron found that the three paths towards the top of the main peak were all blocked by earth human knights; therefore, it frowned unconsciously.

The demon baron was not afraid of any single earth human knight here; however, the situation became tricky when three earth human knights gathered together within a short distance.

The sharp senses of earth knights could never be matched by black iron knights. Therefore, no matter how much the demon baron excelled at disguising and hiding skills, as long as it was less than 100 m away from an earth knight, it would have a probability of 80% to be noticed by the earth knight; if it was less than 50 m away from an earth knight, it would definitely be noticed.

No matter from which side it would go up the hill, the demon baron would definitely be found by one of the three earth human knights. As long as one earth human knight found it, the other two would find it too. If so, the demon baron's plan would fail for sure.

The core of the demon baron's plan was to enter the main temple of the bloody sacrificial hieron and control the system control hub of the entire hieron. As long as it controlled the system control hub, it would be able to catch all the human knights here and gradually made all of them its bloody sacrifices.

It would take him some time; at least he didn't want to be bothered by people when he entered the main temple.

After looking at the top of the main peak with a fierce eye light for a few seconds, the demon baron turned around and ran towards another direction...

However, the demon baron didn't know that since he entered this hieron ruins, his trace had been tightly monitored by a human knight.

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Right then, Zhang Tie who was going up the hill became stunned. When a colorful light flashed by, Zhang Tie heard Lu Zhongming and his wife exclaiming at the same time. Closely after that, the two people started to chase after that colorful light at a faster speed.

After following the couple for a short while, Zhang Tie caught sight of something in the hands of this immortal couple. That thing was radiating a faint glow and was wrapped by them so that they could resist the coldness and reach 6,000 m above the Weapons Mountain.

As few black iron knights could reach here, therefore, there were more chances here than below.

Zhang Tie didn't follow up the couple anymore; instead, he frowned.

The last tracing feather stopped almost 0.7 miles away from the three earth human knights near the top of the main peak of the mountain.

Given the route of the tracing feather, Zhang Tie sensed that its destination was the top of the main peak. However, the three earth human knights blocked its way.

After making a circle below the three earth human knights, the weird cloud of mist didn't find any way to go up the hill.

Therefore, the tracing feather went down the hill; however, it didn't directly come to the foot of the mountain; instead, it rushed downwards like how a snake moved.

Those who had been scouts or soldiers must know that in a certain region such a snake walking route was evidently a tactical search action, which would not ensure you to encounter your enemy at the fastest speed but could ensure you to find your enemy being nearest to the circle center of your moving route.

'Now that it didn't want to encounter Mountain Lifting Hermit, Zhang Anguo and Old Monster Qi near the top of the main peak, why would it choose to go downhill like a snake? Isn't he afraid of colliding with human knights? What's it thinking about?'

Zhang Tie's mind became as clear as crystal once again...

'He's enticing the three lions off the top of the main peak!'

Chapter 947: Making a Choice

Actually, many critical moments didn't have too many signs before arrival; instead, they came as natural as evening sunglow, thunders on rainy days and silkworms breaking out of cocoons. They always appear silently. When you understood that your choice would determine the fates of you and many people around you, the critical moments had already elapsed, leaving no chance for you to make a choice again.

Zhang Tie didn't know that he was facing such a choice. He only felt that the last tracing feather was very weird and had a strong will to reach the top of the main peak. Although he didn't know the guy's final target.

He had a few options.

First, ignore the weird mist. After all, there were three earth human knights here. Additionally, the new arriver didn't notice the existence of Zhang Tie. If the weird mist caused some trouble, the three earth human knights would handle it for sure.

That man passed the lobby so fast that Zhang Tie almost regarded it as a shadow knight. However, seeing that guy getting cold feet and wandering in front of the three earth human knights, Zhang Tie reaffirmed that that guy was an earth knight. If it was a shadow knight, it could continue to go uphill without caring about the three earth human knights at all.

Now that it could pass through the lobby so fast, it might have some special method.

The first option was selfish for Zhang Tie.

Second, Zhang Tie could make some noises so as to induce the three earth human knights towards the late arriver and destroy the guy's action and plan. It was even possible for them to round up that guy.

After thinking about it for a while seriously, Zhang Tie gave it up.

If Zhang Tie was a selfless sage, he might choose the second option at this moment. Without caring about possible dangers, exposing his trump card and standing on the frontline, he would definitely destroy the plan of the late guy who might harm the interests and safety of the human knights' teams.

However, Zhang Tie was not a sage; he might be a gentleman in some aspects; however, he was never a sage. He was even a wanted criminal who couldn't even expose his real status. Therefore, he didn't need to be a hero at this moment.

Zhang Tie could neither ignore it as it was too selfish nor sacrifice himself for the sake of others.

Therefore, after considering it for a while, Zhang Tie chose the third option while being driven by a great curiosity.

'I will not care about that guy's tactic for the time being; instead, I will reach the top of the mountain and check what that guy wants there. If that guy wants to harm all the human knights here, I will stop it or send a warning to the three earth human knights.'

'By that time, I will have a good excuse—I have an exceptional aptitude; additionally, through cultivating "Fire Dragon Sutra", I have an extremely strong cold-resistance ability. After coming to the top of the main peak, I caught sight of that stranger doing something. Therefore, I released the battle qi signal to attract the three earth human knights there.'

After thinking through it, Zhang Tie started to move.

As he paid attention to the route of the tracing feather, Zhang Tie avoided encountering the tracing feather. At the same time, he rushed all the way towards the top of the main peak.

After more than half an hour, Zhang Tie had reached a bit farther than 0.7 miles away from the three earth human knights near the top of the main peak. After activating the effect of super hiding skill, he hid himself somewhere.

At that place, Zhang Tie could clearly sense and hear the bangs caused by the three earth human knights.

Zhang Tie then started to monitor the locations of all the tracing feathers in his mind.

The couple of Lu Zhongming stopped at somewhere above 7,000 m. They might have already targeted the pearl of a secret item which might contain that virtual image of the secret item.

The late tracing feather had already declined to about 8,000 m at the hillside and was continuously searching its enemies.

Zhang Tie predicted that the couple would encounter that grey cloud of mist for sure. At this moment, their vertical distance was only about 1,000 m. Of course, the linear distance between them was much farther; however, if the grey cloud of mist continued to search for its enemies in such a twisted way, it would encounter the couple who stood still sooner or later.

Zhang Tie held his breath and waited for the coming battle.

In less than 10 minutes, when the linear distance between the tracing feather and the couple was about 2,000 m, it suddenly stopped its snake walking search tactic. In a split second, it altered its route and rushed towards the couple like how a real python hunted its prey.

Zhang Tie knew that the tracing feather had already found the couple. Perhaps, the couple had made some noise which aroused its attention from 2,000 m away.

Sensing the tracing feather rushing towards the couple, Zhang Tie became intense at once even as an onlooker.

Although Zhang Tie had not seen it by eyes, he had a commanding déjà vu about what was happening.

At this moment, Zhang Tie was a bit guilty. If the couple was not far away from him, actually, he wanted to send a warning to the couple; however, he could only sense it at this moment.

Thankfully, the couple's battle strengths were much greater than that of common black iron knights. Additionally, that guy should not just kill people; instead, it wanted to make some noise so as to entice the three earth human knights off the top of the main peak. Therefore, even if they fought each other, the couple would not lose their lives.

That tracing feather approached to 200 m away from the couple at an extremely high speed. After that, it slowed down and circled around them for a short while as it gradually narrowed the distance to 100 m...50 m...

'You still want to raid them as an earth knight? F*ck!'

At this moment, Zhang Tie almost wanted to swear it loudly. He also genuinely sensed the danger of that guy, who didn't mind using despicable means to reach its target.

In a split second, the tracing feather darted as fast as a lightning bolt and reached the side of the couple like a sharp saber.

Zhang Tie opened his eyes and didn't sense that tracing feather anymore; instead, he threw a glance at the location of the couple at the hillside.

Only after one second, a knight's battle qi signal had rushed into the sky...

It was Lu Zhongming's battle qi signal; Lin Huanxi's battle qi signal didn't rise up.

Zhang Tie could faintly hear Lu Zhongming's roar.

When Lu Zhongming's battle qi signal rushed into the sky, the bangs near the top of the main peak stopped at once. Apparently, the three earth human knights found the abnormal situation too.

In less than 10 seconds, Zhang Tie had seen Lu Zhongming's battle qi rushing downhill while the three earth human knights also dashed towards the battle qi signal of Lu Zhongming.

As for earth human knights, after entering the pyramid, they could not ignore the battle beside them; especially after someone of Old Monster Qi's team had been killed a few days ago.

After sensing the three earth human knights going downhill, Zhang Tie instantly sprung up from where he hid and rushed towards the top of the main peak.

Only in a few minutes, Zhang Tie had arrived at the top of the main peak.

Zhang Tie looked around and caught sight of the hall of the hieron at once.

He had not imagined that there was a hall of hieron over there.

'It's closed, does that guy want to enter the hall?'

At the sight of the clusters of crystals not far away from the gate of the hall, Zhang Tie rushed over there and hid in a metallic crystal.

The late tracing feather was close to the tracing feather of Lin Huanxi when they were rushing downhill, closely followed by the tracing feather of Lu Zhongming. The three earth human knights were chasing after Lu Zhongming's battle qi signal from over 10 miles away.

The front tracing feather suddenly sped up and left Lu Zhongming over 500 m away. It seemed that it had been out of Lu Zhongming's sight...

Zhang Tie found the front tracing feather just made a circle at the middle of the mountain where the mist was densest before going up the hill from the other side; however, Lu Zhongming rushed all the way down the hill...

Lu Zhongming lost his target...

Lu Zhongming's battle qi signal rushed all the way downhill together with the three earth human knights...

The tracing feather was both perilous and cunning.

Sensing the tracing feather speeding up towards the top of the main peak, Zhang Tie held his breath at once. At the same time, he started to breathe with the help of the space in Castle of Black Iron like how he breathed in water. Namely, he inhaled the oxygen from Castle of Black Iron and exhaled the carbon dioxide into Castle of Black Iron.

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In over 10 minutes, the cloud of grey mist had flown onto the top of the main peak...

Finally, the cloud of grey mist dispersed, revealing the original look of the demon baron, who was holding Lin Huanxi. She had been in the coma due to heavy wounds with blood at her mouth corners.

'It's a demon, a real demon, an earth demon knight.' Zhang Tie was shocked inside.

At the sight of the hieron's hall, the demon baron revealed a faintly grim smile as it rushed directly towards the gate.

After coming to the front of the gate, the demon baron dropped Lin Huanxi onto the ground, causing her to spit out another mouth of blood while half of her body had been covered with blood.

The moment her blood touched the ground, it had turned into bloody ice scums which were giving off white vapor. The demon baron stepped onto Lin Huanxi's neck by one foot barbariously and cruelly while paying attention to the grains on the gate conscientiously.

A pair of black battle boots, white neck; a brutal demon and a mistreated human woman with a painful look. Being stimulated by such a sharp comparison, Zhang Tie's pupils shrunk at once...

If not having activated his super hiding skill, Zhang Tie might have already exposed himself. The senses of knights; especially earth knights were out of commoners' imaginations.

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The grains on the gate of the hieron's hall was very similar to those on the floor of the lobby where they had passed.

After watching it for half a minute, the demon baron had put one hand on one place of the grains; after a few seconds, it put its hand onto the other place of the grains...

The demon baron constantly pressed over 10 times in 2 minutes. When it pressed the last place, the gate slowly opened without making any noise.

When the demon baron found the gate was opened, it couldn't stand bursting out into laughter because it would soon gain the booty...

He caught the woman's hair and directly dragged her into the hieron.

Zhang Tie didn't know why would this demon have to enter the hieron's hall with such a trick. However, he knew that this guy was definitely going to do something bad.

We should oppose what the enemies supported, support what the enemies opposed and destroy what the enemies wanted to do!

This was always a classic proverb on fighting enemies.

At this moment, Zhang Tie's blood all over started to burn.

'Motherf*cker! You're dead!'

Watching the demon baron dragging Lin Huanxi into the hieron's hall with laughter, Zhang Tie sprung up and rushed towards the gate at the fastest speed and the most agile way.

When he rushed into the gate of the hieron, Zhang Tie caught sight of a giant joss and an altar on the other end of the hall while a crystal ball was silently suspending in the air in the middle of the hall.

The demon had rushed over 20 m away towards the crystal ball.

The moment Zhang Tie entered the gate of the hieron, the demon baron had sensed it. It turned around and caught sight of Zhang Tie.

A dumbfounded look appeared on the demon baron's grim face, closely followed by a brutal yet sportive eye light. The demon baron accelerated towards the crystal ball in a split second while dropping Lin Huanxi onto one side.

Sensing that the demon baron aimed to get that crystal ball, Zhang Tie also rushed towards that crystal ball at his fastest speed...

Chapter 948: The Wrestle Between Zhang Tie and the Demon Baron

Zhang Tie didn't know what was that suspending crystal ball; however, now that the demon was longing for it, Zhang Tie swore to stop it from getting it.

Zhang Tie only had such a thought at this moment.

The earth demon knight was closer to the crystal ball than Zhang Tie.

Given the short-distance explosive speed, Zhang Tie was not superior to the earth knight, although they both moved very fast.

Therefore, when Zhang Tie accelerated, his spear had been split into three parts.

Zhang Tie threw the part with the sharp edge of the spear towards the head of the demon.

The demon baron inclined its head and dodged away from Zhang Tie's strike.

Zhang Tie threw out the middle part of the spear, which was completely a stick.

This stick flew towards the back of the demon baron's heart. After it left Zhang Tie's hand, it caused an air-breaking sound in the hall.

Zhang Tie's strength was great. The spear was also powerful enough. If he was striking a LV 15 battle spirit, he could heavily wound his target for sure; however, although this stick could pose a threat to an earth knight, it was not fatal.

As for the second strike, the demon baron didn't even dodge away; instead, it just allowed the stick to hit its protective battle qi.

The earth knight's protective battle qi undulated a bit; however, the demon baron didn't slow down at all. Zhang Tie's second strike was defused in this way.

The demon baron revealed a faint sneer as it mumbled, 'Naive, how could you dream to stop me by such average means?'

Knights moved too fast. Even though Zhang Tie launched two strikes in a split second, he didn't influence the demon baron's speed at all. As a result, the demon baron had been less than 20 m away from the suspending crystal ball. It would get it very soon.

The demon baron then stretched out its sharp claw towards the crystal ball.

At this time, Zhang Tie threw out the third part of his spear. Like the earlier two parts, the third part of spear didn't even aim at the demon baron at all as it flew by the demon baron's neck.

The demon baron revealed a ridicule. Compared to the earlier two strikes, the third one had even lost its precision. 'It seems that this black iron human knight has been flurried.'

In a split second, the demon baron was only less than 10 m away from the crystal ball.

At this moment, Zhang Tie roared as he threw out his gold-eaten tri-edged dagger from his waist's side.

Although Zhang Tie couldn't move as fast as the demon baron, his dagger could fly faster than the demon baron.

The dagger flew past the demon baron.

In the demon baron's eyes, it was another abortive throw. Precisely, it was not a throw at all. Because the human knight became flurried in the emergency, he just tossed the weapon towards it without even aiming it.

It was understandable. Knights who didn't excel at throwing weapons could not ensure that they would hit the target; especially in high-speed movements together with their target.

Throwing was a technology.

Zhang Tie's performance just now was almost like a knight who was not proficient in throwing. Therefore, the demon baron didn't doubt Zhang Tie's intention.

The demon baron's hand almost reached the suspending crystal ball.

The demon baron would win!

Therefore, it became ecstatic.

The gold-eaten tri-edged dagger that Zhang Tie threw out was a bit faster than the demon baron's fingers.

After passing the demon baron, the dagger suddenly rotated and changed its moving direction. When the demon baron almost touched the crystal ball, the rotating gold-eaten tri-edged dagger knocked onto the crystal ball, causing the crystal ball to shoot towards Zhang Tie after brushing against the demon baron.

Even earth knight could not respond to it in such a situation.

The demon baron's ecstatic yet grim smile froze at once as it watched the crystal ball flying backward.

"Haha, thanks!" Zhang Tie immediately caught the crystal ball and his dagger which flew back like a boomerang. In laughter, he turned around and intended to rush out of the gate.

What a shame!

Zhang Tie intended to show the white feather in the earlier three times not for striking the demon baron but for numbing it. In another word, Zhang Tie's earlier three strikes were not aimed at the demon baron's body, but its soul. Zhang Tie intended to fix the mindset of the demon baron.

'Even if I exerted my full effort to launch a strike towards an earth knight, I would not pose any threat to it at all.' Therefore, Zhang Tie altered his tactic.

In the previous three times, his weapons flew along a straight line respectively and gradually lost their precision one after another. In this case, the demon baron could never imagine that Zhang Tie's dagger could hit the crystal ball intelligently like a boomerang and a bird.

It was like training a dog. Each time you threw a piece of bone towards afar, the dog would run towards the bone. When the dog was used to do that, even if you just pretended to throw out something, the dog would also run away.

The demon baron had been trained three times by Zhang Tie unconsciously.

From the time when Zhang Tie rushed into the hieron's hall to when he gained the crystal ball ahead of the demon baron, although it was just a couple of seconds, they had wrestled with each other on intelligence, insight, responsiveness and judgment besides moving speed and battle strength. The entire process was shocking.

The demon baron felt being humiliated as it had not imagined that it could be made fun of by a black iron human knight like a monkey.

The demon baron was driven mad out of indignation. With bloody eyes, it roared before releasing its battle qi the moment it saw Zhang Tie rushing towards the gate of the hieron's hall. At the same time, it shot a punch towards Zhang Tie's back and the gate with two hands at the same time.

Its fierce battle qi then shot out like a black light beam...

Zhang Tie who was rushing towards the gate had to dodge away from this strike. If not, he would suffer a great loss.

An earth knight had an overwhelming advantage over a black iron knight in battle strength.

When he turned around and intended to rush out of the hall, Zhang Tie completed two things: first, he released his battle qi signal as he wanted to arouse the attention of the three earth knights; second, when he arrived on Lin Huanxi's side, he picked the heavily wounded female knight by his foot; at the same time, he caught hold of Lin Huanxi's waistband and intended to rush out of the hall like catching hold of a chick.

As Zhang Tie was very powerful, one more person's weight didn't slow down his moving speed at all.

The material of this hall was very special. Zhang Tie sensed that his battle qi could not break out of this place. Therefore, he had to jump away so as to avoid being struck by the demon baron.

The demon baron was not an idiot. Like how Zhang Tie tried his best to prevent it from getting the crystal ball, the demon baron also tried its best to keep Zhang Tie inside the hieron's hall.

The demon baron didn't mean to kill Zhang Tie; instead, it just wanted to prevent Zhang Tie from escaping away from the gate of the hieron's hall.

It might not be easy for the demon baron to kill Zhang Tie at least in a short period; however, it was easy for it to prevent Zhang Tie from leaving only by fully blocking the gate through its powerful strikes.

Zhang Tie attempted to rush out of the gate; however, the demon knight kept attacking him. Only in a few minutes, both parties had alternated their positions—the demon baron stood at the gate and blocked the way while Zhang Tie stood in the middle of the hieron's hall. The two knights were watching each other with a cold look with a distance of dozens of meters.

"You're the most powerful black iron human knight that I've ever seen. If you wish to surrender to us, I promise you that you will get everything you want!" The demon baron flickered its eyes in a weird eye light.

"Why don't you surrender to me? I promise to give you enough steam buns everyday!" Zhang Tie smirked as he derided the demon baron undoubtedly.

The demon baron looked solemn at once as it wanted to move one step forward. Zhang Tie raised up the crystal ball and intended to smash it on the ground, "Stop, if you move one more step forward, I will smash it!"

The demon baron stopped immediately.

During the process when he responded to the demon baron's strike, Zhang Tie realized that the demon baron was afraid of breaking the crystal ball like how someone was afraid of breaking the instrument when throwing a weapon towards a rat. Because of this, Zhang Tie could remain safe and sound in front of this earth demon knight a few minutes. The moment Zhang Tie raised up this crystal ball, he indeed frightened the demon baron.

"This crystal ball is the system control hub of this hieron. If it was broken, all the portals of this hieron would be completely closed. Nobody would be able to access it anymore and all of us would die here. If you want to commit suicide, I will accompany you at the cost of all the others..." The demon baron flickered his eyes as it walked towards Zhang Tie. Although it didn't rush towards Zhang Tie in a split second, it slowly approached Zhang Tie.

"Do you think that I dare not do that? My death is worthwhile with the life of an earth demon knight!" As Zhang Tie said that, Zhang Tie threw the crystal ball towards the ground. At the sight of this, the demon knight changed its face as it stopped its footstep immediately. However, the moment the crystal ball left his hand, Zhang Tie caught it at a faster speed. After that, Zhang Tie sneered at the demon baron and said, "Look, no crap, as a selfish guy, even if you were requested to die for the Emperor Xuanyuan, you would never do that. Am I right?"

A brutal eye light flashed across the demon baron's eyes...

When the two knights were in a stalemate, Mountain Lifting Hermit and Old Monster Qi appeared on the top of the Weapons Mountain at the same time...

Chapter 949: An Unexpected Scene

In the Knights' world, there was a proverb that no people could promote to a knight without diligent practice. This proverb fit earth knights more.

When Mountain Lifting Hermit reached the middle part of the mountain, he suddenly became vigilant and felt that something was wrong. Closely after that, Mountain Lifting Hermit made a decision and returned to the top of the main peak after noticing Zhang Anguo.

Zhang Anguo the grand elder of Tianlu Palace was responsible for catching up with Lu Zhongming and figuring out what happened.

Seeing Mountain Lifting Hermit returning to the top of the main peak, Old Monster Qi followed him back immediately.

As Zhang Tie was facing towards the gate, he caught sight of Mountain Lifting Hermit and Old Monster Qi firstly.

When he caught sight of the two human knights, Mountain Lifting Hermit and Old Monster Qi saw the open gate of the hieron's hall and the demon baron at the gate at the same time too. Of course, the demon baron also noticed them.

When two earth human knights encountered an earth demon knight in the hieron ruins, what would they do next?

Undoubtedly, the battle almost broke out in a split second.

Mountain Lifting Hermit released an earth knight-level battle qi signal while a virtual image that a giant embraced a mountain was manifested.

The rising earth knight-level battle qi signal on the top of the main peak told Zhang Anguo that something was happening over there.

Honestly, it was Zhang Tie's first time to see the battle qi signal of an earth knight. Precisely, it was more like a battle qi tornado than a battle qi smoke. If the battle qi signal of the black iron knight was like the smoke of wolf's dung rushing into the sky, the earth knight's battle qi signal was already a tornado which was thicker, bigger and more eye-catching than battle qi smokes on both scale and look.

The battle qi tornado of Mountain Lifting Hermit was emerald which looked like a green dragon that connected the sky with the ground. The virtual image of Mountain Lifting Hermit rose up in the battle qi tornado while its flickering eyes were watching all the living beings below. It fully manifested the power of an earth knight...

When his battle qi tornado and virtual image appeared at the same time, it indicated that Mountain Lifting Hermit had exerted his full efforts.

Old Monster Qi also released his battle qi tornado and virtual image at the same time.

The demon baron turned around and threw a glance at Zhang Tie while its eyes were full of killing intent and indignation. The demon baron thought that its failure was fully caused by Zhang Tie at such a critical moment. Without Zhang Tie, it had long controlled everything here.

However, now that it could be a demon baron, a demon noble, it indicated that it must be outstanding in some aspect.

At this critical moment, when Zhang Tie thought that the demon baron would break out of the encirclement of the two earth human knights and escape away, the demon baron rushed towards Zhang Tie out of his imagination.

Seeing the demon baron rushing towards him, Zhang Tie was startled at once. Closely after that, he understood the intention of the demon baron.

'This earth demon knight has confirmed that I would never destroy the crystal ball anymore after the two earth human knights appeared.'

'Because my party has been in the advantageous position. It's not necessary for us to sacrifice ourselves by destroying the crystal ball. Therefore, the demon knight won a faint chance to gain the crystal ball.'

As for powerful and confident ones, there was no absolute crisis in this world. Crises and favorable turns were the two sides of a contradiction which could convert into each other at certain moments.

All the powerful ones excelled at seizing such a faint chance in such an adversity.

As he had tided over the most difficult moment, of course, Zhang Tie didn't want to be killed by this demon knight at this moment. Therefore, when the demon knight rushed towards him, he instantly turned around and escaped away. He even directly threw Lin Huanxi at a remote corner of the hall in an agile way.

When he caught Lin Huanxi, before escaping away just now, Zhang Tie had already poured a vial of senior recovery medicament into her mouth at the fastest speed. As Lin Huanxi was in a worse scenario, without taking any recovery medicament, she might have died before being saved. After sensing that Lin Huanxi's vital signs had been stabilized, Zhang Tie hurriedly dropped her onto a safe place. If the demon knight was driven madder and caught Lin Huanxi as a hostage, it would become more tricky.

As the demon knight was besieged by two earth human knights and wanted to rob the crystal ball in Zhang Tie's hand, it didn't have time to care about a woman who was going to die.

When he threw Lin Huanxi, Zhang Tie felt that Lin Huanxi opened her eyes and threw a glance at him with a painful look...

Just now, Lin Huanxi had been in the coma. She could only sense being caught by someone who ran and jumped rapidly and poured a vial of all-purpose medicament into her mouth. She knew that someone was saving her; therefore, she wanted to open her eyes to see who was the savior.

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Soon after Zhang Tie dropped Lin Huanxi, the demon baron's battle qi strikes had rushed towards Zhang Tie like a huge net. With a roar, Zhang Tie released a punch. The moment their battle qis collided with each other, Zhang Tie had rolled out of the gate with the inertia of the great counterforce. Although his movement was not elegant, it was very practical. As a result, he successfully dodged away from the demon baron's strike...

During the period when he escaped, especially after he promoted to 1 change black iron knight and gained a chance to strengthen his overall strength, Zhang Tie's battle strength had improved greatly. Compared to when he was framed by people and was wounded by Feng Yuelun the cheji General of Yingzhou Province, Zhang Tie had reached new heights in battle strength, reaction speed and strike-resistant capability. At this critical moment, he could bear the strike of an earth demon knight easily.

To be honest, this earth demon knight's battle strength was not weaker than that of Feng Yuelun.

The demon knight closely chased after Zhang Tie while Mountain Lifting Hermit and Old Monster Qi kept chasing after the demon knight. Zhang Tie was gradually involved into the battle qis of the demon knight and dodged here and there. At the same time, the hieron's hall was filled with thunder-like bangs...

The demon knight's body became phantom once again while some clouds of humanoid mist gradually formed the look of the demon knight and joined the battle. Unless those clouds of mist were completely dispersed, the demon knight's original body could hardly be identified.

After dispersing one cloud of mist, a new cloud of mist would appear out of the void in a mystical way...

It was Zhang Tie's first time to see such a weird secret method of demons. No wonder this demon knight dared rob his crystal ball at such a critical moment.

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After a few minutes, an unexpected scene happened...

Old Monster Qi who was fighting the demon knight together with Mountain Lifting Hermit suddenly took out a red sharp driller out of the void. Closely after that, he sprung up and drilled it into Mountain Lifting Hermit's back. After that, he smacked onto Zhang Tie from a few meters away who had just dodged away from the demon knight...

Even though Zhang Tie had always been vigilant about Old Monster Qi and felt that this person was given to capricious moods, he had not imagined that Old Monster Qi could betray human knights and struck him at this critical moment. Being attacked by two earth knights, one of whom almost raided him, Zhang Tie instantly spat out a mouth of blood and was sent flying away...

Mountain Lifting Hermit also had not imagined that Old Monster Qi could strike him at this moment; additionally, Old Monster Qi's red sharp driller was very weird which almost broke Mountain Lifting Hermit's protective battle qi in a split second. As a result, Mountain Lifting Hermit didn't have time to respond to it.

When Old Monster Qi broke Mountain Lifting Hermit's protective battle qi with his red sharp driller, the demon baron immediately seized the chance and launched constant strikes onto Mountain Lifting Hermit...

Being struck by two earth knights at the same time, Mountain Lifting Hermit was sent flying 100 m away and crashed onto one wall of the hieron's hall.

Old Monster Qi sprung up once again and picked the crystal ball which Zhang Tie had dropped off. Almost at the same time, he stayed away from the demon knight before guffawing...

Chapter 950: Life-or-Death Crisis

Old Monster Qi's strike at the critical moment not only heavily wounded Zhang Tie and Mountain Lifting Hermit but also robbed the crystal ball. As a result, the situation in the Hieron's hall reversed in a split second.

The betrayal from team members was always more destructive than enemies. Old Monster Qi proved this law once again.

Watching Old Monster Qi's unimaginable performance, the demon baron stopped its strike; instead, it narrowed its eyes and looked at Old Monster Qi's pleasant face out of curiosity.

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After bearing the full-strength raid from an earth demon knight in such a short distance, Zhang Tie felt being hit by a bullet train at the speed of hundreds of miles per hour as he spurted out a mouth of blood. At the same time, his bones uttered a crisp sound. Closely after that, he was sent flying away and didn't stop until he rolled over 60 m away, leaving blood all the way there.

Zhang Tie struggled to kneel down with one knee. After that, he spurted out a mouth of blood once again while his guts felt being boiled. It was Zhang Tie's first time to encounter such a sharp pain. Old Monster Qi's battle qi was attached with a special damage function. After he was struck by him, Zhang Tie felt being overwhelmed with pain.

Old Monster Qi's strength was also very great, which would break at least a few bones of common black iron knights; the wounds would be severer if the broken bone stabbed into their guts. However, Zhang Tie was special. As he had taken so many iron-body fruits and had a great strike-resistant capability, Zhang Tie bore the test at the crucial moment. Zhang Tie's bones were not broken; therefore, the secondary damage was avoided. Meanwhile, the damage and erosion caused by Old Monster Qi's battle qi had been weakened by his defensive ability.

After spurting out blood twice more, Zhang Tie's depression was greatly relieved. Although his wound looked severe, it was actually not that severe.

Zhang Tie just lay on the ground and gradually recovered his battle strength.

Compared to Zhang Tie, Mountain Lifting Hermit's wounds seemed to be severer. After the red sharp driller broke his protective battle qi, it started to drill into Mountain Lifting Hermit's body through the wound; at the same time, it gradually melted inside Mountain Lifting Hermit's body in a weird manner.

Mountain Lifting Hermit picked himself up from the ground with a pale face. After throwing a glance at Old Monster Qi and feeling his physical conditions, Mountain Lifting Hermit changed his face at once. The moment the red sharp driller disappeared in his body, Mountain Lifting Hermit's face had turned dark-purple while the blood vessels in his forehead and neck suddenly bulged like something was swimming inside and was going to break them. How terrifying it was...

Mountain Lifting Hermit started to punch himself; instead of punching Old Monster Qi and the demon baron while gritting his teeth, causing one thunder per punch.

Only by hearing the sound of the punches, onlookers would be shocked.

He was simply committing suicide...

Mountain Lifting Hermit punched his heart, livers, spleen, lungs and kidneys...

Each time he punched himself, he would spit out a mouth of blood.

The blood that Mountain Lifting Hermit spat out was black which contained soft pieces of the red sharp driller which had disappeared in his body. Those pieces were hard previously; however, when they were spat out, they all turned soft; additionally, they were like a sponge which became swollen after absorbing water and looked disgusting and grim...

After heavily punching his five organs and spitting out the black blood and the swollen pieces of the sharp driller, Mountain Lifting Hermit became dispirited at once as his eye light became bleak. His aura seemed to have been heavily declined. He felt rocky and couldn't stand up until he supported the wall with two hands.

"Five Organs Damaging Driller on Blood and Soul ..." Mountain Lifting Hermit watched Old Monster Qi as his voice became hoarse. He felt to have iron slags in his throat. When he spat out those things, his throat was even wounded.

"Gagagaga...I've spent about 7 years on making this Five Organs Damaging Driller on Blood and Soul, during which period, I used 49 virgin boys' strength of blood and soul and lubricated them day by day with so many rare materials. Mountain Lifting Hermit, you should be satisfied with it..." Old Monster Qi uttered pleasant laughter.

"You're the remnant of Bloody Soul Temple??"

"Is anyone who has mastered the secret method of Bloody Soul Temple destined to be the remnant of Bloody Soul Temple? If so, there are so many remnants of Bloody Soul Temple in the top seven sects in Taixia Country. When the top seven sects in Taixia country besieged the Bloody Soul Temple, whether it was because that they were casting greedy eyes on the secret methods in Bloody Soul Temple or that the Bloody Soul Temple was going to build Immortal Bloody Sea which would rock the foundation of Taixia Country. You know the dirty inside story clearer than me. Pitifully, the top seven sects didn't get the "Supreme Bloody Soul Sutra" Old Monster Qi said with a faint ridicule.

Mountain Lifting Hermit became silent as he wiped the blood stains off his mouth corners and poured a vial of recovery medicament.

Old Monster Qi just watched Mountain Lifting Hermit with a sneer, "There's no antidote for the Five Organs Damaging Driller on Blood and Soul, even if you spat out the pieces of the driller. Within 5 days, you will not be saved even by immortal pills. What are you struggling for?"

Mountain Lifting Hermit didn't speak. He just gazed at Old Monster Qi with a furious eye light as he slowly adjusted his breathing rhythm. In this case, everyone at present realized that Old Monster would never allow any one of them to leave out of here alive.

"Who're you?" The demon baron asked as it kept looking at Old Monster Qi.

"Actually, we have the same target. However, you and I are on different battle lines. I've not imagined that we could encounter today..." Old Monster Qi told the demon baron as he made a specific hand gesture.

"You are a member of Three-eye Association?" The demon baron asked as a shrewd light flashed across its eyes.

Like a commissioned officer or a common noble in a country who couldn't fully master the intelligence of all the agents on his side that were dispatched to foreign countries, the demon baron wouldn't know the agents of demons in Taixia Country as these intelligence were classified among demons. Only a few people at the top level could touch them. Even if it was a demon baron, it was not qualified to touch them at all.

The demon baron only knew that demons had never stopped their layout in Taixia Country since the last holy war between humans and demons. In other words, demons had never stopped fighting Hua people at all, whether before the Catastrophe or after, by force or not by force in all lines.

"In Taixia Country, Three-eye Association has another appellation, Heavens Reaching Church! I'm an elder of Heavens Reaching Church..." Old Monster Qi said.

"How did you know the secret of the bloody sacrificial temple?" The demon baron pumped instead of being relaxed.

"At the beginning, the secret methods of Bloody Soul Temple were gained from a bloody sacrificial temple in the underground world. I gained some classics of Bloody Soul Temple by accident and knew about this secret and some information about the bloody sacrificial temple. This time, I heard someone finding a hieron in the magma sea while there was the symbol of bloody sacrificial hieron on the key of this pyramid, therefore here I am!"

Old Monster Qi explained it to the demon baron patiently in order to eliminate the possible misunderstanding between them.

The demon baron's eyes flickered as it burst out into laughter and turned tender at once, "If so, hand the crystal ball to me! I know this place better than you."

"Hehehehe...although we're not enemies, we're not that familiar with each other. There's an old saying among Hua people, even if you should not think about harming others, you'd better prevent from being framed by others. I will hold the crystal ball in case of unpleasant things." Old Monster Qi replied hastily, leaving no face to the demon baron at all.

"You dare not follow my order?" The demon baron's qi became dangerous at once.

However, Old Monster Qi still didn't care about it; he even threw a contemptuous glance at the demon baron, "When you reach the level of the prince, it's not late to talk me in that way but you're not that qualified to order me at this moment!"

The two earth knights gazed at each other while Old Monster Qi's qi was not weaker than that of the demon baron at all.

After looking at Old Monster Qi, the crystal ball in his hand and the half-dead people in the hieron's hall, it finally made a compromise, "Alright, do you know how to use it?"

"Hahahaha, so easy. Just close the gate to beat the dogs, in water. We only need to close all the entrances of the hieron, lower the temperature outside this gate below the lowest limit by the system control hub of this crystal ball and restrict the air supply in the hieron, all the human knights will lose their ability to resist in less than 1 day. By then, their lives would be in my hands!" Old Monster Qi said as he suddenly threw a glance at the outside of the gate. Right then, a roar drifted from below the peak and was not far from here. "The old thing of Tianlu Palace is coming, we don't need to fight him; additionally, I don't have the second Five Organs Damaging Driller on Blood and Soul. This old thing is very tricky. Even if we two fought him together, one of us might be killed. Why not deal with him when he becomes a drowned rat?"

The demon baron nodded.

After Old Monster Qi finished his words, he cupped the crystal ball by two hands and closed the gate of this hieron's hall like that it had never been opened at all.

Within the hieron's hall, there were only 5 knights, namely Old Monster Qi, the demon knight who was safe and sound, Zhang Tie, Mountain Lifting Hermit who were heavily wounded and Lin Huanxi who was in the coma. Given the sharp contrast in battle strength, the result seemed to have been fixed...