

## **Black Iron 961**

### Chapter 961: The Real Knight

3 days soon elapsed, during which period, all the human knights entering the pyramid were breaking the pearls of secret items that they had selected around the clock.

Only a few knights had caught up with the virtual image of the secret item and fixed their pearls of secret items; most of them including Zhang Anguo the grand elder of Tianlu Palace was selecting their targets according to their experience or weird sciolistic "Learning of Secret Items". As for the latter method, the possibility for them to find a silver secret item was pretty low.

In the team of Mountain Lifting Hermit, only 3 members had seen the virtual images of silver secret items, 2 of them were a couple, Lu Zhong Ming and Lin Huanxi, who found a brilliant long hook with cold light. The moment the long hook was waved, the surrounding air would be frozen with a very powerful cold damage.

The weapon long hook was rare among silver secret items. Therefore, it was pretty precious.

The other one who found a silver secret item was Zhao Youxian, a clan elder of Zhao Clan from Military Province. Zhao Youxian's silver secret item was a shield.

If Zhang Tie saw this shield, he must be surprised as it was as same as that he had gained from the demon general.

The team of Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace only gained one silver secret item which was gifted by Zhang Tie to Zhang Shuzhen. Finally, it was found by Zhang Suzhen and her elder brother Zhang Anshi after breaking two pearls of secret items.

It was a longsword. Compared to the long hook gained by the couple, this longsword was dreamlike as it could automatically release four brilliant, powerful birds out of the void.

Given the less population of Old Monster Qi's team, none of them had gained a silver secret item during the past 3 days.

Zhang Tie's friends Gong Ziyao, Zhou Shufan, Filton, Cecilia and Bolam didn't gain anything either.

After entering the Weapons Mountain for 3 days, the team of almost 30 members only gained 3 silver secret items in total, most of them including the grand elder of Tianlu Palace returned in vain.

Silver secret items were especially attractive to knights right because they were hard to get.

After 3 days, at the sight of the battle qi tornado of the grand elder of Zhang Clan, all the human knights gathered at the top of the main peak of the Weapons Mountain and kept their eyes onto the gate of the hall which was still closed.

After 3 days' rest, Mountain Lifting Hermit had recovered his physical strength and battle strength a bit; however, his face still looked as shallow as that of a sick lion. The sorcery bloody-soul driller on guts was extremely insidious, whose damages could not be recovered in only 3-5 days.

Even though Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi and Zhao Youxian were unwilling to do that, they still presented their silver secret items for the selection of Mountain Lifting Hermit.

This was an agreement reached between them before they joined the team of Mountain Lifting Hermit. According to the agreement, if Mountain Lifting Hermit didn't gain any space-teleportation equipment or silver secret item, he would have the right to select one from the silver secret items gained by his team members.

At this moment, no matter whose silver secret item did Mountain Lifting Hermit select, the other team members would present many precious earth elements or other treasures to recuperate the loss of that person. It was a relatively fair method just like buying the entrance ticket of this hieron ruins.

As the most powerful one who had spent most efforts for his teams such as gaining the diamond-shaped key and the one who organized this activity, Mountain Lifting Hermit enjoyed the privilege in the team wherever he was.

If there was a silver secret item in a pearl of a secret item, a colorful light beam would shoot into the sky the moment the last layer of the pearl of the secret item was broken, presenting an abnormal phenomenon, which could never be covered at all. Therefore, in Weapons Mountain, anyone who gained a silver secret would attract a lot of onlookers right away. They could not cover the message that they had gained a silver secret item at all.

When Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi, Zhao Youxian, Zhang Shuzhen and Zhang Anshi gained their silver secret items, a lot of people went to watch that with extremely "admiring" looks.

Watching Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi and Zhao Youxian presenting their silver secret items to Mountain Lifting Hermit and waiting for the latter's selection, all the others at the top of the main peak of Weapons Mountain moved their eyes onto Mountain Lifting Hermit's face as they were guessing which silver secret item would Mountain Lifting Hermit choose. Both the long hook and the shield were unique, one for strike, the other for defense. It was really difficult for people to guess his choice.

Only after throwing a glance at the two silver secret items, Mountain Lifting Hermit had shaken his head as he said with a disappointed look, "Now that you've gained them, just keep them. As my life has been saved by brother Cui Li at risk of his life, you've already paid off the price for entering the hieron ruins. I would like to give up my right to make a choice!"

Soon after Mountain Lifting Hermit finished his words, the others at present had thrown their admiring eyes onto Mountain Lifting Hermit as they were hailing him inside. They had not imagined that Mountain Lifting Hermit could be so generous to give up the chance to gain a silver secret item in such a casual way.

Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi and Zhao Youxian bowed deeply towards Mountain Lifting Hermit at the same time.

After straightening up, Lu Zhongming watched Mountain Lifting Hermit and said with a solemn look, "Brother Cui Li also saved my wife's life. I've already negotiated with Huanxi, if Mountain Lifting Hermit doesn't take this long hook, we will present it to bother Cui Li so as to extend our sincerity when brother Cui Li leaves the hieron. After all, a silver secret item could never match my wife's life!"

After Lu Zhongming said these words, he exchanged a glance with Lin Huanxi while their eyes contained rich love and privacy.

"After brother Cui comes out, he will be the savior of Zhao Clan of Homesick Palace in Military Province; if he needs our help, our Zhao Clan will never say no even at the risk of our lives!" Zhao Youxian also expressed his stance in a muffled voice.

Without Cui Li, Zhao Youxian might not even survive himself this time; not to mention to gain a silver secret item. Therefore, as an elder of Zhao Clan of Homesick Palace in Military Province, Zhao Youxian's decision was reasonable.

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At this moment, Zhan Anguo the grand elder of Tianlu Palace let out a sigh inside. When Zhang member gained a silver secret item, Zhang Shuzhen told him about the process of the conflict between Cui Li and her. Honestly, if Cui Li really wanted to strive for this silver secret item with Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace, Zhang Clan would definitely lose the oral dispute wherever they were.

"Being righteous and generous. Cui Li is a real hero!"

"Now that all the people have gathered here, it's time for us to leave the hieron. We'd better wait for Cui Li outside the hieron!" Zhang Anguo told the others calmly.

"Elder Anguo, why not wait for brother Cui Li here?"

"When the gate of the hall was opened, the earth demon knight would definitely not agree to have brother Cui leave him if it saw so many people standing outside the gate in case of being mired in a dilemma. If so, brother Cui would be in trouble. Therefore, besides being useless to brother Cui here, we would even cause him trouble!" Zhang Anguo explained patiently, "If something happened in the 3 days and brother Cui Li had destroyed the crystal ball and died together with the earth demon knight, after a few hours, when the preset time was on due, the hieron would be absolutely closed at once. By then, we would have to die here. Therefore, we'd better wait for brother Cui outside the hieron. If brother Cui could leave out of here safe and sound, we will talk about it later!"

Now that they were useless here and might bring trouble to Cui Li, everybody agreed with Zhang Anguo's suggestion to leave out of here.

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After reaching an agreement, all of them went down the mountain to leave the heiron.

Compared to when they came here, the temperature in the pyramid had recovered to normal. The knights could move freely. Even though they could not fly, they were still moving as fast as lightning bolts. Only after a short while, they had reached the foot of the Weapons Mountain and passed through the plain and the palace complex.

As they were leaving out of here, when they passed through that lobby with two rows of powerful battle puppets, those battle puppets didn't move. Therefore, they could pass the lobby easily.

After passing the lobby, they stepped onto the spiral steps of the pyramid and soon reached the top of the pyramid before walking out of the entrance one after another.

Although they had just entered the pyramid for a few days, most of them felt having stayed inside a hundred years.

Before coming here, none of them could imagine that this journey could be so perilous and unpredictable. Besides being traced by an earth demon knight, it was really out of their imaginations that the Old Monster Qi, a team leader of humans was a lackey of demons. The moment they thought that the earth demon knight and Old Monster Qi joined hands to screw them inside, they had felt cold inside.

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After leaving the pyramid, every one of them just waited at the entrance of the pyramid and expected to see Cui Li walking out of there...

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However, after a few hours, when it was on due, Cui Li didn't appear; however, the gate of the pyramid suddenly closed.

All the people at present changed their looks at the same time.

Soon after the preset time was on due, the gate of the pyramid closed on time. Didn't it mean that brother Cui Li had destroyed the crystal ball and died together with the earth demon knight?

"Brother Cui Li..." Gong Ziyao dropped off his tears at once when he watched the gate of the pyramid closing up and recalled the moments with Cui Li since he acquainted with him...

Mountain Lifting Hermit's face turned ashy as his lips quivered. Although he wanted to say something, he couldn't. Clenching his fist, he quivered all over...

Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi dropped off tears at the same time. Zhang Anguo also let out a long sigh.

The eyes of Filton, Bolam and Cecilia turned red too...

Although they had seen many dead people, this time it was different because Cui Li proposed to sacrifice himself for the lives of all the others.

"Cui Li is the real, bravest knight with knighthood!" Filton heavily punched his own chest with red eyes as he made a military salute towards the gate of the pyramid.

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All of a sudden, someone burst out into tears as she rushed towards the gate of the pyramid and forcefully thumped the gate of the pyramid like a lunatic.

Her cries sounded pretty heartbreaking. It was as heart-wrenching as a cuckoo's lament. Anyone who listened to it would feel grieved and drop off tears.

It was the young sister Bai Suxian of Zhang Tie...

"Wuh...whu..wuh, you heartless guy! How could you just leave in this way? You've molested me twice and left me alone...how'd I live from then on?"

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Bai Suxian's sadness was out of everyone's imagination. They didn't even know when Cui Li had conquered this woman's heart at all.

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Even though the gate of the hieron was already closed, they still had a slim hope and stayed outside the gate one more day, expecting that the gate of the hieron would open once again.

Until 1 day later before the terrifying abyss hurricane sealed this isolated island in the ocean once again, they had to bid a farewell to Cui Li.

After leaving the magma sea and watching the abyss hurricane reappearing, they finally gave up their last hope of seeing Cui Li coming out of there...

As Old Monster Qi had one key of the gate of the hieron, the key was finally left in the hieron too. Therefore, after the gate of the hieron was closed, it indicated that nobody else would enter it from then on...

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"Brother Gong, as you're familiar with brother Cui, do you know whether brother Cui has any relatives in Yongzhou Province? If he has, our Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace would pick his relatives to Tianlu Palace. If brother Cui Li has offsprings, our Tianlu Palace would instruct them seriously for sure..." Zhang Anguo asked Gong Ziyao as he was suspending above the magma sea and watching the abyss hurricane across the magma sea.

Gong Ziyao shook his head, "Brother Cui told me about his family that he was the only kid in his family. He has not got married; additionally, his parents have passed away many years ago. Besides some servants in his old mansion, he didn't have any more relatives!"

The human knights then left here one after another, leaving sighs...

From then on, the name of Cui Li started to spread over the Lion Fortress. Everyone would praise Cui Li as a righteous man!

## Chapter 962: Recovery

The powerful recovery effect of his preliminary recovery body plus the vial medium recovery medicament that Zhang Tie had drunk before going to bed enabled Zhang Tie to complete the regeneration of his somata and the recovery of his physical functions.

When in Blackhot City, Zhang Tie had developed a frugal living habit.

Although he had a lot of vials of senior recovery medicaments; as he his wounds could be recovered by medium recovery medicament and preliminary recovery body, Zhang Tie just took one vial of medium recovery medicament instead of a senior one.

As for a knight, a vial of senior recovery medicament was not a big deal. However, Zhang Tie knew that a vial of senior recovery medicament might save one more human life. He still remembered that Grandma Teresa took out a very vial of the most precious all-purpose medicament from a well-preserved box with a solemn look and daubed it onto his wounds in the orphanage of Blackhot City.

Benevolence was priceless——Grandma Teresa told him at that moment.

‘I wonder about the current situation of those little guys in the orphanage and Grandma Teresa?’

Perhaps this thought had always hidden deeply in his mind, Zhang Tie who didn’t have a dream for a long time dreamed about Grandma Teresa and those kids in the orphanage once again.

In the dream, Grandma Teresa’s breasts were still that soft and warm, making him reassured.

After then, fire broke out in the orphanage while numerous grim demon fighters appeared in the dark and charged at barehanded Grandma Teresa and those little guys whose eyes would turn bright at the sight of rice soup...

Zhang Tie then woke up...

‘It was a dream.’ Zhang Tie revealed a self-mocking smile before getting up.

In the bedroom of the palace tree, everything was very special. Everything in this bedroom was growing out of the palace tree naturally besides the table clock and the beddings.

The shell-shaped big bed, the peanut shell-shaped bathtub, the waterpipes hiding in the wall, the beehive-shaped cupboard, the tree leaves which covered the window like a curtain. Everything inside was natural and fairytale-like. Any kid living inside would be very thrilled.

When he recalled his three sons, Zhang Tie felt a bit depressed. After then, he cut off these thoughts being irrelevant to the current environment. Being spirited, he went to cleanse himself in the washroom.

After that, he revealed a smile at the tall and stalwart figure in the mirror. He then ran his spiritual energy to recover his original look with constant cracking sounds.

If someone caught sight of this scene, he must widely open his mouth out of amazement as he would think that he had met some bizarre spirit. Because it was completely out of the range of disguising skill. It was a complete transformation from one person to another.

Before leaving the bedroom, Zhang Tie threw another glance at the table clock and knew that the other human knights had already left this pyramid for sure.

Zhang Tie slept for almost 2 days. When he woke up, his wounds had long recovered while his spiritual energy recovered to the best state.

‘Perhaps they thought I was dead!’

‘I will explain it to them in the future if there’s a chance.’

Zhang Tie soon arranged thoughts in order.

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"Deity Lord..." The moment Zhang Tie walked out of his bedroom, the two girls standing outside his bedroom had lowered their heads and knelt down on the ground in the grandest manner. They even dared not raise their heads.

After Zhang Tie came back, Heller had noticed all the youngsters in the palace tree. Therefore, Zhang Tie's bedroom would be served around the clock.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, the two girls who treated him as a deity quivered all over due to excitement even though they were kneeling down on the ground.

Touching his bald head, honestly, Zhang Tie was really unaccustomed to such a grand etiquette. He felt uneasy all over as if many ants were creeping on his body.

"Erm, no need to kneel down when you see me in the future..."

"Ah?" The two girls raised their heads and threw a glance at Zhang Tie. They then hurriedly lowered their heads in a flurried way; one of them was scared so much that she even cried, "Deity Lord...Deity Lord...are you going to abandon us and deprive our belief?"

"Erm..." Zhang Tie widely opened his mouth as he didn't know what to say. Since he had no experience in worshipping a deity; therefore, he couldn't feel how the worshippers and believers were shocked when a deity told them about this.

Additionally, Zhang Tie felt extremely embarrassed and uneasy about the appellation "Deity Lord". If he were a real deity, how could he still be wanted and couldn't return to his home until now? Is there any deity more miserable than him?

"Deity Lord means that you only need to kneel down in front of him by one knee from now on. Only clergies who were approved by Deity Lord and would like to sacrifice their lives to Deity Lord are qualified to kneel down on the ground created by Deity Lord in front of Deity Lord so that their hearts could stay closer to Deity Lord. As for the higher-level etiquette in which people have to put their heads, hands, feet and chests onto the grounds, nobody is qualified to do that in front of Deity Lord until now..."

Heller dissolved the problem for Zhang Tie at the critical moment. Soon after they heard Heller's explanation, the two girls hurriedly knelt down on the ground by one knee. Zhang Tie then let out a sigh inside and didn't explain any further.

'What is talent?"

"Heller is!"

Zhang Tie had not imagined that such a humble thing to others could indicate his supreme status through Heller's explanation. The humbler they were in front of him, the higher their status was!

What a brainwash!

Heller wove his hands and told the two flurried girls to leave. He then led Zhang Tie to the dining hall for breakfast.

On the way, Zhang Tie asked Heller in a hesitated way, "Erm...Is it a bit excessive?"

"All the human behaviors are neither good or bad. The behavior by touching one's knees with the ground is neither noble nor humble. People feel it is noble or humble because of their own opinions. In this world, the most hypocritical and untrustworthy things are people's opinions and recognition. We found it's ridiculous for a man to wear a skirt now; one day, if the demons dominate humans, in order to mock and make a fool of humans, they might order all the man in the countries being ruled by Three-eye Association to wear a skirt without an underwear. After hundreds of years later, those men being ruled by demons and Three-eye Association would feel that it's glorious and traditional for men to wear a skirt without an underwear. Will you say that those men are not right in skirts?"

Zhang Tie became speechless about Heller's answer. Zhang Tie knew that he was never as eloquent as Heller.

"After this batch of youngsters leaves, tell those residents to not send more people here. I want the palace tree to be a bit quieter!" Zhang Tie let out a sigh, "Being worshipped by these people like a deity, I almost feel being a bit lunatic. Each time I see them when I come back, I will feel uneasy all over!"

Previously, Zhang Tie wanted those residents to send youngsters here to gain knowledge; however, he underestimated his influence among those people and overestimated his adaptability. Someone would feel funny being worshipped as a deity by people; however, Zhang Tie didn't feel it funny at all. Castle of Black Iron should be where he relaxed himself; whereas, he became intense inside it.

"As you wish, Castle Lord!" Heller answered respectfully, "However, now that Castle Lord has come back, I've arranged those youngsters to meet you after you finish breakfast!"

"Just meet me?"

"Yes, as long as Castle Lord meet those youngsters in the lobby of the palace tree, you would satisfy their biggest hope on the Immortal Mountain."

"Do I need to say something?"

"It depends on you!"

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Zhang Tie's breakfast was bumper, which included over 10 kinds of fruits, various food and pastries.

The food in Castle of Black Iron was pretty yummy. The aura in Castle of Black Iron was very affluent. The soil inside was very fertilized and clean. The fruits inside Castle of Black Iron were much better than those outside. Additionally, some fruits and food inside had mutated and tasted more delicious. Therefore, Zhang Tie, after sleeping for 2 days, enjoyed a big meal.

It was worth mentioning that those residents in Castle of Black Iron were all those who refused to eat human flesh. After settling down in Castle of Black Iron, although their living materials gradually became affluent, they still felt like vomiting at the sight of flesh due to the dark experience in the Misty Woods. Therefore, besides the warehouse of palace tree which contained flesh, no other flesh could be found in Castle of Black Iron.



Eating those super tasty fruits and various outputs such as grains and drinking sweet and limpid aura mountain spring, Zhang Tie also lost his interest in the flesh after returning to Castle of Black Iron.

Especially the bean curds made of beans, aura mountain spring and fungi on the Immortal Mountain, which was much more delicious than any flesh that Zhang Tie had ever tasted. Zhang Tie spoke high of this food.

After enjoying a tasty breakfast, Zhang Tie met those youngsters.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, all those youngsters quivered all over due to excitement, male or female; some of them even cried. However, Zhang Tie felt his face as stiff as fossils. He felt embarrassed no matter what he would say; therefore, he just became silent.

However, in the eyes of those youngsters, Zhang Tie's performance reflected the majesty and mystery as a deity.

Soon after these youngsters left respectfully, Edward and Aziz had pushed one thing to the front of Zhang Tie like presenting a treasure...

At the sight of that thing, Zhang Tie widely opened his mouth...

Chapter 963: A Big Surprise

Precisely, it was the demon baron being bound to a lot of machines.

At first glance, it was like a complex wheelchair, an operating table or a recreational facility in the playground. The demon baron's limbs were fixed on a movable metal support; something like snaffle was inserted into its mouth. As a result, the demon baron couldn't speak.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, although it couldn't speak, it widely opened its eyes like seeing a ghost.

Only after throwing a glance at the demon baron, Zhang Tie had known what it was thinking about.

The demon baron must have a lot of questions about this space of Castle of Black Iron, these people beside Zhang Tie and the marvelous palace tree. At this moment, it might wonder where it was, how long had passed and why it fell into the hands of strangers.

'Whatever, I have no time to explain all this to it. After a couple of days, I will take it to the hall for a bloody sacrifice. I'm afraid that it would be more flurried by then.'

Zhang Tie had already recovered his original look which demon baron had not seen before. Watching this strange face, the demon baron struggled for a short while as if it wanted to say something; however, Zhang Tie ignored that.

"Castle Lord, what do you think about this device?" Edward asked out of excitement.

"Erm...this one...is not bad. It looks good. But is it a bit complex?" Zhang Tie asked as he rubbed his face.

"It's not complex, it's not complex, look..." Edward explained as he spoke to Zhang Tie.

As Edward casually moved an operating arm on the wheelchair, the demon baron involuntarily stood up with the help of the metal skeleton and metal support. Edward continued to operate it; the demon baron then started to walk with the movable support.

The demon baron might have never imagined that it could be casually operated by people. It threw a fierce and brutal glance at Edward. Although it wanted to struggle, it had no strength at all.

"I named this system as exoskeleton semi-automatic prisoning cabin. It's made of super powerful alloy. Even an earth knight with full battle strength could not damage it in a short while. Due to this system, this demon knight would be harmless as its action capability was forbidden. Additionally, it could be forced to move with the operation of external force, namely, doing exercise. We could also have it make various postures to meet our demands, such as squatting down, sitting or standing..."

With the operation of Edward, the demon baron made various postures like a marionette. Some postures were even hilarious, making Zhang Tie speechless. 'Such a ruthless earth demon knight deteriorated into a marionette in the hands of Edward, Agan and Aziz. How poor it is! However, now that it has fallen into my hand, it's destined to have a poor fate. I should not sympathize with any demon.'

"I posed the idea of exoskeleton semi-automatic prisoning cabin. Edward made it under my supervision. Through proper movement, this injured beast would heal its wounds and recover its physical functions at a faster speed. We can occasionally push it to breathe fresh air for the sake of long-time breeding..." Aziz hurriedly claimed merit for himself.

'Breeding?'

Hearing this word, the demon baron became thrilled once again; however, it was useless.

"Not bad, not bad!" Zhang Tie had to praise their perfect work. Zhang Tie had not imagined that they could build such an auxiliary instrument for this demon baron. Although it was complex, it was very useful.

After hearing Zhang Tie's performance, Edward's and Aziz's faces turned bright as their life philosophy was to serve Zhang Tie.

"Have you thought about preventing it from committing suicide by breaking its own heart meridian?" Zhang Tie posed a question.

Edward revealed a pleasant smile as he pulled up the lower hem of the demon baron's gown, revealing its lower abdomen, "Look, Castle Lord..."

In order to cover the demon baron's butt, they wore a cloth for the demon baron after fiddling with its full body, which was the only "right" that the demon baron could enjoy at this moment...

The injury near the qi sea at the lower abdomen of the demon baron which was penetrated through by the abyss battle spear two days ago had been cured. Additionally, the injury was beset with a metal patch. There was a plug on the patch just like a bottle stopper.

They made a special surgery for this demon.

Zhang Tie prodded the metal bottle stopper on the patch and found it was movable like a piston of a steam engine.

Marvelous!

It was equal to that the qi sea at the demon baron's lower abdomen was always leaking. Therefore, it could not trigger its battle qi at all. Precisely, its physical structure had been destroyed, causing it unable to trigger its battle qi to commit suicide by breaking its own heart meridian.

The qi sea was a special energy structure. Like surging points over one's body, qi sea could not be found physiologically on anatomy; however, it indeed existed; additionally, it attached to a specific physiological structure. Being similar to that a person would never light his surging points after his hands were chopped off, if a person's lower abdomen where the qi sea existed in was penetrated through, he could not trigger his battle qi that formed in the qi sea either.

Therefore, the earth demon knight completely deteriorated into a marionette being fiddled with by others.

"Where's Agan?"

"Agan is preparing for an exclusive cell for this guy in the dungeon of the palace tree. That cell is firm and it could help it recover..."

Zhang Tie nodded, "Thanks for your hard work. I will use it after a couple of days. You can take it away now..."

"Yes, sir, Castle Lord!"

With the demon baron's lament and resent, Edward and Aziz pushed it away from the lobby of the palace tree jubilantly.

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"This guy has not seen light for two days, we should push it outside the palace tree to breath fresh air so that it could recover a bit faster and Castle Lord would better use it!" Aziz told Edward as they walked.

"Where?"

"How about the bank of the pool near the small waterfall. It's abundant in visible light and moisture in the air, which are beneficial to its soma!"

"Are we walking a dog?"

"Castle Lord's thing should be a bit more advanced than a dog anyway!"

When they talked, they gradually left Zhang Tie's vision.

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Watching Edward and Aziz leaving, Zhang Tie smiled and shook his head. After that, he walked towards the small tree.

The small tree was covered with various fruits.

This was a big harvest.

When Old Monster Qi was alive, he didn't create any value for Zhang Tie. His complete earth chakra had been wasted too. However, when he was dead, Zhang Tie made a bumper harvest.

Besides the most precious bloodline fruit, there was also an extremely brilliant fruit of brilliance and a fruit of judgment.

Additionally, the fruits of redemption from the gratitude of gulf shrimps and hairy shellfish were also swaying on the small tree. What made Zhang Tie a bit amazed were the three fruits of redemption from golden uangs which had not appeared for such a long time. It indicated that Paul had found the channel to purchase golden uangs. What a good news!

Of course, there were always leakless fruits.

It took Zhang Tie almost 1 week to digest these fruits.

The fruits of brilliance which contained the full spiritual energy of Old Monster Qi was a big tonic. After taking it, Zhang Tie's spiritual energy increased by 30%.

After taking that bloodline fruit, Zhang Tie increased 1784 points of bloodline energy.

An earth knight's death could really bring him a great achievement. Zhang Tie remembered that when he killed that three-eye knight by accident in Selnes Theater of Operations, his first bloodline fruit only contained 361 points of bloodline energy. This time, after killing an earth knight, he gained 5 times more bloodline energy points which could be used to trigger ancestral bloodlines. This really drove Zhang Tie ecstatic as if he had picked up a treasure.

There were three fruits of judgment.

A fruit of judgment evolved Zhang Tie's super rapid moving skill into master-level rapid moving skill. With the effect of master-level rapid moving skill, Zhang Tie's flight speed increased by 10%. With the second fruit of judgment, Zhang Tie's hiding skill promoted to master-level too. With the effect of master-level hiding skill, Zhang Tie could not only hide his qi and integrate himself with the surrounding environment through mimicry, but also control the properties and intensity of his qi freely in an all-round manner. Additionally, the effect of the master-level hiding skill would not decline even in movement.

What amazed Zhang Tie most was the third fruit of judgment, which was a wholly new one. It contained a new skill that Zhang Tie had not imagined—preliminary mirror separation...

Chapter 964: Starting the Bloody Sacrifice Furnace Once Again

With the preliminary mirror separation skill, Zhang Tie could have a virtual body in a short period.

Of course, the so-called mirror separation was not the real incarnation concerning the "Great Wilderness Sutra". It was a mirror image which had some features of Zhang Tie's original body. The so-called mirror image was like an inverted image in the mirror. Of course, it was a false appearance. However, this false appearance could own some of Zhang Tie's abilities in a short period.

God's rune skill—mirror separation skill!

Level—Preliminary.

The currently available quantity of mirror images/maximal storage quantity—1/3.

The duration of mirror image—1 hour.

The features of mirror image—In 1 hour, the mirror image would maintain the speed of the original body. Besides, its battle strength, vitality and defensive power could reach LV 10 of its original body. However, it could not use the special skills of its original body. Even though its original body has triggered the body-changing immortal bloodline, its physical features refer to the physical features of its original body.

This was the introduction of the mirror separation skill in Zhang Tie's mind.

From its introduction, Zhang Tie knew that the so-called mirror separation skill was not for battle. Because powerhouses at knight level could ignore the battle strength of LV 10 fighters. The biggest effect of mirror separation skill was that it could be used to entice Zhang Tie's enemy for the sake of Zhang Tie's escape or concealment at the critical moment or substitute Zhang Tie for doing something dangerous in certain environments. Under such circumstances, mirror image was definitely a sharp weapon for Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie became ecstatic.

A few days ago, he was admiring the earth demon knight's weird hiding and separation skill, which made the two earth human knights flurried and even caused Zhang Tie a great loss. Zhang Tie had not imagined that he could master the similar mirror separation skill. By contrast, undoubtedly his mirror separation skill was much more advanced than that of the demon baron.

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After taking these fruits, Zhang Tie increased his potential battle strength a lot.

Besides leakless fruits, fruits of redemption and fruits of brilliance, the other fruits on the small tree would instantly take effect the moment they were eaten. As for the bloodline fruit, after taking it, Zhang Tie didn't trigger his ancestral bloodlines with the 1784 points of bloodline energy for the time being.

Zhang Tie thought that he should make a good plan on triggering his ancestral bloodlines. After all, he had enough time to do that. But not now, as he had a lot of things to deal with.

It took Zhang Tie 1 week to digest all the fruits. After that, it took him another 3 days to convert the earth elements that he had absorbed from the demon baron's earth chakra into a part of his own earth chakra.

Finally, 90% of the total earth elements of the earth chakra of the demon baron lit 21 scales of Zhang Tie's earth chakra. If all the earth elements of the earth chakra of the demon baron were absorbed by Zhang Tie, they could light 23 more scales of Zhang Tie's earth chakra. That was to say, Zhang Tie's Roc King Sutra required over 16 times more earth elements than that required by the cultivation method of the earth demon knight.

It took Zhang Tie totally 10 days to digest those fruits and converted those earth elements of the demon baron.

On the 11th day, Zhang Tie left Castle of Black after making all the preparations and returned to the hall of the hieron in the pyramid.

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Zhang Tie reappeared in the hall together with the crystal ball which was following him up like a pet under the control of his spiritual energy as a divine dominator.

Zhang Tie had left this place for 13 days. The bloody sacrifice furnace had already closed up automatically. The hall looked empty and pretty deserted.

After looking around the hall, Zhang Tie didn't go to open the bloody sacrifice furnace right away; instead, he touched the crystal ball to open the gate and recover the temperature and air flow in the pyramid.

When he put his hand on the crystal ball, he had known that he was the only one in the pyramid. All the others had left 10 days ago. Zhang Tie tried to sense the tracing feathers and confirmed that all the human knights had already left the island. Therefore, this place became completely tranquil.

The magma sea must have been covered by the terrifying abyss hurricane. Even earth knights would have a great difficulty in entering it, not to mention those weaker ones.

'They might be thinking about perishing together with the demon baron, I wonder whether the group of Gong Ziyou has gained something.'

Thinking about this, Zhang Tie leisurely walked out of the gate of the hall. Standing on the top of the main peak of the Weapons Mountain, Zhang Tie looked at the scenery below.

The middle part of the Weapons Mountain was still enshrouding with mist. These days, in order to fabricate a "false phenomenon" that he had perished together with the demon baron, Zhang Tie had input an order to the pyramid through the crystal ball—— 3 days later, the gate of the hieron would close up; at the same time, the temperature in the pyramid would slowly drop to its lowest limit while the entire space of the pyramid would be vacuum.

Zhang Tie was concerned that someone was still hiding here, therefore, he decided to frighten them if there really was.

3 days after he closed the gate of the hall, the temperature in the pyramid dropped abruptly while the air supply was reduced. Even earth knights could not stay here for too long, not to mention others.

When Zhang Tie walked out of the gate of the hall, the entire pyramid had gradually recovered to normal temperature while the sufficient air flow caused the mists and clouds to roll over the Weapons Mountain once again. Among the surging clouds and mists, Zhang Tie could occasionally see colorful lights flashing by, which were virtual images of secret items on the Weapons Mountain.

Watching the scenery below and sensing that the entire pyramid had recovered its vitality, Zhang Tie felt pretty pleasant.

The colorful lights flashing by the mists and clouds made Zhang Tie's heart pound as he almost couldn't wait to catch up with them. However, when he remembered what he was going to do, Zhang Tie yielded to the impulse.

'The coming days will be long, I will have a lot of time to do that.'

After standing on the top of the main peak for a short while, Zhang Tie returned to the hall. Like how he did the last time, he started the bloody sacrifice furnace by dropping his blood onto the altar...

After that, Zhang Tie ran his spiritual energy and teleported the demon baron onto the altar while demon fighters constantly appeared in the hall in terms of teams...

Chapter 965: You Were that Bear

After reappearing on the altar in the hall, the demon baron felt empty for a few seconds. Closely after that, it realized that it had teleported from one space to another; therefore, it started to struggle and twist in the exoskeleton semi-automatic imprisoning cabin.

After its qi sea was broken, it could not trigger its battle qi; additionally, the tendons and bones on its limbs were all damaged. Therefore, the demon baron could only twist its body. As its main body, shoulders, waist and neck were all fixed with metal shackles, how could its weak strength by twisting its body could destroy this set of equipment which was delicately prepared for it by Edward. This set of equipment could even lock up a lion, not to mention a cat. Therefore, his struggles and twists were useless like an ant trying to shake a giant tree.

Zhang Tie then teleported fighters of the super demon corps whose level ranged from LV 9 to LV 15 one team after another from Castle of Black Iron into the hall. In tidy footsteps, the fighters stood into rows of teams in the spacious hall.

When he teleported over 1,800 demon fighters from Castle of Black Iron into the hall, Zhang Tie stopped and turned around to watch the demon baron who was still twisting its body painfully like a worm.

The demon baron widely opened its bloody eyes and goggled at Zhang Tie and the demon fighters which were constantly appearing in the hall.

What it saw shocked it too much. As for those who saw such a scene for the first time, it was absolutely an immortal manifestation.

"Wuh wuh wuh wuh..." As a part of "snaffle" deepened into the demon baron's mouth, it could not speak; instead, it could only utter weird voices while drooling.

An earth demon knight who could dominate a subcontinent deteriorated into such a poor look.

Zhang Tie revealed a sneer. Of course, he would not sympathize with a demon knight. However, he realized that the demon baron wanted to say something; therefore, he ran his spiritual energy to open the metal stopper on the mouth of the demon baron...

"Who are you...who the hell are you..." The demon baron exerted its full strength to roar.

It had been wanting to roar over 10 days ago.

"Hehehe, quiet. Nobody cares about you no matter how much you scream!" Zhang Tie sneered, "If you're finished, you can shut up now!"

Closely after Zhang Tie's words, the metal stopper automatically floated up and was going to close up the mouth of the demon baron once again.

"What do you want...what do you want to do with me..."

The demon baron uttered the second question.

Perhaps it had been silent for so long, the moment it got a chance to speak, it would repeat it. Zhang Tie noticed this detail as he couldn't help bursting out into laughter, "Have you heard about taking gall from a living bear? This was the cruelest thing that humans did to animals before the Catastrophe. I could tell you that from today on you're my living bear while your gall is your earth chakra..."

Before the demon baron said anything more, the metal stopper had closed up the demon baron's mouth, causing it to struggle helplessly.

It was a very cruel behavior to take gall from a living bear. Zhang Tie browsed the relevant passages and pictures in Hidden Dragon Island. Some bears couldn't stand being a gall supply machine; therefore, they kept scratching their bellies and chests to commit suicide. Some female bears even killed their babies as they didn't want their babies to live the same miserable life...

In the pictures, those living bears being used for supplying gall gazed at the visitors with despairing tears. Even hard-hearted people would feel sad at the sight of them.

If Zhang Tie was facing a real bear or another animal, he would never mistreat this animal in such a brutal way. However, it was different for a demon. If demons won the holy war, all the humans would deteriorate into the "live bears" of demons. The tens of millions of bloody slaves in the ruling area of Three-eye Association were the "living bears" being used for supply blood by demons and Three-eye Association. An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, Zhang Tie didn't feel guilty about doing this to the demons at all.

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"I would like to sacrifice enough lives and blood for recovering the severely wounded earth chakra of the demon on the altar."

After putting the demon baron onto the middle of the altar, Zhang Tie left there as he raised his head to communicate with the joss using his awareness.

The giant joss overlooked the altar while the eye in the middle of its forehead gradually turned bright while releasing a luster, covering the demon baron.

"There are many wounds on the demon baron, are you sure to only recover its earth chakra this time?"

A spiritual wave appeared in Zhang Tie's mind.

"Yes, only recover its earth chakra, ignore the other injuries on it!"



"Fine, only recover its earth chakra, ignore the other injuries. The effect of its recovery depends on the quality of the bloody sacrifice. When the bloody sacrifice stops, the effect of the recovery will stop!"

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At this moment, Zhang Tie confirmed that this hall was not consecrating a deity, but this joss; precisely, the intricate super machine in front of him.

Since the beginning, Zhang Tie didn't feel that there was any relation between this joss's ability and the fantastic deity. All the secrets lay in the body of the joss. This joss was the fruit of a far-ancient civilization, which could be judged from the intricate runes on the bloody sacrifice furnace and the altar.

This joss was a machine which could convert the energy and vitality between different lives.

Additionally, a few halls like this one had been discovered in the earth realm. This might be the second bloody sacrifice hall besides the bloody soul temple. Therefore, people didn't know too much about such a hall, neither did they know that there was such a set of machine in it.

Without the experience in Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie might be frightened by what happened in front of him and would attribute everything he saw to deities and ghosts which were always regarded as a superstition by people. However, with Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie found that the communication between him and the joss was like that between him and Castle of Black Iron. Even the "frequencies" in spiritual communications were similar to each other. In the words of human civilizations before the Catastrophe——there was a very advanced artificial intelligence which was still working until today in Castle of Black Iron and this joss. This artificial intelligence could communicate with the outside world with spiritual energy as the media while the blood that the communicator dropped onto the altar could help the artificial intelligence to identify the identity of the communicator.

Before integrating with Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie also dropped a drop of blood onto it by mistake.

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After communicating with the joss, Zhang Tie waved his hand while the fighters of super demon corps which had long been waiting in the hall queued up and jumped into the black flames of the bloody sacrifice furnace voluntarily one after another.

The bloody sacrifice furnace was like a black hole with black flames which constantly devoured demon fighters.

When the first demon fighter jumped into the bloody sacrifice furnace, it instantly burned up in the black flames and disappeared in the blink of an eye...

As the demon fighters jumped into the bloody sacrifice furnace one after another voluntarily and "dauntlessly", the eye in the middle of the forehead of the giant joss gradually glowed dazzlingly. The bloody glow slowly covered the demon knight on the altar, causing Zhang Tie unable to see clearly what happened in the glow. He could only sense the powerful vitality and waves from the glow.

The bloody sacrifice furnace was like a gully which could never be filled. No matter how many demon fighters jumped in, it could always hold them.

Watching such a stream-lined sacrificial offering, even Zhang Tie's face turned a bit pale as his heart twitched a couple of times.

Demon fighters died one after another. Zhang Tie could only grit his teeth to teleport demon fighters out of Castle of Black Iron constantly.

100...200...500...1,000...1,500...2,000...2417...

After 4 hours, Zhang Tie's forehead oozed sweat...

'F\*ck, what if the demon baron's earth chakra could not be recovered at the cost of all the demon fighters of the super demon corps? What the hell?'

Zhang Tie swore inside...

Finally, when the 2417th demon fighters jumped into the bloody sacrifice furnace, the glow over the altar declined to be a slim green light beam. After staying on the chest of the demon baron for a few seconds, the slim green light beam disappeared. Zhang Tie then raised his hand to stop the rest of demon fighters from jumping into the bloody sacrifice furnace.

In the entire hall, besides that widely opened bloody sacrifice furnace and the silent demon fighters, it seemed that nothing had happened here. However, 2417 demon fighters above LV 9 who could overthrow a country had disappeared like a broken air bubble, leaving no trace at all.

The bloody sacrifice rite was icy and cruel.

At this moment, a spiritual wave appeared in Zhang Tie's mind sea—"The earth chakra of the demon baron on the altar has been healed. Due to the particularity of the chakra, it would fully recover in 1 month!"

After sending such a message to Zhang Tie, the glow in the eye in the middle of the forehead of the joss completely faded away...

Zhang Tie walked towards the altar. Under the quivering and terrifying eye light of the demon baron, he stretched out his hand and touched the demon baron's head to seriously sense the current situation of its earth chakra.

The 90% of earth chakra which had been absorbed by Zhang Tie had been healed; however, its earth chakra had not fully come into being although a mysterious and complete halos of earth chakra had appeared while tremendous earth elements were pouring out of the halos out of the void and gradually mending the earth chakra of the demon baron...

This process would last for a month...

It meant that Zhang Tie could only take the "gall" of the demon baron 1 time a month. Plus the interval for digestion, Zhang Tie could promote to an earth knight after offering bloody sacrifice to the joss 15 times in 2 years.

It was the first time for Zhang Tie to sense the earth knight level which looked unreachable being so close to him...

## Chapter 966: Zhang Tie's Playground

Time flew by when Zhang Tie was in the pyramid alone.

As for commoners, it might be too much to take "bear's gall" once a month, except for Zhang Tie.

As for a person who could stay 15 years alone in an extremely dull environment, this pyramid was completely a colorful luxurious playground.

It became a private luxurious playground of Zhang Tie.

Regardless of others' opinions, at least Zhang Tie treated this place as a luxurious playground.

In each interval after he finished his bloody sacrifice and absorbed the recovered earth chakra of the demon baron, Zhang Tie had a lot of things to do.

As he controlled the hub of the hieron, the lobby which was covered with knight-level battle puppets became Zhang Tie's favorite place. This lobby also compensated for the biggest regret of Zhang Tie since he promoted to a black iron knight——lacking training partners.

As for Zhang Tie who had been used to trouble-reappearance situations, this was barely difficult or painful.

Before promoting to a knight, Zhang Tie always killed demons and mutated beasts in trouble-reappearance situations so as to constantly improve his battle skills. Each time, he could gain the harshest practice in the bloodiest and most realistic environment with the best training partners. It could be said that Zhang Tie couldn't have become so powerful without the simulated combats with demons and mutated beasts in trouble-reappearance situations.

However, after promoting to a knight, Zhang Tie's heyday in trouble-reappearance situations finally came to an end.

Due to an incomprehensible reason, the Manjusaka Karma Fruit Tree could not produce any fruits being related to demon knights. Under this circumstance, by killing demon knights, he would not gain any trouble-reappearance fruits. Additionally, since he promoted to a knight, Zhang Tie had not killed any knight-level mutated beast on the earth surface. As a result, his training partners in the trouble-reappearance situation deteriorated into weaker soldiers.

As a knight, it was meaningless for him to fight those weak soldiers below knight-level except for consuming his battle qi.

Therefore, after promoting to a knight, Zhang Tie barely entered trouble-reappearance situations given its poor effect in improving his battle strength.

With the manipulation of the crystal ball, Zhang Tie could freely activate those battle puppets in the lobby. Therefore, the lobby became another trouble-reappearance situation in the reality.

Through the crystal ball, Zhang Tie could freely activate battle puppets as many as possible, one or two. However, Zhang Tie made an extremely mad choice——each time he entered the lobby, he would

activate all the battle puppets at the same time. As a result, he would be beset by a lot of knight-level battle puppets.

Such a choice was extremely mad even for a real earth knight, not to mention a black iron knight. However, Zhang Tie did it.

As Zhang Tie could stop their strikes at any time and had a strong anti-striking ability, plus his preliminary recovery body, even though he was faintly injured, he would recover in a couple of days. It was no big deal. What was more important was that his protective battle qi could pass the shocks from the endless strikes onto Zhang Tie's body. It was the best catalyzer of iron-body fruits.

Under such an extreme circumstance, Zhang Tie could practice his battle skills, improving his battle strength and taking iron-body fruits after each practice. Why not do it? Compared to the benefits, being daily exhausted and suffering minor injuries were no big deal.

With so many battle puppets as his training partners, Zhang Tie's battle skills and anti-striking ability almost improved everyday; especially the battle skills of the "Fire Dragon Sutra" whose essence was gradually mastered by Zhang Tie.

After finishing the first bloody sacrifice, Zhang Tie absorbed the earth chakra of the demon baron for the second time and advanced to 2 changes black iron realm at once.

When Zhang Tie lit the 72nd scale of his earth chakra, as he had imagined, the king roc sutra brought him another all-around improvement. As a result, Zhang Tie's abilities surged by 10% in all aspects, which indicated that Zhang Tie's battle strength had reached a new stage.

What a terrifying cultivation speed!

As for the demon baron, after its earth chakra was destroyed and absorbed by Zhang Tie in a few days, it recovered its earth chakra through bloody sacrifice rite under the control of Zhang Tie.

From then on, the demon baron officially entered the hopeless yet painful circulation of "taking gall from a living bear".

When Zhang Tie was a 1 change black iron knight, he could stand about 4 hours in the lobby while being constantly besieged by so many knight-level battle puppets; he could make increasingly breakthroughs and stand a few more minutes day after day. However, after promoting to 2 changes black iron realm, Zhang Tie could stand over 5 hours in the lobby at once.

During the period when Zhang Tie stayed in the pyramid, he spent most of his time in fighting those battle puppets in the lobby. Besides exhaustive battle everyday, Zhang Tie would search over those rooms in the palace complex one after another leisurely like seeking for treasures in a maze.

When he came here for the first time, Zhang Tie didn't pay much attention to those rooms due to limited time; however, now, he had enough time; therefore, Zhang Tie would search one or two rooms a day when he was free. At such a frequency, he could search over 60 rooms in a month, which was a small part of the palace complex.

Actually, although many rooms in the palace complex had been searched over without leaving any valuables, Zhang Tie still found some bizarre items in some rooms where there were puppet guardians and had not been searched. He then teleported all of these items into Castle of Black Iron...

In the eyes of a master artisan, even though those items didn't have practical functions, they were at least priceless art treasures in far-ancient times; especially the workmanship and raw materials of those items, which were utterly different than that in this age and were out of Zhang Tie's knowledge. Any of these items might indicate enormous wealth for commoners. They were top antiques. As for Zhang Tie who used to be frugal, if not take such enormous wealth by hand, he was committing a crime.

It was worth mentioning that Zhang Tie spared some time to sort and count those items in the Xuanwu Secret Warehouse of Bloody Soul Temple. Besides gold, silver and jewelry, there were also many earth elements and water elements inside it. Most of them were Old Monster Qi's vials of medicaments; especially those in the 40-50 terrines, which was a terrifying bloody soul poison being formulated according to the secret method in Bloody Soul Temple. Any terrine of the bloody soul poison could deteriorate a Class A city in Taixia Country into a barren land. Old Monster Qi prepared so many terrines of bloody soul poison over the past years definitely out of malicious intentions.

At the sight of those items, Zhang Tie sighed that he really killed Old Monster Qi timely. If Old Monster Qi used the bloody soul poison, it would definitely cause a disaster across Taixia Country at the cost of numerous lives.

Additionally, Zhang Tie saw the real complete version of "soul forbidden skill" of bloody soul temple in the jade box of the Xuanxu Secret Warehouse. By contrast, the version that Zhang Tie gained in Waii subcontinent only contained 1/2 of the total contents of the real complete version. The complete version of "soul forbidden skill" included more secret methods of bloody soul temple such as a precious secret method called "blood and spiritual energy cultivation sutra" and the manufacturing methods of insidious weapons such as bloody soul driller on guts, bloody soul poison and various poisons. The complete version of "soul forbidden skill" was almost like a classic of poisons. Most of the manufacturing methods and usages in this book were concerned with the blood and spiritual energy of animals and humans. It was a bizarre yet extremely powerful book.

Zhang Tie guessed that perhaps the source of the "soul forbidden skill" that he gained in Waii Subcontinent was in the hand of Old Monster Qi. Besides this real complete version, all the other versions of "soul forbidden skill" were a part of duplicates of this book. The real version was always in the hand of Old Monster Qi. Because Old Monster Qi was a member of Three-eye Association, the duplicates of the complete version of "soul forbidden skill" could appear in other Three-eye Association clans.

The complete version of "soul forbidden skill" was very precious. Because many secret methods in this book could be used to screw knights. Although those secret methods in the "soul forbidden skill" that Zhang Tie cultivated didn't have mistakes, through comparison, Zhang Tie found that many key contents had been deleted in his version. It seemed that those who duplicated the secret methods held back a trick or two.

Even Old Monster Qi might not have imagined that his orthodox "soul forbidden skill" could finally be defeated by Zhang Tie who cultivated the pirated version. As a result, Old Monster Qi's spiritual energy was devoured by the secret method, causing him to be easily killed by a black iron knight.

Besides, Zhang Tie aimed at those pearls of secret items on the Weapons Mountain...

Zhang Tie spent over 2 months to search over those rooms in the palace complex. After that, besides improving his battle strength in the lobby, Zhang Tie spent most of his time in seeking for treasures over the Weapons Mountain, which was a real treasure vault...

Now that he had entered the treasure mountain, how could he just return empty-handed?

Chapter 967: The Saber "Battle Wolf";

In Hua legends, there were always such plots—A marvelous sharp weapon was thrown into a well. Many years later, it suddenly turned into light or a dragon and flew away; After defeating some fierce beasts or animals, unrivaled figures gained marvelous sharp weapons.

There were so many similar legends. Zhang Tie had heard about them from his parents or Donder when he was young in Blackhot City. Many similar legends were even recorded in ancient Hua classics.

Take this story in the "History of the Jin Dynasty" as an instance: Zhang Hua saw a sword qi in Fengcheng City; he then promoted Lei Huan as the mayor of Fengcheng City. Lei Huan excavated two swords, one for Zhang Hua, the other for himself. After Zhang Hua passed away, Lei Huan carried the two swords with him. When he was passing the Yanpingjin Lake, the two swords sprung out of his waist sides and fell into the lake. Closely after that, they turned into 2 dragons and disappeared into the lake.

People even made a poem for this event as a memory—Two dragon swords were like snowflake and lotus flower; they could only stay with each other for the time being when they were swords; however, when they became dragons, they would reunite forever.

Zhang Tie remembered this story clearly because of Zhang Hua, one of the main character in this story, who was also an ancestor of Zhang Clan thousands of years ago.

Besides, Zhang Tie remembered another story: in ancient times, an unrivaled general deepened into the mountain to learn battle skills when he was young. He yielded a huge boa in a mountain cave, which then became a long spear. Finally, the famous general conquered the world with that long spear and made illustrious military exploits for Hua people.

When Zhang Tie heard these stories for the first time, he thought they were just legends; however, after coming to the pyramid and witnessing the miraculous silver secret items and the virtual images of secret items, he started to consider that those Hua legends might be the process of how ancient Hua people gained silver secret items.

Those dragons, boas, animals or fierce beasts were all virtual images of silver secret items. The processes that those ancient Hua people gained miraculous sharp weapons were similar to that of pursuing silver secret items—sword qi, excavation, mountain cave—all these were classic and realistic elements.

Such a discovery drove Zhang Tie a bit thrilled. Zhang Tie faintly felt that some secrets about Hua history might be contained in those allusions and legends such as giants Ju Wuba and Weng Zhong becoming Hua generals and weapons becoming animals. The war between Hua people and demons and demons' agents among people might have been undergoing since far-ancient time.

Facing the weapons mountain, being stimulated by these legends, Zhang Tie's heart pounded.

Besides daily combat with those battle puppets in the lobby, Zhang Tie would spare some time to take a look in the Weapons Mountain after recovering his body.

It was not that easy for him to gain a silver secret item.

It took nearly 30 human knights 3 days to merely gain 3 silver secret items. On average, it might take a knight 30 days' endless work to gain a silver secret item...

Additionally, as many silver secret items had been taken away by people, very few silver secret items were left on the Weapons Mountain. It might take him a long time to gain a silver secret item. If all the silver secret items had been taken away, Zhang Tie would not gain one silver secret item anymore no matter how long he would spend in finding them.

Of course, Zhang Tie would not just seek for silver secret items over the Weapons Mountain during the intervals that the demon baron recovered its earth chakra. Even though Zhang Tie was longing for a silver secret item, he knew that he should depend on himself more than an auxiliary weapon. Actually, silver secret item was just an auxiliary weapon which could improve a knight's battle strength; even alter the battle situation in many cases. However, what counted most was the knight's own battle strength.

Therefore, Zhang Tie would fight those undying battle puppets in the lobby everyday until he was exhausted, his protective battle qi collapsed, even with some wounds. If not having fought those battle puppets, Zhang Tie would never go to the Weapons Mountain on that day.

In this pyramid, there were three valuable places: first, the bloody sacrifice hall, where Zhang Tie could form his earth chakra by taking gall from a living bear; second, the lobby, where Zhang Tie could improve his battle skills and battle strength rapidly; third, the Weapons Mountain where Zhang Tie could gain silver secret items.

In the first 3 months since Zhang Tie entered the pyramid, Zhang Tie had seen some virtual images of silver secret items in the far; pitifully, the virtual images of silver secret items flew too fast; plus the long distance, even though Zhang Tie had activated his Kuafu bloodline, he was still much slower than them. The virtual images would always disappear in front of Zhang Tie, causing him helpless.

Finally, in the 4th month since he entered the pyramid, after Zhang Tie promoted to 3 changes black iron realm, he finally gained his first silver secret item in Weapons Mountain.

This time, that virtual image of the silver secret item was not far from him. Zhang Tie became spirited as he hurriedly chased after it at his full efforts. Finally, he saw a fierce beast which was similar to a wild wolf yet bigger than a wild wolf. With glow, after flying over some hillsides, it finally lurked in a pearl of the secret item in a cluster of crystals.

Zhang Tie became thrilled.

Now that he had seen where it lurked in, of course, he would not give it up.

In the next 2 days, Zhang Tie exerted his full efforts to break that pearl of the secret item and gained his first silver secret item on the Weapons Mountain. He didn't even fight those battle puppets in the lobby during this period.

When the inner layer of the pearl of a secret item was exposed, a glow rushed into the sky from the core of the pearl of the secret item, which looked like a bizarre placenta.

After breaking the inner layer, Zhang Tie saw the virtual image of the pearl of a secret item. Zhang Tie then bit his finger and dropped his blood onto the forehead of the virtual image. Closely after that, the wild wolf-like fierce beast turned into a grim, long saber in Zhang Tie's hand among four brilliant elements.

Holding the long saber, Zhang Tie felt integrating with the long saber. The moment he waved the long saber, a red fierce wild beast being composed of his battle qi had flown out of his long saber. Like a spiritual spirit of wind, it loomed in the mountain as fast as lightning bolts. Finally, it widely opened its mouth and charged at a cluster of crystals over 100 m away. With a loud bang, the greater part of the cluster of crystals was destroyed while the saber qi radiated in all directions.

There were evident corrosive destructions in the cluster of crystals.

It was just a casual strike of this silver secret item. Zhang Tie had just injected some of his battle qi into it. However, its power was amazing. Additionally, this saber's strike was attached to a strong corrosive damage, making it more destructive.

"Hahaha, I will call you battle wolf from now on!" Zhang Tie burst into laughter.

After being named, the battle wolf disappeared with its strong brilliance in Zhang Tie's hand.

At the same time, a miniature virtual image of battle wolf started to swim like a fish in Zhang Tie's qi sea around that hot sun. It seemed to enjoy the battle qi luster from the hot sun very much.

Feeling the battle wolf swimming and jumping rapidly in his qi sea, Zhang Tie felt that this silver secret item was not only enjoying but cheering jubilantly.

'Is that the feeling of carrying a silver secret item with me?'

Zhang Tie touched his lower abdomen. If not introspect it using his spiritual energy, Zhang Tie could almost not sense that battle wolf in his qi sea. However, the moment he ran his spiritual energy, the battle wolf would appear in his hand as fast as a lightning bolt along his battle qi circular route like a fish swimming into a river from the sea.

Zhang Tie tried one time.

In the brilliant light, the four elements surged into the virtual image out of the air. Only in 5-6 seconds, Zhang Tie had felt that the object in his hand was growing bigger like an inflated balloon and finally became a real, grim and sharp "battle wolf".



The material entity of silver secret item could remain unchanged thousands of years as long its owner was still alive. If its owner died, it might turn into the virtual image of the secret item and escape away. This might explain how a sword changes into a dragon.

The biggest benefit for a silver secret item to integrate with its owner was portable. It would never be lost anymore. Whenever its owner wanted to use it, he could summon it right away. However, it had a weakness, namely, the process of summoning it was too eye-catching. It would take the virtual image of the secret item a few seconds to turn into a material entity, during which period, some emergencies might happen.

Given that weakness, Zhang Tie didn't integrate that shield which he gained from the demon general into his qi sea; instead, he put it in his portable space-teleportation equipment—the shield was used to defend and respond to emergencies, which required high responsive speed. If he integrated it into his qi sea, it would take him a few seconds to summon it in emergencies. If he was facing an extremely powerful enemy, he might have been killed before it turned into the material entity.

After acquiring the first silver secret item in Weapons Mountain, Zhang Tie was in a pretty good mood.

In the next 2 months, Zhang Tie didn't acquire any more silver secret item in Weapons Mountain. However, Zhang Tie still promoted to 4 changes black iron realm smoothly. Closely after that, the small tree underwent an unexpected change...

#### Chapter 968: Price and Achievements

After cultivating in the pyramid for almost half a year, Zhang Tie's cultivation base advanced by leaps and bounds. He had made great improvements in the battle skills of "Fire Dragon Sutra" and forming his earth chakra.

Half a year ago, Zhang Tie had just reached 1 change black iron realm; however, he had already entered the 4 changes black iron realm now.

Half a year ago, Zhang Tie could only simulate the battle skills of "Fire Dragon Sutra" according to the powerful emperor-level classic "King Roc Sutra"; however, now, Zhang Tie had been able to combine his gnosis with the deduction of those powerful secret battle skills such as "Fire Dragon Heavens Burning Spear Battle Skill", "Big Sun Fire Dragon Palm Skill" and "Fire Dragon Light Concealment Skill", which were very powerful.

Zhang Tie gradually mastered the essence of those secret battle skills of "Fire Dragon Sutra".

"Fire Dragon Golden Body" was a secret skill of "Fire Dragon Sutra" which was used to improve one's protective battle qi and body defensive capability. Over the past half a year, Zhang Tie practiced cultivation every day and made the fastest progress in "Fire Dragon Golden Body" while being besieged by so many battle puppets.

Although "Fire Dragon Golden Body" was a protective secret skill of "Fire Dragon Sutra", it was relatively independent compared to "Fire Dragon Heavens Burning Spear Battle Skill" and "Big Sun Fire Dragon Palm Skill", etc.. The cultivation of "Fire Dragon Golden Body" posed no special requirement on the

battle qi of "Fire Dragon Sutra". Any knight who had lit all of his or her surging points could cultivate this secret skill.

When Zhang Tie started to cultivate "Fire Dragon Golden Body", he directly used his king roc battle qi to nourish and warm up his surging points. The effect was unimaginably good.

Additionally, the process of cultivating "Fire Dragon Golden Body" was similar to that of gaining iron-body fruits, which both emphasized on strengthening his defensive capability through bearing strikes. Therefore, after combining the effect of iron-body fruits; especially the firm foundation that Zhang Tie laid in the early stage, Zhang Tie made progress by leaps and bounds in cultivating "Fire Dragon Golden Body".

Over the past half a year, Zhang Tie had been used to eating one iron-body fruit every day to strengthen his body defensive capability. Sometimes, if the battle puppets' strikes on that day could not stimulate the production of an iron-body fruit, Zhang Tie would enter Castle of Black Iron and continue to practice his battle skills under the waterfall of the immortal mountain while stimulating the production of the iron-body fruit on that day.

After taking iron-body fruits one after another and making rapid progress in the battle skill "Fire Dragon Golden Body", Zhang Tie felt the strikes of battle puppets in the lobby becoming lighter and less destructive. Meanwhile, he suffered fewer injuries from the same strikes.

One day, when Zhang Tie returned to Castle of Black Iron in an extremely fatigued state, the small tree was still there; however, no iron-body fruit could be seen on it.

Zhang Tie even rubbed his eyes as he thought that his eyes had deceived him. However, after circling around the small tree, he indeed didn't find any iron-body fruit on it.

'What's wrong?'

The battle today was very fierce.

Today was a symbolic milestone for Zhang Tie because he stayed in the lobby for over 10 hours for the first time. Compared to when he came to the pyramid at the beginning, this was already a great progress.

In the 10 hours, he bore ceaseless strikes of so many battle puppets. All the 31-layer protective battle qi that he formed through cultivating "Fire Dragon Golden Body" collapsed. He had suffered bone fractures in at least 16 places over his body. Besides, his guts were greatly shocked. Until he spurted out blood did he stop all the battle puppets with bloody eyes through his crystal ball. He panted over half an hour and drank a lot of all-purpose medicament before trudging out of the lobby.

When he moved out of the lobby, he had been wet all over by sweat like being scooped out of the water. Even his footprints contained his sweat...

Then, Zhang Tie slowly went up the main peak from a strange path with a fluke mind while gradually recovering his body. After entering the hall on the top of the main peak of Weapons Mountain, Zhang Tie returned to Castle of Black Iron.

If he was lucky enough, he might meet a virtual image of the silver secret item when he went up the mountain. Therefore, he would go up and down the mountain everyday to seek for treasures.

Over the past half a year, Zhang Tie had been used to treat the hall on the top of the main peak of Weapons Mountain as his portal from Castle of Black Iron to this world.

Pitifully, since he gained the "Battle Wolf", Zhang Tie had hard luck in recent two months, except for seeing two virtual images of secret items from afar.

That day, besides having not seen any virtual image of the secret item, Zhang Tie didn't even see any iron-body fruit on the small tree.

Although each iron-body fruit required more striking strength than the earlier one, Zhang Tie was pretty sure that the strikes and harms today could stimulate the production of an iron-body fruit.

Therefore, Zhang Tie felt strange and depressed.

The moment he wanted to ask Heller about the reason, Heller had already appeared below the high platform of the small tree as if he had known that Zhang Tie would like to ask him about that.

"Heller, what's wrong? There should be an iron-body fruit today, but I don't see it!"

"Castle Lord, do you remember what I told you when you asked me why the small tree could not produce any fruit of demon knights?"

"What?" Zhang Tie became confused.

"Manjusaka Karma Fruit Tree is the reflection of rules. It's not almighty. Its abilities were limited according to rules. It could not create things out of its limits!" Heller watched Zhang Tie as he continued steadily, "Castle Lord, actually, you've already taken the last iron-body fruit that this small tree could produce yesterday!"

"What, last one?" Zhang Tie was shocked...

"Yes, last one!" Heller nodded, "Over the past half a year, Castle Lord has made progress by leaps and bounds. You have taken so many iron-body fruits; especially after cultivating the "Fire Dragon Golden Body", Castle Lord's anti-striking capability and defensive capability have surpassed the upper limits that could be brought by iron-body fruits. Therefore, you will not make any progress with iron-body fruits anymore. That's why the small tree would not provide iron-body fruits to Castle Lord from today on!"

After hearing Heller's explanation, Zhang Tie felt more complex. He didn't know whether he should be happy or sad about this news.

It should be a pleasure for him to grow more powerful; however, Zhang Tie felt empty and melancholy as he could not eat the familiar fruit anymore.

Likewise, your parents would finally pass away and your friends would finally leave you. Starting with Blackhot City, this small tree had been accompanying Zhang Tie like his best friend and relative. It didn't abandon him at any critical moment; instead, it helped him grow up and tide over all sorts of difficulties with marvelous fruits. Zhang Tie had not imagined that the small tree could not catch up with his

progress when his ability broke through an upper limit. He had not imagined that those familiar fruits would leave him one day.

Iron-body fruits and leakless fruits laid a solid foundation for Zhang Tie. He had not imagined that the iron-body fruit that he ate yesterday was the last one in his life. If he had long known it, he would never take that iron-body fruit. He would leave it on the tree as a souvenir of the experience between him and the small tree.

Zhang Tie felt complex as he stroked the small tree's trunk, twigs and leaves and said, "Thank you..."

The leaves of the small tree rustled as if they were responding to Zhang Tie.

After stroking the small tree silently for a short while, Zhang Tie turned around and asked Heller, "Whether other fruits such as leakless fruit would run out too?"

Now that iron-body fruits had run out, leakless fruits which almost appeared at the same time with iron-body fruit and were closely related to his physical functions might also reach the upper limit with his gradually increasing overall strength.

Since he promoted to a black iron knight, he had sensed that leakless fruit was gradually ineffective to him. This was the premonition of the disappearance of this fruit.

"Castle Lord, after you form emperor-level earth chakra and promote to an earth knight, the energy inside your body would stop leaking. By then, the small tree would stop producing leakless fruits!"

Heller's answer was within Zhang Tie's expectation.

Zhang Tie let out a long sigh...

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After half an hour, Zhang Tie immersed himself into an aura warm spring in the immortal mountain and slowly nourished his body and recovered his fatigueness.

There was some herbal medicine in the warm spring, which was necessary materials for building "Fire Dragon Golden Body". When Zhang Tie traversed across the world, he sowed many plant seeds in Castle of Black Iron. Those herbal medicines grew well in Castle of Black Iron; plus the special aura warm spring in the immortal mountain, Zhang Tie felt very convenient for recovering his injuries and building his "Fire Dragon Golden Body".

In the mist of the warm spring, Zhang Tie was swallowing liquor of fiery-flame lotus seeds and eating the soft fiery-flame lotus seeds.

Although being in the warm spring, Zhang Tie felt pretty cold inside after taking those fiery-flame lotus seeds; especially his eyes. Warm outside and cold inside, how comfortable it was.

'From then on, I have to depend on myself!'

When he thought about the missing iron-body fruits, Zhang Tie's chest undulated unconsciously.

After coming to the hieron, Zhang Tie had taken fiery-flame lotus seeds for over half a year. Zhang Tie didn't remember how many fiery-flame lotus seeds had he taken. He just regarded it as snacks. As long as he was free, he would chew them.

According to Heller, Zhang Tie had almost taken all the 1149 fiery-flame lotus seeds which had been stockpiled in Castle of Black Iron over these years.

After eating so many fiery-flame lotus seeds, Zhang Tie felt his eyes turning increasingly brighter with an increasingly better vision. He could see farther and farther...

When he ate fiery-flame lotus seeds today, Zhang Tie's eyes felt a bit different than before. As the surging points over his eye sockets felt pretty cold. It seemed that something was jumping and was going to erupt from the surging points.

Zhang Tie didn't pay attention to it. Whatever, those fiery-flame lotus seeds were harmless. He just drunk a bit more liquor of fiery-flame lotus seeds today. After taking all the liquor and lotus seeds, he gradually felt drunk. He then fell asleep comfortably in the warm spring with a bit fatigueness...

In a daze, Zhang Tie felt his eyes shocking. Closely after that, he saw colorful blazes as if there were two colorful windows in the sky.

Zhang Tie opened his eyes and felt that the world was much more colorful than before...

All the flowing nutrients and moisture that trunks absorbed from underground in the distance were all presented in his eyes.

Everything became transparent...

There was no block in front of his eyes anymore. Everything was redefined.

After being immersed in such a realm for quite a long while, Zhang Tie became startled abruptly while all the abnormal phenomena disappeared in a split second.

'Is it an illusion?' When Zhang Tie gazed at that tree in the far, the tree became transparent once again while the nutrients and moisture circulation routes reappeared in Zhang Tie's eyes like a huge net.

Zhang Tie looked at the ground while the groundwater routes appeared in his eyes clearly too.

'It's not an illusion!'

'But a higher realm of color temperatures which was mentioned by Heller...'

Substances had different and clearly hierarchical color temperatures.

After staying in the warm spring for a short while, Zhang Tie suddenly recalled something. With a sudden shriek, he sprung out of the warm spring and left Castle of Black Iron naked and reappeared in the bloody sacrifice hall on the top of the main peak of the Weapons Mountain.

Zhang Tie instantly rushed out of the bloody sacrifice hall and came to a cluster of crystals on the top of the main peak, which contained some pearls of secret items.

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Only after a few minutes, Zhang Tie suddenly roared like a wild wolf who had taken too many viagra due to extreme excitement.

"F\*ck, they're all mine; f\*ck, they're all mine; I'm rich; f\*ck, I'm rich..."

That day, a naked guy jumped and screamed in a cluster of crystals in Weapons Mountain like being driven mad...

Chapter 969: Promoting to an Earth Knight (I)

On the evening of December 17th, the 902th year of Black Iron Calendar...

Although Zhang Tie had not contacted the outside world for a long time and could not sense time elapse through daily repetitive cultivation, he could still see the precise time of the outside world through the delicate table clock in the lobby of the palace tree of Castle of Black Iron which was made by Edward.

This table clock was made according to Zhang Tie's requests purely by hand. Higher than 1 m, the purple-red metal table clock was a perfect artwork. Its elegance and qi field matched the palace tree pretty well.

The time in Castle of Black Iron was synchronous with that of the outside world, daytime or evening. Zhang Tie especially told Edward to make such a table clock and put it in the lobby of the palace tree one year ago in case that he forgot the time in the outside world. It could remind him that many people and many things in the outside world were waiting for him even though he was in the pyramid and the Castle of Black Iron.

When in cultivation, time flew, Zhang Tie was even worried that he would forget the disputes in the outside world.

4 months ago, Zhang Tie had broken through the encirclement of the battle puppets in the lobby alone. It was the first time for him to break through the lobby and pass by it steadily by foot alone.

It was his first time to stop the strikes of those battle puppets without using the crystal ball since he entered the pyramid.

Zhang Tie had entered the 9 changes black iron realm by then.

The higher his realm was, the more reassured was Zhang Tie.

Actually, since he reached the 6 changes black iron realm, Zhang Tie had purposefully slowed down his speed in absorbing the earth chakra of the demon baron by extending the frequency of one time per month to one time per 1.5-2 months...

This spared more time and opportunities for Zhang Tie to lay his foundation. He did everything in an unflurried way. In each realm, Zhang Tie would have a different and deeper gnosis about the over strengths of knights.

The lobby, which was covered with battle puppets, was his best training field. The training field matched Zhang Tie's schedule of absorbing the earth chakra of the demon baron pretty well.

When he advanced to the 5 changes black iron realm, in order to coordinate with the cultivation of "Fire Dragon Heavens Burning Spear Battle Skill", the most powerful battle skill of "Fire Dragon Sutra", Zhang Tie consumed 67 points of bloodline energy to activate his ancestral bloodline "spear affinity".

It was a fundamental ancestral bloodline being similar to sword affinity. After activating this ancestral bloodline, Zhang Tie's "Fire Dragon Heavens Burning Spear Battle Skill" entered a higher realm like fish in water.

After deducting 67 points of bloodline energy, Zhang Tie still had 1717 points of bloodline energy left.

The energy points brought by the bloodline fruit which could activate ancestral bloodlines were very precious; therefore, Zhang Tie didn't casually squander them.

'Although I'm going to promote to an earth knight soon, I lack experience in fighting earth knights, not to mention the experience in fighting shadow knights. As the old saying goes, genuine knowledge comes from practice.' Zhang Tie kept these energy points because he didn't know which bloodlines to activate before having experience in fighting earth knights even shadow knights after promoting to an earth knight.

By then, he could further fix his shortages or play his strong points when fighting earth knights or shadow knights; namely, he could maximize the value of the bloodline fruit.

Out of such a rigorous consideration, Zhang Tie only used 67 energy points of this bloodline fruit.

In September, Zhang Tie finished the last round of absorption of the demon baron's earth chakra.

After that, Zhang Tie didn't recover the demon baron's earth chakra anymore; instead, he directly ignored it.

Over the past 3 months, Zhang Tie broke through the lobby of battle puppets time and time again in an increasingly shorter time.

Since October, Zhang Tie started to wander in the Weapons Mountain once again and broke the last pearls which contained silver secret items over there. Till then, the entire Weapons Mountain was ransacked by Zhang Tie.

By late November, Zhang Tie completely relaxed himself. He spent much time in sleeping, bathing and traveling in the immortal mountain or incarnating into the little black beetle to experience the lives of those residents in Castle of Black Iron; occasionally, he would spend 2 days in digging a beautiful pearl of secret item out of the soil in Weapons Mountain before teleporting it into the portable Xuanwu Secret Warehouse of Bloody Soul Temple as a collection.

Through such an adjustment, Zhang Tie's overall condition reached its peak in December.

On the evening of December 13, according to Heller's suggestion, Zhang Tie didn't complete this round of promotion in the pyramid for the time being; instead, he left the palace tree for the top of the main peak of the immortal mountain and started the last step for him to promote to an earth knight...

4 days passed in the blink of an eye, on the evening of December 17, Heller walked out of the palace tree and came to the hillside. Raising his head, he watched the top of the main peak being covered with white snow with an eager look.

Edward, Aziz and Agan had also arrived behind Heller. They were also looking at the top of the main peak of the immortal mountain in the distance.

"Castle Lord should promote to an earth knight today..." Aziz asked Heller with a concerned look.

"Yes, it should be tonight..."

"Earth knight. I'm really happy for him..." Edward said sincerely.

Edward, Aziz and Heller who were most unlike servants became thrilled; only Agan twiddled with his fingers with a shameful look, "I spent the least efforts this time, I only made a cell..."

"Don't worry, you will have chances!" Heller comforted Agan as he turned around to watch the top of the main peak of the immortal mountain while a light flashed across his eyes, "It will be soon..."

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On the top of the main peak, Zhang Tie filled the last complex triangular pattern of the earth chakra of King Roc Sutra with earth elements...

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At the same time, a powerful energy wave rose up from the top of the main peak and swept over the entire space of Castle of Black Iron in a split second.

At the same moment, all the residents in Castle of Black Iron felt flurried, no matter what they were doing...

Therefore, all of them stopped what they were doing and walked out of their rooms, watching the immortal mountain in the far...

## Chapter 970: The Raging Tide

The moment the last pattern on the earth chakra of King Roc Sutra was filled with earth elements, the entire earth chakra of Zhang Tie had uttered a thunder-like sound, "Ka..."

The blare spread over all the surging points of Zhang Tie and resonated all the surging points. At the same time, Zhang Tie's body quivered a second.

Closely after this blare, a strong wave swept over the entire space of Castle of Black Iron centered by Zhang Tie. As a result, all the living beings in this space sensed the terrifying strength from the top of the main peak of the immortal mountain, humans or animals.

This blare was similar to that when the last component of a set of a powerful machine was assembled.

After the last component was assembled, the entire earth chakra rocked a bit before radiating a dazzling golden light and starting to rotate slowly...

The earth chakra and the black iron chakra then started to rotate in a coordinated way like two gears of a machine, one outside, one inside.



As the earth chakra started to rotate, a wholly new and strong strength was spread over Zhang Tie from the chakra in terms of waves. It started to reorganize Zhang Tie's strength system. Zhang Tie felt being pushed by an overwhelming strength while his awareness started to rise like a rocket physically and spiritually...

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Under the gaze of everyone else, an overbearing virtual image of golden king roc started to appear on the top of the main peak of the immortal mountain in Castle of Black Iron.

It was a 4-wing king roc. Over its golden body, each feather was radiating brilliant golden light like gold. Its eyes were as hot as two suns. When they opened and closed, they were like sunrise and sunset. The moment the two pairs of wings stretched out, the entire immortal mountain was covered under it.

With another blare "Ka...", the entire Castle of Black Iron rocked again while everybody found it was uttered by the king roc.

When the virtual image of king roc flapped its wings for the first time, it rushed into the heavens right away. When it flapped its wings for the second time, its entire virtual image started to fly across Castle of Black Iron like the ruler of the sky while its huge shadow covered the land below...

As for this virtual image, Castle of Black Iron was so small that the king roc could fly across this space several rounds as fast as lightning bolts only by flapping its wings one time...

Many residents in Castle of Black Iron were shocked by this scene. When the virtual image of king roc covered the land, an old man in a robe screamed, "It's the incarnation of the God...". Closely after him, all the others started to kneel down towards this enormous virtual image piously.

These people in Castle of Black Iron were all commoners from Waii Subcontinent. There was no earth knight across the Waii Subcontinent. Of course, they didn't know about the virtual images of earth knights. Even if some of them knew that, they must have not witnessed the abnormal phenomenon when the emperor-level virtual image appeared in the sky. Facing such a scene, all of them could only attribute everything in front of them to their God.

"Ka...", with another blare, the virtual image of king roc ascended while the colorful clouds in the entire space of Castle of Black Iron started to roll.

When the rolling colorful clouds brought the king roc a higher and broader air territory, they also started to suppress the virtual image so that the king roc could only fly in the limited air territory of Castle of Black Iron...

The virtual image of king roc was furious as it felt its dignity was being challenged. "Ka...", with the third blare, the king roc's two pairs of wings stabbed into the colorful clouds like a sharp sword. It seemed that it was going to tear apart the heavens and invisible barrier in front of its eyes...

'Nothing could stop me from being free; if the land stops me, I will break the land and lowest location; if the sky stops me, I will tear apart the sky and break the void!

'Free! Free! Free!'

It was what the rocs were pursuing for in their whole lives.

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At the same time...

When the virtual image of king roc flapped its wings for the first time, the surging elements in the elements realm outside Castle of Black Iron became restless in a split second, causing powerful elements to tide which rolled over the entire elements realm like a tsunami which could not even be met in 10,000 years. Those black iron knights' spiritual tentacles which were catching up with elements in the elements realm were instantly torn apart by the powerful elements tide like dinghies in the tsunami. As a result, all the black iron knights were forced to exit the elements realm...

Although earth knights and those above earth knights stayed in the elements realm, they were also greatly impacted by the elements tide. As the chaotic and surging element crystals were hard to catch, they had to stop what they were doing.

"Ahh, what's happening..."

All the gates of the knights' towers in the Lion Fortress were opened while all the knights exited their towers and exchanged glances with each other with confused looks...

As it was the first time for almost all the black iron knights to experience such a change in the elements realm. They didn't even know what was happening at all.

In the highest knight's tower in the center of the Lion Fortress, an old man with a white beard and eyebrows opened his eyes which were as brilliant as stars in the sky. He then looked at the ground with a dubious look...

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Wu Guanhai the team leader of Black Armor Army in Lion Fortress who had also been forced to exit the elements realm spiritually also walked out of his room. With heavy dense eyebrows, he exchanged a confused look with the other knights of Black Armor Army who had also walked out of their room almost at the same time.

Given the others' dumbfounded looks, Wu Guanhai knew that the other team members also didn't know what was happening.

"Is it aroused by demons?" A black armored knight asked out of curiosity.

"F\*\*t, if demons could drive us out of the elements realm, what are we here for?" Wu Guanhai swore at once.

"What's happening then?"

"Who knows?"

Right then, a logistical personnel who was responsible for taking care of those underground dragons hurriedly ran over here, sweating all over his forehead.

"Ahh, emergency, something is wrong with those underground dragons."

As these knights treasured those underground dragons so much, the moment they heard this, they immediately ran towards the stable of the underground dragons.

In the stable, the most bad-tempered underground dragons which had just been captured a few days ago were kneeling down on the ground and quivering like chicks. Meanwhile, they were burying their heads under their bellies...

The underground dragon was a sub-dragon, which had the bloodlines of dragons in far-ancient times. That explained why underground dragons were so powerful.

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In the endless dark of the first abyss, numerous demon knights were becoming flurried too...

Because the elements tide would drive any alien species out of the elements realm, humans or demons.

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The third abyss of the earth-element realm which was abundant in underground dragons became as silent as a dead region. The irritable roars of underground dragons completely disappeared in the third abyss...

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Youzhou Province, Taixia Country, on the earth' surface...

Elder Muyuan, who was cultivating, walked out of the shrine palace in Embracing Tiger City. Frowning, he looked up at the stars over the sky.

In the dark, a weird, brilliant, twisting polar light appeared in the sky.

Such a polar light should only be seen in the north polar or the south polar instead of appearing in the air territory of Taixia Country. However, at this moment, the brilliant polar light was like a fantastic veil in the night sky. With a bizarre sense of beauty, it appeared in front of the eyes of Elder Muyuan and shared the brilliance with the sky and the ground.

The influence of the elements tide in the elements realm also presented in the material world.

The entire Embracing Bear City was filled with exclamations; many commoners who had fallen asleep woke up and walked out of their doors or stood in their balconies or on the roof, watching such a weird and brilliant scenery.

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In Xuanyuan Hill, being hundreds of thousands of miles away from Youzhou Province...

In an average courtyard, beside the same pond, the old man who was feeding golden fish looked up at the polar light above Xuanyuan Hill with changing eye lights.

Being different from others' dumbfounded looks, when this old man watched the polar light, he kept twiddling his right fingers rapidly in his long sleeve and practicing an extremely profound divination.

Wise men would know the precise season through a leaf, not to mention such a wide-range abnormal astronomical phenomenon.

Perhaps commoners didn't know that, but in the eyes of this old man, the extremely surging elements tide in the elements realm indicated that someone was cultivating an emperor-level method and had just promoted to an earth knight.

The same thing happened over 7 decades ago. However, that elements tide in the elements realm was not as fierce as this one and there was not such an abnormal phenomenon in the sky at that time.

After twiddling his fingers for a while in his long sleeve, when his thumb touched one finger, he felt a great resistance like an invisible mountain between the two fingers. He could not press down his thumb anymore.

Even though it was a mountain, the old man could lay it flat by one palm; therefore, the old man pressed his thumb down forcefully...

When a breeze blew, his right sleeve suddenly exploded into pieces and fell onto the ground. The old man felt like vomiting, but he controlled it and finally recovered his look in half a minute.

The old man shook his head and let out a sigh while his face turned a bit pale.

"If the crown prince dispatches someone to ask what happened. Just tell him there's a powerful item which could cover the heavenly fortunes on the stranger's body. It's out of my ability!"

After saying that, the old man turned around and returned to his room.

Before entering his room, he threw a glance at the east palace of Xuanyuan Hill.

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After a while, someone indeed came to the outside of this courtyard with a question, "Who's that?"

A servant in the courtyard retold the old man's words to the arriver.

The arriver came back with the answer.

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On a gold platform of hundreds of meters in height, a broad-foreheaded people in a robe with dragon patterns were holding the jade handrail of the gold platform and watching the changing polar light in the sky with a complex eye light.

"Third brother, is that you? or ninth brother? You're still thinking about taking my place. You formed the earth chakra of Xuanyuan Celestial Being Sutra so fast! It seems that you have a wonderful experience!" That man murmured.

After a short while, a servant in the primitive high crown and dark black clothes came to the back of the man and lowered his body before uttering.

"Your majesty, your teacher said this man has a powerful item which could cover heavenly fortunes. It's out of his ability!"

"Pah..." the jade rail was broken into ash in a split second while the face of the man in the robe with dragon patterns turned ghastly pale...

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