

Black Iron 991

Chapter 991: Being Ambitious and Embarrassed

The shadow demon's head was circled on its neck before shrugging down weakly...

A dead demon was most reassured and valuable. After losing its power, the shadow demon was like a huge mutated lizard with wings and a unique horn; plus its tail, this shadow demon was almost 3 m in overall length.

As an earth knight-level shadow demon, its unique horn, wings and the color of its skin were obviously different than that of common shadow demons.

Zhang Tie let out a deep sigh, easing a lot of depression and indignation caused by Lan Yunxi's departure.

It only took Zhang Tie less than 1 hour to kill this earth knight-level shadow demon, the demon ghost who made all the human knights across Tiewei Mountain restless since he saw it. This could prove Zhang Tie's battle strength for sure.

Zhang Tie felt a surging strength inside; therefore, he became ambitious and confident once again immediately.

'The unrivaled earth demon knight which was previously as overwhelming as a mountain before me has already lain at my foot like a dead dog. One day, a shadow demon knight even a heavenly demon knight would lie like this at my foot. The result of the shadow demon today is that facing the Gobbling Party tomorrow. Heavenly demon knight? Top three chancellors in Taixia Country? Whatever! They only represent the past; however, I represent the future.'

After throwing another glance at the empty, deserted underground mine, Zhang Tie grasped the shadow demon's neck like lifting a dead dog before disappearing out of the void in a split second.

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Zhang Tie returned to Castle of Black Iron.

He had not been here for over 2 months since he met Bai Suxian to the present.

"Congratulations, Castle Lord, for killing a shadow demon!" Heller had long been waiting for him in the lobby of the palace tree. At the sight of Zhang Tie coming back, Heller had bowed towards Zhang Tie, "After killing this earth knight-level shadow demon, Castle Lord could definitely enjoy a higher honor and reputation in the human world, even in Taixia Country!"

This shadow demon was the eyesore of human knights in the Earth-elements Realm. It was very harmful to human knights, especially black iron human knights. On the battlefield, this shadow demon had made too many people restless; therefore, Taixia determined to reward the one who could kill this shadow demon with a big reward so as to motivate morale.

It was definitely a symbolic event that Zhang Tie could kill this shadow demon, which was of a special significance for human knights who joined the large-scale battle in Tiewei Mountain. It was an inspiring victory. Additionally, after Zhang Tie killed the earth-knight level shadow demon the weirdest species of demons as an earth human knight, it indicated that he had become a member of powerful earth knights in Taixia Country.

This shadow demon was a stepping-stone of special significance, with which Zhang Tie's reputation would reach an unprecedented new high in both Earth-elements Realm and Taixia Country.

"Help me check whether this b*stard has some personal belongings. This b*stard has tortured human knights in Tiewei Mountain for so long and made humans abhor him so much after killing so many human knights, he should have something valuable!" Zhang Tie told Heller.

Due to the experience in searching over Old Monster Qi's corpse, Zhang Tie realized that he might miss some good items on the knight's body through simple superficial search. If he wanted to find all the valuables from the shadow demon, he might severely destroy the shadow demon's corpse in the end; therefore, Zhang Tie directly took the shadow demon's corpse into Castle of Black Iron. The moment it entered Castle of Black Iron, all the valuables on it would be under Heller's control on a molecular level.

Heller replied with a smile silently. Closely after that, he pointed at the shadow demon's corpse while two items flew off the corpse towards Zhang Tie.

This skill could even match Zhang Tie's capability as a divine dominator. What was more, Zhang Tie didn't feel any spiritual energy or battle qi waves on Heller at all.

One item was a necklace from the neck of the shadow demon. This necklace was faintly similar to that the demon general once wore. At the sight of it, Zhang Tie had known that it was a space-teleportation equipment. The other item flew out of the place beneath a scale in the middle of the forehead below the unique horn.

After catching the necklace, Zhang Tie confirmed that it was a space-teleportation equipment, which was much more senior than that of the demon general. He didn't want to waste time injecting his spiritual energy into the necklace to check what was inside. He directly poured all the objects from the space of the necklace into the lobby of the palace tree.

There were thousands of golden earth-element crystals, hundreds of blue water-element crystals, some food and water, two mirrors, dozens of clothes of various styles and some scattered objects.

It was shadow demon's special hobby to look into the mirror. Those clothes might be used for figures in disguise. The earth-element crystals and water-element crystals were a big surprise; it was not easy for an earth knight to have a stockpile of so many crystals, especially those water-element crystals. It would take Zhang Tie many years to gain such a number of crystals if he just garrisoned in the Lion Fortress.

After glancing around them, Zhang Tie fixed his eyes onto those scattered objects, from where, he caught sight of a shield which was a silver secret item as same as that Zhang Tie gained from the demon general; plus the one that he gifted to Lan Yunxi, Zhang Tie had got 3 shields.

'Does it mean that such shields account most of the silver secret items?'

Zhang Tie became speechless. However, besides this shield, there were 10 more crystals being wrapped with metal among those scattered objects—senior secret methods.

Zhang Tie ran his spiritual energy and those secret methods flew towards him.

With a glimpse, Zhang Tie saw 4 strange classic secret cultivation methods whose levels were unknown. The remaining 11 secret items were all powerful battle skills.

Blood stains could be seen on most of the crystals of these secret cultivation methods. Given these blood stains, Zhang Tie knew how did this shadow demon gain them.

"What's this?" Zhang Tie caught that bead which flew out of the forehead of the shadow demon with a bizarre luster.

"This is a rare silver secret item, Castle Lord, you will know its function after pasting it onto your forehead!"

After hearing Heller's suggestion, Zhang Tie pasted it onto his forehead by hand.

The moment it touched his forehead, Zhang Tie had felt his spiritual energy rocking in his mind sea while a refreshing and cool feeling slowly spread over Zhang Tie's mind sea.

'Unbelievable, this bead could nourish spiritual energy!'

Zhang Tie went ecstatic. He just watched the bizarre bead over and over and was unwilling to part with it.

'But how do I use it? I'm not a shadow demon; therefore, I cannot hide it in my skin. Neither can I mount it onto my forehead. If it was made into a headwear, it would be pretty awkward for a man.'

Zhang Tie touched his head helplessly. When he imagined how it would look when it was mounted onto his forehead, he revealed a bitter smile. 'All right, just keep it. When I wear a battle armor, I could inlay this bead into the helmet. If not, this bead could actually serve as woman's headwear.'

Zhang Tie really wondered about such a marvelous silver secret item.

"Heller, what's this bead's name? I feel it should be mounted onto something!"

"It's called Spirit Nourishing Bead. As you said, it should be mounted onto some special equipment. Precisely, it should be used together with some special silver secret item."

"Together with the other silver secret item?" Zhang Tie became faintly shocked. It was his first time to hear that different silver secret items could be combined.

Heller replied with a smile, "There're various silver secret items, more than weapons and space-teleportation equipment. In a far-ancient age, the so-called silver secret items were actually common tools produced by people. Of course, different tools could be combined. Castle Lord, when you see more silver secret items in the future, you will know it!"

After hearing Heller's explanation, Zhang Tie became silent.

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After over 2 months, the small tree had been covered with fruits once again. However, there was no iron-body fruit anymore and was only one leakless fruit.

After Zhang Tie promoted to an earth knight, the small tree had stopped producing leakless fruit. The last one was left by Zhang Tie as a souvenir.

If the shadow demon was not an earth knight, there should be at least one fruit of plunder; however, the small tree could not produce any fruit of demon knights. What a regret!

Those on the small tree were all fruits of redemption from the gratitude of hairy shellfish, gulf shrimps and golden uangs.

Hairy shellfish increased Zhang Tie's physical defense and anti-strike ability; gulf shrimps improved his ability in healing and recovering wounds; golden uangs granted him greater physical strength.

After taking the fruits of redemption from three animals, Zhang Tie's physical defense and anti-striking ability had increased 0.45%, his ability in healing and recovering wounds had improved 0.87%; his overall physical strength had increased over 280 kg.

Being affected by these fruits, Zhang Tie's overall strength had reached a small new high.

After taking those fruits, Zhang Tie directly sat with crossed legs under the small tree and started to digest the water elements that he refined from the shadow demon...

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2 days later, Zhang Tie opened his eyes while the 7th dragon scale on his earth knight's crystal plate had been lit. This shadow demon lit 5 dragon scales for Zhang Tie.

After 2 days' cultivation and rest in Castle of Black Iron, Zhang Tie recovered his look as Cui Li. With the help of Heller, Zhang Tie made himself look embarrassed purposefully like having experienced a hard battle. After that, Zhang Tie left Castle of Black Iron for Black Armor Battlefortress as he directly hefted the shadow demon's corpse onto his shoulder like hefting a prey in a domineering way...

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Chapter 992: Arousing a Shock

Before Zhang Tie reached Black Armor Battlefortress, he had encountered a squad of black armored knights who were patrolling outside the Black Armor Battlefortress.

Due to the popular reputation "unrivaled male and female" of Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian, the black armored knights who garrisoned the Black Armor Battlefortress had heard the name Cui Li although they had not seen him; especially his bald head and tower-like sturdy figure, which was definitely a unique brand in Black Armor Battlefortress.

When the squad of black armored knights caught sight of Cui Li from afar, they flew towards him. When they caught sight of the shadow demon's corpse on Zhang Tie's shoulder, the three members of the squad were left startled at once.

One knight screamed, "That's the earth knight-level shadow demon!"

"Hehhehheh, it's so nice to meet brothers of Black Armor Army again. This brother Cui is too lucky today. After wandering outside for a few days, I was almost cheated by this b*stard. Through a close combat, I killed it luckily!" Zhang Tie burst into laughter.

The three black armored knights didn't believe in any good luck at all. The shadow demon was an earth knight. Who could kill an earth knight luckily? Additionally, this earth knight was not a common demon, it was a shadow demon, which was always regarded as a tricky demon species in the world.

Since the beginning of the large-scale battle in Tiewei Mountain, very few earth demon knights had been killed by humans in the periphery of Tiewei Mountain. Additionally, neither did humans suffer a great loss. It was a shocking news for a human knight to kill an earth demon knight. As earth human knights were able to be provincial governors or Cheji Generals in Taixia Country, earth demon knights should also be in the same positions among demons. It was a great military exploit for a human or a demon to kill an opponent earth knight.

At this moment, the three black armored knights watched Zhang Tie with full admiration and respect. As Zhang Tie looked a bit fatigued after a combat with the shadow demon's corpse on his shoulder, the three knights stopped patrolling and escorted him back to Black Armor Battlefortress for the sake of Zhang Tie's safety.

When Zhang Tie came to an entrance of Black Armor Battlefortress, those knights who were accessing to the Black Armor Battlefortress were greatly startled with very splendid looks at the sight of the shadow demon's corpse on Zhang Tie's shoulder.

"Shadow demon..."

"The shadow demon was killed!"

"That earth knight-level shadow demon was killed!"

At the sight of the shadow demon's corpse on Zhang Tie's shoulder, those knights who were leaving the Black Armor Battlefortress stopped while those knights who were entering the battle fortress swarmed up, causing an uproar at the entrance.

To some extent, knights were like commoners as they liked to be onlookers too. However, the thresholds between commoners and knights on becoming onlookers were sharply different. If two tough men were fighting in the street, commoners might swarm up; however, knights would ignore that. However, even knights would be attracted by a shadow demon's corpse.

Because the shadow demon was too rare. Most of the human knights might only see shadow demons in pictures in their whole lives. Less than 1 out of 100 human knights had seen a living shadow demon or the corpse of a shadow demon.

In the blink of an eye, the news had been spread over which shocked the entire Black Armor Battlefortress.

Only after Zhang Tie entered Black Armor Battlefortress with the shadow demon's corpse on the shoulder a few steps, he had been surrounded by knights. Some of them directly flew off the ground to watch the corpse of the shadow demon as they could not enter the crowd.

After that, exclamations and a sharp intake of breaths could be heard one after another in the Black Armor Battlefortress.

Each step Zhang Tie inched forward, the crowd would give a way to him like a falling tide.

Of course, nobody dared flew above Zhang Tie's head to watch the corpse at this moment. They just surrounded Zhang Tie at a distance.

"Golden horn and purple grains; four-edged tail like a steel whip; skin like that of boa; sharp black bony spurs on the top of wings. That's it! It meets all the features of shadow demon after promoting to an earth knight..." Someone exclaimed out of excitement.

"Who's that earth human knight?" A new guy who flew off the ground and threw a glance at Zhang Tie before asking a knight beside him.

"Cui Li, Cui Li from Youzhou Province!"

"Ahh, he's Cui Li from Yongzhou Province?"

"You've heard about him?"

"Cui Li from Yongzhou Province is extremely righteous. He sacrificed himself to die together with the demon knight for the safety of his team members. I heard that when in the Lion Fortress. Wasn't Cui Li dead?"

"What you've heard was not the latest news. Cui Li didn't die; instead, he got good out of misfortune and promoted to an earth knight!" The one replied as he watched Zhang Tie's back with flickering eyes, "That's what human knights should learn from. Earth human knights should exert their utmost to kill powerful enemies on the battlefield and become well-known in the Earth-elements Realm!"

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Hot discussions drifted into Zhang Tie's ears clearly.

Zhang Tie just walked towards an information desk in the center of the square calmly step by step under various eye lights.

At this moment, in the eyes of everybody else, Zhang Tie's composed footsteps was formidable and oppressive.

The scene that Zhang Tie hefted a dead earth knight-level shadow demon in an extremely domineering way was deeply imprinted in the minds of all the surrounding knights.

Finally, Zhang Tie came to the front of the information desk.

Watching Zhang Tie and the shadow demon's corpse on Zhang Tie's shoulder, the old man almost popped out his eyes. Although being familiar with Zhang Tie, he could never imagine that Zhang Tie could come back with a dead shadow demon in only 3 days.

With a loud sound "bang...", Zhang Tie threw the dead shadow demon which weighed hundreds of kgs onto the desk in front of the old man like throwing a dead pig.

Zhang Tie grinned, "Take it, the earth knight-level shadow demon. I'm here for the reward!"

When Zhang Tie spoke, all the others became silent.

Everybody knew the reward of this earth knight-level shadow demon—700 miles' land and 10 cities in Taixia Country.

The reward made people jealous. However, nobody envied Zhang Tie at this moment because Zhang Tie had killed the shadow demon with his own ability.

On the battlefield, all the fighters only admired those who had great military exploits, regardless of human races and countries. Someone would admire about the military exploits and honors brought by one's battle strength and efforts; however, nobody would envy it.

The old man swallowed his saliva forcefully before taking a deep breath. He then started to check the corpse seriously from its head to its toe before nodding towards Zhang Tie, "It's indeed an earth knight-level shadow demon. As for the reward, you cannot get it from me..."

"Where can I receive it?"

Before that old man replied, some black armored fighters had walked to the front of Zhang Tie and bowed towards him respectfully. Closely after that, the head of the team of black armored knights stretched out his arm and said, "Brother Cui Li, our Commander Guan wants to see you!"

'General Guan?' Zhang Tie knew that a commander of Black Armor Army was on the back of Black Armor Battlefortress. He was a shadow knight surnamed Guan who had lit 3 chakras. Wu Guanhai talked about him before. Guan Qianchong was well-known and formidable across Black Armor Army.

Among the top four armies in Taixia Country, those commanders were on an equal footing with the military commanders of military regions in Taixia Country. They were able to be responsible for the safety of a region at a supreme position. It was said that Cheng Honglie the military commander of the Northeast Military Region was a commander of Black Armor Army previously.

Previously, even though Zhang Tie had been a bit famous in Black Armor Battlefortress, he didn't attract the attention of this Commander Guan. This time, after killing the earth knight-level shadow demon, he finally aroused the attention of Commander Guan of Black Armor Army.

Zhang Tie estimated that Commander Guan was going to talk about the reward with him. Therefore, he followed the team of black armored knights away from the square.

Watching Zhang Tie leaving, those on-looking knights swarmed up the counter at once and prepared to take a good look at the shadow demon.

'It's said that shadow demons could disguise into anyone's look; but how did such a huge thing with a tail make it?'

A knight asked out of curiosity!

The pile of knights started to touch the shadow demon's corpse with flickering eyes. As a result, the old man couldn't even put it away. Therefore, he changed his face and hurriedly intended to cover the shadow demon with his hands; however, how could his hands cover the corpse which was longer than 3 m while being surrounded by so many knights?

"Don't crowd, don't crowd, keep your hands off..." The old man shouted painfully as he treasured this corpse so much, "B*stard, don't press your hand on the wounds, don't you know that its blood could be made into the most senior disguising medicament...ahh, and you...stop...its scales are the best raw materials for making concealing rune..."

After hearing the old man's anxious exclamations behind him, Zhang Tie burst out into laughter...

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A few minutes later, Zhang Tie followed the team of black armored knights to the top floor of the highest tower in Black Armor Battlefortress. He saw Guan Qianchong in a room from where he could look across the entire Black Armor Battlefortress.

Being different than the fiery feeling that Cheng Honglie impressed him, at the sight of Guan Qianchong the commander of Black Armor Army, Zhang Tie almost thought that he had mistaken a person. With an unbearded white face and a pair of slim eyes, this man wore a cyan robe with loose sleeves with a white jade waist belt and a sophisticated crown. He was reading a book.

'He's absolutely an elegant old man! How could he be the commander of Black Armor Army in Taixia Country!'

Whereas, when Zhang Tie was doubting his status, the old man threw a glance at him before asking, "What's the relationship between you and Zhao Yuan the alchemist demon?". Hearing this question, Zhang Tie's heart almost stopped beating.

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'First, the relationship between Zhao Yuan and I was established on the premise that I was Zhang Tie. The status Cui Li had nothing to do with Zhao Yuan since the beginning.'

'Second, Zhao Yuan's over strength is too powerful. As a heavenly human knight, of course, he would not be traced or cheated by a shadow demon; additionally, Zhao Yuan knew the current situations facing him and I; he would never reveal the secret that Zhang Tie was his apprentice to the anybody. Therefore, I'm not a shadow knight in the look of Cui Li.'

'Third, nobody knows that Cui Li is Zhang Tie.'

'Fourth, because Zhao Yuan was too arrogant, when he discovered the "Fire Dragon Sutra", he didn't even feel like putting it away; instead, he left it in the mountain cave. Now that Zhao Yuan left the "Fire Dragon Sutra" to me and was not afraid of any threats, it indicated that Zhao Yuan didn't tell the secret about "Fire Dragon Sutra" to anyone else. Therefore, nobody would doubt the relationship between me and Zhao Yuan through "Fire Dragon Sutra".'

'Fifth, only Zhao Yuan knew that I acquired the "Fire Dragon Sutra". At most, Zhao Yuan would doubt the relationship between Cui Li and Zhang Tie. It's not other's turn to doubt about the relationship between Cui Li and Zhao Yuan.'

'Sixth, Zhao Yuan's purgatory samsara method shocked both humans and demons. Besides, Zhao Yuan is an alchemist master. I only carry forward his purgatory samsara method, which is featured by absorbing other's chakra to rapidly form my own chakra. Guan Qianchong should wonder why I could vanish with the earth demon knights together and promote to an earth knight after staying in the hieron ruins 2 years ago.'

'Seventh, Guan Qianchong just doubts that. He would never get any evidence. If he could confirm that I was practicing the purgatory samsara and the relationship between Zhao Yuan and I, he would have arrested me the moment I came to the Black Armor Battlefortress.'

'Therefore, he was just testing me in order to damage my psychological defense line in a split second. Guan Qianchong wanted to check my response. If I gave myself away, it was equal for me to admit his presumption.'

'However, even though this commander of Black Armor Army was very wise, he could never guess my means and secrets.'

At the critical moment, Zhang Tie had figured out everything in a split second.

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"Hahaha..." Only after being faintly shocked, Zhang Tie had burst out into laughter with a bit indignation. He looked at Guan Qianchong with a sneer, "I've not imagined that the famous Black Armor Army in Taixia Country could be so insidious. If Commander Guan wants to rob the 700 miles' land and 10 cities from me or just want to take the so-called reward as a f*rt, just let me know. I don't treasure this reward at all. After leaving Taixia Country, I could get such a bit reward wherever I am. You don't need to frame me in such a dirty means!" Zhang Tie said as he looked around the room, "Whether some executioners are ambushing here or not? If you plan to use such an old trick. Call your men out. This Cui Li is not that easily bullied. In the worst scenario, I will be killed, spraying my blood in the air. However, I have to tell others what a m*therfucking thing you are."

With a sharp eyelight, Guan Qianchong revealed a smile towards Zhang Tie, "You were just a black iron knight 2 years ago. After staying with an earth demon knight in the hieron ruins, you promoted to an earth knight in only 2 years. Besides the purgatory samsara method, I really could not imagine about other means. Perhaps you wanted to exchange yourself with Mountain Lifting Hermit and Lin Huanxi out of a good intention in the hieron ruins; however, I think that you have long cast greedy eyes on the earth demon knight's chakra and prepared for a risky fight. The others say that you're extremely righteous; however, I think that you're extremely cunning and audacious!"

Zhang Tie sighed inside, 'What a commander! Although he was not on the spot, he could almost hit my thoughts given the clues. How terrifying he is!'

'However, this Commander Guan doesn't know that one earth demon knight's earth chakra is not enough for me at all. If not the bloody sacrifice furnace in the hieron and the demon corps in Castle of Black Iron, I might not have used that means.'

After throwing a glance at the book in Guan Qianchong's hand and the other books in the bookcases, Zhang Tie continued to sneer, "Although this Cui Li didn't read too many books since childhood, I also understand that reading thousands of books is not equal to traveling thousands of miles. Do you think you've known all the secret methods in the world after reading so many books? Even if you know all the secret methods, how dare you confirm that nobody else could create or discover a new secret method? I don't know what is purgatory samsara, but this Cui Li has created a secret method by which I could absorb earth-element crystals ten times faster than the average speed. Through 2 years' cultivation in the hieron ruins, as long as there're sufficient earth-element crystals, I could reach the effect that would take common black iron knights 70-80 years. It's nothing strange for me to promote to an earth knight in 2 years at all! Coincidentally, the demon knight and Old Monster Qi had sufficient earth-element crystals for me to promote to an earth knight in only 2 years..."

"10 times faster?" Guan Qianchong revealed a faint smile as he patted his palm on the book, "If there's such a secret method in the world, there would be numerous knights!"

"It acquires sufficient earth-element crystals. It's my exclusive secret skill. I gained it due to karma. Nobody else could grasp it in the world!"

"Exclusive secret skill?"

"If Commander Guan doesn't believe me, dare you to make a bet with me in the public?" Zhang Tie raised his head and watched Guan Qianchong with a proud look.

"How?" Guan Qianchong mumbled as he realized that he might have mistaken the person at the sight of Cui Li's confident look.

"Right in the Lion Fortress. In front of all the garrison knights. If I could prove that I could absorb earth-element crystals 10 times faster than commoners, I would win. Commander Guan should break one arm and apologize to me in the public!" Zhang Tie said decisively.

"What if you cannot?" Guan Qianchong's eyes flickered.

"I will commit suicide in the public to apologize to all the human knights over there!"

"What sort of cultivation method could have such a remarkable effect?"

"What classics is Commander Guan cultivating? May you expose it to the public?" Zhang Tie gave tit for tat.

Two pairs of flickering eyes gazed at each other in the room like sabers and swords colliding with each other.

After quite a while, Guan Qianchong let out a distant sigh, "How tricky you are! So many knights from Lion Fortress are fighting demons in Tiewei Mountain; you just want to postpone the bet to the end of the battle a few months later so that Zhao Yuan the alchemist demon could save you out of here!"

"Hahahaha..." Zhang Tie burst out into laughter with an aggressive qi, "Cut the crap. If Commander Guan really thinks that this Cui Li is related to the f*cking alchemist demon, we could make a bet in this room. We will see the result in 1 hour. No need to waste time and play tricks here!"

When Zhang Tie said, he took out a top-quality pure water-element crystal from his space-teleportation equipment that he had acquired from the shadow demon.

"This is a complete high-quality water-element crystal. It might take a common earth knight over 1 day to fully absorb it; if I could absorb it in 2 hours, I will be the winner. If not, I will be the loser and you can do to me whatever you want to. I will admit that even if you call me the stepson of alchemist demon by then. If I win, I don't request Commander Guan to apologize to me and break one arm; otherwise, Black Armor Army would hate me too much and Brother Wu Guanhai would not feel good in front of me. If I win, Commander Guan should add a bit more reward to me, I mean you should pay me over 700 miles' land and 10 cities too. Additionally, this bet is only confidential to you and me."

"Over 700 miles' land and 10 cities. It's just billions of gold coins. I can afford it!" Guan Qianchong revealed a faint smile as if he thought it was just a small gift, "It's my pleasure to witness how you absorb a water-element crystal 10 times faster than commoners at such a bit secular payment!"

When he heard Guan Qianchong's reply, Zhang Tie felt pretty thrilled. In a split second, he had reversed the situation and increased his reward while sparing a chance to prove that he was innocent.

What a good opportunity!

"Nice, Commander Guan is really generous!" Zhang Tie patted his thigh before asking, "Commander Guan, do you want to check this piece of water-element crystal..."

After throwing a glance at the piece of water-element crystal in Zhang Tie's hand, Guan Qianchong shook his head. As he had spent a lot of water-element crystals to promote to a shadow knight, of course, he could confirm that it was a real one. He didn't believe that Zhang Tie could play any trick in front of his eyes.

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Zhang Tie could visualize 21 abacuses in mind at the same time. At his full effort, he could absorb water-element crystals 20 times faster than common earth knights, namely, it would take him less than 1 hour to fully absorb one water-element crystal.

At this moment, Zhang Tie didn't make his full effort to absorb the water-element crystal, he just adjusted his speed to 11 times that of common earth knights. Even though in such a medium speed, he had also fully absorbed the water-element crystal in only a bit longer than 1 hour while the blue water-element crystal gradually turned transparent like a winebottle being emptied...

Watching the water-element crystal gradually losing its color in Zhang Tie's hand, Guan Qianchong looked pretty splendid.

Chapter 994: Clarifying His Innocence

"What's that secret method?" Guan Qianchong asked Zhang Tie once again.

As to the result of this bet, it was just a matter of over 700 miles' land and 10 cities, it seemed that this commander of Black Armor Army didn't care about it at all.

"This is Spiritual Multi-tasking Sutra! Zhang Tie renamed the "mental arithmetic by abacus" at once, which sounded very sharp.

'My God, I've not imagined that I could cheat a commander of one the top four armies in Taixia Country, a terrifying and powerful shadow knight with the "mental arithmetic by abacus" that I bought from an old man at only 4 silver coins when I was young.'

"Spiritual Multi-tasking Sutra!" Guan Qianchong repeated it. Even if he had a rich experience, it was still his first time to hear this name. He had witnessed the effect of this sutra. If the secret that Zhang Tie could absorb water-element crystal 10 times faster than common earth knights was revealed, all the other knights would be driven mad.

However, Zhang Tie had predicted that Guan Qianchong would be shocked by how he absorbed the water-element crystal. Therefore, he made an agreement with him in advance that the result of this bet was only confidential to two of them. As the commander of Black Armor Army and a shadow knight, he would not go back on his words. Those who went back on their promise would be belittled by dark forces, not to mention the ruling class. Therefore, Zhang Tie believed in his credibility.

Given Guan Qianchong's dense eyebrows which suddenly turned dignified, Zhang Tie knew what this commander of Black Armor Army was thinking about. If such a secret method could be grasped by the military party or Black Armor Army, the overall strength and cultivation speed of all the knights in Black Armor Army would reach a new high. Theoretically, with sufficient earth-element crystals, black iron knights in Taixia Country could promote to earth knights in the shortest time.

"Hehhehheh, Commander Guan, don't expect me to reveal the Spiritual Multi-tasking Sutra to you!" Zhang Tie put it straightforwardly, "Due to some reasons, I acquired this secret method and reached such a high realm. It only works on very few people. Fewer than 1 out of 100 knights would be suitable to cultivate it. As for the others, even if they could cultivate it reluctantly, it would be ineffective for them to increase their cultivation speed either. Therefore, stop thinking about popularizing this secret method to the Black Armor Army and Taixia Country as a whole. It's not as simple as you think. This secret method poses abnormal requirements to the qualification of cultivators in some aspects."

Zhang Tie didn't tell a lie. Besides reaching the corresponding multi-tasking realm, the cultivator's spiritual energy should be many times more than that of common cultivators. Therefore, even though someone cultivated the "Mental Arithmetic by Abacus", he could not reach Zhang Tie's effect at all. The reason that Zhang Tie could have such a high spiritual energy lay in so many fruits of brilliance that he had taken. Besides Zhang Tie, nobody else could take so many fruits of brilliance.

After hearing Zhang Tie's explanation, Guan Qianchong gazed at Zhang Tie quite a while as if he wanted to recognize this guy from the scratch and wanted to seek for some loopholes from Zhang Tie's face. However, Zhang Tie looked bright and innocent which could be barely disguised. Based on his rich experience, Guan Qianchong didn't find anything wrong with Zhang Tie's look and eyes. Finally, Guan Qianchong let out a long sigh while his eye lights turned tender at once. Additionally, he started to appreciate Zhang Tie's talent, "It seems that this old man has mistaken a person this time. It turns out that you've got a special karma and could rapidly absorb water-element crystals in a secret method. You got good out of misfortune and successfully promoted to an earth knight in 2 years in the hieron ruins!"

"Haha, when I killed Old Monster Qi and that earth demon knight, I've not imagined that they could carry so many earth-element crystals in their space-teleportation items. Therefore, I made a fortune!" Zhang Tie shrugged. Closely after tiding over the crisis, he became relaxed at once.

"This old man wondered how did you kill that demon knight. It was told that Old Monster Qi had taken the advantageous position at that moment; however, he suddenly became still like being possessed by the devil. Therefore, you chopped off his head. As for the earth demon knight, it was not easy; how did you kill it in the hieron ruins?"

Touching his head, Zhang Tie smirked, "Everybody has secrets. Of course, this Cui has methods to protect himself."

Guan Qianchong revealed a generous smile and didn't ask Zhang Tie anymore, "It's rare for someone with such a great good fortune to reverse the situation in such a marvelous way like you!"

"Silly people always have a good fortune. I have to tell you that Old Monster Qi is a b*stard of Three-eye Association. I killed him because he was possessed by the devil when he triggered a secret method of Bloody Soul Temple. I just seized the opportunity and killed him. When I closed the gate of the hieron, I had also thought about perishing together with the demon knight by destroying the crystal ball. After all, it's worthwhile for me to die at the cost of two earth demon knights as a black iron human knight. I was very satisfied to do that. However, later on, I found an item which could protect my life in an emergency from the space-teleportation item of Old Monster Qi; therefore I reversed the situation!"

Zhang Tie knew that he should spare space for the listener to imagine when fabricating a lie. 1 false sentence in every 10 sentences was the wisest lie. After all, Old Monster Qi once framed Mountain Lifting Hermit using the Bloody Soul Driller on Damaging Guts. If Zhang Tie said that he found something sharp being related to the bloody soul temple from Old Monster Qi and gave a fatal blow to the earth demon knight on the premise of controlling the hub of the hieron, it was reasonable. He didn't explain it explicitly; instead, he just spared space for Guan Qianchong to imagine about it. It was better than nothing.

Besides the late Old Monster Qi and Zhang Tie himself, who else in the world knew what Old Monster Qi carried. Zhang Tie just guided Guan Qianchong's train of thoughts.

Certainly, soon after hearing Zhang Tie's explanation, Guan Qianchong had revealed a faintly clear look.

Guan Qianchong thought that although Zhang Tie had kept some secrets about this event, his choice was normal. Generally, this tower-like tough man was indeed extremely honest and sincere as was told by others. Such an innocent and sincere man was rarely seen in this world.

"Since I left the Hieron Ruins about 3 months ago, I've been wondering whether Mountain Lifting Hermit and the other team members have reported the background of Old Monster Qi to the superiors and whether Taixia Country has discovered something through the clue of Old Monster Qi?"

Zhang Tie asked another question "frankly"...

Chapter 995: Cashing the Reward

"After Mountain Lifting Hermit and the other team members returned and revealed the real status of Old Monster Qi, the Lion Fortress had already passed the news to the Supreme Court in Taixia Country. The Supreme Court will be responsible for investigating the clues left by Old Monster Qi!"

After feeling that Zhang Tie was pleasing to the eye, Guan Qianchong patiently solved Zhang Tie's question. This might be similar to the opposite-sex attraction. A cunning guy would always be fully vigilant and careful about the other one who was of the same personality; however, when he saw a frank, black, silly, sturdy and righteous one whose personality was utterly different than him, he would always have a favorable impression on the latter. At this moment, in the eyes of this commander of the Black Armor Army, Zhang Tie was the second sort of person.

He had long heard about Zhang Tie's gossips. A man who could call a princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion his paramour must be favorable in some aspect. Such a person was always straightforward and didn't play tricks; whereas, he was easily favored by the God and could always avert the crisis. He would always have a very good fortune. By contrast, those who always played tricks would barely have a good fortune. Because the God would take their fortune away. That was the universal law.

"What about the survey result of the Supreme Court?"

"Old Monster Qi exposed his real status all of a sudden. Previously, he used to move very weirdly and secretly. Additionally, he was an earth knight and could barely be traced. It's very difficult to investigate what he had done. After investigating this case for 2 years, besides arresting some small fishes being related to Old Monster Qi and confirming that Old Monster Qi was related to the missing children across Taixia Country, nothing else was found!"

"I see..." Zhang Tie touched his bald head in a disappointed way. He had anticipated this result. 'It seems that the Supreme Court in Taixia Country didn't make any surprise this time. Whatever, if the Three-eye Association and the Heavens-reaching Church could be easily dealt with, demons would not have been wrestling with humans for so many years.'

"Are you interested in joining Black Armor Army?" Guan Qianchong sudden asked him, "If you agree, I promise you to be a Cheji General in both Earth-elements Realm and on the earth's surface!"

"Hahaha, young brother Wu had already invited me to join the Black Armor Army; but this Cui refused him. I'm used to be free. Although it sounds great to join Black Armor Army, I have to follow orders and comply with regulations; with so many superiors, I might even be impeached by others if I made any mistake. That's too boring. I cannot adapt to that. Therefore, sorry about that, I prefer to be alone. At least I'm free and could do whatever I want and go wherever I want. I will fight demons whenever I want and escape whenever I want. I can sleep alone whenever I want and sleep with women whenever I want. As long as I don't do anything illegal, I will be free. This Cui prefers such a freestyle!" Zhang Tie directly refused Guan Qianchong's invitation.

Although it was impolite for Zhang Tie to refuse Guan Qianchong directly. Generally, when being invited by a commander of the Black Armor Army, the one being invited should politely express that he was overwhelmed by an unexpected favor. He should refuse the invitation in a euphemistic way at least. Few of them dared refuse Guan Qianchong's invitation in such a straightforward way.

However, the more Zhang Tie acted in this way, the more Guan Qianchong appreciated him. After hearing Zhang Tie's explanation, Guan Qianchong put down his book and burst out into laughter, "Alright, I will respect your choice. Everyone has their own ambition. Speaking of killing demons, how did you kill that shadow demon this time? This shadow demon was too tricky. I wanted to find it; however, I couldn't it!"

Zhang Tie smirked, "Actually, I stayed in Black Armor Battlefortress for 2 months so as to find that b*stard for some benefits. However, Bai Suxian and I circled around Tiewei Mountain so many times and couldn't encounter it. Unexpectedly, this b*stard disguised as an injured woman and sought for my favor when I wandered alone outside; of course, I directly launched an attack!"

"How did you identify that shadow demon when it disguised as a human?"

"Hehheh, I have a clear estimation of myself. My look is far worse than being handsome since I was young. I have a ferocious look; especially after I cultivated the "Fire Dragon Sutra", even men would dodge away from me, not to mention women. If I walk alone in the wild, no woman dare walk with me at all. When I wandered around Tiewei Mountain alone, this "injured woman" dared approach me on her own initiative without any fear; therefore, I doubted that this woman should have secrets. Normally, even on the earth's surface, a female knight dared not approach me, not to mention Tiewei Mountain. Wasn't she afraid that I would harm her? Wasn't she worried that I was disguised by the shadow demon? When I thought about this, I became dubious about that female knight and became vigilant. When I noticed that she was going to harm me, I ferociously stabbed into her body with my dagger ahead of her..." Zhang Tie made a hand gesture.

"I see..." Guan Qianchong became startled by the plot. Although the shadow demon disguised as a female human knight, it didn't know how did human woman think, neither did it understand the human woman's appreciation of the beauty. Although Cui Li was tall, he looked a bit ferocious. If being not familiar with him, very few women might dare approach him on their own initiatives. It was really out of Guan Qianchong's imagination that Cui Li could seize the only loophole and finally kill the shadow demon, 'Cui Li must be blessed by the God.'

Zhang Tie rubbed his hands as he asked, "Heh heh heh, Commander Guan, the reward, did you fob off me?"

"It's rewarded by the country. Of course, it's not a joke! This reward has long been registered in Taixia Country. It has been sealed by the three chancellors' mansions..." Guan Qianchong looked solemn, "We will cash your reward right away and spread the news to the public. As for my payment, when you go back to the earth's surface, I will have Guan people contact you and cash all of them for you!" As Guan Qianchong replied, he walked to the front of the desk in his room and pressed down a bell-like switch beside the desk.

After a few seconds, the door was pushed open. Closely after that, a major general with a solemn look entered and gave a military salute to Guan Qianchong.

"Cui Li has killed the earth knight-level shadow demon. You take him to select the rewarded land and accomplish the relevant formalities. After that, deliver the notice across the theater of operations. As for that shadow demon's corpse, don't waste it. As shadow demons are rare, many people have not seen

them yet. Just make it a specimen and put it in the Black Armor Battlefortress so that everyone could watch it!"

Zhang Tie had not imagined that Guan Qianchong could be so overbearing. Whatever, it was good for Zhang Tie. Anyone who watched the earth knight-level shadow demon would inquire who killed it. Therefore, Cui Li's name would gradually spread over the theater of operations.

It was within Zhang Tie's anticipation that he could cash the reward in Black Armor Battlefortress. On the battlefield, in-time medal conference to those who have made remarkable military exploits and wartime appointment were usual stimulatives. As the battle situation always changed transiently, many fighters didn't know whether they could survive back; therefore, in order to stimulate the morale, the rewards would always be cashed at the fastest speed on the battlefield. When one person rendered a meritorious service, if his reward could not be cashed until the battle came to an end after 3 years, that person would have long died. Who the f*ck would you pay the cash then? If so, such a reward could never be stimulative and effective at all; instead, it would make people disappointed.

'As I'm the good example of human knights in the large-scale battle between humans and demons in Tiewei Mountain, of course, they should cash my reward right away.'

Zhang Tie cupped his hands towards Guan Qianchong before leaving the room after that major general.

With a solemn look, the major general directly led Zhang Tie to a two-storey office in the high tower silently. After entering the office, the major general asked two military officers to fetch a map of the full territory of Taixia Country and spread it in front of him and Zhang Tie.

"The rewarded land and cities were all clearly marked on this map. 700 miles of land and 10 cities were close to each other. You can choose any one of the 117 green regions across Taixia Country!" The major general told Zhang Tie officially.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at the map and saw those green blocks on the map, whose color was sharply different than that of the other places.

"I can choose any part of the green regions?"

"Yes, through the strict assessment of the Land Planning Department, these green regions are close to each other in the area and urban development level. Those in low urban development level would be larger in the area as a compensation; conversely, those in higher urban development level would be strictly restricted to 700 square miles in area."

At this moment, although Zhang Tie looked calm, he was thrilled inside.

After throwing a glance at Yongzhou Province at first, Zhang Tie found no green marks; therefore, he let out a sigh pitifully, "Ahh, previously, I wanted to choose a patch of land in my hometown Yongzhou Province, but there's no spare land and city over there. I could only find somewhere else..."

As he spoke, Zhang Tie moved his eyes all the way to the north from Yongzhou Province and started to view the territory of the Northeast Military Region of Taixia Country.

In the Northeast Military Region, there were three green blocks. Zhang Tie almost immediately targeted at a green block that partially deepened into Youzhou Province neighboring Youzhou Province. He then slowly revealed a faint smile and pointed at there, "Here!"

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Chapter 996: Fire Dragon Bounty Territory

The patch of land that Zhang Tie chose was in the southwest of Youzhou Province. The core region of the land was a part of Yangui Mountain Range. It was Miyun Prefecture of Youzhou province in the northeast of the land. Three cities in the north of Yangui Mountain Range were included into this land.

Zhang Tie remembered that he had met the head and elders of Li Clan from Miyun Prefecture in White Tiger Platform when he fought for the provincial governor of Youzhou Province for Zhang Taixuan 3 years ago. The overall strength of Li Clan only ranked lower-middle among the so many major clans in Youzhou Province. Zhang Tie remembered that the entire Li Clan only had 4 black iron knights, plus the head and elders. It could not even match Zhang Clan of Huaiyuan Palace who had caught up from behind after winning the competition for the provincial governor of Youzhou Province, not to mention deep-rooted Lu Clan and Gu Clan in Youzhou Province.

It was the south border of Yangui Mountain Range in the southernmost part of this private land which neighbored Tongzhou Province. Zhang Tie found that 4 cities being close to Yangui Mountain were included into his private land.

It was the north border of Yangui Mountain Range in the northernmost part of this private land which neighbored Yangzhou Province, the hub of the Northeast Military Region of Taixia Country. Four cities of Yangzhou Province were included into Zhang Tie's private land.

Those cities in Zhang Tie's private land were not advanced in development level given the map; additionally, most of the private land was mountain areas and mountain forests. Therefore, this green block was almost the largest one among all the green blocks on the map. Only after a glimpse at it, Zhang Tie had known that this private land was about 0.8 million square miles because it was 1/3 larger than the area of Yanghe Prefecture of Zhang Clan.

Coincidentally, this triangular region was only thousands of miles away from the Zanggu Plateau that he had bought at a high price in Youzhou Province in the north.

There were over 100 green blocks on the map of Taixia Country. If Zhang Tie adored prosperity, he could have chosen some provinces and prefectures which were much better than the Youzhou territory in the Northeast Military Region of Taixia Country. If Zhang Tie was ambitious, he could choose his private land near the south border of Taixia Country, where he could revitalize the Great Wilderness Sect over billions of square miles' land and become the king in the south of Taixia Country as long as the conditions became mature.

When he caught sight of the block on the south border of Taixia Country, Zhang Tie's heart indeed raced; however, the domineering thought was instantly ignored. As the Great Wilderness Sect had been exterminated, Zhang Tie was not interested in raising this banner once again. He didn't even know the

enemy of the Great Wilderness Sect yet. It was very risky for him to inherit the legacy of the Great Wilderness Sect on the south border of Taixia Country at this moment. Now that those people could annihilate the Great Wilderness Sect in its heyday, it was not difficult for them to crack down an earth knight. The Cloud Crane had made it clear in the will that it was very risky yet profitable to raise the banner of the Great Wilderness Sect. It was meaningless for Zhang Tie to establish his undertaking at this moment.

By contrast, if he selected the private land near Youzhou Province, he could protect his family members and occasionally meet them in another status. He could receive the message from his family members at any time. As for Zhang Tie, it was very hard for him to refuse this choice. With this choice, the arrest order for him almost became ineffective in Taixia Country; additionally, he could develop his own force in the status of Cui Li and continue to investigate the one who framed him secretly. One stone for two birds.

'I'm afraid that nobody could imagine that I would return to Youzhou Province in this way after being wanted for 2 years.'

When he thought that he might meet his family members soon, Zhang Tie became thrilled inside.

However, Zhang Tie also knew that it was not the right moment for him to return to Youzhou Province. It was not late at least after the battle in Tiewei Mountain. This battle was a rare opportunity for him to make military exploits.

"The land that you've chosen is in the southwest of Yangui Mountain Range. Neighboring three provinces of Northeast Military Region in Taixia Country, the private land contains 18.76 million people. Although its population is not large, the 10 cities have reached a scale in industrial and commercial industries. Additionally, the private land had over 70 resources such as iron ores, copper ores, coal mines, silver ores, lead-zinc ores, etc.. There were also a lot of rare resources in Yangui Mountain Range, most of which had not been explored yet. After you took over this land officially, Taixia party would only keep the taxation and judicial agencies in all the cities of your private land in order to maintain the orders inside your private land. You would have the right to manage all the other aspects in the 10 cities. You could appoint the administrators of your private cities, issue private regulations in your private land on the premise of not being contradictory to Taixia Laws!"

The major general started to explain it to Zhang Tie with a solemn look after seeing the private land that Zhang Tie had selected, "Of course, you could also entrust your administrative right over your private cities to relevant authorities in the Northeast Military Region. The administrative fees will be deducted from the taxes in cities. There's one point that you should know that the ownership of private properties and resources will remain unchanged after you took them over as they are under the protection of "Taixia Laws". You have the ownership of the governmental real estates and assets and the corresponding jurisdiction and disposal right on them!"

"There are private properties in my private land?"

"Of course, as long as there were people, there would be private properties. The ownership of these private properties and resources are mainly fixed assets in the 10 cities, such as private real estates and shops of residents. The private properties and resources outside the 10 cities are mainly villages and arable lands as well as private mines. Generally, as the 10 cities were built by the country, the

government still owns over 60% of land and real estates in each of the 10 cities. As for the land outside the cities, 99% of them belong to you; at least half of the ores belong to you. The relevant materials about ownership were carefully recorded in these cities and the Northeast Military Region, which will be transferred to you!"

"How?"

"After you deal with the formalities here, you can take your authorized documents and certificates to the authorities in the Northeast Military Region whenever you want.. After you tell them about your status, the Land Planning Department in Northeast Military Region would dispatch exclusive staff to deal with the corresponding formalities and documents for you! Later on, we will notice the relevant officials in the Northeast Military Region. From today on, until you came to deal with the formalities for your private land, the ownership of all the official lands and resources in your private land would be frozen."

'I've not imagined that Taixia could be so considerate.' Zhang Tie grinned after knowing the details, "Haha, let's do it then. This Cui Li will select this green block as my private land!"

"According to the rules about private land. Because your private land combines different administrative regions from three provinces, you should name your private land. From then on, it would be the official name of this private land in official documents!"

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter as he felt it was funny, "Is there any learning about naming a private land?"

"Private land being rewarded due to military exploits would be named as XX bounty territory regardless of its area. In Taixia, bounty territory represents honor, which indicates that it is not bought, but is rewarded due to military exploits!"

Touching his bald head for a short while, Zhang Tie uttered, "Just call it Fire Dragon Bounty Territory!"

"Are you sure?"

"Sure!" Zhang Tie determined his decision.

"Okay!"

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Half an hour later, an official document and the corresponding certificates being marked with some red seals had been prepared for Zhang Tie.

The moment Zhang Tie took these documents, he had thrown them into Castle of Black Iron. Until he left the tower, his heart was still racing.

Only after a short while, when Zhang Tie reappeared in the lobby, all the knights over there watched him in a formidable way.

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2 days later, a grim and vivid shadow demon specimen appeared in Black Armor Battlefortress.

On the same day, Zhang Tie left Black Armor Battlefortress and disappeared into the dense black mist of Tiewei Mountain...

Chapter 997: A Glimmer of Dawn

After the huge earth-element crystals mine was discovered by demons in the 1st loop of Tiewei Mountain, the large-scale battle between humans and demons had lasted over 1 year.

In the first abyss where human knights were crisscrossed with demon knights, as long as one party had some big movement, it's very difficult for them to cover it. The tools and human resources required for exploiting large-scale earth-element crystals would never come out of the void. Of course, the transfer and movement of these tools and human resources would arouse the attention of human management. As a result, human management would make tentative arrangements.

From a certain perspective, the so-called holy war referred to the tentative battles between demons and humans which lasted over 100 years.

All the old knights knew that the so-called holy war was actually a long-term large-scale battle between humans and demons which tested the patience of both parties.

Humans and demons were like two sides of a millstone. After being squeezed together forcefully, the two pieces of stones would rotate towards the opposite directions. They both wanted to grind the opposite. The side that faced the opposite was always the most dauntless fighters on their own party. Each a trivial relative movement of the two sides would grind many fighters.

In the 3rd holy war, the first large-scale battle between humans and demons also the first fierce collision between the hardest parts of the two pieces of stones of the same milestone broke out in Tiewei Mountain in the first abyss of Earth-elements Realm.

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On March 27th, the 903rd year of the black iron calendar, Zhang Tie finally appeared in the 2nd loop of Tiewei Mountain after leaving Black Armor Battlefortress for many days.

Yesterday, namely March 26, was Zhang Tie's 30th birthday. He celebrated it alone again like how he did over the earlier two years. Whenever this day came, he would leave a reply under the post "The Inscription on the Gravestone of the Despicable" that he had issued in the Mountain of Brightness by that knight's crystal plate named Chakra's Lion. He wanted to tell his family members that he was safe through this reply.

—After another 1 year, the first abyss in the Earth-elements Realm has a good scenery. Being filled with dense black mist, I feel safe here. In the Earth-elements Realm, as long as you have a human face, you will almost be safe. The large-scale battle in Tiewei Mountain is turning white-hot. I'm traveling in the periphery of Tiewei Mountain and intend to kill 1 or 2 black iron knights so as to live up to my travel to the Earth-elements Realm. I don't plan to prove anything with 1 or 2 demon knights' heads. As a murderer in Taixia Country, no matter how many demons I killed, the Supreme Court of Taixia Country would not easily revoke the order for arrest. Over the past 2 years, someone else has been dead due to my event. However, the truth is still covered like that demon who hides in the dense black mist of the

first abyss, the culprit who grasps the Bloody Demon Imitation Skill. He must be hiding in a corner of Taixia Country in a high position. I just want to let you know that I'm very good. Tycoons, of the Supreme Court of Taixia Country, the Gobbling Party, are you all right?

This was how Zhang Tie replied to his own post yesterday.

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It was out Zhang Tie's imagination that the article that he posted in the forum of the Mountain of Brightness 3 years ago had been replied over 100,000 times and become the popular post in the forum. Additionally, the number of replies was increasing every day. He had escaped for 3 years; however, he had become the most famous black iron human knight because of his article in the forum of the Mountain of Brightness. Zhang Tie had already surpassed his master Zhao Yuan in popularity and attention rate instead of the overall strength.

Zhang Tie didn't become well-known among human knights when he almost lost his life in Waii Subcontinent. When he helped Zhang Taixuan compete for the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province, he just became a bit well-known in Youzhou Province. After he inflicted a great loss to the Heavens Breaking Church, his reputation was beyond the border of Northeast Military Region; however, after becoming a murderer in Taixia Country, his name was well-known across the knight's world as a hot, touching tragical hero.

Any knight with a normal conscience would have a strong emotional resonance and make a judgment about the truth after reading Zhang Tie's "autobiography".

With the increasingly extensive and greater impact of that event, even Green Flute Mountain Hermit and Guo Tieyi, an elder of Lancang Sect both replied Zhang Tie under his post at the risk of exposing their bynames in the Mountain of Brightness. They revealed the details about how they chased after Zhang Tie that night.

The two people's replies fully proved the truth of the "fatal details" that Zhang Tie had mentioned in his article— that night, the two people were indeed attacked by Qin Wu's battle qi smoke. When chasing after Zhang Tie, they both admitted that Zhang Tie had left their sights for a while. The entire chase process was dominated by Qin Wu. Additionally, when Qin Wu suddenly changed his search region and caught sight of Zhang Tie, he launched an attack on Zhang Tie firstly. When Qin Wu started to attack Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie had indeed asked Qin Wu why he left Fuhai City and attacked him. Additionally, Zhang Tie indeed explained that he was induced over there by someone else...

Pitifully, the two people didn't believe Zhang Tie's words in that situation.

In the beginning, Zhang Tie just defended himself. After being driven mad, Zhang Tie started to fight them fiercely; however, he still didn't exert his full effort.

Even Qin Wu's death was as same as Zhang Tie described. In that situation, Qin Wu's battle qi was boiling. The two people didn't see how Zhang Tie attacked Qin Wu at all; however, Qin Wu's body split into pieces.

In their replies, Green Flute Mountain Hermit and Guo Tieyi both felt guilty and self-condemned.

They both thought that if they could be a bit sober at that moment, the result might not be that worse. They both felt that they had become the indirect accomplices of the culprit who framed Zhang Tie.

In his reply, an elder of Fan Clan also admitted a judgment that Zhang Tie wrote in his article when Household Register Director Fan as the only witness of the tragedy saw Zhang Tie raping his daughter, he remembered that Zhang Tie was indeed wearing clothes and left no body fluid on the spot.

1 year ago, green flute mountain hermit had already paid a visit to Yanghe Prefecture, Youzhou Province to apologize to Zhang Tie's parents.

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Because of the above things, 95% of replies to Zhang Tie's post didn't think that Zhang Tie could do such a brutal thing in Fuhai City; instead, they thought that Zhang Tie was wronged and framed. Very few people were still doubting about some details. It could be said that most of the human knights had thought that Zhang Tie was innocent and slandered. Zhang Tie had not only clarified his own innocence, but he also became a touching tragical hero. Additionally, his poem "The Beloved One" was composed and spread over Taixia Country...

In the past 3 years, Zhang Tie was still wanted. However, facing the one-sided stress of consensus and doubts, even the Supreme Court of Taixia Country and the Gobbling Party had been involved in the tragedy of Fuhai City and condemned. If it was just commoners who condemned and doubted the Supreme Court of Taixia and the Gobbling Party, they could still put their airs or ignore that; however, thousands of human knights were blaming and doubting their judgment about Zhang Tie; such a great stress would not be ignored by the management of the Supreme Court of Taixia Country.

Under this circumstance, the Supreme Court and the Gobbling Party had both dispatched their elites to investigate the truth of the tragedy in Fuhai City, Yingzhou Province.

Death was the most effective means to cover everything.

In the past 3 years, the whole family of Yang Yushan the former head of the Morality Association in Fuhai City was slaughtered. After that, a famous doctor in Yingzhou Province who diagnosed Household Register Director Fan many years ago took poison to commit suicide. Then, Qin Wu and some relatives who were closely related to Qin Wu disappeared. When the elites of the Supreme Court started to investigate the provincial governor's mansion in Yingzhou Province, the archives staff was found dead out of taking gold at home...

The truth of the tragedy in Fuhai City was still confusing.

Under this circumstance, the mayor of Fuhai City resigned in advance; the grand justice of Yingzhou Province was degraded; the rating of the provincial governor of Yingzhou Province was worse; Cheji General of Yingzhou Province was transferred to another position. Over 20 backbones of the Gobbling Party in Yingzhou Province were accountable for the event and exiled. Due to the aftermath of Yingzhou Province, the entire Gobbling Party in Taixia Country started to strengthen disciplines these couple of years...

Especially in the past year, the call for revoking Zhang Tie's order for arrest grew louder among the people and in the Mountain of Brightness. They would like to clarify Zhang Tie's innocence completely.

Especially 2 months ago, two famous gentlemen of Jingzhou Provincial College submitted a written statement to Xuanyuan Hill in order to clarify Zhang Tie's innocence, which shocked the whole country. The tragedy about Zhang Tie started to make the Supreme Court of Taixia Country uneasy, exposing a glimmer of dawn.

In the same 3 years, the Heavens Breaking Church directly vanished in Taixia Country which was pretty weird.

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Only after Zhang Tie replied his own post a few hours yesterday, it had aroused a shock.

In the earlier two replies, Zhang Tie didn't tell them that he was in the Earth-elements Realm. This time, Zhang Tie revealed that he was in the Earth-elements Realm. Those who read it would think that Zhang Tie had just come to the Earth-elements Realm. Of course, even if they arrested and inquired all the human knights one after another in the Earth-elements Realm, they would definitely not find him, not to mention that they would know that Zhang Tie had been well-known in the Earth-elements Realm in the past 3 years. Besides having promoted to an earth knight, he had gained a bounty land with his own ability in the status of Cui Li.

Even the most imaginative person could not imagine that there's any relation between Zhang Tie the escaping tragical hero and Cui Li from Yongzhou Province...

Chapter 998: The Reappearance of Gorath

No matter what, it was a good news for Zhang Tie that he could scour the injustice and might appear in Taixia Country in his original look.

It was Zhang Tie's pleasure to see that the Supreme Court of Taixia Country could cancel off the order for arresting him; however, Zhang Tie also understood the stress facing him even if the Supreme Court of Taixia Country did it. Because the real culprit who framed him was still hiding somewhere. As long as Zhang Tie didn't find that culprit, he would never be safe and would be a target wherever he was.

That culprit might be at least a shadow knight who had formed 3 chakras and could dispatch enormous resources. If Zhang Tie couldn't find him, the moment he reappeared in his original look, Zhang Tie was sure that this guy would deal with him in a much fiercer way. This situation would become most dangerous for Zhang Tie.

Therefore, the biggest danger for Zhang Tie was not the arrest order from the Supreme Court of Taixia Country, but that culprit. Compared to the original status, the status of Cui Li was more suitable for Zhang Tie to fight that culprit.

The result of the battle would be determined by the overall strength. Therefore, Zhang Tie came to the core of Tiewei Mountain alone.

With purgatory samsara method, Zhang Tie could rapidly increase his overall strength. If he didn't come to join the fun in the core of Tiewei Mountain and kill some earth demon knights, he felt not living up to himself and wasting such good opportunities.

Additionally, Zhang Tie wanted to see and experience the fiercest collisions between humans and demons in the holy war.

Tens of thousands of knights fought at the same time, such a large-scale battle might only be seen in the holy war.

After entering the 2nd loop of Tiewei Mountain, Zhang Tie activated a super hiding rune effect and reduced his qi to the level of a common black iron knight; additionally, he was looming in the black mist caused by the abyss vines. Without arousing the attention of anyone else, he rapidly flew across the region covering over 700 miles between the 1st loop and the 2nd loop of Tiewei Mountain and rapidly approached to the edge of the 1st loop of Tiewei Mountain.

The closer the mountain ranges were to the core of Tiewei Mountain, the higher they would be. If one could reach high enough in the air, one would find that the entire Tiewei Mountain was like a blooming flower and a ripple that spread from the center. Such a strange terrain could only exist in the Earth-elements Realm.

Zhang Tie had already disguised as Gorath who had long disappeared once again. Wearing a black stickup robe, he had silver hair and a pair of icy and gloomy eyes above his slightly brutal and persistent hooknose. Flying in the black mist, he looked like a black vulture and a ghost.

The incarnation Gorath was Zhang Tie's umbrella.

In the core of Tiewei Mountain, if Zhang Tie appeared in his original look, he was finding trouble for himself; if he used the look of Cui Li, as was warned by Guan Qianchong's words a few days ago, the moment someone found that Cui Li could use purgatory samsara method on earth demon knight, the status of Cui Li that Zhang Tie had spent a lot of efforts in management in the past 3 years would be deserted. It was too silly for him to do that as he had made a great success in the status of Cui Li and gained a bounty land in Taixia Country.

At present, tens of thousands of human knights and demon knights were converging in the core of Tiewei Mountain. Facing so many powerhouses, Zhang Tie should be careful.

Additionally, although having come to the core of Tiewei Mountain, Zhang Tie didn't know what he would do here at all. If there was a big trouble, just have the black-robed knight Gorath shoulder it. If demons and the Three-eye Association wanted to seek for revenge in the future, they would look for Gorath. After all, Gorath had already made a lot of troubles, in the worst scenario, he would give up his status as Gorath. Whatever, it was just one of his incarnation. Without Gorath, he might be Ballas, Dallas in the future as long as he wanted it.

With such a cunning thought, Zhang Tie turned into Gorath.

The large-scale battle in Tiewei Mountain attracted the attention of all the human rulers and knights. It was the first fiercest collision between humans and demons by now. It was reasonable for Zhang Tie the most famous murderer in Taixia Country and Gorath the mysterious knight in a black robe to join the fun here.

When in Waii Subcontinent, Gorath and Zhang Tie "almost" appeared in the southernmost and northernmost ends of the subcontinent on the same day; additionally, they didn't have any common

point. Gorath was even known as the most famous voodoo pharmacist master. Zhang Tie didn't have a chance to touch and learn any skills about voodoo pharmacist in his growth experience and was strange to everything in this circle. Therefore, no matter what, nobody would link Gorath to Zhang Tie.

In this world, besides Zhang Tie himself, nobody else knew that Gorath was Zhang Tie. That was the subtlety of this status.

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When Zhang Tie reached the highest 1st loop of Tiewei Mountain, he caught sight of a fierce combat in a deep valley which was covered with black shrubs.

They were battle auxiliary personnel instead of human knights.

The so-called battle auxiliary personnel were all Hua fighters whose ranks varied from LV 6 to LV 15.

When the large-scale battle between human knights and demons turned white-hot, these battle auxiliary personnel served as sentinels towards air across Tiewei Mountain.

Any demon knight flew over somewhere, these battle auxiliary personnel would rapidly transmit the intelligence to the human strongholds so that they could make corresponding arrangements. The information control center in the center of Black Armor Battlefortress collected many timely information about the demon knights' whereabouts, which originated from these battle auxiliary personnel who were responsible for observing the air force of demons.

Compared to combats between human knights and demon knights, these people were battle auxiliary personnel. However, it didn't mean that they didn't need to fight; conversely, they were fighting all the time.

It was very dangerous for these battle auxiliary personnel if they were discovered by demon knights. Many battle auxiliary personnel sent the intelligence by remote-sensing crystals at the cost of their lives. Besides demon knights, the ground forces that demons arranged tentatively in Tiewei Mountain were also the formidable enemies of all the battle auxiliary personnel in the Earth-elements Realm.

7-8 corpses of spider demons were scattering in the valley from the east to the west. Most of these corpses were split open from the middle of their bodies, scattering blood and guts everywhere. The latest two dead spider demons' body was still faintly twitching.

Spider demon was a branch of the demon. Its lower body was similar to that of a spider with a grim and ugly face. However, it excelled at hiding itself and could move rapidly and steadily on cliffs like flying.

In Tiewei Mountain, the large number of spider demons that demons dropped were always the formidable enemies of battle auxiliary personnel.

Two battle auxiliary personnel were evacuating as they fought spider demons.

The two battle auxiliary personnel both wore mountainous black and brown soft armors. Some underground shrubs were purposefully stuck onto their armors for concealing effect. Besides, they wore a complete gas-defense respiratory mask with eyeglasses.

If they appeared on another occasion in such a dress, it would be hilarious; however, it was not hilarious here at all because they were both covered with blood, most of which belonged to those spider demons. Even in such a fierce combat, they still didn't take off their gas-defense respiratory masks. Because human fighters below knight level could not fully resist the toxicity in the air of the first abyss which was released by the abyss vines. The toxicity was contained in the underground black mist. After breathing such air for a few hours, fighters below knight level would feel numb and stiff all over. As a result, their movements would be influenced.

The black matt assault swords drew fatal arcs in the valley one after another. Although spider demons constantly fell down, the number of spider demons gradually increased.

With bloody eyes, the spider demons aspirated stinky qi through their mouthparts as they kept chasing after the two human fighters no matter how many partners had been killed.

Before death, those split-open spider demons successfully left injuries on the two Hua fighters' bodies.

The two battle auxiliary personnel were both LV 9 fighters; those spider demons varied from LV 7 to LV 9, who were dauntless in a large quantity.

With a sound of "Zi...", when one of the two human fighters stabbed an assault sword into a spider demon's mouth, a dark red LV 8 spider demon immediately broke into that fighter's defense circle. Because the fighter could barely notice it with his eye corners, the spider demon stabbed a short spear into the human fighter's lower abdomen...

"Ahh!" That human fighter roared. When he clenched the short spear by one hand, he pulled his assault sword out of the spider demon's mouth by the other hand. Closely after that, with a fierce sweep, he chopped off the LV 8 spider demon's head.

"I will drag them, hurry up, go..." The injured fighter roared. Instead of escaping away, he turned around and rushed towards those spider demons who were chasing after him...

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Chapter 999: Iron and Blood

"No, we will leave or die together..."

Seeing the fighter whose lower abdomen was injured turning around and rushing towards those spider demons, the other fighter screamed as he closely followed the first fighter and rushed back towards those spider demons too. At the same time, he stabbed his matt assault sword into a LV 7 spider demon's lower abdomen and forcefully gashed downwards, causing a huge wound. As a result, the bloody intestines of the spider demon flew out of the wound below its lower abdomen immediately with a sound "Huala".

After being heavily wounded, the spider demon uttered a sharp, jarring scream. Before death, it stabbed its short spear towards that human fighter ferociously.

In front of a LV 9 human fighter, the LV 7 spider demon was obviously weaker. Its counterattack before death didn't leave any wound on that human fighter. The human fighter directly kicked the wrist of its claw which held the weapon and broke it. Closely after that, he stabbed his sword directly into its heart.

After a spasm, the LV 7 spider demon fell down on the ground and didn't move anymore...

The human knight whose lower abdomen was severely wounded had killed another LV 7 spider demon. The two human fighters both used powerful, sharp, direct and fatal battle skills that they learned in the army of Taixia Country. In front of such low-level opponents, this battle skill could turn humans into the most effective killing machines which were urgently needed on the battlefield.

After a few seconds, some purplish-red spider demons had appeared behind the black brambles in the distance who were dashing towards here.

Those purplish red spider demons looked bigger than common spider demons, which indicated that they were LV 9 spider demons.

Given the battle strength, a LV 9 spider demon could match that of a LV 9 human fighter; additionally, LV 9 spider demons were trickier. Even in normal situations, a LV 9 human fighter and a LV 9 spider demon could be well-matched in strength, not to mention this moment when spider demons outnumbered human fighters who had already been injured.

At the sight of those LV 9 spider demons, the human fighter who had been slightly bruised instantly grabbed the waistband of his comrades-in-arms who was severely wounded and carried him on the back before escaping away.

"B*stard, Liu Xing, put me down..." The severely wounded one roared.

The fighter just lowered his head silently and kept rushing forward with his full effort. With one person's weight on his body, all of his wounds had been cracked while blood kept flowing out of there; additionally, he could not move as agilely as before...

Under the gas-defense respiratory mask, the runner's eyes turned bloody while his mouth corners were bleeding. However, he still insisted on running while gritting his teeth. Under this circumstance, he only had a firm belief—he would never drop his comrade-in-arms; he would live or die together with his comrade-in-arms...

As human fighters of Taixia Country, they were not afraid of fighting demons to death in the Earth-elements Realm!

The LV 9 spider demons were moving so fast and swiftly that they soon narrowed the distance to 50 m. At such a high speed, it would only take them a few minutes to catch up with the two human fighters.

"Put me down..." The severely wounded fighter's voice suddenly turned calm. When he uttered, he had already stabbed the sharp tip of the assault sword into his neck, causing blood to flow off, which immediately made his camouflage soft armor's collar wet, "When I count 3...if you don't put me down, I will commit suicide...1..."

"We can both escape away..." The runner had already exerted his utmost speed as he tightly carried the severely wounded one. At the same time, his sweat ran down like raindrops, his wounds were torn open

once again, spraying blood all over while the main artery in the back of his neck started to bulge like that of a running battle horse. Each step forward, the main artery would pulse one time...

He didn't give up; instead, he just kept challenging his upper limit while gritting his teeth.

"If you put me down, you could have a narrow chance to escape; if you carry me, neither of us would survive...2..." The sword tip deepened into his neck while his blood dropped into the gaps on the runner's soft armor with the warmth of the bromance...

"3..."

The runner's heart raced as he felt the irresistible will and decisiveness of the one on his back. When his comrade-in-arms uttered "3", the runner felt his comrade-in-arms increased his strength on his sword. The runner immediately put down that severely wounded fighter.

"Xiaoyue likes you. If you could survive back, take care of her and say sorry to her on behalf of her brother!"

After leaving such a will, the severely wounded human fighter decisively turned around and rushed towards those LV 9 spider demons...

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When he rushed towards those spider demons, he released his LV 9 battle qi totem for the first time. It was an awe-inspiring proud bloody scorpion with its tail raising in the air. He jumped high and flew over some LV 7 and LV 8 spider demons all the way towards a LV 9 spider demon.

The LV 9 spider demon's battle spike directly penetrated through his body. Thankfully, he faintly twisted his body when the spike touched his body, causing it to miss his heart.

After drawing a sword qi in the air, he chopped off the head of the LV 9 spider demon by his matt assault sword and had it sent flying off, spurting out blood higher than 1 m...

With a battle spike below his heart, the severely wounded human fighter continued to collide the second LV 9 spider demon. This spider demon's battle spike stabbed into the fighter's chest once again; however, the fighter's matt assault sword precisely stabbed into the spider demon's heart. Both parties roared at the same time; meanwhile, they stirred their own weapons in the opponent's body. As a result, the spider demon fell down; the severely wounded fighter spurted out blood which covered the crystal mirror of his gas-defense respiratory mask.

The proud bloody scorpion started to lose its balance. The fighter's one leg turned weak and he knelt down.

At this moment, the 3rd spider demon rushed over here with a grim look.

Although his sight became blurry while his vision was also reduced by the bloody mirror of his gas-defense respiratory mask; however, the human fighter didn't fall down. He just watched this LV 9 spider demon rushing towards him with a disdainful look...

This time, the 3rd spider demon's battle spike directly penetrated through the fighter's throat and neck. The fighter didn't dodge away; instead, he pushed his body forward while stretching out his arms. He faced the sharp battle spike of the spider demon with his neck on his own initiative.

The battle spike penetrated through the fighter's throat and neck; however, this fighter hugged the LV 9 spider demon and detonated an explosive device on his body...

A white phosphorous munition rose up. In a split second, the two bodies started to burn heavily. At the same time, the LV 9 spider demon uttered an earthshaking miserable scream...

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When the runner heard the last sound, he turned around and saw the fierce unyielding torches.

With hot tears flooding out of his eyes, the runner became stimulated and kept dashing forward at a higher speed...

High-power white phosphorous gel bomb was one of the necessary equipment of all the human fighters who were responsible for auxiliary combats. Compared to the white phosphorous gel bombs used in airships, such high-power white phosphorous gel bombs were smaller and more destructive. The original intention of such a bomb was to deter demon fighters; however, in many situations, it was used by common fighters to commit suicide on the battlefield of Earth-elements Realm.

As for Hua fighters, they could only fight demons to death instead of being captives.

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In only a few minutes, the screaming spider demons had been burned into charcoal lying on the ground while the escaping human fighter was in a dilemma once again.

The flames attracted a LV 10 wing demon who was flying in a low height. A LV 10 wing demon plus a lot of spider demons, they soon cornered this LV 9 human fighter.

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Standing still against the edge of the cliff, that human fighter panted heavily while his assault sword was still dropping blood. Only in a couple of minutes, he had a few more wounds, two of which were on his back, from where his bones could even be seen. A LV 8 spider demon's corpse had lain in front of him. 7-8 spider demons surrounded him in a fan shape over 10 m away. That LV 10 wing demon was flapping its wings and gazing at him with its brutal and bloody eyes like targeting at a prey which could not escape any longer.

"You cannot escape. As long as you surrender to us. You will have the best treatment. You could survive on and live better!" The LV 10 wing demon uttered its hoarse voice. At the same time, it threw a fearsome glance at the object on the human fighter's waist which looked like a bitter gourd.

The human fighter held a short sword by one hand and tightly held that bitter gourd-shaped object by the other hand.

The bitter-gourd shaped object was a high-power white phosphorous gel bomb. The LV 10 wing demon could hurt this human fighter by its battle qi, this human fighter could also throw this white phosphorous gel bomb at the wing demon and threaten it.

The outcome of being struck by human's high-power white phosphorous gel bomb had been presented by that charcoal-like corpse of that spider demon.

As the LV 10 wing demon was smart, it didn't want to lose its own life in front of this human fighter who was almost dead; instead, it intended to adopt a safer method to deal with this human fighter. If it could capture a Hua fighter alive, his military exploit would be greater than that of killing a Hua fighter.

"F*ck you!" The human fighter replied to the wing demon.

At the same time, the human fighter rushed a few steps forward and threw a black item towards the wing demon...

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The LV 10 wing demon blew the black object into pieces from 10 m away. However, the object just broke apart like a rock without any phosphorous flame...

Of course, a high-power white phosphorous gel bomb would burn up even if it was broken.

Actually, it was not the real high-power white phosphorous gel bomb; but a common piece of stone, which attracted the attention of all the spider demons and the wing demon.

When the stone broke apart in the air, a LV 8 spider demon being closest to this human fighter burned up as it uttered a shrill miserable shriek like wild beast's whine.

The human fighter successfully made a feint to the east but attacked in the west. He solved a LV 8 spider demon who was closest to him.

When the LV 8 spider demon burnt up, all the surrounding spider demons were startled and hurriedly jumped away, causing a chaos, the human fighter had already stabbed his assault sword into another LV 7 greyish-blue spider demon and pulverized its body.

The flaming LV 8 spider demon jumped and screamed like a lunatic. Its eyes were destroyed in the shortest period by the high-temperature flames. As a result, it could not identify the direction anymore. Being driven mad in pain, it made the team of spider demons chaotic. However, that human fighter took advantage of this chaotic situation and killed another LV 7 spider demon with the cover of this spider demon.

At this moment, LV 9 spider demons and that LV 10 wing demon struck the flaming spider demon's body with their battle spikes and battle qi and ended its pain in the shortest period and had it become a burning firewood on the ground.

In the blink of an eye, the human fighter had been cornered to the cliff once again with more wounds and burning traces on his camouflage soft armor. However, three more demon spiders were killed.

Pitifully, the human knight let out a sigh inside, 'LV 9 spider demons responded too fast. Additionally, they were a bit farther than me just now. If I were a bit closer to them, I might have killed one LV 9 spider demon with my high-power white phosphorous gel bomb at the risk of suffering more wounds...'

'Even now, it's not a poor military exploit, I've killed 3 more demons. Before death, I should have a chance to kill a LV 9 spider demon.'

In the gas-defense respiratory mask, the human knight gazed at a LV 9 spider demon while a beautiful and warm face occurred to his mind, 'Xiaoyue likes me?'

The human fighter didn't know whether he should cry or smile after knowing that news under this circumstance. However, when he remembered the figure which had turned into a burning torch, the human fighter felt faintly painful inside.

'Dahai, I'm sorry, I'm afraid that I will not have a chance to see Xiaoyue anymore.'

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"Kill him..." The LV 10 wing demon roared as it felt being teased by this human fighter.

At the same time, the wing demon released its battle qi towards the human fighter together with the attacks of all the surrounding spider demons...

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In the last moment, the human knight fiercely smashed his remote-sensing crystal onto the cliff behind him. Closely after that, he rushed towards that LV 9 spider demon at the risk of his life...

If there was no accident, in a few seconds, some more corpses would appear here, including a human corpse. By then, the combat would come to an end.

However, there was an accident, Gorath appeared above the battlefield with an icy and gloomy look...

Without any omen, Gorath pointed at that wing demon while his battle qi flew out of his finger and charged at that wing demon in the shape of a wild wolf. All of a sudden, the LV 10 wing demon's body was shattered while its flesh and blood sprayed over. Closely after that, the wild wolf charged at those spider demons one after another like tearing and biting weak preys. After it circled around the human fighter, the last 7-8 spider demons cracked one after another orderly like crackers being lit in the legend; as a result, their flesh and blood covered the battlefield.

The blood from the sky and plasma from those spider demons covered the human fighter's body. The human fighter still rushed forward as he couldn't stop himself due to the inertia. When he stopped, he turned around and couldn't see any alive spider demon anymore besides a large area of blood and fragmented pieces of spider demons. All the spider demons and the wing demon who had dominated the battlefield had been exterminated in a split second.

The wild wolf-shaped battle qi gradually dispersed; instead, a figure in a black robe slowly descended with an icy and terrifying qi.

At the sight of that knight in a black robe, the human fighter's heart pounded as his throat felt dry. He couldn't utter a voice because he was really shocked by the power of the wild wolf-shaped battle qi. He had seen the battle qi strikes in the shape of living beings; however, he had not seen such a vivid, agile living being. It was like a real living being, which was both spiritual and extremely powerful...

Given the icy qi of the knight in a black robe, the human fighter could not identify whether this gloomy knight was a black iron knight or an earth knight; however, no matter what, the knight in the black robe could easily kill the human fighter like how he killed those demons just now if he wanted.

"Thanks...for saving my life, senior!" The human knight uttered hardly as he cupped his hands towards the knight in a black robe.

After saying that, the human fighter felt that knight in the black robe raised his head and threw a glance at him. Although being dozens of meters away, Zhang Tie's blood almost froze when he saw clearly the face of the human fighter.

Although this human fighter wore his gas-defense respiratory mask, his face as a Hua fighter could still be clearly seen by Zhang Tie through his lotus-flower eyes.

It was over 3 years ago when he saw this face last time. Zhang Tie remembered that this person led him to his knight's tower and introduced Lion Fortress to him when he entered the Lion Fortress for the first time.

——Liu Xing, Xing means stars, stars in the sky!

This was how this man introduced himself at that time.

Zhang Tie was familiar with this name as he was the second "Liu Xing" that Zhang Tie knew.

Three years ago, Liu Xing was a logistics major general in the think tank of the Lion Fortress; it was out of Zhang Tie's imagination that he could join the most unsafe troop which was responsible for auxiliary combats in the Earth-elements Realm...